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Town of Neversink Flag Exchange Ceremony

Veterans Day - 2020

Veteran's Day 2020 in the Tri Valley area will be observed by the Flag Exchange Ceremony, which has become a tradition in the Town of Neversink. The program will take place at 11:00 am on Wednesday, November 11th, at the flag pole located in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery on Route 55 in Grahamsville.

The event will be a little different this year due to unexpected circumstances regarding the flag that was scheduled to be raised and the COVID -19 cancellation of the Memorial Day Flag Exchange. The ceremony will feature the retiring of the flag, which has flown for the past year, in honor of Ted Connolly, a Navy Veteran that served in Korea. Boy Scout Troop 97 will accept a flag to honor all of our nation's Veterans, which will fly for six months.

Participating in the ceremony will be Boy Scout Troop 97 and Cub Scout Troop 87, as well as the Girl Scouts Troop 314 and an Honor Guard of local Veterans. The Flag Exchange is sponsored by the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association.

Following the Flag Exchange at the Cemetery, all are invited to the Neversink Town Hall for a brief flag exchange and wreath laying ceremony.

**** Please practice social distancing guidelines****

Halloween Drive Thru Display at the Fairgrounds



Halloween looked a little different this year because of Covid 19 but that didn't mean it was cancelled. (Contd. Pg. 9)

Meet Your Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Team



From left to right: Janine Garigliano, Cher Woehl, Dana McCarthy, Tina Connolly, Melanie Schwartz, Jennifer Pisaniello and Jessica Garigliano

Your Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Director, Cher Woehl, and her Advisory Board (Jennifer Pisaniello (chair), Tina Connolly, Janine Garigliano, Jessica Garigliano, Dana McCarthy and Melanie Schwartz) are excited to work with the community to plan future events and activities. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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More than ever, thank you for your support during these difficult times. Wishing everyone well.

ON THE FRONT BURNER: In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare; but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.
Proverbs 29:6

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

November 8,1950

Sale of the old store and barn on the Reynolds estate to Oscar D. Banta has been reported. It is said that Mr. Banta plans to convert the old store building to apartments and to use the barn for lumber storage. At present Mr. Banta conducts a woodworking building in Grahamsville in the building formerly owned by Mark Slater and used in his undertaking business.

It is generally known that Daniel Pierce left the money to build a library in Grahamsville - but did you know that there is no endowment to sustain it? For this reason we have our annual Membership Drives. The membership fee is 50 cents for any person over 16 years of age. Larger contributions are most gratefully received.

Mark Slater recently donated 2 anatomical charts of the human body to the Science Dept. of the Tri Valley School.

Mrs. Emil Lepke of Ulster Heights died Wednesday evening in Veteran's Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Lepke, who was 65, had been ill seven months and at the hospital two weeks.

Mrs. Louis Kneip Merritt, 84, of Woodbourne, died last Wednesday at her home. Mrs. Merritt was the widow of Adelbert Merritt who died many years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gorton of the Woodbourne Road have a son, Gary Lee, born October 30th at the Monticello Hospital.

November 9,1960

J. Frank Musso of Grahamsville, an engineer with the New York City Board of Water Supply, died Saturday in Liberty. He was 62. Surviving are his wife, Anna, of Grahamsville and one son, Benjamin of Grahamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barkley of Frost Valley are the parents of a son, Thomas Kevin, born at the Maimonides Hospital on Wednesday, November 2nd. He weighed 5 lbs. 3 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barkley of Hasbrouck are the paternal grandparents; Mr. Kenneth Bleecker of Liberty is the paternal grandfather.

The family and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Claude DePew of Sundown gave them a Silver Wedding anniversary party at their home on Saturday,

November 5th.

Youngsters lengthen out like weeds
And how their feet can grow
Check the children's footwear
Before it starts to snow.

**BALL BAND FOOTWEAR FOR ALL
THE FAMILY KUM TO KRUM'S**

November 18, 1970

Karl Shader, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Shader of penman Mt. Road, Grahamsville, passed his Eagle Scout Review Board held at the First Aid Squad building on November 12, 1970.

Services were held Saturday for Frank I. Smith, 65, of Lackawack Hill. He was born November 21,1904 in Eureka to Archie and Elva Curry Smith. He was married to Dorothy Dean .on Nov. 16, 1929 in Grahamsville. Surviving are his widow; his mother, Mrs. Elva Smith of White Sulphur Springs; a son, Franklin of Grahamsville; two daughters, Mrs. Wanda Terwilliger of Napanoch and Mrs. Beverly Muthig of Parksville; three brothers and five sisters.

Interesting Facts: - Every New York State citizen uses enough paper products annually to equal the combined weight of two good size football players.

Did you know that the raccoon can twist doorknobs and open refrigerators with his "hands"?

Thomas E. Matthews, 68, of Grahamsville. died last Tuesday at Liberty Loomis Hospital after a short illness. He was born May 1. 1902 in Asbury Park. N.J. and he married Thelma North in 1921 at Highview. He was a resident of Grahamsville for four years.

November 6, 1980

James R. Foster. 47. of Denman Mountain Road. Grahamsville died of a heart attack at his home on October 25, 1980. He is survived by his wife, Anne and two sons, James and Mike, all at home.

On October 12. 1980. Pastor Kenneth A. Ford accepted the call from the Lows Corners Baptist Church to become its new pastor. Mr. Ford is a 1964 graduate of Chatham Central School. Chatham. N.Y. He graduated with a five year Bachelor of Theology degree from Baptist Bible Seminary, Clarks Summit, Pa. in 1969.

Meet Your Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Team

(From Pg. 1) The past year has been a challenging time for everyone with the COVID pandemic causing the cancellation of all Parks & Recreation activities. Your Parks & Rec team focus as we move forward will be to look at events and activities in our community that can be enjoyed by all age groups.

So, you can understand why your P&R team, with support from the Town Board, is pleased to announce the return of an ice rink at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. The plan is to have the ice rink in operation for the upcoming winter season, hopefully opening on Thanksgiving weekend! We are hoping that this will provide an outdoor winter activity that family and friends can enjoy together. Be on the look out for more details on our Facebook page (*neversinkparksandrec*), our Town of Neversink website (<http://townofneversink.org>) and here in the *Townsmen*. We will also be looking for donations of ice skates that you may have. A drop-off box will be set up at Town Hall. If possible, include the ice skate size.

And remember, Parks & Recreation is always open to any and all suggestions you may have for community events and activities. You can email your suggestions to *parksandrec@townofneversink.org*. At this time, the Parks & Rec office has not established set hours of operation. However, if you need to meet with Cher please call the 845-985-2262 ext. 312 and she will return your call as soon as possible.

Your Parks & Rec team are looking forward to working with you and building an exciting plan of community activities and events.

Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Cares Committee is getting in the Holiday Spirit!

The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Cares Committee, along with other community groups, will again be assisting families during the holiday season. We are looking for anyone who may be interested in purchasing gifts for families in our school district. You could be an individual, a group of people, or an organization that is willing to help out to make a family's holiday even more special.

There is a great need again in this upcoming holiday season to help the people in our community.

If you are interested in doing this, please contact Deb Swett at *debraswett@trivalleycsd.org* or 985-2296 x 4229, or Jessica Shafer at *jessicaschafer@trivalleycsd.org* or 985-2296 x 4171, by Nov. 13.

Thank you in advance for any support you can give.

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.

Amazing Little Lichen

Now that most of the foliage is gone in our forests, have you noticed all the lichen that has formed on many of the trees? You may wonder if the lichen is damaging our forests.

Considering Lichens first appeared about 400 million years ago it is very unlikely that it is hurting trees.

Lichen can be found all across the known world. They grow in the most extreme environments on Earth from the arctic tundra, hot deserts, rocky coasts, and even to the toxic slag heaps. They are also abundant as epiphytes (a plant that grows on another plant, but is not parasitic) on leaves and branches in rain forests and temperate woodland.

Lichens are "composite organisms" made up of two, or maybe even three, completely different kinds of organisms. Every lichen species is part fungus while the other part of the species is a photosynthesizing alga, or it can be a bacterium known as a cyanobacterium - a bacteria capable of photosynthesis. Sometimes all three types of organisms are found in one lichen.



Reindeer Moss



Tree Lichen

In this amazing association the fungus benefits from the algae because fungi, having no chlorophyll, can't photosynthesize their own food. A lichen's fungal part is thus "fed" by its photosynthesizing algal part. The alga and/or cyanobacterium benefit from the association because the fungus is better able to find, soak up, and retain water and nutrients than they can. Also, the fungus provides the resulting lichen shape, and the reproductive structures. This kind of relationship between two or more organisms,

where all organisms benefit, is known as mutualism.

Lichens reproduce in two basic ways. A lichen may produce soredia, or a cluster of algal cells wrapped in fungal filaments. These may disperse and form new lichens. A second way for the lichen to reproduce itself is through isidia, which are much like soredia except that isidia are enclosed within a layer of protective cortex tissue. An isidium is much more like a miniature lichen.

Lichens are important because they often occupy niches that, at least sometime during the season, are so dry, or hot, or sterile, that nothing else will grow there. Often Lichen will be the only plant growing on a bare rock where they may release chemicals that speed the breakdown of the rock, changing it into soil,

Over a period of years, perhaps even centuries, the lichen gathers an extremely thin and fragile hint of a soil around it. As the lichen grows the soil-producing processes speeds up and takes place over an ever-larger area. When you find a patch of lichen on a rock, you may be witnessing the patient work of centuries!

Because of their association with cyanobacteria, lichens can provide themselves with nitrogen compounds and contribute to the nitrogen cycle by converting the nitrogen in the air into nitrates that contribute to their growth and development. Their ability to fix atmospheric nitrogen is beneficial to other plant life as well. When it rains, nitrogen is leached from both living and dead lichens and is available to plant life in the immediate areas. When lichens die, they contribute decayed organic matter to the area they inhabited, which enables mosses and seeds from vascular plants to begin developing among the pockets of new soil.

The bottom line - there are few-and-far-between exceptions - the almost universal rule is that lichens are not damaging our trees and do not feed on them, any more than you feed on the chair you sit in. The little amazing Lichens growing on trees are simply using the tree as a home.

Household Hints:

Make Your Glasses Crystal Clear

Rinse glasses and dishes in water and vinegar to remove spots and film.



Why wear a mask?

Out of respect.

When you wear a mask you are saying, I respect my neighbors.

When you wear a mask you are saying, I respect nurses and doctors.

When you wear a mask you are saying, I respect other people.

We all need to show respect to one another in difficult times.

Wearing a face covering is a small inconvenience to protect others. We have gotten through this crisis by standing together and doing the right thing. The right thing - the respectful thing - is to wear a mask.

Message from Governor Cuomo on New Covid Cases in NY

As of November 4, there were more than 100,000 new COVID cases in the U.S. Every expert told us that come the fall, cases would go up. We expected this and can effectively deal with the outbreaks by our micro-cluster strategy. But one of our very best tools in this battle to prevent the spread of the virus is if each and every one of us wears a mask. Wearing a mask is about respect, it's about community and it's about love. And remember that mask wearing is mandatory on public transit. It's going to take the work of every New Yorker so we all need to Mask Up. We can't let our guard down as we spend more time indoors. We can't say just this one time I'll skip the mask. We can stay the course New York. Together we can beat this virus.

New Guidelines for Out-of-State Travelers to NY

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has announced new guidelines allowing out-of-state travelers to New York to “test out” of the mandatory 14-day quarantine. Travelers from states that are contiguous with New York will continue to be exempt from the travel advisory; however covered travelers must continue to fill out the Traveler Health Form at: <https://forms.ny.gov/s3/Welcome-to-New-York-State-Traveler-Health-Form>

Essential workers will continue to be exempt as well. The new protocol is effective Wednesday, November 4.

For any traveler to New York State from out of state, exempting the contiguous states, the new guidelines for travelers to test-out of the mandatory 14-day quarantine are below:

- o For travelers who were in another state for more than 24 hours:
 - o Travelers must obtain a test within three days of departure from that state.
 - o The traveler must, upon arrival in New York, quarantine for three days.
 - o On day 4 of their quarantine, the traveler must obtain another COVID test. If both tests comes back negative, the traveler may exit quarantine early upon receipt of the second negative diagnostic test.
- o For travelers who were in another state for less than 24 hours:
 - o The traveler does not need a test prior to their departure from the other state, and does not need to quarantine upon arrival in New York State.
 - o However, the traveler must fill out our traveler form upon entry into New York State, and take a COVID diagnostic test 4 days after their arrival in New York at: <https://forms.ny.gov/s3/Welcome-to-New-York-State-Traveler-Health-Form>

Local health departments will validate tests, if necessary, and if a test comes back positive, will issue isolation orders and initiate contact tracing. The local health department must make contact with the state the traveler came from, to ensure contact tracing proceeds there as well. All travelers must continue to fill out our traveler form upon arrival into New York State to contribute to New York State's robust contact tracing program.

The travel guidelines require all New Yorkers, as well as those visiting from out of state, to take personal responsibility for compliance in the best interest of public health and safety.

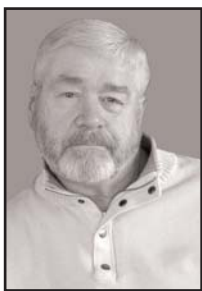
For general inquires contact the call the Hotline: 1-888-364-3065.

For a list of countries designated under a CDC level 2 or 3 COVID-19 travel health notice, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>

For guidance on how to quarantine safely, visit: <https://ny.gov/traveladvisory>

To file a report of an individual failing to adhere to the quarantine pursuant to the travel guidelines call 1-833-789-0470 or www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information/.

Individuals may also contact their local department of health.



The Red Horse

Mysterious Book Report No. 425

by John Dwaine McKenna

If you're a fan of WWII historical fiction, as the MBR is, and lament the passing of the late Philip Kerr, as the MBR does, we'd like to bring your attention to the long-running, meticulously well-researched and award-winning Billy Boyle series by author James R. Benn.

In his newest and just released 17th adventure, *The Red Horse*, (Soho Press, \$27.95, 336 pages, ISBN 978-1-64129-100-2), it's shortly after D-Day and Paris had just been liberated. But Captain Billy Boyle—the former Boston homicide detective attached to General Eisenhower's staff—and his friend, Lt. Piotr “Kaz” Kazimierz, are both casualties of the fight to retake the city. Both men have been flown back to England, where they're hospitalized at St. Albans, a secret convalescent hospital in the English countryside, where those who were engaged in clandestine warfare and espionage go to recuperate from their mental and physical wounds in a secure environment, where the secrets they carry will be safe from prying by the enemy. Kaz has a life-threatening heart problem and Billy Boyle is hallucinating due to stress, plus mental and physical exhaustion from the overuse of methamphetamines to stay alert in the days leading up to the battle for the City of Lights, as Paris is called. In addition Billy's lover, Diana Seaton, a British espionage agent helping the French underground, has been taken by the SS and sent to the Ravensbrück concentration camp for women, along with Angelika, Kaz's sister and a member of the Polish Underground.

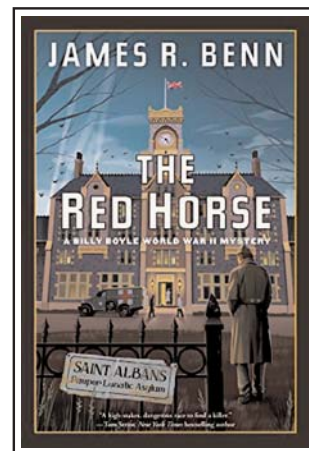
Only a few days after arriving at St. Albans, Billy sees a senior intelligence officer and patient named Holland, who's about to be released back to active duty, fall to his death from the St. Albans clock tower. The authorities are listing his death as a suicide. . . but Billy thinks he saw two people up there on the tower in the moments before Holland fell. He can't be certain though, because he was still hallucinating at the time.

Then, shortly after a medically induced sleep cure has Billy on the road to recovery, two more murders take place in quick succession and he's in an almost impossible situation; trying to avoid suspicious hospital administrators and figure out who's the killer, while not falling victim to him and, oh yeah, regaining his own health, in this twisted, suspenseful and surprising WWII mystery that'll leave readers hunting for all the other novels in this outstanding series. You won't be disappointed!

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<http://Johndwainemckenna.com> or <http://Mysteriousbookreport.com>



Colorado Fighting Wildfires

On Nov. 3, DEC welcomed back the State's fourth team of volunteer wildland firefighters from the Divisions of Forest Protection, Lands and Forests, and Fish and Wildlife that were deployed to help battle and contain wildfires raging in western states. The crew flew to Denver, Colorado, on Oct. 17 for deployment from the Rocky Mountain Coordination Center and were initially assigned to the Cameron Peak fire for nighttime operations, patrol, and structure defense. Their second assignment was at the East Troublesome fire for daytime operations. The crew was reassigned to

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are now available at the
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Commissioner Seggos (right) welcomed back the latest firefighting crew upon their return on Nov. 3

Cameron Peak due to sub-freezing temperatures and heavy snow. The returning crew includes a DEC Forest Ranger crew boss and nine firefighters:

- Scott Jackson, Forest Ranger, Crew Boss, Oswego County
- Mark Brand, Forest Ranger, Ulster County
- James Canevari, DEC Division of Fish and Wildlife, St. Lawrence County
- Aaron Graves, DEC Division of Lands and Forest, St. Lawrence County
- Tyler Kulikowski - DEC Division of Lands and Forest, Steuben County
- Kramer Kwaczala - DEC Division of Lands and Forest, Albany County
- Gary Miller, Forest Ranger, Hamilton County
- Tyler Mitchell, Forest Ranger, Schenectady County
- Joseph Nelson - DEC Division of Fish and Wildlife, Otsego County
- Arthur Perryman, Forest Ranger, Warren County



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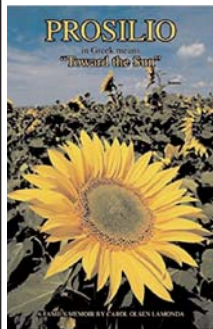



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The Olive Jar

By Carol Olsen LaMonda



During this nail-biting, hold-your-breath, cross-your-fingers type of week as votes were counted across the United States, it was the smell of coffee that dragged me out of a comfy bed to a world in the midst of transition.

Smell is a powerful trigger. Interestingly, Covid-19 has one of its symptoms as "loss of smell." Loss of smell means loss of taste. It also means loss of memory.

Coffee reminds me of my Nana; so does the aroma of frying onions and steak. Jasmine takes me back to a balmy walk to a taverna in Athens. Gardenias remind me of my mom. The sea air might transport me to Bar Harbor, Jones Beach, Cape Cod or Aruba. Tuna fish brings me back to eating sandwiches downed with a container of chocolate milk in a classroom in PS 30 in Staten Island. The leaves of fall recall the smell of the smoke from burning leaves that were raked from our front lawns to the curb and burned on Long Island. Popcorn brings me back into the Movie Theater.

It is believed that we are attracted to our mate more by smell than by looks. Experts believe we sleep better by a person or article of clothing from someone we love and trust.

A whiff of perfume can bring someone long gone back into your heart and memory. The perfume My Sin is one person, the aroma of Poison is another, and the scent of lavender or Patchouli brings a person from the past into the present. Who can resist the smell of a newborn baby bathed and snuggled on your neck?

I once had a student teacher named Carl who used to tell me each day how great I smelled. I was flattered until he told me my coat, which hung by the woodstove in the kitchen, reminded him of the campfire he loved as a young boy.

Shakespeare reminds us that a rose by another name would smell as sweet, and we are admonished to take time to smell the roses.

"Scent is our
 greatest, most
 potent form of
 time travel,
 like an arrow.
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 through layers.
 It finds the
 center."

- Victoria Erickson
 (Author, *Edge of Wonder*)

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Continuing a Golf Tradition 10th Annual Wallace Berkowitz Cup Supports New Hope Community's Equine Programs



Golfers enjoyed the day of golf while supporting New Hope Community

Loch Sheldrake, NY (November 3, 2020): For the past decade, the third Monday in May has been a day many area golfers set aside for The Wallace Berkowitz Cup golf outing. Hosted by the NHC Foundation, this popular annual event raises funds and awareness for New Hope



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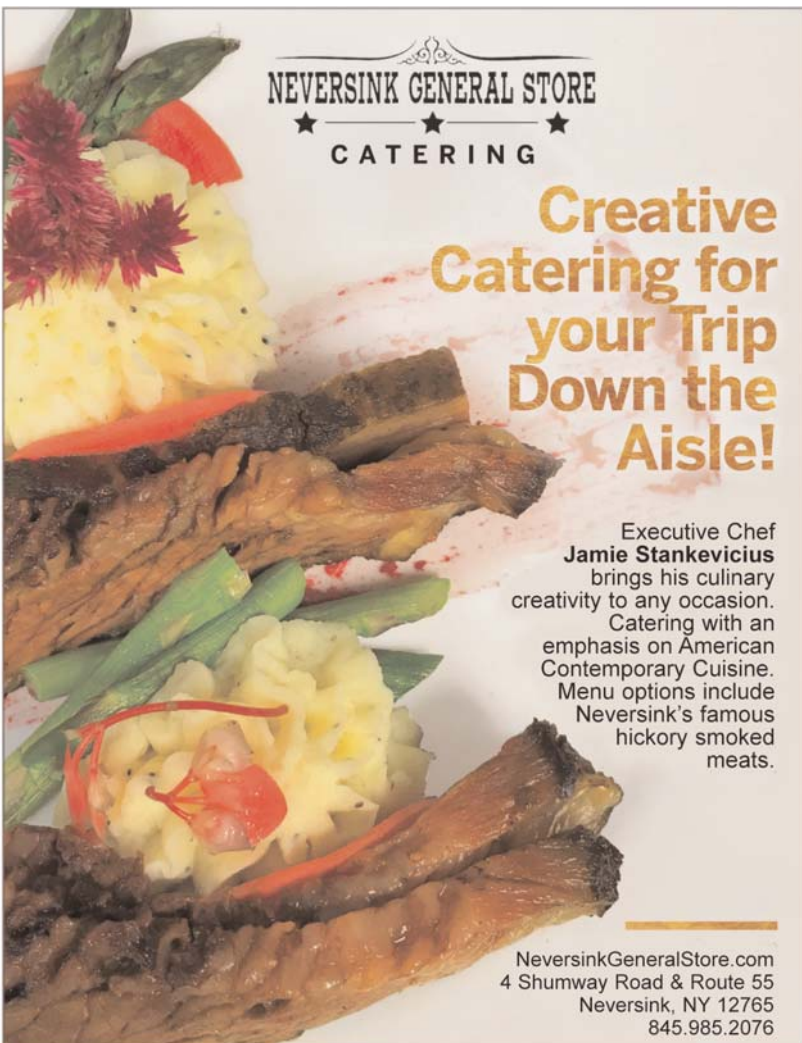
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Community (NHC), a leading human services organization in Loch Sheldrake, NY, serving men and women who have intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

This spring, as planning for the 10th anniversary golf event was well underway, the Covid-19 pandemic took hold in New York, leaving many to question if the much-anticipated event would be able to take place. In compliance with New York State's Covid guidance, the New Hope Community administrative team agreed to postpone the event while devising creative solutions to ensure that the Wallace Berkowitz Cup tradition could continue safely, later in the year.

On Monday, October 5th, under an early autumn blue sky, the rescheduled golf outing was held at West Hills Golf Club, with 95 enthusiastic golfers in attendance, each ready for some fresh air and relaxation. Additionally, corporate and individual sponsors showed exceptional generosity to enable New Hope Community to meet its fundraising goal for the event. (Contd. Pg. 14)

Halloween Drive Thru Display at the Fairgrounds

(From Pg. 1)



With the cancellation of Giant Pumpkin Party and the PTO's Trunk or Treat, several community organizations worked together to plan a Covid safe Halloween Drive Thru event.

The evening light display was a big hit with over 500 people driving through the fairgrounds the night before Halloween.



Thank you to the many volunteers of the Daniel Pierce Library, Town of Neversink Parks & Rec, Tri-Valley Teachers Association, Tri-Valley PTO, Fallsburg PD, Grahamsville Fire

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Mike Martucci Declares Victory in Election Upset of the Year Political Newcomer Defeats Incumbent State Senator Jen Metzger in Most Competitive New York State Legislative Race

Goshen, NY - State Senate candidate for the 42nd District Mike Martucci declared victory this morning in his race to unseat incumbent State Senator Jen Metzger. The margin of victory at the polls was substantial enough to overcome the number of mail-in and absentee ballots on file with the Board of Elections. In order for Senator Metzger to overcome the deficit she would need to carry every single third party and non-affiliated vote cast by mail by a margin of 3 to 1 - a mathematical impossibility.

Mike Martucci said, "The voters have spoken, and they have embraced my Families First agenda that is rooted in public safety and investing in our district instead of pouring endless resources into New York City. The voters responded and they overwhelmingly rejected the policies pursued and championed by Senator Metzger such as bail elimination, single payer healthcare, high taxes and ruinous regulations."

Martucci added, "I pledge to always be a voice for the constituents of the 42nd Senate District because I speak their language and have walked in their shoes. I will never forget the community that helped make me the person I am today, and I will always endeavor to use my office to improve the lives of my neighbors and their families. I am tremendously honored by the faith the voters have placed in me and will begin working immediately with Senator Metzger to effect an orderly transition."

Jen Metzger Addresses Constituents as Election Day Voting Comes to a Close, Race Too Close to Call

"It has been my joy and honor to serve the 42nd Senate District over the last two years. It's so important that we make sure every vote is counted. There are about 25,000 absentee ballots to count, and we know that they are overwhelmingly from Democratic voters. We expect the process of counting absentees to be an orderly process that will take several weeks, and we will patiently await the final results. I hope to have the opportunity to continue to fight for the communities I represent."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

To the editor:

I've had the pleasure of working collaboratively with NYS Senator Jen Metzger for the past year. Together, we've successfully tackled NYSEG service issues in the Town of Highland, the addition of a handicapped-accessible van to our public transportation fleet, and the expansion of broadband service in Sullivan County. I'm grateful for her support of important local initiatives and issues.

So I was surprised and deeply disappointed when - without any call to me or notice to the County beforehand - she jumped into the fray over the potential lease of our Care Center at Sunset Lake in Liberty and our Certified Home Health Agency (CHHA).

In an October 12 letter, she accused the Legislature and the Sunset Lake Local Development Corporation (LDC) of rushing and ignoring a legally required review and approval from the State to transfer the management operations of these agencies. Unfortunately, it's clear that Senator Metzger was rushing when she penned that letter, goaded by a small group of folks who don't really know what they're talking about either.

We've done the research on State law (which Senator Metzger's team should have done as well), and the simple answer is, we're not to the point of transfer yet. The LDC continues to seek and review proposals from potential operators. They'll then pick up to three to recommend to the Legislature, after which we legislators will pick one. Once an operator is officially chosen, then and only then will it make any sense to apply for review and approval from the State. You can't review and approve an operator when one doesn't yet exist.

I think the Senator and her staff already know this. Frankly, I suspect her letter was completely political in nature, timed to appeal to her base in the weeks before an election that she now appears on the verge of losing.

I could have written this letter prior to Election Day, but unlike Senator Metzger, I didn't care to play politics on the backs of some of our most vulnerable citizens. After all, our three goals with this initiative have always been - and still are - to improve the quality of care, protect the taxpayers and preserve the jobs of our workers.

However, I couldn't let the inaccuracies and accusatory assumptions in her letter stand, and I encourage the Senator, in whatever remaining time voters have allotted her, to reach out to my office directly to better understand how and why this Legislature and LDC have undertaken this significant effort.

Robert A. Doherty, Chairman & District 1 Legislator
Sullivan County Legislature
Monticello

The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

So, I ask you, what's worse: Dropping a brand new box of oatmeal all over the floor or a car that stops and is presumed dead on Highway 52? The good news is, the car is back on the road (many thanks to AAA, Presitge Towing and Sherman's in Loch Sheldrake). The other, however....while I was getting the broom and vacuum, one (or more) of my furry buddies decided it would be good to roll around in it. I'm still finding single oatmeal flakes throughout the entire place. These and the other half dozen "you have GOT to be kidding me" things of this last week left me completely discombobulated.

When I picked up the car late on what I thought was Thursday, it occurred to me I hadn't eaten much in close to two days. I've been cooking fresh for a while now and the thought of cooking anything was pretty much not going to happen. And I found myself ticking off places like Goldilocks: That's too heavy, that's too light.... I found myself on the way to CABER-NET FRANK'S.

I ordered 'to go'. And that didn't quite go as planned either. NICK HEATHEN got up on stage with his keyboard and unique 'in your face' style. I met a great couple who bought a home in Parksville two years ago, coming from Brooklyn and their two visiting friends from Brooklyn. And then another couple from the area...all around the fire pit. And then suddenly there was CASWYN MOON. And KATHY GEARY with KEVIN HANEK. And friend Amy Brightfield, Health and Features Director for *Better Homes and Gardens*, who I haven't seen in a while, and it seemed like forever since we have had a real chance to talk and catch up.

It was Friday night not Thursday. Somewhere, I had lost an entire day.

I'm glad it happened that way. The entire evening (didn't leave until 9) was fun and uplifting, erasing the last two weeks of CoVid stress and mishaps, while masked and social distancing. I think I've finally gotten the hang of this. Amy and I caught up with the duo of CASWYN and NICK in the background. CASWYN and I spoke to the duo of KATHY GEARY and KEVIN HANEK. While we were talking, I couldn't help notice how much stronger KATHY'S voice has become and the lilt reminds me of Irish voices I've heard. She's come a very long way in just this summer and her first steps onto a stage with her originals. Did I tell you she and Kevin sing opera together? Impressive.

The pulled pork platter was extremely good too. I finished the French fries while conversing. Once I arrived home, I had a forkful of the combo, which is how I like to eat pulled pork and coleslaw and ended up devouring the coleslaw. I don't like coleslaw as a rule, except with pulled pork or as an alternative to sauerkraut on a Reuben. This was not your usual coleslaw, however. Cabbage, yes, but not exclusively and it was not swimming in white stuff. In fact, there was no white stuff to be found. I don't know how R.J. does it, but he's won me over. CABER-NET FRANK'S has been moving to a 'farm to table' for a while now and it shows. The excellent pulled pork ended up in a sandwich the next day. Saturday.

And what a weekend! Three days of 70 degree weather in NOVEMBER! You may not have left me with any colored leaves, Mother Nature, but thank you so much for this!

(Contd. Pg. 12)

Her Quirky Journey

-Marilyn Borth

<http://www.herquirkyjourney.com>



4 Best Kept Secrets in Asia

When you think about Asia, what do you envision first? China? Japan? Various delicious food items, like fried rice, dumplings, and/or noodles?

Granted, all of those places and things do exist in Asia. However, the continent is far more variant and fascinating than just that.

Asia is one of my favorite continents simply because it is so different than anything we have in the West- and every country is vastly unique from the next.

Among the countries I've visited in the continent, here are a list of my "best kept secrets" in Asia.

1. Myanmar



I recently wrote about my love for Myanmar, but I can't help but boast about its secret glory once again. Everything there has a shimmer of magic, from the hot air balloons at sunrise over ancient temples to the pure gold pagodas. Plus, it is such a well-kept secret that the country doesn't have that many tourists ruining the spectacular views it offers!

2. Laos

I glossed over Laos for a long time because I genuinely believed it didn't have much to offer- but, boy, was I wrong. When I finally went, I had the experience of a lifetime. Untouched natural beauty, the cheapest (yet very safe) hot air balloon ride in the world, a sleepy yet inviting and warm atmosphere, and beyond affordable cost of living. Laos is a gem not to be missed!



(Contd. Pg. 12)

The Scene Too



(From Pg. 11) On that note, I'm off to my kitty sitting duties for a beautiful white kitty whose Mom and Dad ran away for a few days of warmth at their Palm Beach property before winter sets in, only to find themselves in the middle of hurricane ETA. And I thought I had a bad week!!!

Stay safe, stay strong.
Until next time.

4 Best Kept Secrets in Asia - (From Pg. 11)

3. Vietnam

If you have read even a small percentage of my other articles, you know full well that I'm borderline obsessed with Vietnam. Low cost of living, warm people, divine food, pristine views, varying landscapes (sand dunes to oceans to mountains), and an intoxicatingly relaxed "vibe."



4. South Korea



story for another time). The nightlife (some of the best in the world!), comfortable cost of living, delicious and spicy food, the kind and generous people, the gorgeous landscapes, cleanliness, and modern amenities. I mean, who could ever dislike a place that readily offers toilet seats that warm your behind!?

I hope that, when international travel is a thing again, you will be inclined to discover Asia (if you haven't already). But, if at all possible, consider these places as well because they are truly special in their own ways.


I know that the world focuses on the mysterious and ominous North Korea, but what about the South? South Korea is its own entity- and they are proud of it. When I lived in Korea for 6 months, I loved every moment (besides the job, but that's a

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(From Pg. 8) Major sponsorship from the corporate sector was received at the Platinum Level from Arthur J. Gallagher and Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy, while event sponsorship was provided by Sterling Bank, M&M PowerSports and UBS Financial Services Inc.



Tom Burnham, Executive Director of the NHC Foundation, plays the bagpipes as the golfers descend to their starting holes.

More than \$37,000 was raised for this year's beneficiary, New Hope Community's Stables at McCoy Meadow, where the Therapeutic Horseback Riding/In House Program (THRIP) is held. This innovative program provides equine, as well as other animal therapies, to enhance lives of the people New Hope Community supports on a daily basis.



All golfers received insulated cooler bags filled with cold beverages for the tournament.

"The Covid pandemic has certainly presented us with many unique challenges and we have come together to find creative solutions. We are proud to have been able to continue the tradition of the Wallace Berkowitz Cup," said Debra McGinness, Chief Executive Officer, New Hope Community. "I am grateful to all of our wonderful friends and sponsors who showed their support for our organization during these difficult times, especially those who came out to safely join us on this spectacular day!"

McGinness was on hand to greet golfers upon their arrival, as they registered in a socially distanced manner. Each was provided with a bagged breakfast assortment of their choosing to start the day. Golf carts were disinfected and ready to roll - with the added option of riding one golfer per cart or using a dividing shield to separate golfers. A satisfying lunch on the course was provided outdoors, with servers handling food under the strictest of guidelines. And while the dinner portion of the event was eliminated, awards were announced via social media and e-mail the following day.

Congratulations to the tournament winners:

Winning Team: Taylor Van Keuren, Corey Van Keuren, Walter Herzog, Nick May

Most Honest Team: Sandy Goldstein, Leslie Danish, Rich Lawrence, Laura Leach

Longest Drive Men: Corey Van Keuren

Longest Drive Women: Laura Leach

Closest to the Pin Men: Bob Sipos - 8" from the pin

Closest to the Pin Women: no winner

50/50 Raffle Winner: Ed Scannell

New Hope Community advises the community to save the date for the next year's 11th Annual Wallace Berkowitz Cup, on Monday, May 17, 2021 at West Hills Country Club.

About New Hope Community

New Hope Community is a not-for-profit human services organization providing supports for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Established in 1975 to serve as a nurturing and caring alternative to large institutions which were found to have violated the most basic human rights and conditions, New Hope Community has become recognized as a leading provider in the human services field. In January 2020, New Hope Community merged with Select Human Services, Inc. (SHS) of Pleasantville, NY, a not-for-profit voluntary agency providing services in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties. New Hope Community's breadth of services includes clinical and nursing care, residential services, day programming, community habilitation, self-direction, support brokers, service navigators, education, recreation and leisure activities, a robust supported employment program, summer programs for youths, and so much more. New Hope Community has always maintained a person-centered approach toward enhancing the lives of people with disabilities and actively advocates for individual choice in a person's efforts to live, work and participate fully in his or her community. New Hope Community and SHS, combined, provide services to over 1,000 people and employ more than 1,200 staff.

Welcome Winter's Feathery Friends -L. Comando



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 55 Bovid mammals
 56 Missing in Action
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 61 Title of respect for a man
 63 Involving three
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Pumpkin Apple Muffins with Streusel Topping

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 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon salt
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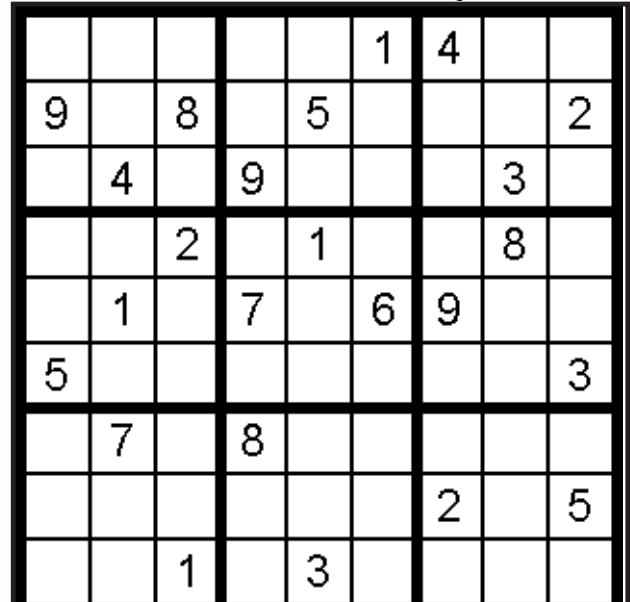
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 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1 tablespoon butter

In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, pumpkin pie spice, baking soda and salt. Combine eggs, pumpkin and oil; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in apples. Fill 18 greased or paper-lined muffin cups three-fourths full. For topping, combine sugar, flour and cinnamon. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs; sprinkle 1 teaspoon over each muffin.

Bake at 350° until a toothpick comes out clean, 30-35 minutes. Cool in pan 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack.

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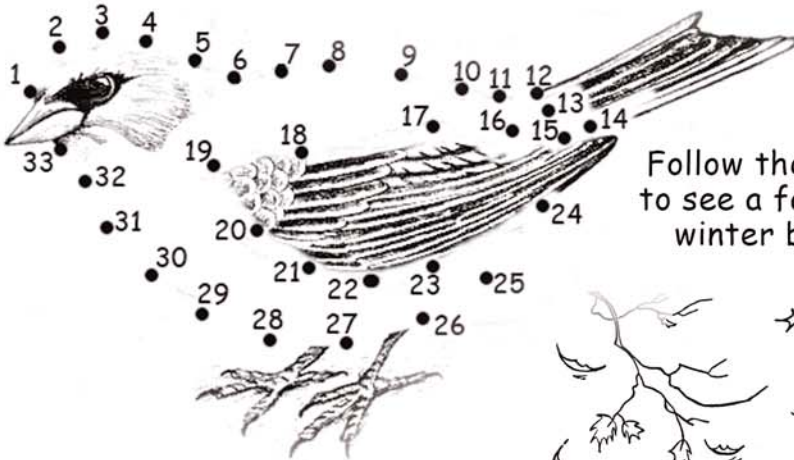
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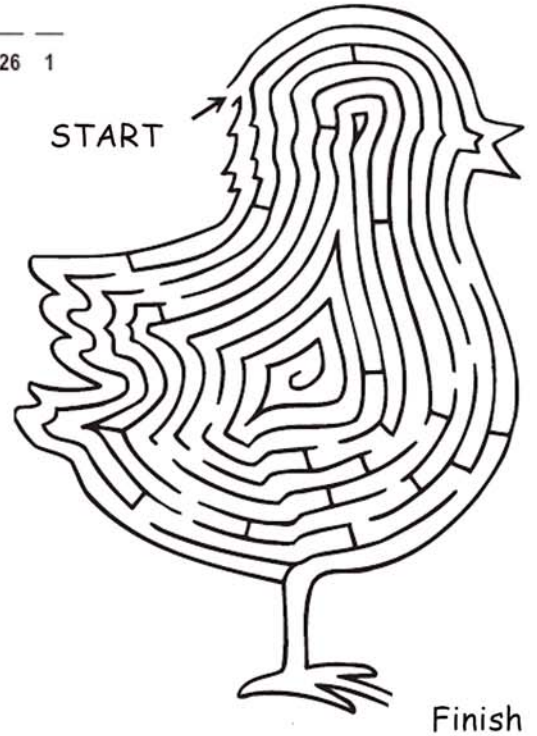
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| NUTHATCH | BUNTINGS |
| BLUEJAY | SPARROWS |

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Plans to Develop Housing on the Site of the Former County Jail at Golden Hill Move Ahead

The Ulster County Housing Development Corporation Releases Preliminary Designs for New Neighborhood on top of Golden Hill Pennrose Has Been Selected to Design, Build, and Manage Senior and Workforce Housing

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Housing Development Corporation (UCHDC) today released preliminary designs for a new neighborhood of mixed income, intergenerational and workforce housing on the site of the former County jail on top of Golden Hill. The concept plan calls for 80 units of senior housing and 80 units of workforce housing that are affordable at a range of 30 to 130 percent of area median income.

"The day-to-day public health challenges of COVID-19 have helped reveal some of the challenges that we have always known were there; now more than ever we must respond to the longer-term impacts of the pandemic," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "Frontline workers, working full-time to serve and protect us, should be able to afford decent housing. It is not enough to just thank them, we must take care of them like they take care of us. The selection of a developer for this project is a major step towards allowing Ulster County to support those who have heroically served and supported us."

"Pennrose had the most creative, innovative and responsive proposal and, just as importantly, it was presented throughout every stage of the process by a consistent and candid team of professionals, one with a thoroughly demonstrated track record for delivering on their promises" UCHDC Member Hayes Clement said. "We were thoroughly impressed with other Pennrose projects

in the Hudson Valley, and are confident they will deliver a Golden Hill redevelopment that will set new standards for affordable housing and make its neighbors and all of Kingston proud."

The development will include a 5,000 square-foot community building, providing gathering and fitness space for residents and space for local community organizations to offer services. All buildings will be constructed to high efficiency levels, utilizing advanced electric heating and cooling technologies and incorporating rooftop solar.

The UCHDC has selected a development team led by Pennrose to design, build, and manage the project. Philadelphia-based Pennrose has a 50-year history of developing affordable and mixed-income housing, with over 17,000 units in sixteen states. Pennrose plans to work with Family of Woodstock and other locally-based community organizations to provide supportive services to residents on Golden Hill.

Currently in Schenectady, Pennrose and team members WRT Architects and DiMarco Constructors are redeveloping an aging 300-unit housing complex, creating healthy, modern new homes, new green spaces, courtyards, and play spaces, and a 12,000 square-foot community building that will house a fitness center, community room and kitchen, and space for the local Boys and Girls Club and Head Start programs.



In August, County Executive Ryan announced the formation of the UCHDC in order to develop housing at this location as well as take a holistic view on housing supply throughout Ulster County.

Over the summer, developers submitted concept plans and qualifications in response to a Request for Qualifications released by the County. The UCHDC interviewed proposers, conducted site visits to their other properties, and interviewed housing agencies that previously worked with the proposers.

UCHDC will now negotiate a developers' agreement with the selected developer that will define the terms of the development process and include an option to purchase the site once site plans are finalized and funding is secured. A public engagement process to evaluate community needs and preferences and develop a final design will begin in early 2021. The process will include environmental reviews and evaluation of traffic patterns and needs around the Golden Hill site.

The developer will be responsible for demolishing the old jail. Construction is projected to begin in 2022, with leasing and occupancy in late 2023.



LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE
CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
DECEMBER 8, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Claryville Fire District will take place on Thursday, December 10, 2020, between the hours of 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the Warren Cole Fire House located at 1500 Denning Road, Denning, NY for the purpose of electing one commissioner for a one (1) year term, commencing January 1, 2021, ending December 31, 2021. A commissioner for three (3) year terms commencing January 1, 2021, ending December 31, 2023. A commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2021, ending December 31, 2025. All voters, residing in the Claryville Fire district, registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections or the Ulster County Board of Elections on or before November 19, 2020 shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for the District Office shall have filed their names with the Secretary of the Claryville Fire District, PO box 22, Claryville, NY 12725, no later than twenty (20) days before the election, November 18, 2020, to be on the ballot.

Dated November 4, 2020

Desiree Jimenez, Secretary
 Board of Fire Commissioners
 Claryville Fire District

PUBLIC NOTICE
FREE NOTARY, PHOTOCOPIES AND FAXING IN
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William A. Brenner, attorney in Grahamsville, New York, has a sign on his office lawn stating: "Due to Crisis, FREE Notary, Photocopies and Faxing."

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Ulster County Legislators Receive
Budget Analysis and Review

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Legislators attended a virtual informational meeting Thursday evening in which Capital Markets Advisors, LLC (CMA) presented a financial analysis and report of the County Executive's proposed 2021 Budget. CMA was commissioned in September to work with the Legislature's financial analysts and key county departments to prepare the report.

Legislative Chairman David Donaldson (D-City of

Kingston) acknowledged many budget challenges facing the county were largely related to COVID but was pleased with the overall budget process. He praised Legislators, legislative staff, department heads and County Executive Pat Ryan for working together to address these challenges.

"I commend our legislative financial analysts who worked tirelessly to monitor county finances year-round, Legislator Archer and our Ways and Means Committee, and the County Executive's budget office. By looking out for taxpayers and working toward a common goal this year, I believe we now have a solid budgetary foundation before us," Donaldson said.

County Executive Pat Ryan responded "After one of the most difficult years in decades, I was proud to deliver a county budget that once again held the line on taxes, while also proposing no layoffs and maintaining - and in many cases improving - delivery of vital services across the board I would like to thank the Legislature for undertaking this review and I look forward to reviewing the findings. I remain committed to working together to continue to serve the people of Ulster County especially during this period of great challenge."

Legislator Lynn Archer (D - Rochester/Wawarsing) Chairwoman of the Ways and Means Committee agreed that the CMA Budget Analysis and Review would be a valuable tool as the committee continues their due diligence.

"There are several notable findings the Ways and Means Committee will discuss as we review this budget and evaluate proposed amendments," said Archer. "CMA has been great to work with and we look forward to continuing the partnership as they help inform our decisions."

The CMA report offered specific suggestions such as providing detailed demographic and socioeconomic information with hyperlinks but found the budget documents to be "generally concise and consistent."

The report noted that most county departments identified appropriate levels of staffing during their interviews, which CMA "deemed to be uncharacteristic" and recommended continuing the hiring freeze during 2021, only filling positions or functions deemed to be "essential" by both the Legislature and the Executive. The report pointed to several collective bargaining contracts that remain expired and warned that this could result in retroactive payments requiring the use of the fund balance.

CMA suggested the County explore additional shared services and might find cost savings by creating a clerical pool with generic titles that could be transferred between departments and exploring technology opportunities to automate some manual operations.

Comparing Ulster County to other counties in the state, CMA recommended lawmakers consider increasing the County's Hotel Motel Tax to match the "market rate" of 4 to 5% roughly double that revenue source; adopting both a local Mortgage Recording Tax and a Local Real Estate Transfer Tax like other counties which could have increased 2019 revenues between \$3.4 and \$6.5 million; changing the Investment Policy restrictions to allow the County to maximize interest and earnings that could result in an additional \$100,000+. CMA also suggested an in-depth benchmark study of user/service fees charged by neighboring jurisdictions that could potentially increase revenue an estimated \$1 million or more annually.

"This report has given us a lot of options to consider but as always, we will have to see what is best for Ulster County taxpayers," said Minority Leader Ken Ronk (R-Shawangunk).

Chairman Donaldson suggested that Legislators, working with the legislature's own financial staff and the County Executive's team during this pandemic had many positive effects. "As we all faced new and unforeseen challenges, we were able to work together. (Contd. Pg. 19)

Ulster County Legislators Receive Budget Analysis and Review

(From Pg. 18) I am optimistic that we can continue to work together to solve problems as they arise, both social and financial," Donaldson said. "and Ulster County will come out stronger on the other side.

" Public Hearings on the County Executive's proposed budget are scheduled for November 9, 10, and 12 via Zoom meetings and the deadline for Legislative amendments and department appeals is November 13.

- November 9, 2020 - Public Hearing: Proposed 2021 Ulster County Budget 6:00pm in the Powered by Zoom Meetings. Dial (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 993 6322 1082

- November 10, 2020 - Public Hearing: Proposed 2021 Ulster County Budget 6:00pm in the Powered by Zoom Meetings. Dial (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 964 4188 4788

- November 12, 2020 - Public Hearing: Proposed 2021 Ulster County Budget 6:00pm in the Powered by Zoom Meetings. Dial (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 986 6581 1600

- November 18-20 – Ways and Means Committee Budget Review (details available at <https://legislature.ulstercountyny.gov>)

The Legislature will vote on the 2021 Budget at a Special Session on December 8, 2020 CMA Budget Analysis and Review is available at: <https://legislature.ulstercountyny.gov/legislature/forms-reports>

Ulster County Maintains Strong Financial Standing with 'AA' Bond Rating

Despite the pandemic, S&P reaffirms the county's strong fiscal responsibility and ability to respond to the economic impacts of COVID-19 crisis

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that Ulster County's credit rating remains strong at AA in the most recent November ratings by S&P Global citing "strong management, with good financial policies and practice." Despite strong economic headwinds due to COVID-19, this credit rating reaffirms the county's ability to respond to the pandemic and economic pressures while continuing to provide superior services for residents. "After one of the most difficult years in decades, I am proud that this year's S&P bond rating reaffirms the strong financial footing Ulster County has in protecting and delivering results for our residents," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, we remain committed to delivering high-quality services for our residents and growing our economy, while also ensuring the highest level of fiscal responsibility."

Ulster County's continued strength in the eyes of bond

rating agencies is a direct benefit to taxpayers in the form of lower borrowing costs. As interest rates continue to climb, a strong bond rating corresponds with lower borrowing costs that will allow the County to continue to invest in long-term projects that serve constituents that require bond financing. The report states that S&P Global Ratings believes that Ulster County will maintain good budgetary practices, supporting its current level of very strong financial flexibility and liquidity profiles.

Last month, County Executive Ryan unveiled his 2021 Executive Budget. At approximately \$333.8 million, the 2021 Executive Budget includes a 0% increase in the tax levy and no layoffs to county employees.

WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Program Transferring to Sun River Health in Monticello

Monticello, NY - After November 27, Sullivan County's WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Program will be run by Sun River Health (formerly Hudson River Healthcare), Public Health Director Nancy McGraw announced today.

"This transfer makes sense, as Sun River Health has 25 years' experience in operating WIC programs in the Hudson Valley, and has a Federally Qualified Health Center in Monticello with a variety of services for women, infants, and children, including prenatal care, pediatrics, dental services, MAT treatment, health insurance enrollment, and bilingual staff. These co-located health-related services - which are not part of Public Health's core mission but are part and parcel of Sun River's - will be beneficial to current and future WIC participants and may help improve health outcomes in the County," McGraw stated.

Existing services for WIC participants will continue to be available, without interruption, in Monticello and Liberty, albeit in new locations, while the Wurtsboro site will remain the same, at the Wurtsboro Community Church's hall at 134 Sullivan Street. The Liberty location is still being determined, but the Monticello location will be at Sun River Health's offices at 19-23 Lakewood Avenue.

All services continue to be provided remotely by phone throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, so WIC participants will not have to travel out of the County to obtain their next appointment.

All current Sullivan County WIC employees who wished to transfer with the program will be transitioning to and will be employed by Sun River Health.

"The WIC program has been a part of Public Health since its inception in Sullivan County, but through this State-approved transfer, I fully expect there will be opportunities to increase the availability and accessibility of WIC services to Sullivan County residents," McGraw said.

Questions about the changes can be directed to Sun River Health at 845-791-3350 in Monticello or 845-454-8204 in Poughkeepsie. Remember, all appointments are done by phone - no in-person appointments are required at this time.

You can continue to receive WIC services at any WIC agency in New York State by calling The Growing Up Healthy Hotline at (800) 522-5006.

If you wish to download this week's Church bulletin from St. Peter's, Libert, NY please go to: stpeters/bulletin

As New York begins to open allowing churches to once have services, we encourage our readers to contact their individual church or parish for updated information.

St. Mark's UM Church
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Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



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e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

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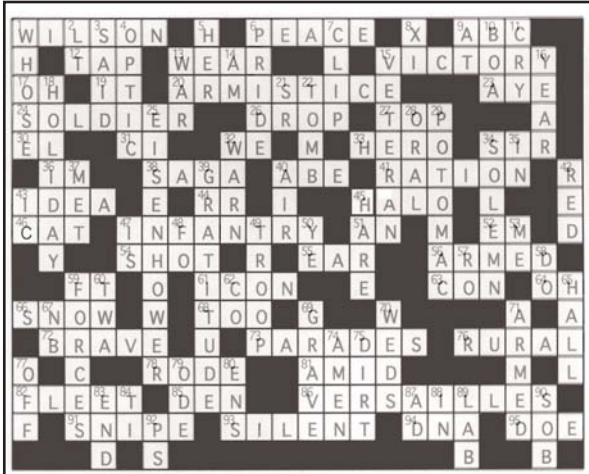
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 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170
 N. Main Street, Liberty

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 For information call 845-434-8044.

Ans to last week's Crossword



Time and the Valleys Museum Chili Take Out Fundraiser

A Drive Thru Chili Take Out Fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, November 21th, from 3 to 5:30 p.m.** at the Time and the Valleys Museum parking lot, 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville NY. The dinner includes: 16 oz. Chili (mild or hot, with all the fixings) rice, cornbread and ice cream. The ice cream is donated by Gillette Creamery and food catered by the Neversink General Store.

Tickets for the Chili Take Out are \$10 per meal and are available on line: https://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org/shop/?swoof=1&product_cat=tickets, by sending a check to: Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740 or calling 845 985-7700. Tickets will also be available at the door. Funds raised through the Chili Take Out will support the Museum's educational programs

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a Defensive Driving Course

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a Defensive Driving Course on Saturday, January 9th 2021 at 9:00 am.

The cost of the class is \$40.00 per a person, payable to the Claryville Vol. Fire Department.

(The fee covers your registration and workbook materials)

Registration is required. To sign up call Chief VanDenberg at 985-2943 NO LATER than December 31st.

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department (Warren Cole Fire Hall)

"Hate Mail"

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents "Hate Mail" via www.BroadwayonDemand.com/ShowShare November 13, 14, 20, 21 starting at 8 pm, and November 15 & 22 at 2pm. This hilarious comedy features the exquisite genius of our fabulously talented Amber Schmidt as Dahlia and the sublime brilliance of the amazing Josh Rosengrant as Preston. Their love/hate relationship romps through many ups and downs in this wickedly funny alternative to "Love Letters." Watch as these two embark on an epic, often acrimonious correspondence as their lives intertwine. Whether Preston and Dahlia are joining cults, having breakdowns, shipping each other deceased lizards, or falling in love, "Hate Mail" is a comedy full of surprises at every turn.

The show is directed by our award winning, creative Bunny Woloszczak and Sally Gladden and is sure to make you giggle. Funds for tickets go to SCDW - a non-profit organization which owns and maintains the historic Rivoli Theater in South Fallsburg, NY.

Show : <http://www.BroadwayonDemand.com/ShowShare>

Ticket cost: \$7.95



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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 I 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).

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Art Under \$100 Holiday Art Sale Wayne County Arts Alliance

The Wayne County Arts Alliance (WCAA) announces their annual holiday art sale, Art Under 100. This year the organization has ambitiously expanded the sale by featuring two different shopping opportunities. Art Under \$100 Online will begin Friday, November 27 and run through December 19 at waynecountyartsalliance.org. Art Under \$100 & More! will take place at the organization's WCAA Main Street Gallery in Honesdale, PA from December 3-19. Different artwork will be available online and instore!

Art Under 100 showcases artworks by Wayne County Arts Alliance's member artists and is a benefit of membership in the organization. For the past two years Art Under 100 took place at The Dorflinger Factory Museum in White Mills, PA in conjunction with Hawley Winterfest, that has been cancelled this year due to Covid precautions and restrictions. Despite 2020 challenges, the Wayne County Arts Alliance board was determined to move forward with the project to help provide needed retail opportunities to their member artists.

Art Under 100 ONLINE artwork is priced \$99 and under, and offers a perfect opportunity to choose original and unique artwork for holiday gift-giving. INSTORE Art Under 100 & More features artwork priced \$99 and under as well as a number of works priced over \$100 to provide a varied shopping experience for buyers as well as a broader selling opportunity for the artists. Choosing art for your holiday gifts this year is a win-win-win: selecting unique and one-of-a-kind gifts, shopping local, and supporting talented artists and the Wayne County Arts Alliance. Both the Online and Instore opportunities make it easy to check someone off your list, and give the gift of Art this holiday season!

Art Under 100 includes a wide variety of choices in



painting, ceramics, collage, jewelry, photography, sculpture, and more, and features the artwork of over thirty member artists of the Wayne County Arts Alliance (WCAA). Among



the participating artists are Tricia Adler, Susan Cottle Alberto, Betty Argiros, Norma Bernstock, Barbara Briden, Austin Burke, Barbara Carpenito, Phyllis Chekenian, Richard D'Ambrosia, Elaine Flynn, Veronica Freschi, Maggie Fuller, Sierra Gaglione, Pauline Glykokokalos, Hana Gorman, Cynthia Hanson, Rena Hottinger, Bozena

Janiszewski, John Kascht, JoAnne Kraskowski, Kathleen Lewis, Stephanie Marquette, Francis Minien, Paul Plumadore, Matt Povse, Dee Rivera, Jane Roth, Nan Siegmund, and Ellen Silberlicht.

When and Where:
24/7 ONLINE shopping begins November 27 at waynecountyartsalliance.org and runs through December 19. INSTORE shopping at WCAA Main Street Gallery runs December 3-19, 11 AM - 4 PM on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays (December 3/4/5;



December 10/11/12; December 17/18/19), located at 959 Main Street, Honesdale, PA 18431 (2nd floor, upstairs from Missing Pieces).

The Wayne County Arts Alliance is a not-for-profit organization governed by volunteer



members of artists and people interested in the beneficial effects of the arts. WCAA is committed to developing a dynamic, art-friendly atmosphere in the community, one that enhances and enriches the lives of its citizens. Art Under 100 is one of many events and programs that WCAA hosts, promotes, and sponsors throughout the year including the popular "Artists' Studio Tour" every July. For further information visit: waynecountyartsalliance.org



Attorney General James Sues Sotheby's for Defrauding New York Taxpayers Out of Millions *Sotheby's Helped Wealthy Clients Evade Taxes to Boost its Own Sales*

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today filed a lawsuit against the international auction house Sotheby's for defrauding the state of New York and its taxpayers out of millions of dollars in unpaid sales tax. The complaint alleges that Sotheby's violated the New York False Claims Act by facilitating the creation and use of false tax exemption certificates - known as resale certificates - for an art collector and major client, even though it knew the art collector was not eligible to claim the exemption.

"Millionaires and billionaires cannot be allowed to evade taxes while every day Americans pay their fair share," said Attorney General James. "Sotheby's violated the law and fleeced New York taxpayers out of millions just to boost its own sales. This lawsuit should send a clear message that no matter how well-connected or wealthy you are, no one is above the law."

In 2018, the collector's company, Porsal Equities, entered into a settlement agreement with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) in which Porsal admitted it had improperly used resale certificates in violation of the New York False Claims Act. The OAG investigation found that Porsal Equities admitted that it and its owner certified that they were purchasing artwork for resale when, in reality, they were purchasing the artwork for personal purposes - namely, for display and enjoyment at the collector's private residence.

Today's lawsuit - filed in New York County State Supreme Court - alleges that Sotheby's knew that the collector and his company were not purchasing art for resale as art dealers in the normal course of business, but accepted their resale certificates anyway, and, in fact, facilitated the creation and use of these resale certificates. In 2010, Sotheby's advised the collector he could use a resale certificate and helped complete the certificate, including adding the false declaration that he was an art dealer even though, in reality, the collector had not told Sotheby's he was an art dealer and Sotheby's knew he was actually in the shipping business. Sotheby's not only accepted this resale certificate, but, by 2015, had accepted three more equally false certificates from Porsal Equities facilitated by Sotheby's employees, despite overwhelming evidence that the collector and Porsal Equities were not art dealers and were only buying art for personal use.

The case is being handled by Assistant Attorney General Sujata Tanikella of the Taxpayer Protection Bureau, with the support of senior legal support analyst Bianca LaVeglia. The Taxpayer Protection Bureau is led by Bureau Chief Thomas Teige Carroll and Deputy Bureau Chief Scott Spiegelman, and is a part of the Division for Economic Justice, which is overseen by Chief Deputy Attorney General Chris D'Angelo and First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

Oblong Online Virtual Book Launch of 'A Kabbalah of Food: Stories, Teachings, Recipes' By Rabbi Hanoch Hecht

At 7 pm on November 10th join Rabbi Hanoch Hecht's Oblong Online Virtual Book Launch of *A Kabbalah of Food: Stories, Teachings, Recipes* via Crowdcast. Registration required. Register at <http://bit.ly/RabbiHechtOblongNov10>

A link to join the event will be emailed to you by Crowdcast.

Author Rabbi Hanoch Hecht talks with Paul Cohen, publisher at Monkfish Book Publishing Company, about his book-cooking up a feast of inspiring tales and teachings around food and eating from the Kabbalah, a mystical part of the Torah that, until the 16th century, was available only in secret to a select few.

For more information, call 845-876-7666 or email info@rhinebeckjewishcenter.com

Website: www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

Phone: 845-876-7666

Congregation Agudas Achim Shabbat Services

As the days get shorter and the weather gets colder, we will seek each other's company even more. Despite the restrictions brought about by the pandemic, Rabbi Fred Pomerantz will lead the Shabbat services on Zoom of Congregation Agudas Achim, a reform Jewish congregation, exactly as he's done for years while in person: with joy, enthusiasm, and ever-uplifting prayer. Even though we miss gathering in our precious synagogue home in person, we have adapted beautifully.

We join on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. for a social time, light our candles together before the services begin and stay on Zoom afterwards to continue to enjoy the festive music of Ira and Julia Levin, our cantorial duo and folksingers.

You do not need to be a member because this congregation opens its arms wide to anyone of any background or religion who wants to learn more about Judaism. In fact, we have seen a steady growth in membership and attendance during Zoom services.

Won't you please join us for our next Zoom Shabbat services on November 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. (services begin at 7:30 p.m.) and see for yourselves? A Zoom link is available by emailing virtualshabbat@gmail.com or by calling our President, Judy Siegel, at 845-798-0783.

(Please note: Our next Shabbat services are on December 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. for Shabbat and Chanukah. <http://Ajr.com>)

It's A Wonderful Life 1940's Virtual Radio Show AUDITIONS

There has been a change to the auditions for The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop "It's a Wonderful Life", a 1940's Virtual Radio Show. AUDITIONS WILL ONLY BE DONE VIRTUALLY - Please Contact Harold Tighe, Director, at 845-807-7212 or email him at haroldtighe50@gmail.com to set up a time to audition. Individual auditions can be arranged via zoom.

All actors will be required to demonstrate multiple voice characterizations as all will portray multiple characters. 3 Males and 3 Female actors are needed.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS : SCDW, PO Box 433, South Fallsburg, NY 12779

PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION FOR UPDATES ON OPENINGS

Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>
Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

11/18 Neverink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm
11/21 Time and the Valleys Musuem Chili Take Out - 3 to 5:30 p.m.
11/22 Claryville FD All You Can Eat Breakfast 7 am - noon
11/28 Claryville FD Spaghetti and Meatball Supper 4-8 pm
12/8 Town of Denning Board/Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall

Save the Date!

2020 Virtual Catskills Youth Climate Summit Thursdays, **Oct. 1, 15, 29; Nov. 12, 2020** via Zoom 3:30-5:00 pm Free for students grades 7-12 + advisor. If you have further questions or want to sign up, please contact Jeanne Darling (jmd30@cornell.edu) or call 607-865-6531

Matthew Bertholf's 10th Anniversary Memorial Horseshoe Tournament Sunday, July 11, 2021 Neversink Fire Department Pavilion.

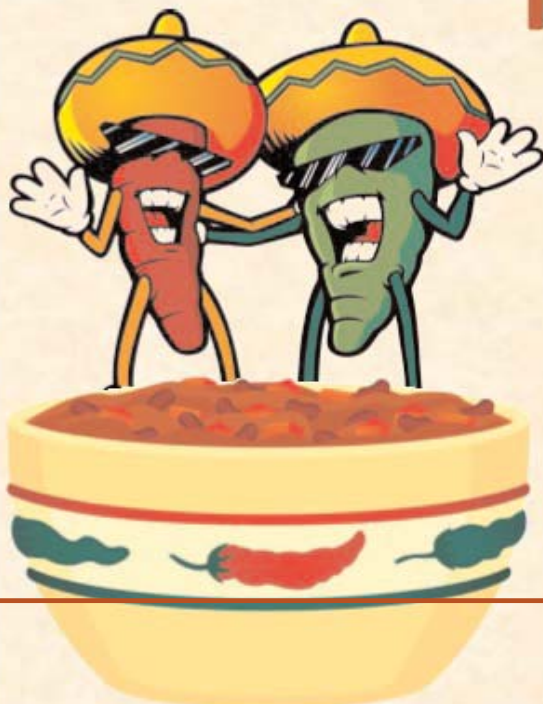
TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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Take the Chill Out
Chili Take
Out

Saturday, Nov 21

3 to 5:30 p.m.

Time and the Valleys Museum parking lot, 332 Main Street
(St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville NY (See Pg. 26 for details)

Gillibrand, Brown, Van Hollen Announce Legislation to Expand Community School Funding

Legislation Would Assist *Schools, Districts* By
Providing Integrated Student Resources And
Bolstering Infrastructure To Support
Community Schools

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand introduced legislation with U.S. Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) to expand community school funding and ensure students, families, and communities have the resources needed for students to thrive. The Full-Service Community School Expansion Act of 2020 would help public k-12 schools serve students, families, and communities by investing more than \$3 billion in public schools to be community hubs and provide integrated student supports, expanded and enriched learning opportunities, collaborative leadership, and family and community engagement - including medical, mental, and nutrition health services, mentoring and youth development programs, and continuing education courses. Currently, the Full-Service Community Schools grant program is funded at just \$17.5 million and does not have adequate funding to serve New York school districts in need of resources to establish community schools or support those already established. The Full-Service Community School Expansion Act of 2020 would deliver essential resources for school districts to plan for, implement, and expand community schools in New York State and across the country. It would also further develop the infrastructure to support them.

“For far too many students in low-income and underserved communities, the challenges they face outside of school are carried into the classroom. Unfortunately the public health and economic crises caused by the pandemic have placed an even heavier burden on these students who were already at risk of falling behind, and cash-strapped public schools have had limited funding to provide adequate resources for students and their surrounding communities,” said Senator Gillibrand. “This legislation will deliver critical funding to support the comprehensive needs of students both in and out of the classroom. By investing in our public schools and strengthening connections to the community, we can help close the pervasive learning gaps in our country so that every student - no matter their socioeconomic status or zip code - can access a quality education.”

“The Coalition for Community Schools, including our dozens of national, state, and local partners, are thrilled to support the Full-Service Community Schools Expansion Act of 2020. We were proud to work with Senators Brown, Van Hollen, and Gillibrand, and our community school leaders across the country to shape legislation that reflects the current best practices of community schools and to be bold in an appropriations level that recognizes the high need and demand across the country for this evidence-based strategy. We are grateful for the support and leadership of our Senate champions and look forward to working with them and other members of Congress to champion this significant legislation,” said Jose Munoz, Director, Coalition for Community Schools, Institute for Educational Leadership.

“All children, no matter their race or ethnicity, gender or gender expression, no matter where they come from or where they live, deserve a safe and welcoming school where they can thrive. Community schools play a critical role in delivering tremendous educational opportunities for students while also offering hope, opportunity and transformation to entire communities. The National Education Association commends Senators Sherrod Brown, Chris Van Hollen and Kirsten Gillibrand for their leadership in introducing the Full-Service Community Schools Expansion Act of 2020, which would improve and increase the federal investment in the community schools program. They understand and share in the vision that every student must be prepared to succeed in a diverse and interdependent world, and this federal legislation helps put students on that path,” said Becky Pringle, a sixth grade science teacher who serves as the president of the 3-million-member National Education Association.

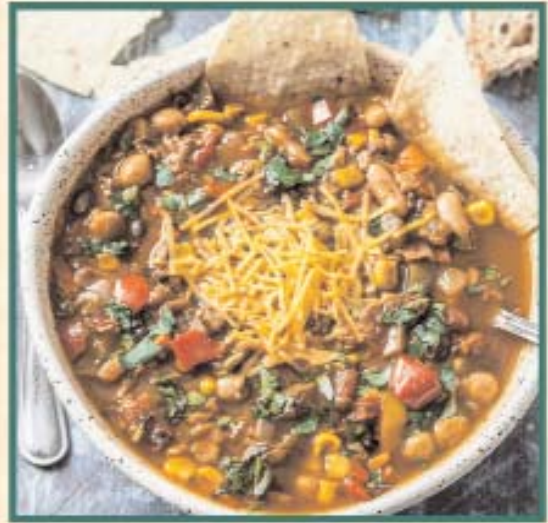
“Community schools recognize that schools can be so much more than where students learn basic instruction-they're a model for how we rethink public education to serve the whole child, support their families, and re-center our schools as places of comity and support. Community schools answer a problem educators have long encountered - that a student, who is hungry or cannot see the board, will struggle to learn, and they allow schools to address needs that are social, emotional, physical, as well as academic. Now in the midst of this pandemic they are more important than ever. By enabling schools to draw on partnerships with nonprofits, local government and businesses in order to help meet a host of student needs, community schools enhance student learning. The Full Service Community Schools Expansion Act of 2020, introduced by Sens. Brown, Gillibrand and Van Hollen would be a game-changer for public education. It will put states and school districts in a position to truly embrace a model that better meets the needs of students, particularly given the new and expanded challenges students are facing in the wake of the pandemic, the recession, and so much more,” said Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers.

Specifically, the Full-Service Community School Expansion Act of 2020 would:

- o Invest \$3.65 billion over the next five years to plan, implement, expand, and support full-service community schools serving low-income students;
- o Provide renewable grant opportunities and additional resources to existing community schools to build collaborative leadership structures and strengthen wraparound services that support the needs of students, families, and neighborhoods.
- o Build out community school infrastructure by funding the establishment of state-level teams that provide professional development opportunities and resources for community school staff, work with schools and local educational agencies (LEAs) to develop and implement restorative justice principles, and collaborate with LEAs on integrating supports for community schools; and
- o Set aside up to 5% of funds for technical assistance and support to leverage federal, state, and local resources that address healthcare and early childhood education, connect LEAs with other statewide institutions, and inform LEAs of funding opportunities.

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Saturday, November 21, 2020

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Governor Cuomo Updates New Yorkers on State's Progress During COVID-19 Pandemic

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today updated New Yorkers on the state's progress during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The positive testing rate in all focus areas under the state's micro-cluster strategy is 3.72 percent, and outside the focus zone areas is 2.23 percent. Within the focus areas, 11,672 test results were reported yesterday, yielding 435 positives. In the remainder of the state, not counting these focus areas, 133,970 test results were reported, yielding 2,993 positives. Full results for tests reported yesterday, the day prior, the current 7-day rolling average, and last two weeks is below:

FOCUS ZONE	10/18-10/24 % Positive	10/25-10/31 % Positive	Current 7-day rolling average	Day Prior (11/6) % Positive	Yesterday (11/7) % Positive
Brooklyn red-zone focus area % positive	4.15%	4.78%	3.33%	4.64%	5.39%
Queens Kew Garden Hills/Forest Hills yellow-zone focus area % positive	2.40%	2.65%	2.96%	3.17%	3.73%
Rockland orange-zone focus area % positive	3.65%	4.08%	2.96%	2.48%	2.43%
Orange yellow-zone focus area % positive	2.64%	2.37%	1.96%	1.04%	1.47%
Broome yellow-zone focus area % positive	6.39%	6.00%	4.13%	3.52%	3.05%
Steuben yellow-zone focus area % positive	4.42%	4.99%	3.21%	3.63%	2.44%
Chemung orange-zone focus area % positive	8.36%	5.52%	6.45%	6.29%	2.95%
Westchester yellow-zone focus area % positive	4.25%	6.23%	7.53%	8.00%	8.33%
All focus area statewide % positive	3.58%	3.57%	3.43%	4.22%	3.72%
Statewide % positive with all focus areas included	1.31%	1.54%	1.95%	2.19%	2.35%
Statewide % positive without all focus areas included	1.06%	1.34%	1.81%	2.01%	2.23%

Sunday's data is summarized briefly below:

- **Patient Hospitalization** - 1,396 (+15)
- **Patients Newly Admitted** - 185
- **Hospital Counties** - 46
- **Number ICU** - 295 (-13)
- **Number ICU with Intubation** - 131 (-7)
- **Total Discharges** - 80,646 (+152)
- **Deaths** - 18
- **Total Deaths** - 25,947

Each region's percentage of positive test results reported over the last three days is as follows:

REGION	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Capital Region	1.7%	1.7%	1.1%
Central New York	2.5%	2.6%	2.6%
Finger Lakes	3.2%	3.2%	3.5%
Long Island	1.9%	2.5%	2.6%
Mid-Hudson	2.5%	2.5%	2.8%
Mohawk Valley	1.2%	1.5%	1.1%
New York City	1.9%	1.8%	2.2%
North Country	1.4%	1.6%	1.7%
Southern Tier	1.0%	1.2%	1.3%
Western New York	3.3%	4.3%	4.8%

Each New York City borough's percentage of positive test results reported over the last three days is as follows:

BOROUGH	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Bronx	2.2%	2.0%	3.2%
Brooklyn	2.0%	1.8%	1.9%
Manhattan	1.0%	1.3%	1.7%
Queens	2.0%	2.1%	2.3%
Staten Island	3.5%	3.0%	2.9%

Of the 529,036 total individuals who tested positive for the virus, the geographic breakdown is as follows:

County	Total Positive	New Positive
Albany	4,049	25
Allegany	469	14
Broome	4,003	21
Cattaraugus	605	6
Cayuga	533	15
Chautauqua	1,114	11
Chemung	2,126	30
Chenango	460	5
Clinton	301	4
Columbia	801	12
Cortland	647	14
Delaware	238	11
Dutchess	5,790	51
Erie	14,988	271
Essex	216	0
Franklin	136	9
Fulton	373	1
Genesee	478	13
Greene	555	3
Hamilton	19	0
Herkimer	447	4
Jefferson	268	6
Lewis	180	7
Livingston	406	4
Madison	652	9
Monroe	8,824	208
Montgomery	296	1
Nassau	51,682	264
Niagara	2,354	41
NYC	271,219	1,391
Oneida	3,082	43
Onondaga	6,491	95
Ontario	822	28
Orange	14,369	68
Orleans	442	8
Oswego	758	24
Otsego	444	2
Putnam	1,948	11
Rensselaer	1,198	14
Rockland	18,910	56
Saratoga	1,541	21
Schenectady	1,716	15
Schoharie	122	1
Schuyler	183	5
Seneca	176	5
St. Lawrence	480	9
Steuben	1,225	25
Suffolk	50,728	259
Sullivan	1,894	3
Tioga	836	13
Tompkins	702	12
Ulster	2,626	19
Warren	483	3
Washington	380	0
Wayne	663	8
Westchester	42,179	225
Wyoming	246	3
Yates	163	2

Yesterday, 18 New Yorkers died due to COVID-19 in New York State, bringing the total to 25,947. A geographic breakdown is as follows, by county of residence:

County	New Deaths
Albany	1
Allegany	1
Bronx	2
Broome	1
Columbia	1
Erie	4
Kings	1
Nassau	1
Onondaga	1
Queens	3
Rockland	1
Westchester	1

Claryville Fire Dept.
1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725



Buffet Style Spaghetti and Meatball Supper

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- Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Salad
- Bread
- Dessert

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*****All customers who are dining in will be required to sign the Covid-19 waiver form and have their temperature taken*****

Saturday, November 28

Serving 4:00 - 8:00 PM

Adults: \$10

Children Ages 5-11: \$6

Under 5 Yrs. Free

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Claryville Fire Dept. 1500

Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725



Buffet Style Pancake Breakfast

The following **BUFFET** options will be served to you by CVFD staff:

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- Pancakes
- French Toast
- Sausage
- Hash brown

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Sunday, November 22

Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$9

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

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DEC Announces New Measures to Help New York Build Stronger and Smarter to Reduce Flood Risk Statewide

Supports New York's Nation-Leading Efforts to Bolster Community and Infrastructure Resilience and Reduce Flood Damage • Measures Will Help Incorporate Smart Growth and Natural Features in Project Designs to Reduce Risk of Flooding and Erosion

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced new measures being deployed by State agencies during project planning to better assess and prevent flooding from sea-level rise, storm surges, and other natural flood causes. With sea-level rise and other impacts of climate change continuing to threaten New York's coastal and inland communities, the new flood-risk management guidance documents and model local laws will be valuable tools to help New York build stronger over the long term and prevent flood damage statewide.

Commissioner Seggos said, "With climate change increasing the risk of flooding statewide, Governor Cuomo, DEC, and our partners are continuing our efforts to protect New York's communities and public investments from flooding hazards. The guidance released today will serve as valuable resources for both State agencies and those municipalities that choose to incorporate the State's flood-risk management guidelines into local planning, and those project designers that recognize the value of using nature-based measures to reduce the risk of flood damage now and into the future."

Much of New York City, Long Island, and the Hudson River are particularly vulnerable to coastal flooding, and communities and infrastructure across the state are located in ever-expanding flood-prone areas. Sea-level rise along New York's coast has averaged 1.2 inches per decade since 1900 and will accelerate to result in permanent inundation as ocean waters warm and glaciers and ice sheets melt. By 2100, projected sea-level rise could result in water levels associated with the current one-percent annual chance coastal flood, the so-called 100-year flood, occurring up to 19 times more often than now. New York has also experienced a dramatic increase in the number of times more than two inches of rain - sufficient to cause flooding in many regions of the state - falls over a 48-hour period. More frequent heavy precipitation will increase the risk of flash floods in urban and hilly areas, and inundate infrastructure, homes, and businesses located in expanding floodplains.

With these significant environmental, economic, and public safety challenges happening now and expected to become more severe in the future, DEC prepared four flood-risk management guidance documents to reduce risk by helping to incorporate proven mitigation methods in project siting and design. DEC's guidance, developed in consultation with the New York State Department of State and experts from numerous other agencies, authorities, universities, and businesses, will direct implementation of the Community Risk and Resiliency Act (CRRRA) and promote the effective use of natural resources and natural processes to reduce risk of flooding.

The CRRRA requires applicants for certain DEC permits and certain State funding programs to demonstrate they have considered sea-level rise, storm surges, and flooding in project designs. The CRRRA also requires DEC to consider these hazards in some facility-siting regulations and amended the Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Policy Act to prohibit State agencies from approving, undertaking, supporting, or funding public infrastructure projects unless the projects are consistent with mitigation of future physical risk from sea-level rise, storm surges, and flooding.

The New York State Department of State also prepared model local laws to increase resilience, which provide guidance on specific measures that localities can take to reduce flood risk by managing development in high-risk areas and preserving natural features like wetlands and dunes that provide protection against flooding. Some of the topics included in the model local laws include: land use and zoning tools, such as overlay zoning districts, development standards and site plan review; wetland and waterway protection measures; floodplain development standards; coastal shoreline protections; and stormwater management. The model local resilience laws were developed by DOS, in consultation with DEC, and other agencies and stakeholders. They were required by the CRRRA which is part of Governor Cuomo's post-Sandy efforts to embed resiliency into state and local policies, programs and permits.

Secretary of State Rossana Rosado said, "Communities across New York State have been devastated by flooding over the past several years. Under the leadership of Governor Cuomo, New York State is working to provide communities with the resources to mitigate the risks from floods. The Department of State is proud to work with DEC and other agency partners to provide the necessary tools for local governments to address these risks, understand their options and achieve greater resiliency."

The guidance documents released today describe how official projections of sea-level rise adopted by DEC, as well as projections of increased riverine flooding, should be incorporated into project design in facility-siting, permitting, and funding programs. Consideration of riverine flooding extends the State's resiliency efforts beyond tidal areas, which is particularly significant given the number of non-tidal communities in New York that have experienced flooding.

The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), signed into law by Governor Cuomo in July 2019, amended the CRRRA to expand the list of State permit programs covered by the law, as well as the scope of climate hazards that must be considered in these permit programs. The four documents released today focus on flood-risk reduction, as required by the CRRRA, and DEC is currently reviewing all permit programs to identify amendments to guidance, regulations, and other measures consistent with the CLCPA that may be necessary to ensure adequate consideration of risks under future climate conditions. New York State's Nation-Leading Climate Plan

Governor Cuomo's nation-leading climate agenda is the most aggressive climate and clean energy initiative in the nation, calling for an orderly and just transition to clean energy that creates jobs and continues fostering a green economy as New York State recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. Enshrined into law through the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, New York is on a path to achieving its mandated goal of a zero-emission electricity sector by 2040, including 70 percent renewable energy generation by 2030, and to reach economy wide carbon neutrality. It builds on New York's unprecedented ramp-up of clean energy including a \$3.9-billion investment in 67 large-scale renewable projects across the state, the creation of more than 150,000 jobs in New York's clean energy sector, a commitment to develop 9,000 megawatts of offshore wind by 2035, and 1,800 percent growth in the distributed solar sector since 2011. Under Governor Cuomo's leadership, New York will build on this progress and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 85 percent from 1990 levels by 2050, while meeting a goal to deliver 40 percent of the benefits of clean energy investments to disadvantaged communities, and advancing progress towards the state's 2025 energy efficiency target of reducing on-site energy consumption by 185 TBtus.

For more information about the CLCPA and the Climate Action Council, visit the Climate Act website.

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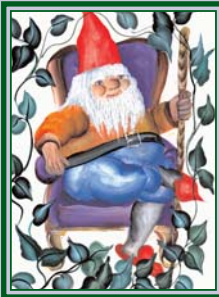


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"KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE & TRIVIA"

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IN
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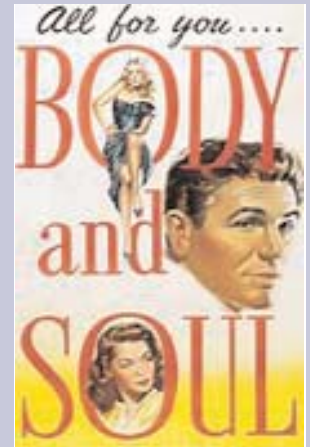
(1h 45m Sports TV-PG, 1947)

Body and Soul is a 1947 American film noir sports drama taking place in New York City. Charley Davis, an honest kid whose mother forbids him from boxing, makes good despite a corrupt fight promoter.

Directed by Robert Rossen and starring John Garfield, Lilli Palmer, Hazel Brooks, Anne Revere, and William Conrad and screenplay by Abraham Polonsky. The film is partly based on the 1939 film *Golden Boy*. Cinematography by James Wong Howe.

The film is considered by some to be one of the best films about boxing. It is also a cautionary tale about the lure of money –and how it can derail even a strong common man in his pursuit of success.

Francis Lyon and Robert Parrish won the Academy Award for Best Film Editing. John Garfield was nominated for Best Actor in a Leading Role, and Abraham Polonsky was nominated for Best Writing, Original Screenplay. The film was voted as the Greatest Boxing Movie Ever in 2014 by the Houston Boxing Hall Of Fame. To get a more fluid camera movement in the boxing ring, cinematographer James Wong Howe filmed the fight while holding the camera and being pushed by an assistant as he wore roller skates. This film was originally supposed to have been a straight biography of three-time boxing champion Barney Ross. But when Ross publicly admitted that he had become a heroin addict from having received morphine to treat his WWII Battle wounds during the studio instead, decided to turn the film into a fictionalized portrayal of Ross's boxing career. Ross sued and won a \$60,000 settlement. An extremely large number of the cast and crew on the film - writer Abraham Polonsky, actors John Garfield, Anne Revere, Lloyd Gough, Canada Lee, Art Smith, Shimen Ruskin, producer Bob Roberts and even, albeit to a lesser extent, cinematographer James Wong Howe - found themselves either blacklisted or greylisted during the HUAC witch hunts of the 1950s, while director Robert Rossen only avoided that fate by naming names.



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STORMY WEATHER

(1943 - 1H 17M - DRAMA - TV-G)

A relationship blossoms between an aspiring dancer, and a popular songstress.

Directed by **ANDREW STONE**
 Starring; **BILL ROBINSON AS BILL WILLIAMSON, LENA HORNE as Selina Rogers, and CAB CALLOWAY as himself. THESE ARE SOME OF THE GREATESTS ENTERTAINERS THAT HAVE EVER LIVED.**



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GILDA

(TV-PG - 1946 - 1hr 50min - Film noir)

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small-time crook-ed gambler Johnny Farrell is saved from a gunman by sinister Ballin Mundson, who later makes Johnny his right-hand man. But their friendship, based on mutual lack of scruples, is strained when Mundson returns from a trip with a wife: the supremely desirable Gilda, whom Johnny once knew and learned to hate.

Directed by **Charles Vidor**, and starring **Rita Hayworth as Gilda, Glenn Ford as Johnny Farrell, George Macready as Ballin Mundson and Joseph Calleia as the detective.**

In this film noir, Rita Hayworth is in her signature role while Glenn Ford is portrayed as a young thug. The film is known for cinematographer **Rudolph Maté's** lush photography that well defined costume designer **Jean Louis's** wardrobe for Hayworth, particularly for the dance numbers, during choreographer **Jack Cole's** staging of "Put the Blame on Mame" and "Amado Mio", sung by **Anita Ellis**.

Over the years Gilda has gained cult classic status. In 2013, the film was selected for preservation in the United States Film Registry by the Library of Congress for being "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant".



**Stay safe, the very best to you and yours,
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