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Remembering a man of many facets – *John Snyder*

John P. Snyder Jr. lived a life that was more than the sum of its parts. A dedicated family, community and businessman, he passed away on Dec. 22 at age 56 after a battle with cancer. He is survived by his loving wife Beth and son Matthew.

John, a resident of Canajoharie, was born on April 28, 1964 in Cooperstown to John and Ruth Lee Snyder of Cherry Valley. He attended Cherry Valley High School and worked at Glensfoot Farm from the age of 14. He attended SUNY Cobleskill before he started working for Lee Newspapers, owned by his uncle, Frederick 'Fred' W. Lee Jr. John began his career by delivering papers published by the company before working his way up through the ranks.

"The year was about 1984 when John stood too close to the *Penny-saver* and got bit by the publishing bug!" Fred Lee

said. "He spent a couple years in the production department where he learned the business from the ad building end. After a couple of years, he was offered a job selling advertising. John proved to be a very hard worker and a great sales representative and was highly respected by his coworkers as well as customers. He was offered sales manager positions along the way on a few of our consumer papers out of Schoharie, Montgomery and Herkimer counties.

"As his uncle, it was a pleasure watching him grow and mature in the publishing business. He will be missed by everyone who knew him."

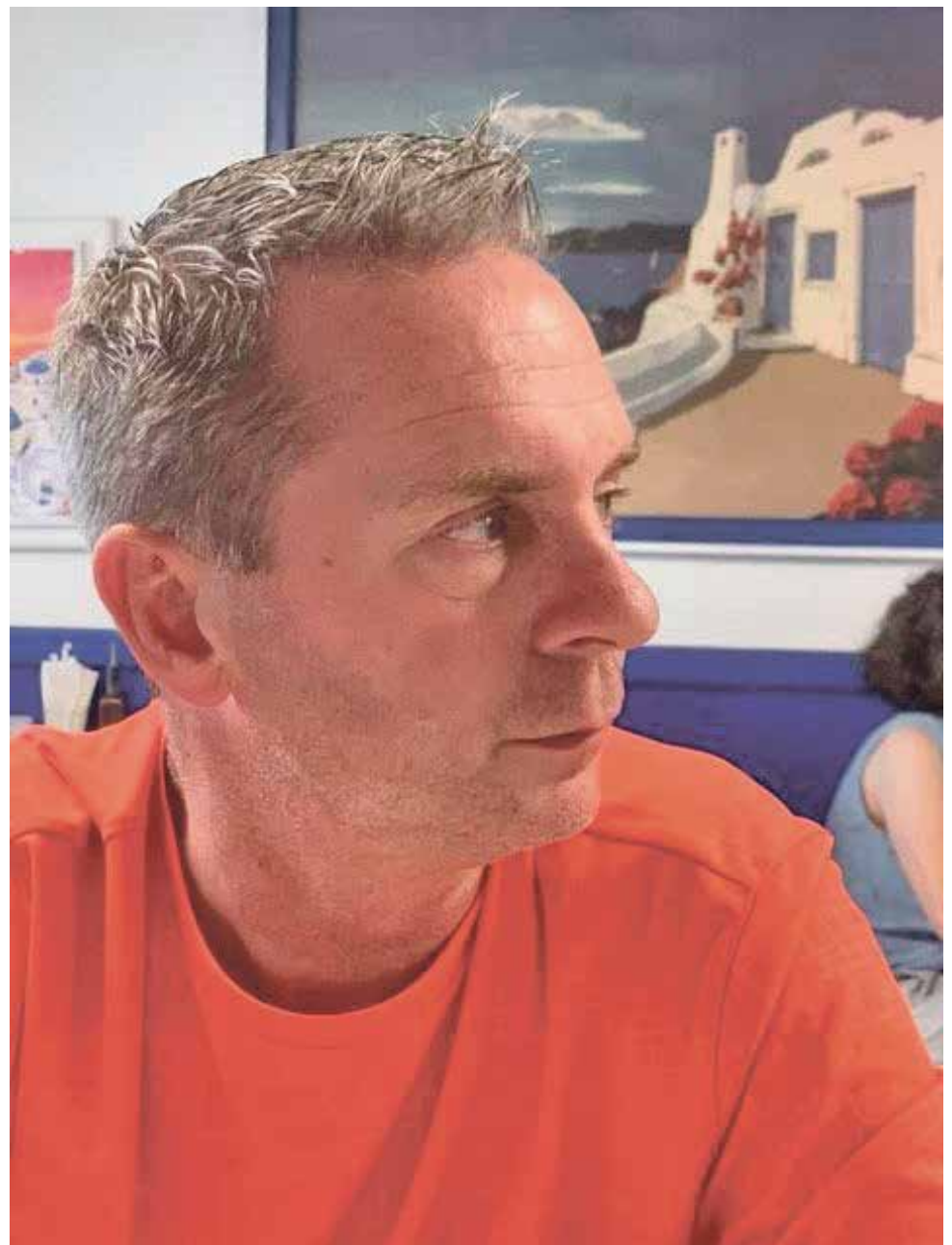
In 1999, John left the family business to take a sales management position at the *Utica Observer-Dispatch*. He then went on to work as sales manager for *Grace Furniture* in Marcy. John returned to the family

business in 2010, where he accepted the position of sales manager for the *Original Valley Pennysaver* and maintained that position until the time of his passing.

"I've known John for more than 20 years but worked more closely with him for the last four or five," said Larry Price, publications director at Lee Newspapers. "As a result, I could see more clearly that he was fully invested in ensuring the success of both of his papers, the two editions of the *Country Editor*. This is where he dedicated all of his energy. He will be missed."

Another coworker – and his niece – Lyndsay Pickel also remembers John fondly. "I had the pleasure of knowing John in several capacities. The first was as an uncle figure. Growing up, John was always willing to play

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LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Village of St. Johnsville, Montgomery County, will hold a general election on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 to fill the following two (2) offices, time and place to be set by the Board of Trustees.

TRUSTEE	4-year term commencing April 5, 2021
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A candidate for office must be a United States citizen, at least eighteen (18) years of age, and a resident of the Village by the day of the election.

Independent nominating Petitions containing at least fifty (50) legally valid signatures must be filed with the Village Clerk during normal business hours no earlier than February 2 or later than 5:00 PM on February 9 for a candidate to secure a ballot position.

Interested persons can obtain nominating petitions at the office of the Village Clerk during normal business hours.

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games with me and carry me around for hours on his shoulders so I could have a better view of the world. The second was as a coworker here at Lee Newspapers. John was a devoted worker and very detail-oriented. I miss seeing him when he would bounce into my office before hitting the road in the morning. He always had some amazing stories to share about his dogs, which we all enjoyed. His customers adored him as well, as we’ve seen an outpouring of support from them after hearing about his passing.

“Lastly, I knew John as a photographer,” she continued. “He photographed my wedding for me and took beautiful shots that I will cherish forever. He’s also done several photo sessions with my boys and always took the time to make sure he captured their wild personalities.”

John was an avid and passionate photographer and had his own business, Boiling Pot Photography. It’s estimated he captured over 10,000 images during his life. He wished for Matthew to take over Boiling Pot Photography, and he passed along his equipment to his son this Christmas. A retrospective of John’s photography is being organized by Beth.

In addition to all that, John served as a trustee and deputy mayor for the Village of Canajoharie. He was an active member of the Canajoharie Volunteer Fire Department for over 20 years, retiring in 2019. For many of those years he served the department as its treasurer. He also held the positions of captain and lieutenant through the years. A candlelit memorial service took place in his honor on Jan. 2 behind the Erie Boulevard firehouse.

A celebration of life will take place later this year. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to help offset medical and funeral expenses. Donations may be made by mailing to Houghtaling and Smith Funeral Home Inc., 20 Otsego St., Canajoharie NY 13317.



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History at Home Winter Series

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site is excited to announce their 2021 Virtual "History at Home" Winter Lecture series. The site will offer free online programs from January to March covering a range of interesting history topics. Links for the programs can be found on Schoharie Crossings NYS Parks webpage, on their Facebook, or by contacting the site.

On Wednesday, Jan. 20 the site will celebrate the birthday of industrialist and contractor, Otis Eddy. The program, Otis Eddy's Aqueduct, will explore Eddy's life and how he came to be a canal contractor for the Schoharie Creek Aqueduct. Discover his connection to Cornell University and more about the current efforts to preserve the aqueduct remnants at

Schoharie Crossing.

Jan. 27 the site will welcome Schenectady Historian Chris Leonard as he discusses the importance of Schenectady's home front 75 years after the end of WWII. Leonard will explore how Schenectady's industrial capabilities helped the Allies defeat Japan and Germany with wartime production and groundbreaking technologies created by the city's twin economic powerhouses, General Electric and the American Locomotive Company.

On March 4, Bill Merchant of the D&H Canal Museum will join Schoharie Crossing for a program about The Black Experience on the D&H Canal. Merchant will discuss the people that worked and traveled on the Delaware and Hudson Canal during its heyday as it conveyed coal from Pennsylvania to New York's Hudson River. An often under-represented segment of canal history, the experiences of black people along this waterway will be examined with documents, images, and anecdotes.

On March 11, Anne Clothier will provide a lecture on the History of Phrenology. While phrenology often merits only a footnote in modern examinations of social and medical history, it played an important role in how people regarded themselves and others during the formative years of the 1840s. Influencing topics as varied as courtship, employment, criminal justice, abolition, medicine, and suffrage, phrenology was intertwined throughout the everyday lives of many. We will also examine the darker sides of the now debunked concepts, exploring how people of color and indigenous populations were further disenfranchised by its teachings. Clothier is Director of Education at the Saratoga County History Center at Brookside Museum in Ballston Spa.

Hudson Valley Community College professor Matthew Zembo will provide a discussion on Feb. 18 titled, "The 34th Regiment of Foot: A British Regiment in the Northern Frontier of the American War of Independence." Zembo will discuss how the regiment operated in a vastly different theater of war than those experi-

enced in Europe, how civilians played a role, and what actions the soldiers engaged in during the fight to put down rebellion in New York.

On March 4, Schoharie Crossing educator David Brooks will present DeWitt's Duel. The life of DeWitt Clinton is an interesting exploration into the politics of early America and New York State. Recognized now as the "Father of the Erie Canal," NYS governor and former mayor of New York City, Clinton had tended to personal and political rivalries to accomplish legislative goals. Join in to discover some of the intrigue, wrangling, and dirty politics that lead ultimately to DeWitt's Duel on the plains of Weehawken, NJ.

To wrap up the series, Audrey Humphrey from Johnson Hall State Historic Site will present an exploration of Sir William Johnson and his connection to Fort Hunter on March 18. Johnson was one of the largest landowners in New York by the mid-18th century and his influence in the Mohawk Valley is evident even to this day. As Superintendent of Indian Affairs, his connection to the Mohawk village of Tionondoroge and congregation at Queen Anne's Chapel influenced the how the American Revolution played out in New York after his death in 1774.

All the programs will begin at 6:30 p.m. and are offered for free via the online platform, WebEx. The links for these programs go live at 6:20 p.m. There are no tickets to purchase and no need to pre-register.

For information about this program series, please call the Visitor Center at 518.829.7516, email SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov, or visit the web page at www.parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/schohariecrossing.

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January 20

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Consumer alert: NYS Division of Consumer Protection reminds consumers of NYS refund policy protections

The Division of Consumer Protection recently reminded consumers that New York State law covers refunds. NY General Business Law §218-a requires stores to clearly post their refund policies. When no refund policy is posted, consumers will have 30 days from the purchase date to receive a full refund or a credit (at the consumer's option), with receipt or any other confirmation given to show that 30 days has not elapsed and as long as the merchandise has not been used or damaged.

"Around the holidays, gift givers and receivers often change their minds," said New York Secretary of State Rossana Rosado, who oversees the Division of Consumer Protection. "It is important New Yorkers understand businesses are required to post their policies and let their customers know their refund options. Whether shopping online or in person this holiday season, I encourage all New Yorkers to check a store's refund policy to be sure you are comfortable with the terms."

A store's refund sign must include the following information (at a minimum):

(a) Whether the store gives refunds and under what circumstances, including:

- on merchandise which had been advertised as "sale" merchandise or marked "as is";
- on merchandise without a proof of purchase;
- at any time or not beyond a point in time specified;
- in cash, or as credit or store credit only; or
- subject to any fees, including a restocking fee, and the dollar or percentage amount of each fee; and

(b) Consumers are entitled to a written copy of the store's refund policy upon request.

Be an informed consumer and follow these savvy holiday shopping tips:

- Ask for a copy of the refund policy.
- Ask if the store imposes a restocking fee for returned merchandise.
- Ask if the merchandise has to be in a certain condition for the return to be accepted.
- Save all receipts for purchases to allow for ease of returns.
- Ask for details about the ad-

vertised rebate.

- Does the store offer rain checks? If yes, find out the terms and when it expires.
- How does the store notify the customer when the product is available?

Consumers having trouble obtaining a store refund are encouraged to file a complaint with the New York State Division of Consumer Protection.

The Division of Consumer Protection provides voluntary mediation, between the consumer and business, when the consumer has been unsuccessful at reaching a resolution on their own. The Consumer Assistance Helpline 1.800.697.1220 is available Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding State Holidays, and consumer complaints can be filed at any time at www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection. To view consumer alerts, consumers can visit dos.ny.gov/about/newsroom.html. The Division can also be reached via Twitter at @NYSConsumer or Facebook at facebook.com/nysconsumer.

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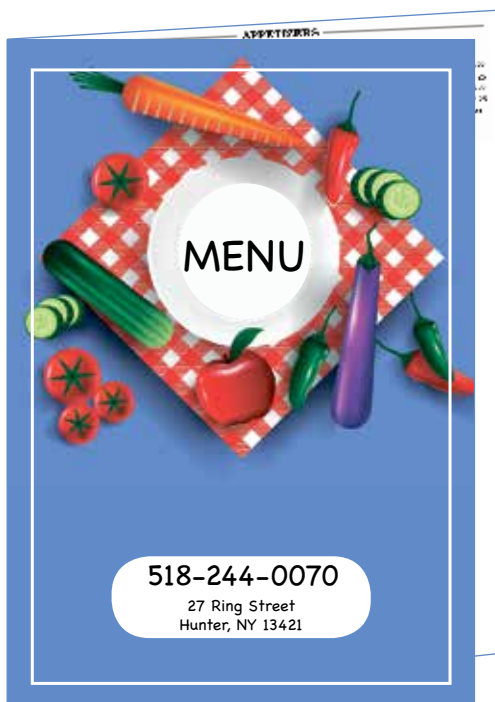
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New Yorkers urged to be aware of COVID-19 scams tied to federal economic impact payments

Scammers using a variety of methods tied to COVID-19 economic impact payments to target consumers

The NYS Division of Consumer Protection (DCP) is alerting consumers about scammers taking advantage of COVID-19 economic stimulus payments. With another round of economic stimulus payments approved by Congress, scammers will be sending phishing emails, texts and phone calls and using social media to try to steal economic impact payments and your

personal information. Consumers are reminded that it's important to stay vigilant and aware of unsolicited communications asking for your personal or private information.

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, scammers have been hard at work trying to steal money from unsuspecting New Yorkers," said Secretary of State Rossana Rosado. "With this latest round

of stimulus funding on its way, I urge all New Yorkers to be extra diligent and follow simple steps to keep your money and personal identity safe."

NYS Commissioner of Taxation and Finance Michael Schmidt said, "We all must remain especially vigilant against scam artists trying to steal this latest round of stimulus funding from New Yorkers. We're sharing valuable information so you can learn how to spot red flags and where to find reliable information so you won't be caught off guard by con artists."

NYS Office of Information Technology Services Chief Information Officer Angelo Riddick said, "New Yorkers are being challenged like never before by a global pandemic, and to make matters worse, we've seen unscrupulous individuals use technology in a desperate and dishonest attempt to scam them out of their own money. Fortunately, New Yorkers can protect themselves against these COVID-related scams if they are armed with the right information. Always be wary of unsolicited phone calls, texts, emails, links or attachments, even if the sender appears to be known. And never send your personal information via email or text."

What You Need to Know About Economic Impact Payments

On Dec. 27, the federal government passed a pandemic relief package. An important component of individual relief, Economic Impact Payments, are being issued to New Yorkers from the IRS.

You don't need to take any action to automatically receive your stimulus payment if you filed a 2018 or 2019 tax return and are eligible or received one of these benefits (unless claiming a qualifying child under age 17):

- Social Security retirement benefits and survivor benefits
- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits and survivor benefits
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits
- Railroad Retirement and survivor benefits
- Veterans Administration compensation (disability, death benefits etc.) or retirement benefits

While most people will receive their payment automatically, if you otherwise have not filed taxes recently, you may need to submit a simple federal tax return to get your check. For more information on the Economic Impact Payments, New Yorkers should visit the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance at tax.ny.gov/press/alerts/stimulus-checks-information.htm.

Below are tips to help keep your economic impact payment and personal information safe from scammers:

- Rely on trusted sites for information. Visit legitimate, government websites for up-to-date, fact-based information about COVID-19. Visit the IRS website directly for the latest information on the economic impact payments. Remember, the government will never call to ask for your Social Security number, bank account or credit card number.

- Delete emails asking you for

personal information to receive an economic stimulus check. Government agencies are not sending unsolicited emails seeking your private information in order to send you money.

- Avoid clicking on links in unsolicited emails and be wary of email attachments.

- Don't provide personal or banking information. Scammers may ask by phone, email, text or social media for verification of personal and/or banking information saying that the information is needed to receive or speed up your economic impact payment.

- Do not agree to sign over your economic impact payment check. Scammers may ask you to sign over your stimulus payment check to them.

- Be wary of bogus checks. Scammers may mail you a bogus check, perhaps in an odd amount, then tell the taxpayer to call a number or verify information online in order to cash it.

- Do not cash unsolicited checks. Scammers use this tactic to get your bank account information, and you will incur fees when the check is found to be insufficient.

- Be aware that scammers are also able to replicate a government agency's name and phone number on caller ID. It's important to remember that the IRS will never ask you for your personal information or threaten your benefits by phone call, email, text or social media.

- Hang up on illegal robocalls. If you receive a call about economic impact payment scams, hang up. Don't press any numbers. The recording might say that pressing a number will let you speak to a live operator or remove you from their call list, but it might lead to more robocalls instead.

- Notify the IRS if you are contacted by a potential scammer. If you receive an unsolicited email, text or social media attempt that appears to be from the IRS or an organization associated with the IRS, like the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System, notify the IRS at phishing@irs.gov.

- Verify a charity's authenticity before making donations. Review the Federal Trade Commission's page on Charity Scams at consumer.ftc.gov/features/how-donate-wisely-and-avoid-charity-scams for more information.

- Review CISA Insights on Risk Management for COVID-19 at cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/20_0318_cisa_insights_coronavirus.pdf for more information.

With assistance from ITS, the Department of Health continues to maintain up-to-date "Stay Cyber Safe" tips and active warnings at coronavirus.health.ny.gov/stay-cyber-safe.

The NYS Division of Consumer Protection serves to educate, assist and empower the state's consumers. For more consumer protection information, call the DCP Helpline at 800.697.1220, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or visit the DCP website at dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection. The division can also be reached via Twitter at @NYSConsumer or Facebook at [facebook.com/nysconsumer](https://www.facebook.com/nysconsumer).

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by Linda Thistle

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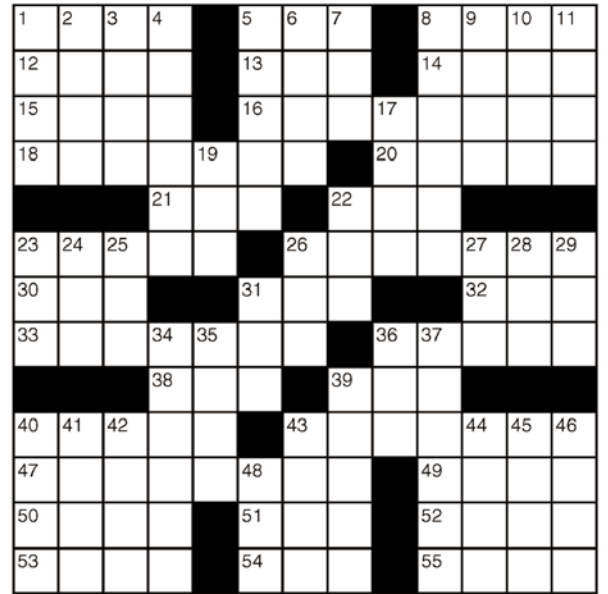
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- 16 Its days are numbered
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- 22 Lass
- 23 Regions
- 26 Volcanic crater
- 30 "Entourage" agent
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- 32 Felon's flight
- 33 Trinidad music
- 36 Fountain drinks
- 38 Fine, at NASA
- 39 Marry
- 40 Dishonor
- 43 Actor Rory
- 47 Squid dish
- 49 Big fair, for short
- 50 "Oops!"
- 51 Drench
- 52 Peruse
- 53 Facts and figures



- 54 Guitar master Paul
- 55 Tolkien creatures
- 11 Towel word
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- 19 Small ammo
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- 23 Efron of "Parkland"
- 24 Man-mouse link
- 25 Zero
- 26 — -Magnon
- 27 Right angle
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- 29 Early hrs.
- 31 Request
- 34 Motorcycle maker
- 35 "The Raven," for one
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- 37 Stick
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- 42 Oodles
- 43 Manitoba tribe
- 44 They can take a yoke
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- 46 Agrees silently
- 48 Piercing tool

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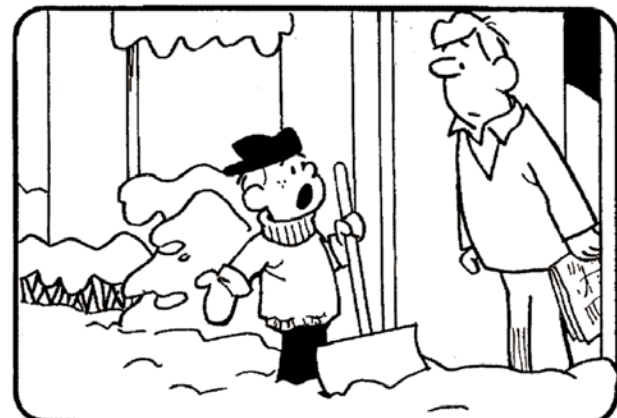


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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Consumer Alert:

The Division of Consumer Protection urges New Yorkers to be aware of COVID-19 vaccination scams

Scammers using a variety of methods tied to COVID-19 vaccines to target consumers and steal personal info

The New York State Division of Consumer Protection (DCP) is alerting consumers about scammers taking advantage of COVID-19 vaccinations to steal personal information. Scammers are using techniques that typically arise with a major global event such as: falsely claiming to be online sellers of the vaccination; sending fake emails and

texts that contain harmful links designed to steal your personal information; and using robocalls to pitch vaccination information. People should be on the lookout for scammers looking to take advantage of public interest surrounding vaccinations.

“The arrival of the COVID-19 vaccination brings along hope for so many of

us, but it also creates new opportunities for unscrupulous scammers to attempt to lure people into unintentionally providing their personal information,” said Secretary of State Rossana Rosado. “As the vaccine is rolled out over the next several months, there are simple steps you can take to avoid COVID-19 vaccine scams that can help protect your hard-earned money and your identity.”

New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker said, “As we begin the monumental and historic task of vaccinating New Yorkers for COVID-19, we must be mindful of following verification protocols that will ensure a safe and effective vaccination process. As Governor Cuomo has announced, the vaccine will be free to receive and should be covered by insurance. New Yorkers can do their part by keeping their personal health information safe and questioning any requests for information that are not affiliated with a trusted health or government entity.”

Trusted information – Vaccinate New York

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo recently launched the Vaccinate New York website to provide New Yorkers with a one-stop location for accurate and up to

date information on the vaccine, safety, distribution priorities and a number of other details. Upon accessing the site, New Yorkers will find not only general information about the vaccine, but also a detailed Frequently Asked Questions section that provides facts about the vaccine’s safety and efficacy. This information is critical to help instill confidence in the vaccine and to educate the public on it. Information on New York’s Clinical Advisory Task Force, which approved the FDA’s decision to move forward with the vaccine for New York, and on New York’s Vaccine Distribution and Implementation Task Force are also available on the website.

New Yorkers can access the website by visiting www.ny.gov/vaccine.

Below are tips to protect yourself from COVID-19 Vaccination Scams:

- **Don’t click on links from sources you don’t know.** It could download a virus onto your computer or device. Make sure the anti-malware and anti-virus software on your computer is up to date.
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Florida's new python-sniffing dogs have first success

by **Brendan Farrington, Associated Press** (AP) — Truman, the python-sniffing black Labrador retriever, recently tracked down his first snake in a new program Florida is using to eradicate the invasive species.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission recently began training Truman and another dog named Eleanor to detect a python's scent and alert handlers when they've come across one. The first success was recently when Truman found an 8-foot Burmese python in the Rocky Glades Public Small Game Hunting Area in Miami-Dade County.

"We've got to stay innovative. We've

got to try new approaches and the detector dogs is just one area where we're doing that," Gil McCrae, the director at the agency's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, told commissioners.

He showed commissioners pictures of the dogs during a virtual meeting, including one with Truman standing behind the massive snake he found.

"They're hard workers, commissioners. They really are very dedicated and you can see that they're very proud and they should be," McCrae said.

Estimated to number between 100,000 and 300,000, pythons have become a threat to the fragile Florida

Pet Pals

Everglades ecosystem as they devour native mammals and birds, disrupting the natural balance of predator and prey. They've been successful at reproducing in the swampy Everglades because they have no predators. Females can lay up to 100 eggs.

Trainers use python-scented towels and live pythons with surgically implanted trackers to teach the dogs to pick up a snake's scent. The dogs were trained for more than a month before going out in the wild, according to the agency's website.

And while Burmese pythons have been known to eat small alligators and small deer, Truman and Eleanor are

trained to stay about three feet away from the reptiles.

The battle to contain the pythons in the Everglades and nearby areas has been a difficult one for Florida, and Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis made increasing eradication efforts a budget priority. He also signed a bill that allows drones to be used to track down the snakes.

McCrae told commissioners that snake hunters hired by the state captured about 6,300 pythons over the last four years. He said nearly 40% of that total was in 2020 alone and credited the governor for the increased attention on the problem.

Pet Pals

Nobody is more passionate about animals than pet owners - and that's why Country Editor is introducing its new Pet Pals section! Every month, we'll be bringing you heartwarming stories, tips, tricks, educational and entertaining news and stories - and photos of your fuzzy friends. We'll share our news with you, and you can share your best snaps of puppies and kitties (and others!). We'll print as many as space will allow.

You'll also learn about local businesses that offer services and necessities so you can pamper your pets. Find out about groomers, trainers and toy providers through Pet Pals!

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Consumer Alert: NYS Division of Consumer Protection informs consumers about warranties and service contracts *Life does not have guarantees, but your warranty should Pay special attention to warranties and service contracts when making large purchases*

As part of its seven-part consumer alert holiday series, the New York State Division of Consumer Protection (DCP) recently informed New Yorkers about the differences between warranties and service contracts to help consumers navigate the marketplace this holiday season. Warranties are included in the price of a purchase and service contracts are a separate cost. Consumers are encouraged to understand what is already covered in the warranty before purchasing a separate service contract.

"Warranties and service contracts are often confused in the marketplace," said New York State Secretary of State Rossana Rosado, who oversees the Division of Consumer Protection. "This holiday season don't overpay for something that may be covered under an existing warranty, and always read the terms and conditions to understand what is covered before you buy."

Warranties

Warranties are legally enforceable assurances about certain parts of a transaction. Ordinarily, the warranty involves representations about the item being purchased. For example, a watchmaker may warrant that his or her watches can withstand submersion underneath one hundred feet of water, or an appliance company warrants their appliances will be covered for defects up to one year after purchase.

Under New York Law, warranties may be made orally or in writing and can even arise by implication without any verbal statement. Proving a warranty was made is always easier with proper documentation.

Service Contracts

Some products, such as automobiles and appliances, may offer a service contract. Although similar to a warranty and often called an "extended warranty," a service contract is not a warranty. Service

contracts are contracts to perform repairs or maintenance on a product. To determine whether you need a service contract, consider the following:

- whether the warranty already covers the repairs and the time period of coverage that you would get under the service contract;
- whether the product is likely to need repairs and the potential costs of such repairs;
- the duration of the service contract; and
- the reputation of the company offering the service contract.

Unlike a warranty, service contracts are not included in the price of the purchase. If a warranty is already provided and covers repairs, you may be paying extra for a largely unnecessary service contract, particularly if the service contract is limited to repair of defects. An express warranty is one that is written in the product warranty, whereas an implied warranty is a legally enforceable promise that something will work as intended.

DCP recommends optimizing product and service warranties with the following tips:

- **Get it in writing.** Request oral warranties in writing before purchasing the product.
- **Check company reviews.** Go online and search for the company name and "warranty complaints" or similar search to see whether consumers face issues with that company's warranties.
- **Read and understand the warranty before you purchase the product.** Typically, companies will post their warranty terms and follow-up information on their company website so you can review them.
- **Save all necessary paperwork such as the original receipt, a copy of the warranty and any maintenance or repair records.** When there are issues, the company will ask for basic information

like model number, serial number and date of purchase.

Use the product according to the specifications – including getting regular maintenance. Comply with all warranty requirements by maintaining and using the product in the manner specified in the warranty paperwork.

If something happens and you need to initiate a warranty:

1. If there is a written warranty, read it first. The terms of your agreement are essential because they are almost always controlling. Even if the warranty has been breached, the remedy for breach may be dramatically altered by contract.

2. Next, contact the warrantor. Write to or call the entity that issued the warranty. Your warranty should list the appropriate contact and that company's mailing address. If mailing, send all letters by certified mail and save copies of the correspondence for future reference.

3. Contact the Division of Consumer Protection and file a complaint. The Division mediates consumer complaints with businesses. If you are unsuccessful getting your warranty claim covered, file a complaint online at dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection.

For additional information on warranties, consult the Federal Trade Commission at tinyurl.com/hdht9b7.

The Consumer Assistance Helpline 1.800.697.1220 is available Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding State Holidays, and consumer complaints can be filed at any time at www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection. To view consumer alerts, consumers can visit dos.ny.gov/about/newsroom.html. The Division can also be reached via Twitter at @NYSConsumer or Facebook at www.facebook.com/nysconsumer.

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ease Control and Prevention (CDC) or experts claiming to have information about the vaccine. For the most up-to-date information about the coronavirus in New York State, visit the New York State Department of Health website.

• **Ignore online offers for vaccinations or emails claiming you can get your vaccine sooner.** If you see ads touting getting your vaccination sooner for COVID-19, ask yourself: is an ad or sales pitch a trusted source of information?

• **Be aware of emails asking for your personal information.** Do

your homework when it comes to sharing your personal information over email. Confirm by calling the sender.

• **Hang up on illegal robocalls.** If you receive a call about scam COVID-19 vaccines, hang up. Don't press any numbers. The recording might say that pressing a number will let you speak to a live operator or remove you from their call list, but it might lead to more robocalls, instead.

For up to date information on COVID-19 and vaccination information, visit the New York State

Department of Health website or call the COVID-19 Hotline at 1.888.364.3065.

The New York State Division of Consumer Protection serves to educate, assist and empower the State's consumers. For more consumer protection information, call the DCP Helpline at 800.697.1220, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or visit the DCP website at www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection. The Division can also be reached via Twitter at @NYSConsumer or Facebook at www.facebook.com/nysconsumer.

Get tested for COPD: Your lungs will thank you

(Family Features) If you're often short of breath during everyday activities, your chest feels tight, or you cough a lot, you may be chalking it up to getting older, having allergies, or being a smoker (now or in the past). Fortunately, there's a way to know whether something more may be at play. Consider getting a lung function test to find out if you have a serious condition called chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD.

Knowing the cause of your cough and breathing problems will not only help you manage your symptoms - it'll help you feel better, too.

COPD includes two main conditions - emphysema and chronic bronchitis.

It's usually caused by cigarette smoking or breathing in other irritants, such as dusts or chemical fumes.

In a small fraction of people, a genetic condition called alpha-1 antitrypsin (AAT) deficiency plays a role in causing COPD.

More than 16 million Americans have been diagnosed with COPD, and millions more have it but don't know it, according to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI).

COPD doesn't have a cure at the moment, but if you seek advice from a health care provider and get diagnosed early, you can slow down this progressive disease.

During your appointment, your provider will talk to you about your symptoms and your medical history, then listen to your breathing. He or she also

may recommend one or more tests to help diagnose COPD.

The main test for COPD is called spirometry. During this test, a technician at your health care provider's office will ask you to sit down and put a clip on your nose, so you can breathe only through your mouth. The technician will then ask you to put your mouth around a mouthpiece, which looks like the mouthpiece on a snorkel. It's con-

nected to a machine that measures how well you breathe. The technician will ask you to take in a deep breath then blow all of your air out as fast as you can. You'll repeat that a few times. It's painless, but it does take some effort.

Your provider will use the test results to determine how healthy your lungs are, if you have COPD and how serious it is, or if asthma or other conditions are causing your symptoms. Spirometry

can also help your provider know if you have COPD before you even have symptoms, so if you're concerned about your lung health, consider getting a spirometry test.

Ask for a lung function test if you:

- Are over age 40
- Are or were a smoker
- Feel out of breath often
- Bring up a lot of mucus when you cough
- Have already been diagnosed with a lung disease
- Have AAT deficiency
- Are concerned about your lung health

Another factor to consider when assessing your lung health is COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus that has spread throughout the world. Unlike COPD, COVID-19 causes abrupt coughing and trouble breathing, so your health care provider may want to test you for it.

If you have a chronic lung disease, such as COPD, and get infected with COVID-19, you are at higher risk of getting very sick. COVID-19 can affect your respiratory tract (nose, throat, lungs), and possibly lead to pneumonia and acute respiratory disease. For more information on COVID-19, visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

NHLBI's "Learn More Breathe Better" program provides free educational resources about COPD, videos on spirometry, and more. Find them at [copd.nhlbi.nih.gov](https://www.copd.nhlbi.nih.gov).

Source: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute



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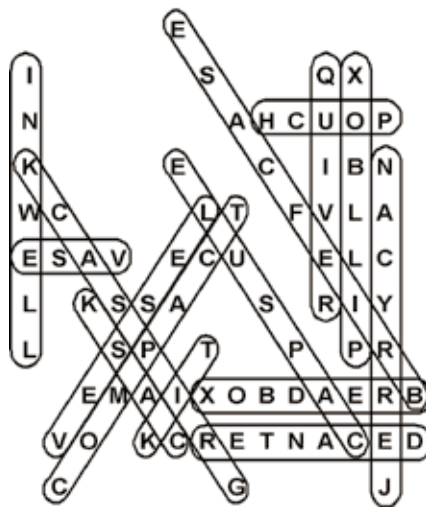
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"I've already made all my New Year's resolutions, Doc ... I'll have to wait 'til next year to lose weight."

The Kitchen Diva

by Angela Shelf Medearis

Take eggs beyond breakfast

Breakfast is my favorite meal of the day, and eggs are

one of my favorite ingredients any time of the day. Eggs are a great way to start your day because they're an almost perfect food. Whole eggs are nutritious and contain almost every nutrient you need to maintain good health, and they keep you feeling full between meals.

One large egg has 13 essential vitamins, minerals and protein — all for 70 calories. While egg whites contain some of the high-quality protein, riboflavin and selenium, most of an egg's beneficial properties are found in the yolk. Here are some vitamins and nutrients:

Vitamin D — critical for bone health and immune function. Eggs are one of the only foods that naturally contain vitamin D.

Lutein and zeaxanthin — antioxidants that are believed to reduce the risk of developing cataracts and slow the progression of age-related macular degeneration, a disease that develops with age and is one of the leading causes of blindness in older adults.

Choline — essential for normal functioning of all cells. Brain development and memory may be enhanced by the choline content of eggs, and the consumption of eggs is particularly important during pregnancy to support healthy brain development of the fetus.

Eggs are not only good for your health, but also good for your wallet. This inexpensive ingredient can be used in a variety of dishes as a source of protein for

breakfast, lunch or dinner.

My Easy Supper Shakshuka is a popular dish with variations served in North Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean. It's also known as Eggs in Purgatory because of the spicy sauce the eggs are cooked in.

This simple, versatile one-pan dish features eggs nestled in a flavorful tomato sauce enhanced with onions, garlic and spices, and sprinkled with Feta cheese. It can be served for breakfast or brunch right out of the pan with toast and breakfast sausage or bacon, or with a salad and crusty garlic bread for lunch or supper.

Easy supper shakshuka:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon red chile flakes or 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper or 1/4 teaspoon hot sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves or cinnamon
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cups prepared marinara sauce
- 2 cups fresh baby spinach
- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 cup feta cheese
- Cilantro, basil or parsley leaves, chopped (optional)

1. In a large skillet over medium heat, add the olive oil, then add the chopped onion, the chile flakes or cayenne pepper or hot sauce, salt, pepper, paprika, cumin and cloves or cinnamon, and cook for 5 minutes, or until the onion becomes soft and translucent. Add the garlic and cook for another 1-2 minutes.

2. Stir in the marinara sauce and turn the heat to high to bring the sauce to a boil. Add the spinach, one handful at a time, and stir it in to wilt it.

3. Turn the heat to low. Using the back of a large spoon, make 4 indentions (wells) in the sauce to place the eggs. Gently crack the eggs in the skillet into the indentions in the tomato sauce and cover the skillet with a lid for 3 to 5 minutes, or until the whites of the eggs are cooked and set.

4. Sprinkle the feta cheese around the eggs and on top of the sauce. Garnish with the cilantro, basil or parsley, if desired, and serve warm with crusty bread or rolls to mop up the sauce. Serves 4.

Angela Shelf Medearis is an award-winning children's author, culinary historian and the author of seven cookbooks. Her new cookbook is "The Kitchen Diva's Diabetic Cookbook." Her website is www.divapro.com. To see how-to videos, recipes and much, much more, Like Angela Shelf Medearis, The Kitchen Diva! on Facebook. Recipes may not be reprinted without permission from Angela Shelf Medearis.

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MLS 202032998: This adorable 3 bedroom Cape style home is nestled in a quiet neighborhood on a large corner lot. It offers hardwood floors throughout the first floor and large windows in the kitchen to let plenty of sunshine in. Upstairs has one bedroom and additional space that would make a great home office, playroom or a second bathroom. The possibilities are endless! **\$159,000**



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MLS 202014470: Electric on property, this could be developed for commercial use or build your home it has enough property to set a house back off the road. Shopping would only be a walk down the road. Possible owner financing town water and sewer can be brought in. Lot goes all the way to the railroad tracks **\$180,000**



MLS 202034707: Nearly an acre of vacant land with a brand new insulated 8x16 cabin with a 8x8 deck. There is a kerosene heater inside the cabin to keep you cozy. There is also a metal 8x10 shed on the property that also has a 8x8 deck. **\$29,900**



MLS 202034382: Sitting on 3.1 acres, this 2-story shell offers endless possibilities! Inside is studs only - the first floor is set to have an open concept. Possible 3-4 bedrooms on the second floor, along with a large bathroom and a loft. The exterior is 90% sided. Yet to have power, water, and sewer. **\$79,999**



MLS 202020887: This unique home use to be the original Firehouse of Ames! Now it is a roomy 4 bedroom house. Eat-in kitchen, living room with a propane fireplace, laundry area and large attached garage. Wrap around deck with a view of the creek. 12x18 shed. **\$79,000**



MLS 202021998: 500ft of road front frontage for you to build your dream home. A great level lot with electric at the road. This treed lot could also be used as great hunting land. **\$79,900**



MLS 201926143: This lovely home located in the Village of Canajoharie has so much character and potential. Remove the carpet downstairs to reveal the original hardwood floors. A large pantry, enclosed porch and a lot of nooks and crannies. Exterior of home is vinyl siding, makes for low maintenance. A spacious home sits on a corner lot and is ready for you to move in and make it your own. **\$115,000**



MLS 202031600: Enjoy this home situated on over 2.2 acres. Large side deck, detached garage and shed. 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Beautiful yard and location. Woodstove and refrigerator excluded. **\$75,900**



MLS 202010898: This home is located on the edge of the village. The home has had many improvements, including Laminate floors in the living room. The yard is surrounded by a privacy fence on three sides, [great yard for kids to play.] With minimal additional fencing this would make it a great place for your dog to run free. **\$88,500**



MLS 202018288: Beautiful renovations have been done to this Victorian home located in Fort Plain. Cherry floors have been installed, original woodwork, stain glass windows, and 2 porches. Formal dining room, livingroom, and a large space for your kitchen. Finishing work needs to be done and installing kitchen and baths. Many materials are there for you to complete. Must see and you will love it! **\$99,000**



MLS 202018377: A nice starter home with many nice features. Hardwood floors, nice woodwork, formal dining and living room. 2 enclosed porches. **\$49,900**



MLS 202110244: Invest in this well maintained home located in the quiet part of the city. Large park like yard with wooded area in the back. Separate utilities. Plenty of parking. Enjoy summer nights relaxing in the gazebo or entertain under the 14 ft X 24 ft carport with patio. All appliances stay. Laundry in both flats. **\$64,900**



MLS 202030263: Great investment opportunity. Fully occupied 2-family home in Gloversville. Each unit has 3 bedrooms. **\$49,000**



MLS 202028653: Solid, reliable income on this 3-unit investment property. Conveniently located steps from the Post Office, Public Library, Eccentric Club and other downtown amenities. Long term, month to month tenants and great property manager. **\$70,000**



MLS 202026665: Owner is willing to hold the mortgage under the following terms. 1/3 money down, payoff in 8 - 10 years. Monthly payment 1,000.00 to 1,200.00 per month. Interest rate at 1% over going rate. Terms MAY BE NEGOTIABLE !! The home has been well maintained. There is a large backyard with plenty of room for kids to play, or to enjoy a evening sitting around a fire on a nice summer or fall night. **\$80,000**



MLS 202024637: Commercial property working 3 bay garage in a busy area. Great business opportunity some or all equipment can be included. Separate building has warehouse space and an unfinished 1BR apartment (1440sq ft) could be owner occupied or rented for additional income. NEED TO SEE priced to sell !!! **\$99,000**

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