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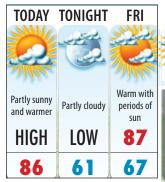
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300 tested at Twin County dinics



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A COVID-19 testing clinic at Columbia-Greene Community College in this May 2020 file photo. Several clinics in Greene and Columbia counties tested nearly 300 people in late May and early June.

By Sarah Trafton

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Nearly 300 people in Greene and Columbia counties were tested for the presence of the coronavirus in May and early June, according to tallies at all the clinics.

The number of active COV-ID-19 cases in Greene County has made a pronounced decline in recent weeks, while Columbia County's active cases remain above 100.

On Wednesday, Greene County Public Health De-

ing home residents. A total of 3,247 Greene County residents have been tested, with 241 positive cases and a 7.4% positive rate.

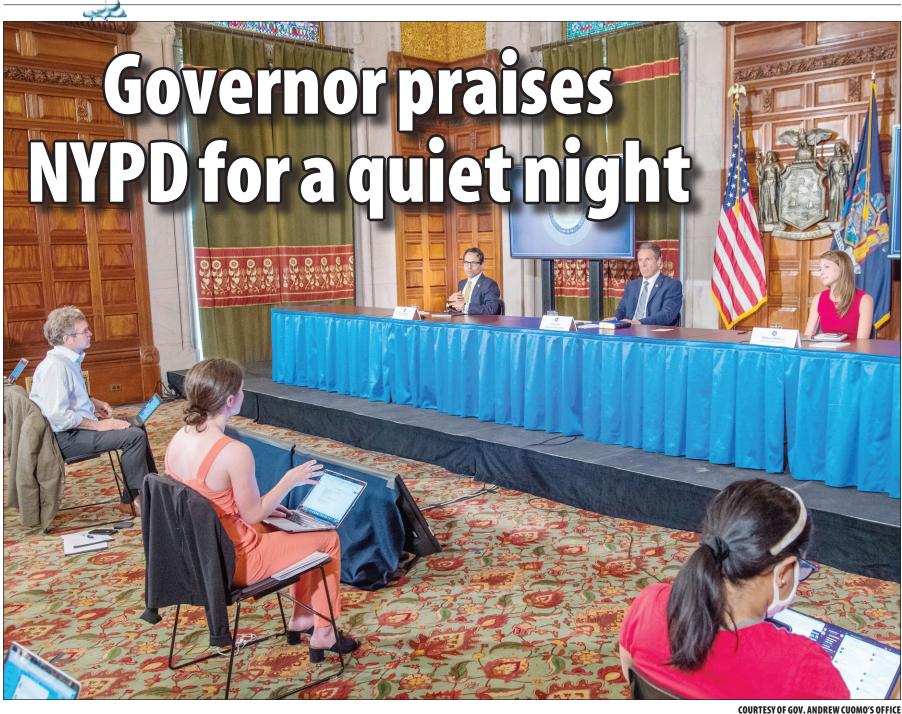
Three weeks ago on May 12, the county had 91 active cases, 26 of which nursing home residents. The percentage of positive results at that time was 12.8%. In three weeks time the county's COVID-related deaths have increased from 14

Columbia County's numpartment reported 30 active bers are also declining but

cases, eight of which are nurs- still remain fairly high, with 116 active cases as of Tuesday, according to the Columbia County Department of Health. Columbia County has received a total of 4,959 test results with 392 confirmed positive cases-- a positive rate of 7.9%. On May 12, the county had 192 active cases and the percentage of positive results was 13%. In the last three weeks, COVID-related deaths have increased from 24 to 34.

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Restaurants can resume outdoor dining with tables spaced 6 feet apart under phase II of the state's four-phase reopening plan amid the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Wednesday during a briefing in the state Capitol.

By Kate Lisa

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ALBANY — Gov. Andrew Cuomo praised New York City police for controlling ongoing nighttime civil and racial unrest, and restaurants can resume outdoor dining in the state's second phase of restarting nonessential businesses amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Peaceful protests, rallies, demonstrations and overnight violent incidents raged across U.S. cities for several days starting late last week after 46-year-old George Floyd died facedown on the street on Memorial Day when a white Minneapolis police officer kneeled on his neck for more that going." than eight minutes.

"The results last night were much, much different from the night before,"

the governor said Wednesday during a pandemic briefing in the state Capitol. The people in New York City should feel much better today. ... Let's remember what we did last night and keep

The governor's praise comes a day after Cuomo slammed New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and the New York Police Department's response to New York City civil unrest, saying the mayor and law enforcement administrators

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Catskill to march in global solidarity

By Sarah Trafton

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CATSKILL — Members of the Catskill community and beyond plan to march to the village police station Thursday in solidarity with protesters across the globe outraged by the death of George Floyd.

The march will begin at 5 p.m. at the Catskill Middle School and proceed over the Black Bridge to the police station, ending at the Greene County Courthouse with prayer. There will be guest speakers at each stop along the route.

The Hudson community held a peaceful protest Sunday afternoon at Promenade Hill

"With the rest of world, we're hurting," Mercedes Brantley, an organizer of the event, said Wednesday. "We couldn't put our phones down. We couldn't turn away from the TV. We couldn't sit in the house and do nothing.'

Brantley, along with five other Catskill residents — Terrika and Teri Spears, Monique and Sylvia Chestnut and Chelsea Ivery — pulled the march together.

"We wanted bring everyone together to stand up with the rest of world," Brantley said. "Divided we fall, together we stand."

The march will be peaceful and nonviolent, Brantley said.

"We want everyone to come together and spread love," she said. "Love is only thing that can take over hate."

The group, which also operates a page called "Enough is Enough" on Facebook, has received a lot of support from the community, Terrika

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FILE PHOTO

Students assemble at Catskill High School for a Martin Luther King Jr. Day observance of his I Have a Dream speech in January 2020. A rally in solidarity with other protesters will be held Thursday in Catskill starting at Catskill Middle School at 5 p.m.



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