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Only 90 minutes from New York City, we are easily accessible to venture out of the city and experience authentic beauty; world-class cuisine; unique inns; and award-winning wineries, breweries and distilleries as well as distinctive attractions such as the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Foster Supply Hospitality, Resorts World Catskills, YO1 Health Resort, Villa Roma Resort and more. We also eagerly anticipate some new hospitality experiences this season: Callicoon Hills; The Hampton Inn; The Chatwal Lodge, a luxury retreat in Bethel, NY; and The Eldred Preserve, which brings along three additional brands - the Bradstan Country Hotel and The Old Homestead Restaurant offering a relaxing health and wellness experience.

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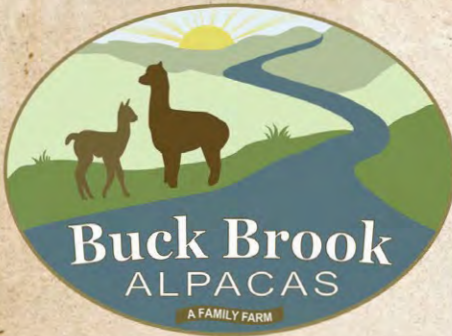
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Lakeside music series returns

by Isabel Braverman

Summers in Kauneonga Lake are simply the best way to relax and unwind, especially on Thursday evenings at the free Bethel Lakeside Music Summer Concert Series.

So, grab your calendars and your lawn chairs and start planning your summer of entertainment.

Bethel Lakeside Music Summer Concert Series kicks off its 5th year on June 24 and runs through September 2 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This 11-week outdoor, musical extravaganza is held every Thursday rain or shine at the Kauneonga Lake Community Park, 3562 State Rte. 55, Kauneonga Lake, NY.

The concerts are for all ages, so bring friends, family, or come alone. Bring your blanket, sit back, relax and enjoy.

This weekly concert series is made possible by Bethel Local Development Corporation, Bethel Council of the Arts, Bethel Business Association, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and generous sponsors.



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Above: Aerial Acoustics' Dorothy Wagner and Dennis Smith

Below: Relax on the lawn and listen to some free, live music this summer in Kauneonga Lake, NY.





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The Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River was designated a National Wild and Scenic River in 1978 and provides clean water, abundant wildlife, and a cultural significance.

The river valley is home to charming towns and villages, making it a great destination for a day trip.

Remember—this is a beautiful and clean natural landscape; let's keep it that way. Carry out what you carry in and leave no trace.

story and photos by Isabel Braverman



The Delaware River offers stunning views and a chance to immerse yourself in nature. While most of the land on the banks of the river is privately owned, there are multiple public access points along the river, like Skinner's Falls (pictured above).



tractors ready for a parade

story by Isabel Braverman
photos by Jeanne Sager

The 25th annual Callicoon Tractor Parade, a favorite event of visitors and locals for many years, is happening this year! After going virtual last summer due to the pandemic, the parade will be held in person this summer on Sunday, June 13 starting at noon on Lower Main Street in the pretty little hamlet of Callicoon (on the river).

After the parade, there will be a BBQ with The Ugly Smoker Pit BBQ at the Delaware Youth Center in Callicoon. Masks must be worn on the Youth Center premises.

Get yourself a collectible Callicoon Tractor Parade T-shirt, designed by Katey Dnistrian. Tickets for the T-shirts and the BBQ will be available for pre-sale and day of while supplies last.

For more information email tractor@delawareyouthcenter.org.

The annual Callicoon Tractor Parade rolls into town on Sunday, June 13.

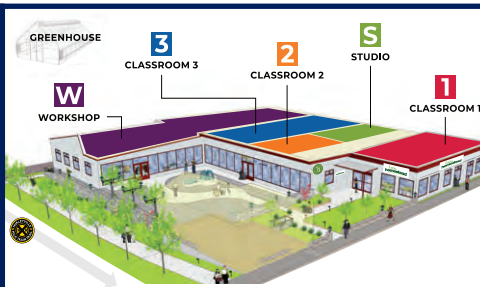


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Bethel Woods is back...



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Carlos Santana

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts has a rich history as the site of the original Woodstock Festival. While the pandemic has put a halt to live performance as we know it, the concert venue will re-open this summer bringing world-class musicians to the stage.

They look forward to welcoming guests back to the beautiful, outdoor campus that has a capacity of over 16,000. Get ready to dance under the stars to your favorite songs.

"The comfort, safety, and well-being of our patrons, artists, volunteers, and staff is our top priority. Stringent protocols have been put into place throughout our offices and buildings to fight the spread of viruses," they said.

All venue protocols will be updated based on guidance from the CDC and New York State. For more information on how they're keeping you safe while enjoying your time, please visit BethelWoodsCenter.org/COVID19.



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Chris Stapleton



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James Taylor



and here's a peek at the lineup

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The Black Crowes Present: Shake Your Money Maker	Saturday, July 10, 2021
An Evening with Chicago and Their Greatest Hits	Tuesday, July 20, 2021
KIDZ BOP	Thursday, August 19, 2021
James Taylor and His All Star Band with Jackson Browne	Saturday, August 21, 2021
Chris Stapleton with Margo Price & Kendell Marvel	Thursday, September 23, 2021
Steely Dan with Steve Winwood	Sunday, July 3, 2022
Santana with Earth, Wind & Fire	Sunday, August 21, 2022



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The Black Crowes

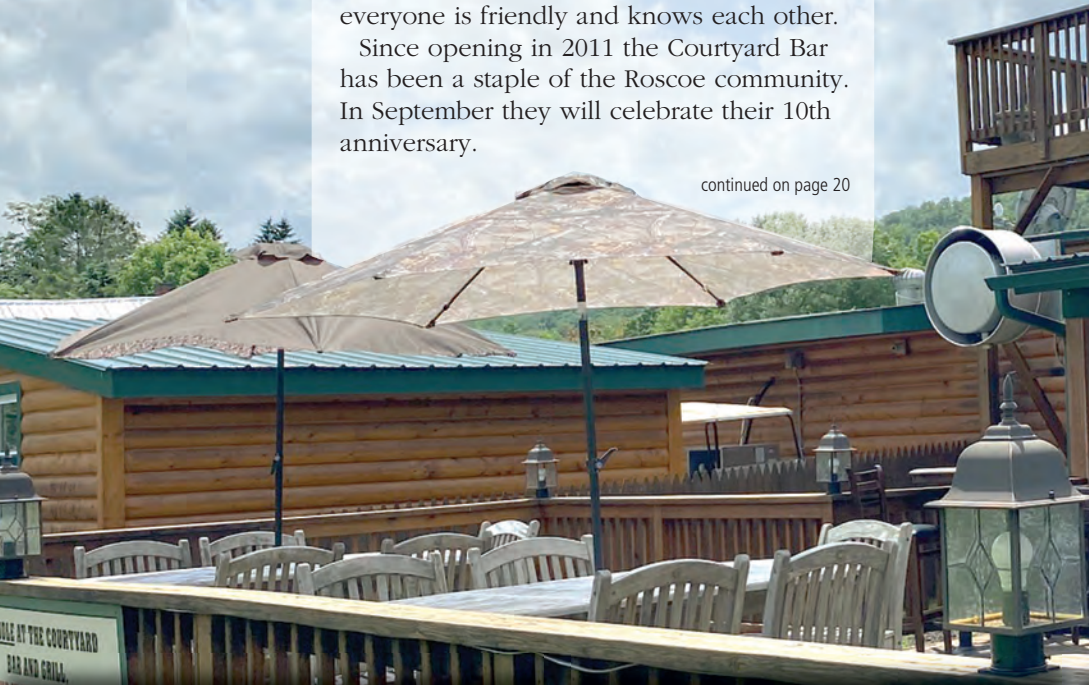
Where everybody knows your name

by Isabel Braverman

The Courtyard Bar's motto is "Good Friends. Good Food. Good Times, and Cold Beer." Owners Courtney and Anthony Derosa say it's a place where everyone is friendly and knows each other.

Since opening in 2011 the Courtyard Bar has been a staple of the Roscoe community. In September they will celebrate their 10th anniversary.

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Above: Lounge on the deck and enjoy the sun at The Courtyard in Roscoe, NY.

Far left: The Courtyard Bar is located right in Roscoe and is a beloved part of the community.

Center: It's all fun and games. Play some pool in the game room at The Courtyard or try your hand at darts.

Left: Dine in and enjoy freshly made meals and a cold drink.



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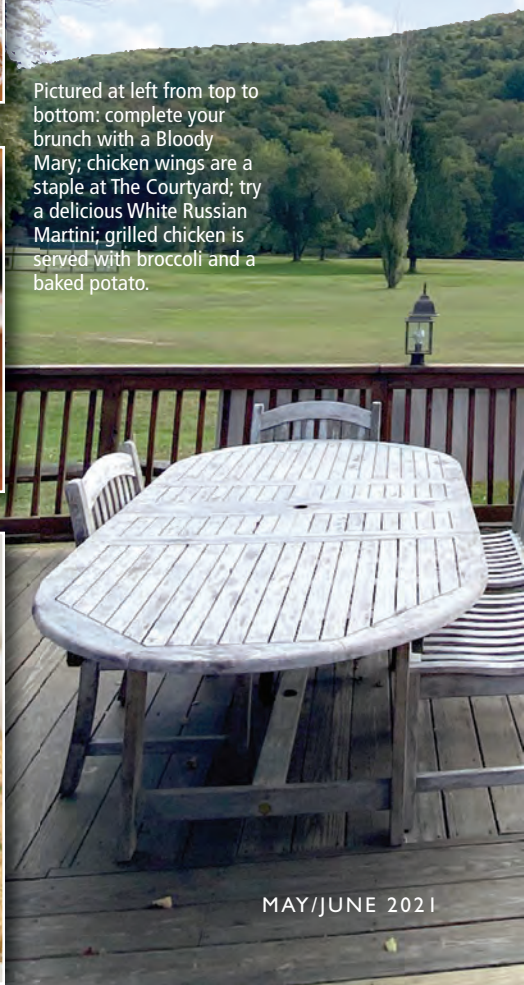
Courtney and Anthony were visiting their friend in Roscoe when they drove past the building, which was the former Fairway Inn. They decided to take a chance and place a bid, and they won it.

They renovated the building from top to bottom adding an outdoor deck and bar and a game room with a pool table, darts and video games with additional seating for dining.

Speaking of dining, the robust menu offers all-American classics like burgers, wings and sandwiches.

All of the meats are made in-

Pictured at left from top to bottom: complete your brunch with a Bloody Mary; chicken wings are a staple at The Courtyard; try a delicious White Russian Martini; grilled chicken is served with broccoli and a baked potato.



house, as well as the homemade soups. There are daily specials and happy hour is offered every day from 4 to 7 p.m.

They're known for their Reuben sandwich with your choice of corned beef or pastrami served on rye with sauerkraut, melted Swiss cheese and Thousand Island dressing.

They also have desserts like chocolate mousse cake, carrot cake and New York cheesecake.

The owners love to give back to the community and frequently hold fundraisers to raise money for people or organizations in need. Every year

they host an anniversary party and donate all of the proceeds.

"It's so homey, everyone is friends," Courtney says of their customers. "It's like Cheers, everybody knows your name."

The Courtyard honors veterans the second Tuesday of every month with having them drink for free.

The entire staff is there to welcome you to the fun and friendly atmosphere.

"I have great staff, they are amazing," Courtney said. "I love them dearly."

Although the pandemic was tough,

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The Courtyard

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they were able to stay open and made it through together.

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with a hippie fashion flair

by Isabel Braverman

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Funky Hippy Chic
Boutique

The Funky Hippy Chic Boutique in Monticello, NY is a world awash with bright colors and unique objects. They have everything from clothing (pictured top right) to woven baskets (bottom right) and meditation bowls. Owner Patti Greco Sunshine (pictured above) welcomes customers to the store with a warm smile and a flair for fashion!



Patti Greco Sunshine's bangles dance gracefully around her wrists like chimes in the wind as she gestures around her beautiful and welcoming shop, The Funky Hippy Chic Boutique.

Wearing a yellow Indian silk shirt, complemented by a custom jean skirt Patti made herself (and the shop has become well known for), it's no surprise that Sunshine is her last name because that's the same kind of warmth and color Patti and her boutique radiate.

Located in Monticello, on the same homestead property her family has owned and lived on for four generations, this is most definitely her "happy place."

As soon as you walk in the door, your senses are instantly stimulated as you take in the colors on the walls, the vibrant clothing, the smell of incense and the warm and welcoming décor. You can never see it all in just one visit.



Isabel Braverman photos

The Funky Hippy Chic Boutique is filled with treasures from around the globe. Unique and carefully curated ethnic clothing and goods from India, Africa, Thailand, Mexico, Bali and Nepal draw you near. You will also find one-of-a-kind handmade items like Joshua's Trees wood art, made from salvaged trees and transformed into Menorahs, centerpieces and lamps.

The boutique was born out of Patti's love of fashion cultivated while traveling the globe as a singer/entertainer. "When I worked on the cruise ships," Patti said, "passengers were always interested in what I was wearing and how I put myself together. Many of my clothes, especially stage clothing,

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were designed and sewn by my mother. She would always tell me, 'You don't want to see yourself coming and going!'"

Well, you certainly will not if you shop at The Funky Hippy Chic

Boutique. Even the jew-

You'll find funky-patterned clothes at The Funky Hippy Chic Boutique (pictured below) as well as items from around the world (pictured at left).

elry Patti wore on stage were creations made while on the ships, filling the time between shows. "It soon became a fun 'side hustle' when passengers started asking for pieces. People would buy them right off my ears!" she said.

Patti is a chip off the old block here, designing and sewing items for her boutique just as her mom designed and made Patti's clothes and stage gowns. In her shop, she offers skirts made from a pair of jeans with luxurious materials, like silk, sewn into them.

The first skirt was made accidentally when she took a pair of groovy harem pants home from the boutique and came back the next day with her version of the "hippy chick" jean skirt, with a free-flowing middle section that made it comfortable to wear.

A customer saw it and asked where it came from. After telling them that she made it herself, the skirts became a signature item for the boutique and continues to be a hit with her clientele in search of something different.

You will find these as well as groovy jeans, custom Dashikis, angel sleeve wrap tops, and scarves that she designs and sews as well as complementing jewelry.

"It's about the color, the fabric and your confidence wearing it," she extolled.

"If you put on something that is beautiful, colorful, comfortable, and has a groovy vibe, you're gonna feel good - you can't help





photos courtesy of Funky Hippy Chic Boutique

The Funky Hippy Chic Boutique has a variety of jewelry from colorful beads (pictured at left) to sterling silver. The colorful atmosphere makes for a fun visit.



it,” she said. “And if you look good, you feel good!”

Anyone can come to the boutique and get a slice of the hippy chick style. Patti loves to help her customers find their style by helping them mix and match, at the same time, making it their own. The Funky Hippy Chic Boutique is so much more than just a store—it is an experience! Check out all the colorful and unique offerings like African, Indian, and Thai textiles, colorful and comfortable clothing, ethnic jewelry and home goodies. The Artisan Walk pop up sidewalk sale starts May 8, and goes every other Saturday through October with soaps, crafts, art, live music and Angel card readings. In addition, during the summer they have free movies under the stars on Friday nights at dusk, Yoga and meditation classes, and new this season, visit the ‘Funky Little Shack’ with antiques and other cool finds. Stop by and feel the warmth.

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CALENDAR

MAY/JUNE 2021

Sunday, May 16

WSPL Take & Make: Craft Yourself a Birds Nest.

May 16 - 22. All of our kits are free for children under 10 and available for contactless pick-up at each branch while supplies last. Please sign up by Sunday so we can have your packet ready for you, wsplonline.org.

Monday, May 17

10th Annual Wallace Berkowitz Cup Shotgun

Start, Lunch at the Turn, Cocktails, Reception, Awards & Raffles. Enter to win a custom PING Golf Set valued at up to \$3,000! All proceeds benefit the NHC Foundation, which benefits & enhances the lives of people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. West Hills Country Club, 121 Golf Links Rd., Middletown. To find out how you can register to golf in the outing, participate in the raffle or provide support as a sponsor, visit newhopecommunity.org/2021golf/ or call us at (845) 434-8300.

Thursday, May 20

WSPL Virtual Storytime 10:30 a.m. We'll read together, sing songs, learn age-old rhymes, participate in felt board type activities, craft and play with our friends! This program is intended for ages 2-5, but all are welcome. We'll meet via Zoom - please register for link at WSPLonline.org.

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p.m. Psychic Cyndee presents 'Opening the Door to the Other Side-What Happens When a Person Crosses Over'. Psychic Cyndee is a full - trance medium and a clairvoyant who communicates with both spirits and spirit guides. In this presentation Cyndee will explore and discuss questions that people have when a person crosses over and when a loved one wants to channel the person who has crossed over. Registration is limited to 50 participants. Go to ebcpl.org and then click on May 2021 Adult Calendar. This program will also be presented on YouTube Live.

Saturday, May 22

Basic Chicken Keeping 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Join

Kristin White, aka Chicken Librarian, on her homestead for a full day intensive about chicken keeping. You will learn everything from where to get your chicks, raising them in a brooder, coop set up, food and water requirements and more. Program is offered once per year. Space is limited, and registration is required. Cost is \$150. Location is the Delaware River Club, 1228 Winterdale Rd, Starlight, PA. Visit chickenlibrarian.com, email chickensnandthelibrarian@gmail.com, or call (607) 760-5271 for more info or to register.

2nd annual Take Out (contactless!) Chicken Barbeque Fundraiser 4 - 6:30 p.m.

The BBQ includes Murray's Chicken, BBQ'd to perfection by the Neversink Fire Department, delicious sides (baked beans, baked potato, corn bread, coleslaw and brownie) by Chef Jaime of Neversink General Store and ice cream from Gillette Creamery. It also includes a trivia booklet for activities to do at home after your delicious BBQ. Enjoy a delicious dinner, support the Museum and never leave your car! Time and the Valleys Museum parking lot, 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville.

HPAC presents 'David Driver & The Riot Squad' 6

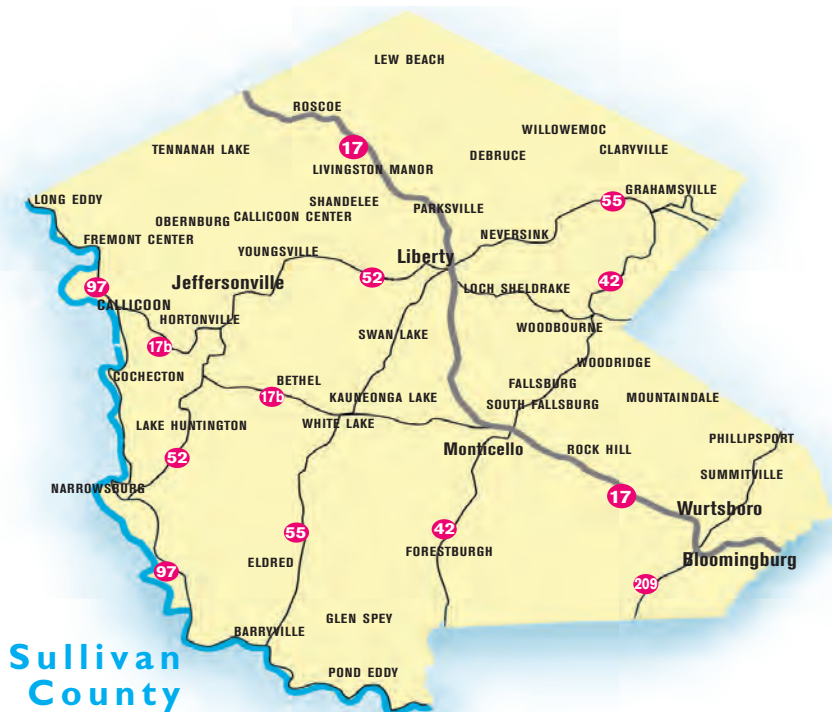
p.m. \$5.00 with 1 Drink or Appetizer purchase. Musician/Producer David Driver presents "A Stonewall Starter : Hits & History." This live performance, in advance of a larger-scale concert in 2022 highlights some of the classic material featured in "Songs From The Stonewall Jukebox" (songs that were, as the title suggests, playing at the actual venue when the historic uprising took place), as well as original material from his catalog. For more info and to register visit hurleyvil-leartscentre.org.

Sunday, May 23

WSPL Take & Make: DIY Kaleidoscope. May 23 -

29. All of our kits are free for children under 10 and available for contactless pick-up at each branch while supplies last. Please sign up by Sunday so we can have your packet ready for you, wsplonline.org.





Thursday, May 27

E. B. Crawford Public Library Virtual Program 6 p.m. 'Pure Local Honey', a musical program presented virtually by Deborah Fisher and Paul Kean. Debbie Fisher and Paul Kean will share their original songs from their new release "Pure Local Honey". The songs are about, love, humanity, culture and the demise of the family farm, for example. They will take turns performing each other songs and backing each other on them. Registration is limited to 100 people. Go to ebcpl.org and then click on May 2021 Adult Calendar. This program will also be presented on YouTube Live.

Saturday, May 29

Artist Koki Doktori Open Studio. 4 - 7 p.m. Each Image in Doktori's work is independent signifying emotional temperament and state of mind. Refreshments will be served. Located at 7 Hastings Drive in Grahamsville. For info contact Koki Doktori: 917-657-2461, www.kokidoktori.com.

Sunday, May 30

WSPL Take & Make: Silly funny Magnets. May 30 - June 5. All of our kits are free for children under 10 and available for contactless pick-up at each branch while supplies last. Please sign up by Sunday so we can have your packet ready for you, wsplonline.org.

Artist Koki Doktori Open Studio. 1 - 4 p.m. Each Image in Doktori's work is independent signifying emotional temperament and state of mind. Refreshments will be served. Located at 7 Hastings Drive in Grahamsville. For info contact Koki Doktori: 917-657-2461, www.kokidoktori.com.

Wednesday, June 2

Family Caregiver Support Group: Weekly Wednesday Meetings 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Family caregivers are welcome to join a weekly support group providing a safe, non-judgmental environment in which caregivers can talk openly with each other about their issues and concerns. The weekly Zoom meetings are held Wednesdays at 6:30pm and caregivers need to register in advance and they will then be able to attend all future meetings. Caregivers may join in either by phone or by computer. For more info and future dates visit sullivancc.org/events. Registration is required.

Thursday, June 3

Online Meditation Class for Beginners 7 - 8 p.m. Held every Thursday. Guided meditations, a short teaching and practical inner tools to apply to your daily life. Connect with an experience of inner peace through meditation. Info: KadampaNewYork.org.

Saturday, June 5

Nature Watch at the South Road Boat Launch. Through Sunday, June 27. Join trained BKAA Nature Watch Volunteers at the South Road boat launch to learn more about the many residents of this amazing wetland. View nesting bald eagles and other birds. Equipped with two powerful spotting scopes and lots of information, volunteers will help you know the Basha Kill a little better. Bring your children, other family members and friends of all ages for some fun in the outdoors! From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm every Saturday and Sunday between April 24 and June 27. Sponsored by the Basha Kill Area Associa-

tion, the watchdog group for this amazing, 2,000 acre wetland full of wildlife and natural beauty. thebashakill.org. Call Kevin Keller at 845-434-6209 or Maryallison Farley at 845-888-0261 for more details.

CFFCM Introduction to Fly Casting with Paul and Gail Gallo 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Members \$35, Non-members \$40. Max of 10 students, min of 4. 2 hr class, registration required. This two hour class is for beginning fly casters who have little experience with fly casting or for those who have been casting for some time but have not had formal instruction. The emphasis will be on developing a sound and effective basic cast which will serve as a reliable and effective fishing cast. The class will take place on the grass. A 5w-6w rod with line of corresponding weight in either a double or weight forward taper with leader will serve. If you don't have your own equipment it will be available at the museum on the day of the class. To register visit cffcm.com/eventscalendar.

Monday, June 7

The Happiness Toolkit – Online Meditation Course Series 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Held every Monday. Engaged in carefully crafted meditations to purposefully nourish the qualities in our mind that lead to happiness and reduce painful thoughts and feelings. Info: KadampaNewYork.org.

Thursday, June 10

Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce First Annual Golf Outing & Networking Event. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Join the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce for their first-ever Golf Outing & "9-Hole Networking" at the Twin Village Golf & Winter Park. Even if you don't play golf come join us for good food, good fun and prizes! Contact the Chamber today at 845-791-4200 or visit us online at catskills.com. Twin Village Golf and Winter Park, 144 Rockland Rd, Roscoe (Across from the Roscoe Brewery).

Friday, June 11

Zoom-based Shabbat at Congregation Agudas Achim 7 p.m. Welcoming all members, non-members, and anyone interested in exploring Reform Judaism to join our Shabbat services that will be held via Zoom Meeting. In order to obtain the Zoom Meeting Room information please contact our president, Judy Siegel, at (845) 798-0783 or email her at jsiegel523@gmail.com. (The Zoom Meeting Room will open a few minutes before the services begin.)

Saturday, June 12

CFFCM Learning Slack Line Casts to Catch More Fish with Paul and Gail Gallo 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Members \$35, Non-members \$40. Max of 6 students, min of 4. 3 hr class, registration required. Slack line is a term used to describe a cast that enables your fly to drift in the water without being dragged by the current. To effectively fish in moving water it is essential to know how to imitate the drift of a natural insect by making a



slack line cast. In this three hour class you will learn the necessary casting techniques for controlling where the slack line is placed on the water as well as the very useful reach mend. The class will take place on the grass with the opportunity to practice the casts on the Willowemoc, water level permitting. A5-6 weight rod with a double taper line of corresponding weight is preferred. If you don't have your own equipment it will be available at the museum on the day of the class. Knowledge of the basic cast is necessary for this class. To register visit cffcm.com/eventscalendar.

Mountaintale Second Saturday's Outdoor Event

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Outdoor Flea + Makers Markets with live music and DJ's every Second Saturday. Visitors are asked to maintain Covid19 guidelines such as wearing masks, using hand sanitizer/washing hands and maintaining distance from others. These events are currently still accepting new vendors! Are you an artist or creator or just have a lot of great items to sell? Anyone who is interested is urged to apply to vend at one or all of these dates for a \$30 per event fee, sign up at www.VisitMountaintale.com.

Thursday, June 17

Wayne County Creative Arts Council Concerts in the Park. Performance starts at 7:30 p.m. Featuring: Lighten Up. The CDC guidelines will be followed with masks required and spacing of family groups in the Park. Visit www.honesdaleparkevents.org for more info. Honesdale's Central Park, Church Street, Honesdale, PA.

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