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Growing pains and gains at the Catskills Food Hub

BY CAROL MONTANA

LIBERTY – Like most businesses and non-profits, the Catskills Food Hub (CFH) continues to face challenges brought about not only by the COVID-19 pandemic, but also because of ordinary business growing pains. At the same time, it's also expanded to serve more customers and more producers.

Growing pains

Mark McLewin, President of the CFH Board, and co-owner of The Neversink General Store, said that one of the issues has been the food delivery method.

"Our initial concept was those plastic containers you see," McLewin said. "Basically you would buy one, and every week just exchange... we hand you a new one that we had cleaned and sterilized."

Because of COVID, even sterilizing became risky, so the CFH switched to cardboard boxes, which, at a dollar each, are surprisingly expensive. Recently, a shift was made to reusable (with sterilization), biodegradable



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The Catskills Food Hub has experienced both achievements and challenges over the past year, according to Board President Mark McLewin. Yet the future holds both promise and opportunity.

plastic bags.

While one of the CFH's goals is to move more product for more farmers, McLewin reported that, "The

producers always feel their oats this time of year because there are many options for them. There are multiple farmers' markets

running, NYC is reopening, so you can get back down to the city. They can feel more independent and less dependent on the Food Hub."

Because the producers can be more selective, they have sometimes changed their minds from week to week.

McLewin gave the example of one producer who has an ill family member, and that of course is much more important than selling product at the Food Hub.

"If that happens at the last moment, and if the product is a high percentage of that week's sale, the CFH may have to scramble to serve our customers by finding other suitable product," McLewin said.

At the same time, the CFH is working to advise the producers as to what sells and what doesn't, McLewin explained.

"We're starting to do what our goal was – to make farming more profitable," McLewin said. "To be able to say, 'there's more demand for x and less demand for y, so why don't you go in that direction, and we'll move it for you.'"

McLewin described this as a process that takes time.

"What we're striving for at the CFH is to be more cohesive as an organism, almost be a single-celled organism that we work together all the

time," he explained.

Because the CFH gets customers' orders before they communicate with the producers, McLewin said they can be very specific and tell the farmers, "This week we need 110 heads of lettuce, next week we need 120. At a farmers' market that same producer is going to have to guess on Friday what they should be cutting... you're not going to waste any product with us..."

The whole point of the Food Hub, McLewin said, is efficiency, hopefully approaching zero waste.

Another challenge the CFH faced was reducing the margin of error in customers' orders. McLewin reported that "a typical mistake ratio in the grocery business, in general, is 6 – 9 percent."

Because they were striving for a "near zero or maybe a one percent error," the board decided to go with a paid staff and an established system.

According to CFH Director Kathy Viskup, "The biggest challenge right now is trying

PLEASE SEE **FOOD**, 3A

State announces major settlement with opioid manufacturers

BY ISABEL BRAVERMAN

NEW YORK — New York Attorney General Letitia James on Tuesday announced an agreement that will deliver up to \$1.1 billion to New York State to combat the ongoing opioid epidemic.

The agreement was reached with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health Inc., and Amerisource Bergen Drug Corporation – three of the nation's largest drug distributors.

The news comes as litigation against other opioid manufacturers and distributors around the world is continuing or has already been settled.

The \$1.1 billion agreement is the largest monetary settlement ever negotiated by James.

It will remove the three distributors from New York's ongoing opioid trial, cur-

rently underway in Suffolk County State Supreme Court.

"For more than two decades, the opioid epidemic has wreaked havoc on countless communities throughout New York and across the rest of the nation, killing hundreds of thousands of our friends and family members and addicting millions more," said Attorney General James in a press release.

According to the press release, the more than \$1 billion will be delivered into New York communities ravaged by opioids for treatment, recovery, and prevention efforts.

"While no amount of money will ever compensate for the millions of addictions, the hundreds of thousands of deaths, or the countless communities decimated by opioids, this money will be vital in preventing any future devastation," stated James.

The opioid epidemic has not only plagued Sullivan County but also the entire country. According to provisional data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 93,000 people in the United States died from a drug overdose in 2020. That figure represents an increase of more than 29 percent compared to 2019.

According to the most recent data from the CDC (2018), Sullivan County has the highest opioid death rate per 100,000 in the state, at a rate of 45.03.

The county has a host of issues related to these numbers, being a rural county with limited transportation,

Fallsburg man drowns in Neversink River

BY ISABEL BRAVERMAN

WOODBOURNE - New York State Police along with members of the Fallsburg Police Department responded to the area of the bridge crossing near Old Falls Road in the Neversink River in the Town of Fallsburg for a report of a drowning on Saturday, July 24 at 4 p.m.

According to State Police, initial investigation revealed that Rene Flores, age 46, from the Town of Fallsburg, jumped from a rock ledge into the river and began to struggle to swim.

Flores was able to make it to a rock but was unable to pull himself up due to the steepness of the rock and the current. A friend of his

jumped in and attempted to assist him but lost sight of Flores as he was swept underwater by the current.

Flores' body was found at 6 p.m. and recovered by the Sullivan County Dive Team.

The Town of Fallsburg issued a statement on its Facebook page: "We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of the drowning

victim and implore our neighbors, again, not to swim in Old Falls. It is dangerous...It is prohibited...and yesterday, it was tragic. Also, a very special thank you to the First Responders, Firefighters, Police Agencies and volunteers that responded... placing themselves in danger to try and save the victim."

Excavator rollover in Wurtsboro injures one man

BY SAMANTHA MONTAGNA

WURTSBORO — On July 21, at around 12:30 p.m., an excavator working for JML Quarries at 154 Dump Rd. in Wurtsboro rolled over leaving the driver trapped and injured inside.

Local fire departments and police arrived on the scene within minutes.

The Wurtsboro Fire Department responded and were assisted by Mamakating EMS, Mobilemedic EMS, the Rock Hill Fire Department and New York State Police.

The Wurtsboro Fire Department worked to free the victim while Rock Hill assisted and ensured a clear and protected area for a helicopter medevac, according to Rock Hill Fire Department's Facebook page.

Police assisted EMS services in providing medical treatment and keeping the injured man calm, according to State Police.

Wurtsboro Fire Chief Dustin Graham said that the excavator slid down an embankment trapping the operator inside.

State Police identified the operator as 54-year-old



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Multiple emergency response agencies worked to free a man trapped inside an overturned excavator in Wurtsboro on Wednesday last week.

Kevin McCombs from Liberty. McCombs is a former chief of the Woodridge Fire Department.

Chief Graham stated that the roof of the excavator was cut out to free McCombs, and he was flown by helicopter to Westchester Medical Center. State Police also said that the cause of the rollover was not yet known.

Chief Graham told the Democrat that he did not know the condition of McCombs as of Thursday

afternoon, but New York State Police reported that McCombs is in stable condition.

The Rock Hill Fire Department's Facebook page praised everyone's ability to work together to help someone in need. The post said, "all agencies worked together seamlessly to remove the patient quickly and safely from the excavator."

In a statement on their own social media account this past weekend, the Woodridge Fire Depart-

ment said, "[Kevin] has undergone surgery. He is now in stable condition but has a very long road to recovery... he is a great man with a huge heart. He never hesitates to do anything for anyone, nor does he ever ask for help."

Woodridge FD said anyone who wishes to make a donation can make it out to: Woodridge Fire Department PO Box 683 Woodridge, NY 12789

In the memo please write Kevin McCombs.

COVID-19 Update

- Current Active Cases: 22; down from 23
- Deaths: 77; same
- In Quarantine: 43; up from 23
- Total Confirmed Cases: 6,708; up from 6,699
- Hospitalized: 0; same
- On Ventilation: 0; same
- First Dose of Vaccine: 37,862; up from 37,702
- Completed Vaccine: 34,420; up from 34,108

These are the latest numbers from Sullivan County Public Health Services as of presstime on Monday, July 26.

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MEETINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 27
Roscoe Central School District, Board of Education Meeting, 4:30 p.m., 6 Academy St., Roscoe.
Liberty Public Library, Regular Meeting, Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., 189 North Main St., Liberty.
Town of Forestburgh, Planning Board, Meeting, 7 p.m., 332 King Rd., Forestburgh.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28
Town of Delaware, Town Board, Special Meeting, 4 p.m., 104 Main St., Hortonville.
Town of Thompson, Planning Board, Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via ZOOM. 4052 Route 42, Monticello.
Wurtsboro Fire District, Work Session, 6:45 p.m., Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., Wurtsboro Firehouse, 99 Sullivan St., Wurtsboro.

Town of Highland, Planning Board, Public Hearing, 7 p.m., Eldred Town Hall, 4 Proctor Rd., Eldred.
Town of Rockland, Zoning Board, Public Hearing, 7 p.m., via ZOOM. 95 Main St., Livingston Manor.
Town of Fremont, Planning Board, Meeting, 7 p.m., via ZOOM, 12 County Road 95, Fremont Center.
Town of Bethel, Town Board, Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 3454 Route 55, White Lake.

THURSDAY, JULY 29
Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless, Annual Board Meeting, 7 p.m., via ZOOM. Email haroldtigh50@gmail.com for ZOOM info.
Town of Cochection, Planning Board, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 74 Smales Rd., Cochection.

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Thompson back to in-person meetings

LED streetlight project to begin soon

STORY AND PHOTO BY PATRICIO ROBAYO

THOMPSON — After a year of holding virtual Zoom meetings, the Town of Thompson held its first in-person hybrid town board meeting on Tuesday, July 20.

After Town Supervisor Bill Rieber Jr. lifted the state of emergency at a previous meeting, the town board has instituted a hybrid model to exist at the town hall for the foreseeable future.

As of now, in an effort to keep people safe, there are a limited number of seats available in the Thompson courtroom, where the town board meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The board will continue with the public participating via Zoom.

"We are following the CDC guidelines, and we haven't had any issues," said Rieber.

The Thompson planning board also wants to implement a hybrid model of allowing the public during

specific meetings, like public hearings, while still providing a virtual option.

Rieber said on allowing the public back to in-person meetings and a year of Zoom meetings, "It's refreshing to see faces."

LED talks begin

The LED streetlight project has started to mobilize this week and will soon convert Thompson's streetlamps to more energy-efficient LED light bulbs.

Recently, the town was awarded a Smart City Grant of up to \$120,000 from the New York Power Authority (NYPA). The Smart Street Lighting NY program was created to help communities convert their streetlights to LED technology. The program has a goal to transform 500,000 streetlights statewide by 2025.

LED lights bring features that do not exist with regular high-pressure sodium street-



Thompson Town Board returns to in-person meetings while still allowing the public to participate virtually.

lamps. With LED lights, the town will control each lamp's brightness and help reduce the cost to operate the lights, as previously reported by the Democrat.

Thompson will have the option to add Wi-Fi nodes on

top of the lamps to help with internet service in some areas, like in the Rock Hill business district.

Thompson Superintendent of Water and Sewer Michael Messenger said it was good that the work was starting be-

cause he knows of around 17 streetlamps that are out.

Rieber said that residents should be aware that if a streetlight is out, they will be replaced soon with the new LED lamps.

"They are coming," he said.



NYS Sheriff's Assn. visit to Sull County

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The New York State Sheriff's Association came to Sullivan County this week to hold its annual summer conference at the Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center in Callicoon. Sheriff Michael Schiff, right, was on hand to welcome active and retired sheriffs, undersheriffs and their families, who traveled from all over New York state to attend. One of the guest speakers at the conference was Kevin Bruen, center, who was recently confirmed as the 17th Superintendent of the New York State Police. Welcoming Bruen to Sullivan County was, from the left, Sullivan County District Attorney Meagan Galligan, Superintendent Kevin Bruen, and Sheriff Mike Schiff.

POLICE NOTES

State Police in Troop F issued 873 tickets during the July 23 weekend

State Police in Troop F issued 873 vehicle and traffic law violation tick-

ets during the July 23 weekend. From 5 p.m. Friday, July 23 through 5 a.m. Monday, July 26, New York State Troopers in Troop F issued tickets for 221 speeding violations, 12 distracted driving violations, 47 seat-belt violations, 134 child restraint violations, 11 move-over violations, and removed 36 impaired motorists from the roadway. State police

also responded to 43 vehicle accidents and one fatal crash. Troop F includes Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, Ulster, and Greene Counties.

Galligan announces sentencing of Orange County man for sexually abusing a child

SULLIVAN COUNTY — Sullivan County District Attorney Meagan K. Galligan announced that Vladimir Archer, 46, of Campbell Hall, was

sentenced in Orange County Court on July 15, to twenty years in state prison with an additional twenty years of post-release supervision for sexually assaulting a child. Archer pled guilty to Course of Sexual Conduct against a Child in the First Degree on April 12, admitting that, between 2011 and 2016, he repeatedly sexually abused a child. As a result of additional information developed during the course of the investigation, Archer also pled guilty to offenses relating to possession of child pornography. Galligan said, "I remain committed to the protection of the most vulnerable members of our commu-



Vladimir Archer

nity, our children, who look to adults for protection and guidance. Those who victimize and violate a child's right to safety and security must be

held accountable. The sentence in this case reflects the heinous nature of these crimes and the life altering impact of these offenses. This lengthy sentence will hopefully bring some measure of protection to our neighbors and closure to those directly affected by this defendant's acts." Galligan's office prosecuted the case as special prosecutor for the Orange County District Attorney's Office. Assistant District Attorney Brian Conaty represented the People at the plea and sentencing. Upon his release from prison, Archer will be required to register as a sex offender pursuant to the New York Sex Offender Registration Act.

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FOOD: Hub looks back on year while looking ahead to future

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to understand the market post COVID. It's nice outside, farmers' markets are open, people have relaxed their social distancing attitudes, people want to travel more, so I'm forever trying to make sure our market stays viable for our customers."

Viskup related that, like other businesses and non-profits, the CFH is labor challenged, and prices for everything are going up.

Licensed nutritionist, CFH Vice President and owner of Sprouting Dreams Farm Eugene Thalman said the Food Hub's "biggest challenge is being able to compete with commodity prices that are flooding the market. You can produce at a much cheaper rate in California than you can in New York. They have a more robust labor force, more stable growing conditions, and a better developed ag sector than ours."

As one of the producers for the CFH, that labor force is currently one of Thalman's major headaches.

"It's hard for me to find help, they're not trained so it's extremely expensive for me to have employees," Thalman said. "People don't recognize the difference between the local produce and what you get at the grocery store. Local is more nutrient dense - the time from field-to-plate is much less. As soon as you cut something, it starts to lose nutrition, and the enzymes diminish."

The gains

With the CFH's struggles also come some significant accomplishments.

"We have a much bigger selection now in product," said McLewin. "We're trying to develop a more well-rounded cart so hopefully you can get maybe 90 to 100 percent of what you need. As opposed to saying I'm going to get vegetables there, and meat there, or bread there. You can say I'm going to get vegetables, meat, bread, lemons, spices, cheese, fresh and dried herbs ..."

He credits Viskup with finding interesting foods.

"There are some really nice cheeses and some nice vegetables," McLewin said. "That's actually the beauty of having a chef at the helm of the Food Hub."

Both McLewin and Viskup point to the expanding pickup locations as a major achievement in both growth and convenience. Current pickup locations are Liberty, Narrowsburg, Livingston Manor, Margaretville and Mamakating, and they're adding Benji & Jakes in Kauneonga Lake.

Customers generally have a two- to four-hour pickup window, depending on the location.

McLewin doesn't consider the pickup expansion as a

growing pain, but rather an exciting development, "because if we're adding locations that means we're expanding business."

One of the positives for the CFH's producers is their independence, McLewin explains.

"We have a portal for every vendor," he said. "Every vendor logs in every week and lists the quantity of what they're selling and the price they want to charge. They're in full control of that part of it... They can treat it as their own business because they have full access."

The greatest triumph for Viskup was her number one priority during the pandemic - to make sure the CFH stayed open. Toward that end she started seeking out winter sustainable products, and had to go looking further south. While the priority remains to keep the produce as local as possible, the necessity of having product at all made the production circle expand, but what's not local is mostly east coast produced, Viskup assured.

"It's a matter of supplementing good quality produce and products that our customers are going to buy. The only producers we had were a very few greenhouses. Nobody knew if we were going to survive. The few things we did maintain here from our local producers, we were able to keep selling... I can't tell you how many producers - micro greens, potatoes, apples, cheese, milk - they were happy we were here for them."

"When we put something on the market and it's not local, we always try to tell you what farm it came from and where it's located," said Viskup. "It matters to some people how local it is."

Food Hub future

Both McLewin and Viskup realize that the non-profit needs to grow. While they're always looking for new pickup locations, they're also reaching out to the community.

"We still need the support of this community, not just the homeowners, but our restaurants, our groceries, our marketplaces," said Viskup. "I'm learning it's easier for larger third-party vendors to buy directly from the producer. But we need them to buy from us. We need to have the support of both our retail and wholesale customers... We are here to grow the economy and we need all the help we can get. Grow the local economy, keep our ag market in business and keep people employed. All that helps to boost the economy."

McLewin explained that a great deal of what the CFH does is a "training thing... this is what a carrot should taste like, because a carrot from the grocery store and a carrot from the yard are very different carrots."

He also wants to become embedded with the school systems to educate children at a young age "what food really could be, or what it is, or what it should be."

As a licensed nutritionist, CFH board member Eugene Thalman agrees about getting local product into schools, but says there's a "gap between what they can afford and what it costs to produce."

School systems must go with the lowest bidder, but want the best product, said Thalman. "Who is paying for our children to eat healthier? It can't be at the farmers' expense."

Thalman is excited about the CFH's future.

"The Food Hub is giving farmers a way to market their food. Helping farmers like myself to expand their business and learn more about production cycles. We're going to be able to expand our agriculture capacity and ability to produce by supplying our local institutions and the greater tri-state area... You can't have a farmer expand capacity without having the market for it."

In order to do that, the CFH needs to get more people buying on any given week. Toward that end,

they've taken out radio ads, newspaper ads and prepared handout-like business cards.

"We need to increase sales by 50 percent," said McLewin.

One change that will be a big incentive toward growing sales is the recent lowering of a minimum retail order to \$35. Or you can get your order delivered by spending \$150.

McLewin summed up the challenges and goals.

"We really need to continue expanding our business... it's about getting more people involved, getting more customers buying more product. And with that we're going to need the producers to keep expanding their lines and making more money."

"We still have not quite achieved the level to at least break even on all the expenses. We're still in need of grants and other money being injected into the system."

"I'd rather this system be self-supportive, and I know it can be. I know there are plenty of us who want good food that's healthy for us, and I know there are plenty of us that want to keep our money as local as possible. That's really the next goal."



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OPIOID: Settlement

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limited access to care and no drug treatment centers.

As recently reported in the Democrat, the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office and Sullivan County's Drug Task Force joined the "Hope Not Handcuffs" Hudson Valley program.

The program, which will begin this fall, aims to bring law enforcement, community organizations and volunteers together to find viable treatment options for

individuals seeking help to reduce dependency with any substance. They are currently looking for volunteers.

Will the county receive any money from the state's settlement? According to Sullivan County Director of Communications Dan Hust, they do know they will be receiving funds, it's just a matter of when and how much.

Further, Hust said, they are also awaiting guidance on what ways they will be permitted to utilize that money.

We will continue to update this story.



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A retrospect of happenings in the daily lives of the people of Sullivan County.

110 YEARS AGO - 1911

Last Thursday a special meeting was held at the Callicoon firehouse for the purpose of voting on the proposition as to whether or not the district would pay the Callicoon Water Co. \$500 per year for the use of the twenty-four hydrants. Twenty votes were cast — eight in favor of the proposition and 12 against. When the result was made known about town it caused considerable consternation among the businessmen, most of whom had not bothered to vote because they thought it would be carried by a large majority. Both sides are deadlocked just at present, the Water Co. claiming that it cannot afford any longer to sell water to the district for fire protection at a rate of \$150, and some of the taxpayers claiming that \$500 is too much. It seems that the only other solution is for the district to borrow the money and purchase the plant at the Water Co.

The firm of Merold & Zimmerman who have conducted the Western House Livery for the past year in Callicoon, has dissolved partnership.

Adam Neumann and wife of Youngville have moved to the Daniel Meyer house on the hill, which, with twenty acres of land, they have leased of the owner, Henry Schaefer. Mr. Neumann has also leased and opened the Schaefer saloon at the four corners. — Record.

According to press dispatches a Mr. Rainre of Los Angeles has recently ascended Mt. McKinley and founded the box containing the records left there by Dr. Cook. He did not bring the tube with him but waited to secure permission from Dr. Cook. He said the papers were in a decayed condition, but still legible.

On last Tuesday, the village of Equinunk was thrown into a state of excitement over a report that Silas Lord had been killed in a fight with Samuel Reed. This serious affair is said to be the result of another attempt on the part of Mrs. Leona Lord to construct a sewer of which she claims is on the line between her lot and the adjoining property of Silas Reed. Reed is a watchmaker who has resided in Equinunk a number of years. His house and shop adjoin the Bleck Hotel. It seems that during the fight, Mr. Reed picked up a hoe and struck Mr. Silas several times on the back of the head. Silas Lord did die Friday night from the injuries received on Tuesday in his fight with Samuel Reed.

William B. McMillen of Monticello has received notice from the Cemetery Commission of the Grand Army of the Republic that in October a monument will be unveiled at Lookout Mountain in honor of the troops who participated in the memorable battle. As the battle occurred on October 29, 1863, the monument will probably be unveiled on the anniversary of the battle. Transportation free will be furnished to 600 of the New York participants of the battle and will include the 143rd Regiment of this county; the members of which were in the thickest of the fight. — Watchman.

Supervisor Curtis has made arrangements with Sheriff Winner, whereby Callicoon will come into possession of one of the cells now being used in the temporary jail at Monticello. As soon as the new county jail is ready for occupancy the cell can be obtained.

On Thursday morning, between two and three o'clock, the large barn on the farm occupied by Fred Schaeffer, at Beechwoods, was totally destroyed by fire.

The post office at Abrahamsville has been discontinued, there being no one in that little village who cared to bother with the office. It went into effect on July 1.

100 YEARS AGO - 1921

Huckleberries are ripe and plentiful. — Bethel Corresp. Fred Stoesser, who fell from a hay wagon a short time ago and broke several ribs, is recovering nicely. — Acidalia Corresp.

Wednesday evening a "Signal" moving van loaded with the household goods of Mrs. Elizabeth Frazier of Brooklyn, was totally burned just beyond George Feigenbutz's on the Obernburg road. The Fraziers purchased a small farm of C.A. Schmeidell at the Basket a couple of weeks ago and were moving on to it. A van also loaded with furniture, was burned on the Bethel highway last week.

The Commissioner of Agriculture has announced that the largest single cheese ever manufactured will be made at Lowville for exhibition at the New York State Fair at Syracuse September 12-17. It will weigh 12 tons and will require 150,000 pounds of milk — the milk from 7,500 cows for one day — for its manufacture.

Next Sunday the Hortonville Rifle Club will hold a shoot-off for the several marksmen who at the prize shoot July 4 tied at 20. The firing will commence at 1:30 p.m. sharp.

Without masks but each armed with a Colt automatic revolver, five highway robbers a few minutes after midnight Sunday night drove up to the entrance of the Ideal House at Kiamesha Lake, near Monticello, entered the dining room with a hundred guests, corralled all and relieved them of money and jewels valued at nearly \$1,000. The holdup, planned and executed in a daring manner, is the boldest in Sullivan County's criminal record. It is branded as banditry by Sheriff Pelton.

90 YEARS AGO - 1931

Otto Hillig is back. And what a homecoming he was accorded yesterday by the largest crowd that has ever gathered in Liberty. At 4 o'clock a parade headed by the West Point Academy Military Band of 78 pieces and Otto's "trans-Atlantic grin" wound through the streets of the town. All civic organizations, the fire department and the police department were in line. Two fife and drum corps from Middletown aided the band in providing marching music.

Otto and Holger Hoiriis were feted at a dinner by the Society of Danes of the United States. Monday night the fliers took in the "Little Show" in New York and Otto had his first trip backstage. He was introduced to Beatrice Lillie and Ernest Truex, headliners of the show.

D. Crowley killed a large rattlesnake last Sunday a few steps from his home in Long Eddy. The snake measured over 40 inches in length and had 11 rattles and a button.

Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt has planned to visit Sullivan County August 28. With him will be his wife and Guernsey T. Cross, his secretary. They will visit the boys' camp near Narrowsburg where the Governor will review the boys. They will go to Middletown where the Governor will inspect the Middletown State Hospital and from there will return to Hyde Park.

The people of Tyler Hill, PA., were suddenly awakened about 11:15 Friday night with the noise and lights from the burning of the large dairy barn owned by Fred Hinaman and purchased from Clarence Fortnam about two months ago. Insurance is said to be about \$5,500 with full coverage on the contents. Twenty-five loads of hay had just been stored that day.

Douglas Frank, for five years connected with the Monticello office of the New York Telephone Co., has been transferred to Callicoon as manager of three central offices in that district. Henry Roemer of Callicoon, for 17 years an employee of the company in the Callicoon,

Jeffersonville and Lake Huntington offices, has been transferred to Monticello.

Three prominent citizens of Callicoon passed away this week: Charles F. Wizemann on July 18, following a brief illness of pleurisy and heart trouble, at the age of 66. He was born in Beechwoods, the son of Gottlieb Wizemann and Louisa Dreher, the seventh in a family of eight children. . . Valentine Hessinger, 66, died at his home at Callicoon Center on July 19 after a long illness of rheumatism. He was a native to that village where he was engaged in the retail merchandise business and was postmaster there for many years. . . Walter K. Robisch, 64, died at his home in Hortonville July 21 after an illness of three weeks. He had spent all of his life in the same house in which he was born. He was the son of John and Fredericka Robisch.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Freda announce the birth of a baby daughter, Rose Mary, on July 14. Mother and daughter are doing well at their Callicoon home.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pollock July 18 in nearby Damascus.

Samples of what is believed to be crude petroleum, found on a Bradley farm owned by John Train, have been submitted to the Cornell Experiment Station by Herman J. Levine of the Ellenville office of the Jewish Agricultural Society. Mr. Levine believes there is a strong possibility that oil has been struck on the farm, which is situated between Liberty and Neversink.

80 YEARS AGO - 1941

Helen Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bury of Fremont Center, and Laurence Maurer were united in marriage at a beautiful ceremony at the Fremont Center M.E. Church on July 20. Miss Elvira Forsblom and Milton Maurer were honor attendants. After a wedding trip to the west coast, the couple will be at home at the Maurer farm, RD 2, Callicoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edson Tegeler of Jeffersonville are the parents of a baby boy born July 21, at the Callicoon Hospital. On Tuesday, July 22, it was a baby girl for Mr. and Mrs. Burton Bogert.

Minisink Flats near the scene of the July 22, 1779, Battle of Minisink, will be the scene of the 1941 Route 97 Day on August 13. This is the third annual event sponsored by the Route 97 Council. Henry Schick, manager of the Hotel Minisink in Port Jervis, has application blanks for the several contests of the day. On this day a new Belle of 97 will be selected. She must be 18 years of age and a resident of any of the eight towns participating in the Route 97 Council.

Mrs. W. Vaughan of Long Eddy has received word from her son, Edwin, stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, that he is well and enjoying life there. He says in part, "We are camping on Wainac Beach and have been firing the 77 mm. guns at moving targets out in the ocean. We fired at night using searchlights. . . I suppose everyone thinks we are going to war but I don't believe that it will ever happen. We have more planes here than I can count. The sky is always full of them. We have 21 of those big bombers, the Flying Fortresses. I have seen another Hawaiian blackout, and I surely know how the people in England feel when they have an air raid. When the alarm is sounded the lights go out all over "the Rock" in about two minutes."

Ernest E. Cole, Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, has sustained the appeal of Charles Becker of Fremont Center and set aside the action of the special meeting held on June 6th designating the Reichmann site as a site for a central school for the Delaware Valley Central School Dis-

trict. It is not yet known what action the Board of Education will take.

At a meeting of the trustees and other officials of the Callicoon Methodist Church held Monday evening, it was decided to remodel the parish house or church hall in order to make it more suitable for the needs of the various organizations interested. The completion of this work which has been undertaken involves an expense of more than \$1,000.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Brockner of Jeffersonville are the parents of a daughter born at the Callicoon Hospital July 16.

Mrs. Jacob Hoehn of Callicoon Center is known throughout this section as a great lover of horticulture and the many beautiful flowers and plants adorning her home and grounds is a sight well worth seeing. An Angel Wing Begonia, 3 years old, stands 8 feet high and three feet wide and has eight large blossoms. A Trout Begonia, two years old, stands four feet high and about five feet wide. An Amaryllis planted last October bloomed at Easter with two flowers the size of Easter lilies. A hurried count by your reporter number 50 geraniums outside the house, including a poinsettia geranium with the flower shaped like that of a poinsettia but much smaller.

The C.W. Mausoleum Company of Uniondale, PA., broke ground recently for the mausoleum which they are building on the top of Point Mountain near Hancock. The \$175,000 structure is being built of marble, stone and bronze. It has been announced that at an early date sound equipment will be erected near the site and Sunday programs of sacred music will be arranged.

70 YEARS AGO - 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence R. Milk of Hortonville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis, to Eugene Hahn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Hahn. No date has been set for the wedding.

The Loomis Hospital which had recently been refused a charter to operate as a public hospital will be opened soon as a private hospital. It is owned and will be operated by Dr. Luther Grant of Liberty. . . Progress in the current subscription campaign to raise \$400,000 for the construction of a completely new and modern Maimonides Hospital in Liberty was noted this week, by Isadore L. Benjamin, president of the hospital.

Relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Frazer of Cochection joined them July 8 in celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Ed is known in several counties, New York and Pennsylvania, as "The Pain King Man."

Operations on the twenty-six miles of tunnel for the New York City reservoir project in Sullivan County are back after the end of the wildcat strike which had tied up the project for 11 days.

The booming by Democrats at a meeting in Monticello last night of County Judge William Deckelman of Jeffersonville for the Supreme Court Justice's post at the November election led to considerable speculation here today that there would be no deal between Democrats and Republicans in the Third District. The deal rumored from time to time has been that the Democrats would endorse a Republican for the post (he probably would be Justice Herbert Hamm of Troy) if the Republicans would create a ninth judgeship in the seven county district. Judge Deckelman, a Democrat, would get the appointment.

Katherine Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Baker, Callicoon, became the bride of Donald Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adams of Hankins, at a July 1 ceremony at the Abrahamsville Methodist Church.

At the Callicoon Hospital, it was a daughter to Mrs. Wm.

Eldridge of Eldred on July 16.

The Village of Wurtsboro at last has its new American LaFrance fire truck which was ordered last October and was supposed to be delivered in February. The 500-gallon capacity pumper is mounted on a two-ton Chevrolet chassis. Cost of the truck was \$8,900 according to Chief C.P. Stanton.

An eighteen-car Centennial exhibition train — containing displays and equipment of 100 years ago and today — will be put on view by the Erie Railroad in Callicoon August 2 from 9:30 to 10:30 and at Cochection from 12:15 to 1:15. Open to the public, the Exhibition train will include an actual 1851 locomotive with its baggage car and coach; a museum car, the biggest and latest Army tank on a flat car, a cut-away display diesel locomotive unit; examples of modern passenger and freight equipment and "Daniel Webster" seated on a flat car. A century ago the Erie completed its original line between Piermont and Dunkirk, N.Y., to become the first rail connection between the Atlantic Ocean and the Great Lakes. One of the distinguished passengers on the inaugural trip was Daniel Webster, the Secretary of State, who rode in a rocking chair bolted to a flat car because he "wanted to enjoy the beautiful scenery through which the railroad passes."

60 YEARS AGO - 1961

Joy Ann Neer of Long Eddy and Winfield Proterow of Sidney Center were united in marriage at St. Patrick's Church in Long Eddy July 15.

The Air Force Commendation Medal was presented to M/Sgt. William T. Ruebman of RD 2, Roscoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. William I. Reubman. Sergeant Ruebman left Japan this month for a new assignment at Andrews AFB in Maryland. He is a thirteen-year-veteran of the Air Force and was cited for the "outstanding manner" in which he "maintained an enviable in-commission rate on aircraft to which he was assigned."

Ronald and Gladys Eldred of Jeffersonville are the new owners of the Dolly Madison Shoppe in Jeffersonville. They purchased the business from Mrs. Mary E. Seibert. Art Wall, one of the biggest money winners in golf, will give a demonstration of golf at the Hillside Inn, Narrowsburg, on Friday. His home is in Honesdale, PA.

At the Callicoon Hospital this week it was a daughter, Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schuman of Lookout, PA.; a son, Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bertsch of Cochection; a daughter, Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. Ward Keesler of Equinunk, PA.; a daughter, Wednesday, to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Noetzel of North Branch; and a son, Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond.

The "Four Corners" cemetery located between Lake Huntington and Cochection, has been cleaned up by Ernest Miller and two helpers. The oldest inscription found on the tombstones was that of Jane Brown, 1782-1827, although there may have been burials there before that time. The next oldest located was Bela E. Brown, 1810-1847. The only veteran's grave located was that of Joseph Camfield, Co. E 56th Reg. N.Y.V., 1842-1861; and Scipio L. Crosby, veteran of Civil War, 1831-1906. Some of the names on the monuments are Keesler, Acres, Crosby, Strong, Brown, Nearing, Knapp, Levi, Bishop, Bull, Cochran and Camfield.

50 YEARS AGO - 1971

July 19 was a red letter day for medicine in the Delaware Valley. Members of the Upper Delaware Ambulance Corps and the Damascus Ambulance Corps assisted in transferring the patients from the Callicoon Hospital

to the new Grover M. Hermann Division of the Sullivan County Community Hospital, two miles south of the village on Route 97.

Willis Reed, captain of the New York Knickerbockers basketball team, will personally present the trophies at the 4th annual Upper Delaware Canoe Regatta on July 25.

J. Bruce Lindsley, 90, of White Sulphur Springs, died July 16, after a long illness. He was well known in Sullivan County and had served as County Clerk at one time. He was a member of the Sullivan County Republican Committee over 55 years. Mr. Lindsley was an auctioneer and had been known for his playing and calling of square dances.

Wedding bells rang for Wendy Ann Krongel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Krongel, Jeffersonville, and Steven Grossman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Grossman of South Fallsburg, at the Jeffersonville synagogue June 27.

At the Liberty-Loomis Hospital, it was a girl, Ann Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. John Kirchner of Liberty, July 9. . . a boy, Gordon Case, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Le Roy of Liberty, July 10. . . a girl, Tammy Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Steffens of North Branch. . . a girl, July 13, Karen Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bendle of Jeffersonville; a boy the same day to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Egner of Jeffersonville.

Miss Ann Pierce of Lake Huntington was chosen queen of the Lake Huntington-Cochection Firemen's Field Day.

Miss Linda Doyle of Long Eddy became the bride of Craig English of Salinas, Calif., on June 26, at Holy Cross Church, Callicoon.

Keith Warfield accepted delivery of the new \$26,000 fire truck for the Equinunk Volunteer Fire Department.

40 YEARS AGO - 1981

United National Bank President Vince Zanetti announced the Grand Opening celebration for the Liberty office will officially begin with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, July 17, on Route 52, Jamesway-ShopRite Mall.

The Liberty Town Board will go ahead with its plans to construct a new sewer system for Briscoe Road and repair the existing lines in Swan Lake. The new district will cost \$185 for the average homeowner. The other 87 percent of the money will come from the state and federal funds.

30 YEARS AGO - 1991

About 80 Conrail workers from different parts of New York State are replacing a total of 34,000 ties along 38 miles of track between Lordville and Narrowsburg. They are being housed in trailers on the sidetrack at Callicoon.

Ralph and Robert Sykes will host the "Down on the Farm Day" on Saturday, August 3. The tour will include a demonstration on the milking of cows, educational and informational exhibits on display of equipment and machinery and light refreshments, served by the Sullivan County Dairy Princess and her court. Also featured in the special section of the **Sullivan County Democrat** was an article on the Brey Egg Farm where it took more than \$40,000 to clean up the debris from a fire last March. The Breyes are putting up a new building. At one time, there were 300 egg farms in Sullivan County. Today there are only two. Brey's Eggs will be using 150 tons of feed per week later this year when they resume full production.

Billie Jo Sedlacek has been chosen to reign as queen of the Livingston Manor Fire Department 100th Anniversary scheduled for July 25-28. The 73rd annual Sullivan County Firemen's Associa-

RAMONA'S RAMBLINGS

RAMONA JAN

Small town emergency

I'm in our local hardware store buying paint when I begin feeling lightheaded. Am I that excited about the color Greenmount Silk or just a Victorian lady about to have a fainting spell? Somehow, I manage to drive home and drop off the paint – and while at it – take my blood pressure. I resent the machine telling me to 'relax'. Such pressure, and the reading is high, causes me to start blacking out. I guess it's time to go to the emergency room.

At Garnet Health Hospital on Route 97, I can't figure out how to get through the doors marked emergency. FYI, there's a button on the right-hand wall. Push it and you'll be simultaneously greeted by wide open doors and a health professional. This time it's a male nurse.

Whenever I'm attended to by a male nurse I wonder why they don't just change the term 'nurse'. It seems so politically incorrect. I always thought it referred to someone who actually 'nurses' a baby but according to Oxford Dictionary: "The verb was originally a contraction of 'nourish', altered under the influence of the noun."

Nouns at it again! Butting in and changing the world. I let go of suggesting alternative terms to the staff at Garnet Health.

Mr. Nurse attaches what looks like a large plastic clothespin to my right index finger. It monitors my heart rate in real time, which I'm told is totally normal – the heartrate, not the clothespin on the finger. Mr. Nurse slips away and another nurse, this time a female, comes in. She hooks me up to an electrocardiogram (EKG) by placing lots of small sticky strips of tape around my chest and on my limbs. A bunch of wires with clips on the ends are then attached to the tape and voila! She gets a more in-depth picture of my heart. It took longer to attach all the clips than to take the reading, but it was painless and, thankfully, the heart was perfect. Blood and urine samples are analyzed. Again, good on all

counts.

"What did you eat before you came here?" Mr. Nurse asks as he reenters the room. "Liver and bone broth," I say.

He just stands there and stares. I'm not sure which part of the answer he doesn't grasp so I repeat what I ate for lunch and then add that I had sardines and chocolate for breakfast. He excuses himself for a moment.

Someone else arrives at the ER with a tick bite. From the other side of the curtain, I hear the attendant describe how to take a tick out without it regurgitating into your blood stream.

When they throw up into your blood that's how you get Lyme's. Therefore, by swirling a cotton ball or Q-Tip dipped in soapy water around their hind end for eternity, they will back out voluntarily. And then you can photo the tick and send the picture or even the actual tick to <https://www.tickcheck.com/> and they'll tell you if it's a Lyme carrying tick or not.

The voice of the tick victim sounds familiar. It's a friend of mine. Seems every time I go to the ER, which is not often, I know the person in the next bed.

Sure enough she comes around the corner and greets me. I invite her into my cubicle. We laugh about being in the ER at the same time.

Her tick is gone and I'm feeling much better just being in the air conditioning and lying in a bed in the middle of the afternoon.

It was a very hot and humid day.

Did I drink enough water? Probably not. I'm still excited about the color Greenmount Silk. And I've got painters already putting it on the walls of my entryway. I can't wait to get home and see their progress.

RAMONA JAN is the Founder and Director of Yarnslingers, a storytelling group that tells tales both fantastic and true. She is also the roving historian for Callicoon, NY and is often seen giving tours around town. You can email her at callicoonwalkingtours@gmail.com.

HIGHLAND

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July 27 - I went last Saturday and donated blood at the American Legion Ambulance Service Blood Drive. As the daughter of a disabled WWII veteran who needed many blood transfusions to stay alive when I was a little kid, donating blood is something I try and do at least twice a year.

It seemed pretty busy with donors when I was at the Town Hall. I got a call at the end of the day from long time Ambulance Service volunteer and the coordinator for the event Michelle Cleary. She told me that they collected twenty-three blood donations (beating their goal of twenty) at the blood drive and each donor got a \$10.00 gift card from Best Buy which was a very pleasant surprise. Congratulations to all the members of the Ambulance Service and a hearty "way-to-go" to all the blood donors! For those who missed it this time, the next blood drive will be held sometime in the Fall.

Pre-pandemic I always enjoyed going to authors' readings, so it was great to see that the Sunshine Hall Free Library is having recently published local children's book author, Elizabeth Moseley, come to the deck of the Library on Friday, August 6th at 6:00p.m. and do a reading from her book "The Garden and the Glen".

Her book project began many years ago as a short bedtime story. Her then young daughters loved hear-



PAULA CAMPBELL | DEMOCRAT

The Town of Highland Clerk Sue Hoffman, rolled up her sleeves and donated blood at last week's American Legion's Ambulance Services Blood Drive. Ms. Hoffman said she is a long-time donor and tries to donate during these blood drives and feels it is an important thing to do for the community.

ing stories before bed and Elizabeth was more than happy to read them her favorite books, but she found great happiness creating original stories for them as well. At the urging of her now grown daughters, she has finally written one of her oft told tales down.

Artist Maggie Green beautifully captures the magic environment of the garden using incredibly detailed soft pastel watercolors, and

DECADES:
Looking back

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tion will hold their parade in Livingston Manor on Saturday to help in the celebration.

20 YEARS AGO - 2001

The Village of Woodridge celebrated its 90th anniversary over the weekend. In addition to the festivities, a special service plaque was presented to Harold Kronenberg, who is currently the Sullivan County Fire Coordinator, for his 50 years of dedicated service to the Woodridge Fire Department.

According to Vice-President for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Jon Gonder, current enrollment at Sullivan County Community College is down 17 percent from last year at this time. The target enrollment for the year is 1,110 and the fall semester is starting in about six weeks.

The Ontario Hose Co. #3 of Liberty is celebrating its centennial this year. The first official meeting of the fire company was held January 15, 1901 for the purpose of electing officers: Temporary Secretary M. Schaefer, temporary Chairman F. Monroe, President W. Randall, Vice President F. Monroe, Secretary H.E. Smith, Treasurer M. Schaefer.

In the Catskill Junior Tour's Fallsview Junior Tournament held at the Nevele Grande Resort July 9, David McDonald of Grahamsville took the boys 9-11 division by winning the first hole of a three-way playoff, while Margaret Norden of Callicoon edged out Meghan Kelley by one stroke to take the girls 15-17 division.

Darin Day of White Sulphur Springs caught a 25-inch, 2 1/2 lb. brown trout while fishing on the Pepacton Reservoir in Downsville.

10 YEARS AGO - 2011

Around 230 proud graduates were thunderously cheered by their even prouder families during Saturday's commencement at Sullivan County Community College.

Roy Howard and Jeryl Abramson's attorney filed court paper contesting the Town of Bethel's demand of \$25,000 from the couple for allegedly violating a consent order banning even the advertising of events on their

The Garden and the Glen holds a powerful message of individuality shining through in a natural and graceful way and the courage it takes to be different in a story of a beautiful blue butterfly who is pushed out of her home in a yellow garden because she doesn't blend in.

The Garden and the Glen is great reading for five- to nine-year-old readers but can be a chapter book for younger beginner readers and has received excellent five-star reviews and was recognized as a Family Favorite Read by the Mom's Choice Award Honoring Excellence and was a 2020 Award Winner of the National Indie Excellence Award (NIEA).

The Sunshine Hall Library has two copies of The Garden and The Glen, and it is available for sale wherever you like to buy your books. Ms. Moseley lives in the Town of Highland and is an experienced fly fisherwoman. So, stop by the Sunshine Hall Library's beautiful deck for this family friendly event on August 6th and meet Ms. Moseley and hear her read from her marvelous book!

It is now the time during the summer season that organizations and churches hold great dinners and BBQ fundraising events which I always support not because I'm some sterling person but because it's an opportunity for some fabulous home-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Monticello HS Class of 1952 reunites

The Monticello High School Class of 1952 held its 69th irregular reunion at Sorella's Restaurant in Kauneonga Lake on Saturday, July 17, and made plans for their 70th, coming next year. We came together three years ago. Pictured, front row, from left to right are Larry Cooper, Bernie Cohen, his wife Carol Glick Cohen, and Harold Diamond. Second row, Bob Buckles, Harold Lipman and his wife Estelle, Leo Glass and Goldie Dobkin Wagner.

Wayne Memorial awarded Four Stars

HONESDALE, PA - Wayne Memorial Hospital earned four out of five stars in the most recent federal government's Overall Hospital Quality Star rating System.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) April 2021 report reflects experiences Medicare beneficiaries have with their health plan and healthcare system. The measures are grouped into five categories: Mortality, Safety of Care, Readmission, Patient Experience and

Timely & Effective Care.

Out of 3,355 hospitals, only 988 received a four-star rating; 455 received a five-star rating. The majority, 1,018 came in at three stars. According to the CMS hospital-compare website, Find Healthcare Providers: Compare Care Near

You | Medicare, Wayne Memorial received the highest number of stars in its service area of Wayne, Pike, Lackawanna and Susquehanna counties.

For more information, visit Overall hospital quality star rating | Provider Data Catalog (cms.gov).

WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR TRAINEE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a trainee position involving on-the-job training to become qualified as an operator of water and wastewater treatment plants. While learning the duties and routines in the operation and maintenance of treatment plants, incumbents will assist in the actual day to day operation of the facility. Work is performed under immediate supervision of a certified operator. Appointment is limited to one year during which time the trainee must satisfactorily complete requirements for appropriate New York State certification for the plants being operated pursuant to the provisions of 10NYCRR Part 5.4 and 6NYCRR Part 650.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: Performs study and reading assignments, observes demonstrations and otherwise learns the techniques of operation and maintenance of a water and wastewater treatment plant;

Learns and assists in the operation and adjustment of pumps, valves, screens and related mechanical equipment;

Learns and assists in the inspection, maintenance and repair of pumps, valves, screens and related mechanical equipment;

Learns and assists in the making of tests to determine chlorine residual; Cleans channels, screens, tanks and other equipment;

Learns and assists in the preparation and maintenance of activity records and reports;

Performs increasingly responsible duties as assigned in the operation and maintenance of a water and wastewater treatment plant.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Familiarity with elementary principles of chemistry and general science; good general intelligence; good knowledge of basic mathematics; working knowledge of safety practices and procedures; mechanical aptitude; ability to learn principles and procedures relating to operation and maintenance of a water and wastewater treatment plant; ability to develop skills in the operation and maintenance of pumps, valves and related mechanical equipment; ability to accurately read scales and gauges; ability to get along well with others; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; dependability; tact and courtesy; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a New York State high school equivalency diploma. Heavy equipment experience and water/sewer license preferred.

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land. Kingston attorney Russell Schindler said he filed an affidavit from Howard testifying that "any planning that was done was incidental to the camping permits." The couple had garnered five camping permits from the township earlier this month, allowing them to host up to 25 campsites on their land.

At its May meeting the Town of Highland Town Board heard about a pending gift of a piece of steel from the World Trade Center, Artifact #100691, to the town from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Supervisor Andrew Boyar had requested the artifact for the town, noting the "many lives here that have been affected by this...many people would like to memorialize friends, relatives, and loved ones properly." A "WTC Task Force" was established to make recommendations to the board concerning the site, design, funding and maintenance for an appropriate memorial of the artifact.

cooked food! The Mohican Lake Rod and Gun Club is sponsoring a pulled pork sandwich take-out dinner. The dinner includes homemade slow cooked pork with BBQ sauce and Carolina sauce on the side, coleslaw, baked beans, and dessert. The dinner will be held at 261 Leers Road in Glen Spey. The takeout drive thru dinner will be held on Saturday, August 21 from 4-6:00p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased by calling (845) 701-3578 or by messaging Mohican Rod and Gun Club on Facebook. Better hurry, this event will sell out for sure!

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EDITORIAL

Businesses still struggling

Our Friday, July 16 edition of the **Democrat** included a front page article entitled “Reopening readjustment causes woe.”

The article explores how certain programs for small businesses that were instituted during the pandemic suddenly ended, leaving businesses who had finally adjusted to extraordinary circumstances to suddenly adjust back.

Many businesses, particularly popular bars, restaurants and distilleries, were benefiting from a state-sanctioned “cocktail-to-go” program and online direct-to-consumer sales.

During the pandemic, Governor Cuomo’s executive orders allowed local distilleries and manufacturers to sell their products online and reach a larger market across the state. As the article stated, this direct to consumer approach is common

“Our local businesses are left reeling from readjustment whiplash.”

for wineries and retailers, but was a new method for small batch manufacturers as they were previously not allowed to utilize it.

These programs helped these businesses to stay afloat during the pandemic when in-person dining all

but ceased to exist and people were told to limit their contact with others.

The executive orders were originally meant to be in place through July 5th and instead expired early on June 25th with little warning, giving many businesses less than 24 hours to adjust their business model right before the July 4th weekend when many people were visiting Sullivan County.

We feel it is important to reinstate some of these revenue creating programs since many businesses are still struggling to find employees and many people are still hesitant to dine out. Not to mention that this pandemic is far from over. The spread of new variants and the reluctance by many to get vaccinated ensures that we will be living with this virus for some time yet.

There is bipartisan support for the continuation of these programs from numerous elected officials. With broad bipartisan support, however, it’s disappointing that nothing could have been done before the end of this most recent legislative session to extend these programs.

Instead our local businesses are left reeling from readjustment whiplash.

They have to change their business models once again based on a seemingly arbitrary deadline from the state.

We’d urge our elected officials to revisit the issue as soon as possible. In the meantime, we can support all of our local restaurants and small businesses by shopping local and keeping more of our hard earned dollars in Sullivan County where they can do the most good.



The Best of Nellie

Reprinted from July 27, 1950

No more do the clouds of war threaten us than the vultures appear and start their hoarding. It doesn’t matter that we are assured by radio, by newspaper and every other means, that there is no shortage for the American household. The hoarders are going to have their share and several other’s share. We had them in the last war, people who thought only of themselves, selfish to the core.

The instinct of self-preservation is strong in all of us but there should also be a little feeling of brotherly love. Somehow the fruits of hoarding would turn sour in our mouths if we knew that because of our selfishness someone else was going hungry. But as little as we would like to admit it, some human beings turn animal when their ease and comfort are threatened. The hundreds of years of growing civilization are wiped out in a moment of threatened shortage of luxury.

During World War II we were rationed and for the most part the rationing was fair and adequate. None of us became emaciated or developed cases of malnutrition. Then why this hysteria again? The alarmists along the line of hoarding are as guilty of treason as any spy or traitor.

I do not think that this hysteria or alarm originates among the country people. It is infiltrated by our city cousins. City people, more or less, live unto themselves alone. Their standard of living is quite different than ours. They sometimes live next door to someone for years and never know them. Their horizon takes in only themselves. That attitude they bring into our little country towns.

But to fight this rush toward hoarding, the stores, especially in the little towns all over America, must work against it. When they suddenly have a string of strangers walk into their store asking for just one or two items and asking for it in great amounts, they must, instinctively, know that something is “rotten in Denmark.” Most country town stores know their regular customers and should not be misled by the sudden rush in trade.

If the people living in the small towns had the assurance that their stores were thinking of them there would be no cause of hoarding or excitement of shortages.

— N.C.S.



JOSEPH ABRAHAM | DEMOCRAT

A sweet escape

There are many amazing trails in this county, including the Hurleyville Rail Trail. You couldn’t tell that just a few hundred feet away from these flowers, the House of YES was bringing a good time to the hamlet, as

these butterflies found a meal in these bright yellow flowers in nature’s quiet respite. Do you have a scenic you’d like to share? If so, email the photo and a brief description to nysa@sc-democrat.com.

Early voting-ID requirements

In a front page article July 16 by **Democrat** staff writer Isabel Braverman the headline above the story states, “Early voting: Is it worth it?”

At a legislative Government Services Committee meeting last week, Sullivan County Board of Elections Commissioner Lori Benjamin noted, “that the county has to pay staff to work the polls as well as pay overtime during that time.”

Benjamin went on to say, “turn-out was extremely low in the last primary on June 22 and that during the early voting period there were 58 voters and that based on the numbers comes out to \$1,000 per vote.”

The Elections Commissioner pointed out, “I can understand early voting when the whole county is involved or if it’s a big election – presidential or federal.”

Benjamin pointed out that when it comes to smaller elections they will ask the state to modify early

HERE & THERE BEYOND THE NEWS

ED TOWNSEND

‘... when it comes to smaller elections they will ask the state to modify early voting regulations... such as shortening the number of days.’

voting regulations... such as shortening the number of days.

Matthew Brown, a White House

NOW reporter at USA Today reports “that a recent Monmouth University Poll found most Americans support greater access to early voting, as well as increased requirements for voter ID laws.”

Brown said that the poll’s findings “indicate strong broad and bipartisan public support for election law reforms often at odds with each other in partisan debates over voting.”

The USA Today reporter pointed out that, “nearly two thirds of those polled, 71% supports that it should be overall easier to vote early in elections,” and, “according to the Monmouth University poll 80% of the public also supports requiring a form of identification before a person can vote.”

ED TOWNSEND provides year around “Beyond The News” coverage in this column with his over 60-years of photojournalism analysis and insight. The column can also be read on his Web blog at <http://bght.blogspot.com>

Near extinction and back again

An eagle! An eagle! Now imagine someone yelling it but in a tone that’s both mocking and amused.

Welcome to live with a Sullivan County teenager.

I should have expected this. I was one once.

More than once I stood on a football field with my gym class as my gym teacher shouted for us all to look upward to take in our national bird as it circled above us. We looked. We said nothing. We rolled our eyes... hard.

For a kid growing up in Sullivan County — in a home on the Delaware River no less — seeing a bald eagle was anything but a big deal. This was true even in the 1980s when the fierce-eyed bird was firmly on the endangered species list.

We saw them.

INSIDE OUT

JEANNE SAGER

We were forced to acknowledge them. And we moved on.

Fast forward a few decades, and the national symbol is considered a win for the Endangered Species Act. In 2007, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officially removed bald eagles from the federal endangered species list.

Fast forward a few decades, and I now understand far better than 8-, 10-, or even 16-year-old me what it means to have seen a species near the brink of extinction rocket back to where it is today.

I’ve lost the cynicism of my childhood.

I’ve come to appreciate the

frailty of life.

And I can’t help but shout out when I spot a giant bird with a 7-foot wing span floating past, sticks at least 4 foot in length clenched in its claws.

An eagle! An eagle! They survived the theft of their habitat. They managed to make it past the lead shot scare.

They made it to the brink of extinction and back again.

And in a few decades, maybe today’s teens will see what it is they could have lost.

Maybe.

JEANNE SAGER turns her job as a freelance reporter/photographer and life as a county native “Inside Out” each week on these pages. Keep an eye out for her state-wide winning column every Tuesday here and at www.jeannesagerphotography.com.

SEND US A LETTER

The Democrat welcomes letters to the editor. We ask that they be no longer than 300 words, typewritten or neatly printed, and include the author’s signature, address and a phone number for possible verification questions. With the obvious exception of the signature, this policy also applies to email. Letters longer than 300 words will be cut, rewritten by the author, or considered for inclusion in the “Counterpoint: A View From a Reader” column – at our discretion. In addition, the Democrat will not accept letters written specifically about a local newspaper article other than those printed in the Democrat. Thank-you letters of any sort are considered paid advertisements. Please send your letters following the above guidelines to: editor@sc-democrat.com.

No back room deals!

To the editor:

This is in response to William A. Brenner's Letter to the Editor published on July 2.

I am sorry sir, but you are misinformed. Mr. Scagnelli did not send in a letter of intent seeking the Conservative Party Endorsement or contact myself, Edward A. Magilton, Sullivan County Conservative Party Chairman. Therefore he could not have been told by myself that he was too late.

The Conservative Party ran multiple ads in Sullivan County's hometown paper, **The Sullivan County Democrat**, this past January into February. The ads were seeking candidates who were interested in running on the Conservative line, and also instructing them to send the letters of intent to myself. These letters were to be received by February 12, 2021.

The Conservative Party then held the interviews for the endorsements in White Lake on March 2, 2021. The Conservative Party Committee Members then interviewed over 60 candidates that night, I guess you call that QUIET. The decisions on who received the endorsements were made by the committee members representing their respective towns.

Keri-Ann Poley, a registered CONSERVATIVE, was the only candidate who submitted a letter from the Town of Neversink, was interviewed and received the endorsement.

Unfortunately, due to the regulations sent down by Albany last year, the petition process for designating

candidates has been pushed up to March. The first day to start to get signatures for candidates was March 2, 2021 this year.

We, the Conservative Party, do not make back room deals. We have set up a fair and impartial process of selecting our candidates. It seems anymore that if someone outside of the Conservative Party does not approve of a candidate of our choosing that something fishy is going on.

We, the Conservative Party, make our own decisions and we do not follow anyone's lead.

Edward A. Magilton
Sullivan County
Conservative Party Chairman

Tusten Town Board needs to Zoom

To the editor:

Regarding the Executive Order (202.1) [www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-2021-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency] signed by Governor Cuomo in late June of 2021, why is the Tusten town board discontinuing remote digital meetings via ZOOM?

Nowhere in the Order does it state that public meetings via telephonic methods cannot continue to be available as a service by the town in conjunction to the regularly scheduled live town board meetings.

It would seem to me that after sixteen months of holding remote meetings via ZOOM, the technology exists and it has been used

with success.

In addition, this technology has become a benefit for all residents who cannot physically attend a town board meeting due to physical disabilities, time constraints and many other reasons.

The best government is open, transparent and available for all those residents that wish to either observe, be informed or participate in the affairs of their town.

Anthony Ritter
Narrowsburg

Enough already

To the editor:

We have split the atom but can't stop 'preventable' overdose deaths!

Over seven years of talks, forums, discussion tables and think-tanks that have come up with 'drug abuse and addictions are preventable', it's hard to conceive that we still have 93,000 preventable overdose deaths a year in this country!

In March 2014, NYS Senate Joint Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Addiction was created to examine the alarming rise in use of heroin and opioids that has claimed lives. Sheriff Michael Schiff: "I am pleased to see Senate... We cannot simply arrest our way out of this problem, must include education and treatment."

09-23-2016, **The Democrat** front page articles: 'Five heroin overdoses - four fatal - in Wayne County, PA in past two weeks'. Since this article, Wayne County,

PA has lowered their OD deaths rate while Sullivan County OD Deaths are higher and on the rise! Did anyone ask Wayne County how they are doing this?

Top of the page- Public officials/community leaders with 'Officials discuss addiction'. Highlights - 'Addiction is preventable, curable and treatable', stricter laws coming, legislation to fund \$120 million for education and treatment, law enforcement proactive in arresting drug dealers/drug court use.

2020 - DA Galligan will arrest dealers. Sheriff said that in 2016!

Early 2021 - Coroner Albee Bockman tells the legislature 'there's no end' in overdose deaths, offers nothing.

May 2021 - Sheriff/DA want to try 'hope not handcuffs' for non-violent drug abusers arrested for crimes.

2021- Sullivan County Task forces starts with an information highway on computer/internet, but who that is need for help 'NOW' is going to sit at a computer in their condition?

Mid 2021, mental health crisis on rise!

With all the talk how is this possible: Monticello man arrested on felony drug charges following probation home visit while having misdemeanor drug charges on him?

No more broom pushers. We need Real discussion by Real people on this Very Real problem!

Don Dittmer
Lake Huntington

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All of the libraries in Sullivan County offer books in various formats: physical, digital, and audiobook. If you are new to ebooks and audiobooks, a great place to start is by downloading the Libby app to your tablet or mobile device. With your library card and Libby, you can access thousands of ebooks and audiobooks instantly. Libby allows you to easily borrow titles, access them offline, listen to them in your car, or send ebooks to your Kindle.

Need an incentive to read more? Some libraries are offering reading challenges this summer. At Mamakating Library, play BINGO to be entered into a drawing for a grand prize! Squares include challenges like,

'Reading has so many benefits, from increasing your knowledge and vocabulary, to improving your mental and physical health.'

'Check out a cookbook and try a recipe' and 'Read a book published in the decade you were born.'

The Western Sullivan Public Library is holding a Summer Reading Book Review Challenge where participants are entered into a drawing for gift certificates to local restaurants each time they complete a book review. Categories include the funniest book review, the book review that makes you want to read the book the most, and the patron who submits the most book reviews.

Call your local library for more information, or for help downloading and using Libby. Happy reading!

BRIEF

Dimeco, Inc. announces earnings

HONESDALE, PA - Dimeco, Inc., parent company of The Dime Bank, reported total assets of \$987 million on June 30, 2021, an increase of \$139 million or 16.4%, from one year earlier. Total loans of \$667 million reflect an increase of \$28 million or 4.4% over last year. Total deposits of \$803 million were 19.8% greater than balances on June 30, 2020.

Net income increased \$1.7 million or 46.6% over the same period in 2020 to end the first six months of 2021 at \$5.4 million. At this income level, return on average assets was 1.16% and return on average shareholders' equity was 11.21%, an increase of 20.8% and 35.2%, respectively.

Stockholder's equity increased \$6.8 million or 7.4% from June 30, 2020 to \$98 million at June 30, 2021. On a per share basis, the book value of

Dimeco grew by 6.0% when compared in 2020. Earnings per share was \$2.16 as of June 30, 2021, representing an increase of 45.9% from the same period last year. Dimeco's Board of Directors declared dividends of \$.68 per share for the first half of 2021, a 3% uptick over last year, resulting in an annualized dividend yield of 3.78%.

President and Chief Executive Officer Peter Bochnovich stated, "I am pleased to report Dimeco, Inc.'s financial results for the first six months of 2021. Dimeco recognized significant balance sheet and income growth for the first half of the year. We continually seek opportunities to grow and to provide excellent customer experiences."

For more information on Dimeco, Inc. and The Dime Bank, visit www.thedimebank.com.

Combined Energy Services contributes to rebuilding of Monticello Rotary Pavilion

MONTICELLO - The Monticello Rotary Club pavilion at the DeHoyos Park has been used by Monticello families and clubs for the past thirty years. It is famous for barbecues and other festivities across from the tennis courts.

This past fall the older pavilion was torn down to make room for a new and improved facility. The building began this spring under the leadership of then Rotarian President Todd Grodin. Rotarian Carmine Ribaud of RIGGS plumbing and custom homes began construction on the new pavilion. Joe Balzano, of Ultimate Forestry, lent his crew and boom truck to help Carmine place all 51 trusses along the main body.

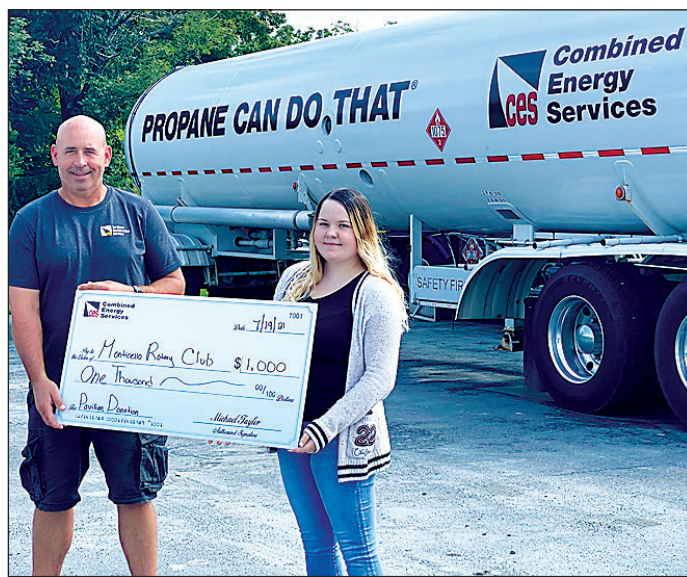
Former Monticello Rotarian President Grodin takes this project seriously. "Since this is the largest construc-

tion project that the Monticello Rotary Club has undertaken, and it happened during my presidency, I am raising funds to bring this to completion."

The 100-foot-long pavilion will have two bump outs and a steel roof. The monies being raised are to help complete the construction of the roof, the bump outs, the crusher needed to level the floor, the wire for the cement, the cement to finish the floor and the electric to finish the project.

Multiple local businesses have stepped up to the plate to donate towards the completion of the pavilion, including Combined Energy Services with a \$1,000 donation.

"It makes sense to help Todd's group," commented Mike Taylor of Combined Energy Services. "Our employees and their families have



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
CES's Ron Lindholm and Korin Sprague with a \$1,000 donation to the Monticello Rotary Club.

enjoyed the Monticello Rotary's pavilion for decades."

If you'd like to donate to the completion of the Pavilion,

you can reach out to the Monticello Rotary's Past President Todd Grodin, via email at tg.rotary@gmail.com.

LAKE HUNTINGTON

EILEEN HENNESSY | 252-3568 | LEENIEBEANS@CITLINK.NET

July 27 - What a very busy last few days. Friday night, Pastor Phyllis from St Paul's Lutheran Church in Narrowsburg and her twin sister Nancy and I went to see Alter Boyz at The Forestburgh Play House. It was very funny and nice to be able to laugh. On Sunday I worked the Narrowsburg River Fest, it was fun seeing so many people and chatting with them.

John Nober gave me the names of the Lake Association raffle tickets winners. First prize Kayak and Paddle - Dave Strocsek, Second prize Dicks Sporting Goods Gift Certificate worth \$150 - E. Ernish, Third prize \$100 Cabela's Gift Certificate - JJ Matuszewski, Fourth Prize Basket of Cheer - Dawn Currier of Eagle Valley Realty. Thank you to all the people who brought tickets to help keep the lake safe. When I get a copy of the minutes I will

share them with everyone.

Western Sullivan Public Library Firehouse book sale at the Jeffersonville Firehouse is back on August 12th through 15th. Sponsored by the friends of the Western Sullivan Public Library. Call (845) 482-4350 to volunteer.

Thank you from the Cochection Volunteer Ambulance to our outstanding community for your generous support during their coin drop fund drive in Fosterdale. Unlike many municipalities and fire dept. based-EMS services, we receive no tax monies, and are highly dependent on generous donations and fundraisers to offset the rising costs of equipment and training courses. Did you know that since the beginning of 2020, the cost of a single box of gloves has tripled, to nearly \$30 per box? If you missed us, and would still like to donate,

our address is PO Box 4, Lake Huntington, NY 12752. We will also be hosting on August 28 a blood drive at the Cochection Town Hall 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more questions you can email www.cochectionambulanceems@gmail.com, online sign up is at red-crossblood.org.

There is lots of fun stuff happening with the Cochection Youth Commission CYC. Please follow them on their

Facebook page New Cochection Youth Commission. If you are new to the Town of Cochection, please send them a message and register your children. All CYC events are free to Cochection children.

If you have an event or any town information, email me leeniebeans@citlink.net or call me at (845) 252-3568. Keep smiling and have a great week.

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COMING UP

In this space: special free listings of events to occur in the next few days. In the Early Bird Edition: notices for Tuesday through to the following Friday inclusive. In the Weekender Edition: notices for Friday through to the following Tuesday inclusive.

We must receive information on events to be listed in this section at the Callicoon editorial offices no later than noon Friday for Tuesday's Earlybird Democrat and noon Wednesday for Friday's Weekender Democrat.

Tuesday, July 27

Forestburgh Playhouse: The World Goes Round. July 27 - Aug. 8th. Showtimes: 8PM Tuesday - Saturday. Matinees: 2PM Wednesdays & 3PM Sundays. Enter the world of distinguished and celebrated writing team, Kander and Ebb. The World Goes 'Round is a stunning revue of the songbook from the multi-Tony award-winning team, with the original production winning three Drama Desk Awards. Filled with humor, romance, drama and nonstop melody, this title is a thrilling celebration of life and the fighting spirit that keeps us all going. With hit songs from Chicago, Cabaret and more, The World Goes Round is a musical theatre treat for all audiences! For info visit www.fb-playhouse.org.

Wednesday, July 28

Wildlife Life Wednesdays at MEEC. Wildlife Watching for ages 11 to 13 years. Cost is \$35 per child. Please register in person at Makaking Environmental Education Center, 762 South Road, Wurtsboro. Call 644-5014 for more information.

WSPL Virtual Tech Talk Time: Great Movies With Kanopy 1 p.m. Join Dale and learn more about Your Library Card and Kanopy's free video, movie, and documentary streaming services available to you. For more info/ registration visit WSPLonline.org. Zoom link and password will be emailed to you after registration.

WSPL Virtual Tween Craft Night 4 p.m. This fun online class is just for tweens ages 10+. During this zoom students will socialize, receive instructions on making Among Us Plushies and craft in a monitored environment. This is a live, small group online class that's available from the comfort of home! Register for your craft packet on our website's calendar at WSPLonline.org - Zoom link and password will be emailed to you after registration. Kits can be picked up at your closest WSPL Branch.

WSPL Virtual Book Club LGBT Catskills Rainbow Readers: Discussion 7 p.m. Join the Book Discussion Group! This month we'll be reading Tales of the City. Register on our website's calendar with your e-mail address to receive the Zoom Link. Visit WSPLonline.org, or call 252-3360 for more info.

Thursday, July 29

Wurtsboro Art Alliance presents "August Spectacular!" Showing until August 31. Nearly 30 artists working in a variety of mediums will exhibit art in WAA's August Spectacular! Included in the exhibit are prints, photographs, watercolor, oil and acrylic paintings, pastels, fiber art, collages, and hand crafted jewelry and pottery by Wurtsboro Art Alliance artists who celebrate the visual beauty of summer's diversity. 73 Sullivan Street, Wurtsboro. For info visit waagallery.org.

'The Music of George Gershwin' presented virtually by the E.B. Crawford Public Library 6 p.m. Kenneth Korn, noted lecturer, traces Gershwin's amazing personal biography as a piano prodigy to a professional pianist to Broadway composer and then to the concert hall. There is no better composer to bring listeners to the magnificent world of symphonic music than George Gershwin. The program will be presented on the ZOOM platform as well as on YouTube Live. Registration is required and limited to 100 people. Go to ebcpl.org and click on Adult Calendar for July.

Lotus Lantern Making Cultural Workshop with Western Sullivan Public Library 6 p.m. TAKE & MAKE via Zoom! Join the Korean Spirit & Culture Promotion Project for a short documentary film and lovely lotus flower lantern making class! Be sure to pick up your kit (while supplies last) at any one of our branches, and visit wsplonline.org to register with your e-mail address to receive the Zoom Link!

Wayne County Creative Arts Council Concerts in the Park. Performance starts at 7:30 p.m. Featuring: The Old Time Fiddlers. 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.

Friday, July 30

The Coolerators performs at Rafter's Tavern 7-9 p.m. Returning to Rafter's Tavern is the most feel-good blues you can hear this far north! A band 20 years in the making reunites again to bring you a night of heel kicking horns and dancing grooves. Front man George Kilby Jr provides soulful southern hospitality with our very own Don Castello blowing his horns to deliver the most fun you can have outside the French Quarter! No Cover Charge. Donations appreciated. Rafter's Tavern is open for dinner and drinks. Friday and Saturday night summer music performances are scheduled in The Nest (outdoor stage at Rafter's Tavern). In inclement weather, all performances will be held at the Indoor Stage at Rafter's Tavern. Rafter's Tavern, 28 Upper Main St., Callicoon. rafterstavern.com.

BRIEF

Live music to be held at Rafter's Tavern on July 30 and 31

CALICOON - Join us for live music at Rafter's Tavern, 28 Upper Main Street in Callicoon!

The Coolerators are set to perform on Friday, July 30 from 7-9 p.m. Returning to Rafter's Tavern is the most feel-good blues you can hear this far north! A band 20 years in the making reunites again to bring you a night of heel kicking horns and dancing grooves. Front man George Kilby Jr. provides soulful southern hospitality with our very own Don Castello blowing his horns to deliver the most fun you can have outside the French Quarter!

Next up is Veronica & Her Friend John performing on

Saturday, July 31 from 7-9 p.m. The voice that rocks the hills! Described by fans who love her as "Janis 2.0", Veronica has the chops that can serenade your soul! Enjoyed by people of all ages, this lively duo plays a unique selection of popular rock through the decades.

No Cover Charge. Donations appreciated. Rafter's Tavern is open for dinner and drinks.

Friday and Saturday night summer music performances are scheduled in The Nest (outdoor stage at Rafter's Tavern). In inclement weather, all performances will be held at the Indoor Stage at Rafter's Tavern.

The Delaware Valley Opera was back in fine form with their second concert of the summer. "Liars! Lovers! Libertines! Or A Feast of Opera Scenes" was packed with powerhouse vocals and offered a wonderful introduction to opera for those who aren't familiar with it.

The night was steered by Director Carol Castel who guided the audiences through each performance, providing background information, plot points and translations of famous arias, duets and more.

The wonderful thing about opera that I've noticed as a relative newcomer is that you don't need to understand the lyrics of the songs to feel the different emotions. The performers guide you with their actions, facial expressions, and the aid of charming melodies and harmonies. And I love how recognizable many of the songs are to both young and old ears; proving opera is still very prevalent in our modern lives.

Soprano Kelsey Watts was a force of pure sound. Her voice was beautiful and she made hitting every high note look easy. She shone in every song especially in the

duets with Rachel Abrams in Mozart's "Guarda sorella" and Delibes' "Dome epais le jasmin", and her performance of "Summertime" from Gershwin's "Porgy & Bess" took my breath away. She played a wonderful Mimi in the selection of songs from Puccini's "La Boheme"

Tshombe Shelby's voice was equally powerful, and he wowed with his solo performances of "La donna e mobile" from Verdi's "Rigoletto" and "There's a Boat" from "Porgy & Bess". His Rodolfo opposite Watt's Mimi was spectacular, and I loved his performances with Robert Flora.

Robert Flora has a clear and powerful baritone, and he was wonderful in Bizet's "Au fond du temple saint" and Donizetti's "Pronto io son!" with Watts. Not only did he have a stunning voice, his performances were always animated and entertaining. Flora, Shelby and Watt's finale of "la, la, la, la..." from Donizetti's "The Elixir of Love" was hilarious and a triumph to end the night.

Rachel Abrams delivered a stunning and comical performance embodying the behavior of a heartbroken

teenager with "A scostati" from Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutte" and was lovely in "Il core vi dono" with Flora. I loved listening to her harmonize with Watts, and she impressed me with her performance in Verdi's quartet "Un di, se ben rammen-tomi".

Mark Cotton broke my heart with his moving rendition of Verdi's "Cortigiani". His voice was so pure and resonant, and his portrayal of Rigoletto was superb. His versatility in the various duets, trios and quartet performances was amazing. He and Flora were fantastic in Donizetti's "Chei, cheti im-mantinate" and their impeccable delivery of a very fast, tongue-twisting stretch of Italian deserved a standing ovation.

One final, and very deserving, shout out goes to pianist and music director Jeremy Chan. While opera is

made up of powerful and beautiful voices, it is also truly made into art by the musicians providing accompaniment to the singers. I found during some songs I couldn't help but look over to watch Mr. Chan playing, and he looked like he felt every note and chord he played. Watching Mr. Chan play the piano was like watching a master painter create an artistic masterpiece in front of you.

The DVO again provided an enchanting evening of music and it was wonderful to be a part of it. The DVO will next host the Opera Cowgirls in "Divas! Dolly! Done Me Wrong!" on August 14th and 15th at The Barn at Callicoon Hills. I'm sure it will be another roaring success for the company, and hope those who have a love of opera or country music (or both) get the chance to attend!

ALMANAC

The Democrat invites all area religious, social, and fraternal organizations to make use of this Almanac to inform Democrat readers of coming events at any time in the future. Call (845) 887-5200 to place your item. Information must be received one week ahead of desired day of publication. \$3.00 minimum charge each time (for 5 lines) and \$.30 for each additional line.

Monday, 8/2 to Saturday, 8/7 - 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Rummage Sale - Masonic Lodge, Livingston Manor.

Benefit Sullivan St Tammany Chapter 298 OES. More info call Sharon 845-439-3102.

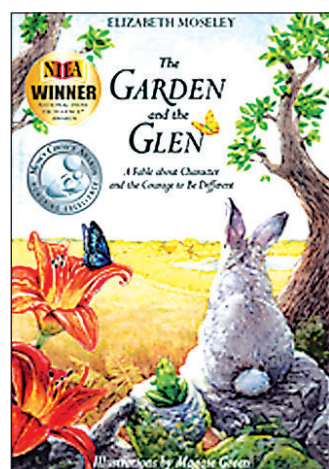
BRIEF

Sunshine Hall Free Library welcomes Children's Author Elizabeth Moseley

ELDRED - Join us on Thursday, August 5 at 6 p.m. on our beautiful outdoor deck as we welcome Elizabeth Moseley, author of The Garden and The Glen, to Sunshine Hall Free Library in Eldred.

Sit back with your children and listen to the author read from her charming tale about the "magic that finds us when we're brave enough to be our unique selves". After the reading, children can take home a free craft.

Our library is located at 14 Proctor Road across from Peck's Market. Visit www.sunshinehallfreelibrary.org for directions.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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Donna Gregor

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Old Time Fiddlers to perform on July 29

HONESDALE, PA - Everybody loves the Old Time Fiddlers. They are one of the biggest crowdpleasers in the Wayne County Creative Arts Council's lineup of bands each summer, so it behooves you to get to Central Park early to grab a prime spot on the lawn for your chair or blanket.

The Fiddlers will top off the 2021 season on Thursday, July 29. The music begins at 7:30 p.m. so save time to grab a snack or a drink at Tubby's food stand and settle in for a grand evening of fiddlin' and pickin'.

Attending a show is like stepping back to a simpler time in life. The tunes are played on acoustic instruments such as guitar, mandolin, banjo, piano, bass, accordion and, of course, the fiddle. They combine to

perform everything from Irish, Scottish, Canadian, bluegrass, Texas swing and old-time tunes. Every member from the very youngest to the oldest gets a moment in the spotlight to shine and display their talents. There are even some singers and storytellers as well.

Come early to grab a spot on the lawn for your chair or blanket and settle in for an evening of music at Honesdale's Central Park in Honesdale, PA.

Due to the anticipated crowd size, if there is inclement weather predicted, the concert will move to the Honesdale High School, 459 Terrace St, Honesdale.

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The Delaware Company commemorates the Battle of Minisink

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY MATT SHORTALL

Friends, history enthusiasts and honored guests gathered at the Minisink Battleground Park on Saturday afternoon to mark the 242nd anniversary of the Battle of Minisink.

Hosted by the Delaware Company, this annual gathering remembers a major skirmish during the American Revolutionary War that was fought in the northern Delaware Valley on July 20, 1779.

A rugged frontier at the time, Mohawk War Chief and British Army Captain Joseph Brant led a raid with about 60 Iroquois and 27 Tories against some 120 militiamen led by Continental Army Colonel John Hathorn and Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Tusten. A decisive victory for the British, Brant's force routed the colonials, killing at least 46, including Tusten, in a brutal battle amongst the rocky hills and trees overlooking the Delaware River.

It was at this site on Saturday that people gathered to commemorate those who perished.

Keynote speaker and President of the Bold Gold Media Group, Vince Benedetto, thanked all those responsible for maintaining the Minisink Battleground

Park so that future generations can learn about our local connection to the struggle for American independence.

"I've always felt a tremendous sense of sadness for those who do not feel the connection to their history,"

Benedetto said. "Not knowing one's history is to not know one's self. Nations and civilizations that are ignorant of their history and fail to take time to learn and understand the delicate fabric that binds us together as free people will not long re-

Members of the Navasing Long Rifles fired a musket volley in commemoration of those who died during the Battle of Minisink.

The afternoon's keynote speaker was former Air Force Captain and President of the Bold Gold Media Group Vince Benedetto, who delivered a speech entitled, "To Try Men's Souls: The Delaware, The Battle of Minisink, & the Sacred Fire of Liberty."



main free." Sullivan County Historian and Delaware Company President John Conway served as master of ceremonies. He was joined by Tusten-Highland-Lumberland Post #6427 Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Sylvan Liebla Post #1363 of the American Legion in the Town of Highland.

Historical reenactors included the Navasing Long Rifles, the 143rd NYS Volunteer Infantry and the 5th NY Infantry participated in the ceremony. Memorial wreaths were

dedicated by the Beaverkill, Old Mine Road, Minisink and Wayne chapters of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The names of all those who died in the battle were read aloud.

A historic marker near the monument explains that the Minisink Battleground Park was established by the Minisink Valley Historical Society in the early 20th century to prevent its destruction by bluestone quarrying operations. It's been owned by Sullivan County since 1955.

Riverfest returns!

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY ISABEL BRAVERMAN



Above: Riverfest street fair had much to offer, from delicious food to great artists and performers on display.

Middle: Farm Arts Collective did a street performance of selections from their upcoming show "Dream on the Farm."

Far right: The Heron had a booth outside their restaurant, just one of many vendors at Riverfest in Narrowsburg on Sunday.

The sign of a good event may be that you can't find a parking spot anywhere. Or it may be that you're at the laundromat and overhear people talking about it. That was exactly the case for Riverfest, the arts street fair held annually in Narrowsburg.

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance organizes this popular event, back for the 31st year on Sunday, July 25. Main Street of Narrowsburg was packed with vendor booths

with everything from art and crafts to informational booths from local organizations.

Patrons gathered for the festival walking up and down Main Street witnessing performances and live music, as well as the centerpiece of the day's event—the poster auc-

tion. Narrowsburg was the perfect backdrop for the occasion, as a center of arts and culture in the county, with a variety of local businesses and restaurants and the Delaware River as a scenic background. Don't miss it next year!



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John Manouse
Former Callicoon resident

John Manouse, age 60, of Woodbury, CT, left this Earth on May 22, 2021 with his partner, family and friends by his side. John was raised on his family's dairy farm in the Beechwoods section of the hamlet of Callicoon, NY, before moving to New Milford, CT in 1971, where he attended public school and graduated in 1979.

He was active in sports, playing football, hockey and skiing, and also enjoyed the arts, following Nascar Racing and photography. John was a volunteer with the Bridgewater Fire Department for a number of years. He attended college for a short time but then decided on a career in carpentry where his dedication and attention to detail aided in him becoming a Master Craftsman in woodworking. John worked as a carpenter for many years, and was also an estate/property manager. John was always expanding his interests and fund of knowledge, investing in stocks, and had completed web design as well as most recently, a course in computer coding.

John was a lover of nature and an outdoor enthusiast. As an adult he enjoyed rock climbing, hiking, skiing, bicycling, riding his motorcycle, kayaking, skydiving, gardening, birding and most recently golfing. He also taught himself to play guitar. He was a kind, compassionate and loyal man. He loved spending time with his family and friends, as well as his pet companions. His infectious smile would illuminate a room, and people felt at ease in his presence. John's desire to help out those in need was unsurpassed. He would always be available to lend a hand for a project, or a shoulder to lean on. He was loved by many and a good friend to all that new him.

John is survived by his partner Beverly, of Woodbury, CT, his siblings Chris and partner, Kim, of Naugatuck, CT, Todd of Yuba City, CA, Robert and wife Jennifer of New Milford, CT and his niece and five nephews Mary, Bradley, Christian, Aaron, Jack and Brady, as well as his dogs Darla and Gunnie and cats Roscoe and Laszlo. He left us too soon and is dearly missed by all.

A celebration of John's Life was held on Saturday, July 24, at the Bridgewater Fire Department.

Donations may be made in John's name to bigluffydogs.com or the Bridgewater Fire Department, PO BOX 9, Bridgewater, CT 06752.

To leave an online condolence visit www.munsonloveterefuneralhome.com.

Ester Effel

August 22, 1935 ~ July 21, 2021
Monticello, NY

Ester Effel, longtime resident of Sullivan County, passed away peacefully at Garnet Medical Center on July 21, 2021 surrounded by her loving family. She was 85 years old.

Ester was born in Istanbul, Turkey where she had a somewhat challenging childhood. Her family had very limited means which required her to get a job at a young age to help out. As difficult as it was, it helped her develop a wonderful work ethic that would benefit her for the rest of her life. When Ester was 20 years old she went to visit family in Jeffersonville NY. As it turned out, this trip was life changing. While there, she met and married her first husband Sy Peretz, and had her son Lonnie. Together they ran the family chicken farm. Unfortunately, Sy became ill and passed away at the young age of 36. Ester, still in her 20's, with a three year old son, now had the overwhelming responsibility of operating the farm by herself. This is where that great work ethic kicked in. She tirelessly ran the farm for a number of years, then decided to sell and try something new. She first went to work for the Catskill Shopper where she used her outstanding sales skills for more than 10 years. This was followed by almost 30 productive years in the Finance Department at Rhulen Frontier Insurance.

In 1974, Ester attended a Parents Without Partners function where she met Harry (Pete) Effel. This was the beginning of a 39 year love story that ended when Pete passed away in 2013. Ester's devotion to Pete was most evident during the final years of his life when he became very ill. She took care of his every need, and made sure Pete felt loved till the very end. Ester was a beautiful woman with a beautiful heart. She loved her family and friends deeply, and demonstrated this affection through her cooking. A meal at her house was an event. The wonderful aromas overwhelmed you when you opened the door. You were then presented with a beautiful array of delicious food. The variety and quantity were not believable. Ester's biggest joy was sharing a meal with the people she loved. To say the least you never left Ester's house hungry. Ester was most proud of her son Lonnie. Not only for his professional accomplishments, but for all of the loving care and support he gave her and Pete during his final years. She was most appreciative that Lonnie purchased a home in Florida that was large enough to accommodate her and Pete. This home helped create some of her fondest memories with Pete and Lonnie.

She was predeceased by her husbands Sy Peretz and Harry (Pete) Effel, her stepson Paul Effel, and her sisters Becky Kizilorga and Bella Bendanis.

Survivors include: her son Lonnie Peretz, her daughter-in-law Linda Effel, grandchildren Becky Effel, Sean Effel and wife Susan and great grandson Sam. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews and numerous dear friends who loved her very much.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 12:30pm at the Joseph N. Garlick Funeral Home, 388 Broadway, Monticello, NY 12701. Burial immediately followed at the Congregation Anshei Glen Wild Synagogue Cemetery, Marsh Road in Glen Wild.

Funeral arrangements are honorably entrusted to the Joseph N. Garlick Funeral Home - 845-794-7474 or www.josephngarlickfuneralhome.com.



Ester Effel

Charlene Mary Louise Dumas

August 8, 1990 ~ July 20, 2021
Monticello, NY

Charlene Mary Louise Dumas, was born on August 8, 1990, in Brooklyn, NY to Alvin Dumas, Jr. and Mary Elizabeth Jenkins. On July 20, 2021, after just 30 short years, Charlene's work on earth was done and she passed away at her home in Monticello, NY.

Charlene attended the Monticello Central School District and over the years she was employed at ShopRite, Sureway Taxi, Yellow Cab, and most recently as a School Bus Aide at Rolling V in Fallsburg, NY.

Charlene was an avid seamstress and could sew anything! She also loved to write poetry and enjoyed music, especially the music of the 70's and 80's. Old classic movies were her favorite pastime, which she loved to watch with her father, and she could recite the funniest parts of the movies and could imitate the characters. Out of all of her favorite movies, she only had one superhero, which was her father. She was proud of everything he did in the community. She was thankful for her mother and knew that without her mother, her presence on earth would not have been possible.

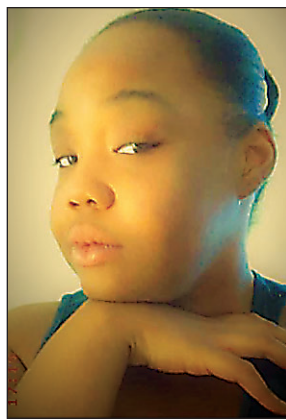
Charlene was a member of the New Beginnings Church in Ellenville, NY, under the leadership of Pastor Dhasan McComb.

She is survived by her parents, Alvin and Mary; one brother, Daquain; two sisters, Katrina and Denise; four nieces, Angel, Skye, Sophia and Egypt; one nephew, Jovanni; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Alvin, Sr. and Lucille Dumas; maternal grandparents, James Carter and Betty Jenkins; one uncle, Warren Dumas, Sr.; and four aunts, Elizabeth, Louise, Sonia, and Deborah.

Family and friends were invited to gather on Monday, July 26, 2021 at Bethlehem Temple Church, 93 Fairground Rd., officiated by both Pastor Dhasan McComb and Pastor Ryan Tinsley, Sr.

For additional information please visit www.kennyfuneralhome.com.



Charlene Dumas

Joy Cosor Studley

June 21, 1925 ~ July 10, 2021

Joy C. Studley died on July 10, 2021 in Weston, Florida. She was the beloved daughter of Benjamin and Francis Leff Cosor, sister of Lewis Cosor, wife of Jack Hill Studley, mother of Jamieenne Studley (and her husband Gary Smith) and Jeffrey Studley (and his partner Holly Star), grandmother of Jacqueline (and her partner Ahmad Akhgar) and Lt. Jace Benjamin Studley, and partner of Frank Parrotta.

Joy was a graduate of Woodridge High School and Barnard College, and did post-graduate studies at Columbia University and New York University Law School. She served on the board of directors of Monticello Hospital/Community General Hospital for more than two decades, and on the Ellenville National Bank board. Joy volunteered for the hospital women's auxiliary, Woodridge PTA, Girl Scouts, and Barnard alumnae activities. She and Jack were co-owners of Green Acres Hotel, Loch Sheldrake, NY, in the late 1960s-early 70s. She was a member of the Liberty, Middletown, and Bonaventure Country Clubs.

Joy was a loving, proud wife and mother, and a loyal and generous cousin, neighbor, and friend to many in Woodridge and Sullivan County, and later in Weston, Florida, where she and Jack were early residents of the Bonaventure community. Joy will be remembered for her devotion and service to Sullivan County; her candor and problem-solving; her affection for chocolate, fast cars, and schnauzers; and her exceptional sense of style. Her standout accomplishments range from planning an unforgettable seven week tour of Europe for her family in 1964 to winning club championships at three different country clubs, the last at the age of 80, and completing the NYT crossword puzzle in ink throughout her life.

The Studley family is grateful to Lilly Bodon and Norma Miranda for their patient, attentive care for Joy in her last years, and to the doctors and nurses at the Cleveland Clinic, Weston.

A celebration of Joy's life will be scheduled in the fall. A memorial will be placed in the cemetery in Glen Wild, NY alongside Jack and near Ben, Fan and Lewis Cosor. The family welcomes contributions to the Cosor-Studley Fund through the Fallsburg Central School Scholarship Fund, c/o Business Office, PO Box 124, Fallsburg, NY 12733.



Joy Cosor Studley



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Remembering way back when

Last week Marylyn Sidle (nee Hunt) visited the Callicoon offices of the Sullivan County Democrat, where she began working in 1952. "I worked right there in that window," Marylyn told current Democrat Publisher Fred Stabbert III. "I worked for your grandfather, Fred Stabbert Sr., right out of high school, in 1952 and was a Linotype operator." Marylyn now lives in Virginia but was visiting her old hometown with her two sons, Jeffery, left, and Steve Sidle. Marylyn's father J. Vance Hunt, also worked as a Linotype operator for the Sullivan County Democrat and later the family moved to Hawley, PA. Marylyn also worked for her brother P.B. Hunt, who owned a print shop in Hawley, PA. Fred and Steve are holding a California Job Case, which is a compartmentalized wooden box used to store movable type during the letterpress days. The visit ended with Marylyn and her two sons getting a quick tour of the Democrat office and reminiscing about her days in the office and how much the newspaper industry has changed. Marylyn also reminisced about growing up on Gregory Street, Callicoon and walking to school, which was located on Academy Street and still stands today across from the Callicoon Car Wash. Marylyn and her family also visited the Hortonville Cemetery, where her family members are buried.

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July 27 - Birthday wishes to Charlie Murdock, Michael O'Leary, Chris Bilick, Gloria Friehling, Monte, Marvin, Debra Rovitz, Todd and Adam Herfield, Moniqua Diaz, Stacy Cohen and Shannon Dietrich Suarez.

Anniversary wishes to the Altmans, the Jollies and to Cheryl and Jeffrey Cohen.

Congratulations to Max (DeBeer), who celebrated his BarMitzvah last week. Welcome to the world to Gianni, born to Gentjana and Albi Beluli.

Condolences to the family and friends of Ester Effel. Public Service: Vax! Mask. Resistance to suggested protocols may cause crisis or an avoidable shutdown.

Info: SC Public Health - 292-5910. Mental Health - 292-8770.

To Do: Send me your news and events. Use the Townofbethelny.us website for newsletter and Parks and Recreation information. FMI: 583-4350 or 583-5360.

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Check the Childtaxcredit.gov site for working families tax cut info. Business Watch: For-profit organizations may benefit from NY Small Business Recovery Grants (esd.ny.gov). Small businesses can use NYSMALLBUSINESSRECOVERY.COM for funding resources.

Let's get back to work! Local businesses are desperate for employees. Hint, hint. If former employees don't apply they may not have a business to go back to.

Check out: Narcan Training at Sorella's on Aug 5. Learn Hebrew at the Fat Lady on Mondays at 1pm. Watch for additions to the SC Dove Trail. Know about: Trailkeeper.org, Catskill Mountainkeeper, Delaware Highlands Conservancy, and WJFF.

Catch Albi Beluli and Bryan Gordon at SFs Stage in Liberty on Tuesday, the 27th at 4pm. Register ahead for dinner and the show. Enjoy Bethel Lakeside Music at KL Community Gazebo Park on Thursdays from 6:30-8pm. Free music and raffle prizes. Headliners July 29: Far Beyond Gone, who will get you going!

Register for EB Crawford Library's Program concert, "Music of George Gershwin", with Ken Korn on the 29nd at 6pm(zoom). Relax with Leanna's Yoga in the KLPark at 8:30am and follow with the Kauneonga Lake Farmers Market from 10-1pm every Saturday. The Annual KLFD Drive Thru Chicken BBQ will be held on the 31st from 2pm until sold out. \$13 adult. Purchase tickets ahead for 'Backstage at Bethel Woods' Cocktail-Dinner-Live Auction Fundraiser on the 31st from 6-10pm. A reception with the Bacon Brothers is included. \$500 pp will support and benefit BW arts and programming.

The Bethel Business Association will be hosting a casual Networking Member Mixer at Hector's Inn on Sunday, the 1st from 1-3pm. Enjoy meeting others, lite fare and drinks. The '21 BBA Guides will be available for pick up and you are asked to bring your business promo materials with you. Non-member guests can waive a fee by becoming a member! RSVP bethelnybba@gamil.com.

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Culture: Arts center contacts: bethelwoodscenter.org, delawarevalleyartsalliance.org, catskillartsociety.org, scdw.net, nesinculturalarts.org, hurlevilleartscentre.org, fbplayhouse.org, farmartscollective.org, nacl.org, narrowsburgunion.com, and shadowlandstages.org.

For Crawford Library programs, use www.ebcpl.org. For Bethel Council of the Arts (on Fb), use bcaBethelArt@gmail.com. Liberty SFs Stage FMI: 845-796-6113.

Area Youth culture programs: NCA's Arts Academy (akiko@SCCOplayers.com) and CAS youth art classes. Bethel Woods PLAY Sessions is hosting "Music Theater" from Aug 2-13th. Sign up! Visit Bethel Woods Museum exhibits.

Check the BW website for Pavilion tickets and the future Events Gallery shows. Get tickets for FBPlayhouse's "The World Goes 'Round" on stage until August 8th.

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on the face, thereof, Stone bid, the name and address of the bidder and must also contain a non-collusive bid certification form as required by section 103-D of the General Municipal Law. All bids must be in the hands of the Highway Superintendent at the above mentioned address no later than 1 P.M., August 24, 2021 at which time, or as soon as reasonably possible thereafter, bids will be opened and read. The contract for purchase of the above item will be awarded by the Superintendent of Highways to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications.

The Superintendent of Highways reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The Town of Rockland reserves the right to use other competitive bids that it has authority to use (State, County and other municipalities). By order of the Superintendent of Highways
 Ted Hartling
 Superintendent of Highways
 TOWN OF ROCKLAND
 94592

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following individual(s) Jillian Cassaro are indebted to Bethel Self Storage Park for past due rent and other charges. Auction will be conducted online at storageauctions.com, starting at 9:00 a.m. on July 28, 2021, ending at 9:00 a.m. on August 11, 2021. Sale of a unit is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement between Landlord and obligated party.
 Jillian Cassaro #3001
 Drive Up 10x15
 Description of items in unit:
 Mattress / box spring, sm trampoline, floor mat for SUV, baby items, lg flat screen tv, covered grill, heater, toys, tool bag, aluminum ladder, furniture, boxes, jewelry box, tile flooring, boxes, picture frames.
 94558

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Notice of Formation of ASSURE 1972 Old Route 17 LLC. Filed with SSNY on 7/2/2021. Office: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent for process &

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GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 06/23/21. Office location: Sullivan County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it shall mail process to: 489 STATE ROUTE 52, WOODBOURNE, NY, 12788. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 94550

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UMH INSURANCE SALES, LLC d/b/a UMH INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC. Filed: 4/21/21. Office: Sullivan Co. Org. in NJ: 12/8/20. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to : Corporation Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Foreign add: 3499 Route 9N, Suite 3C, Freehold, NJ 07728. Arts. Of Org. available upon request from Craig Koster, UMH Properties, Inc. 3499 Route 9N, Suite 3C, Freehold, NJ 07728 Purpose: General. 94549

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF CALLICOON PLANNING BOARD NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A Public Hearing will be held on August 12, 2021 @ 7:30 pm, at the Town Hall, 19 Legion Street Jeffersonville, N.Y. for the purpose of a conditional use permit for property owned by Kuebler, Parcel Section 18, Block 1, Lot 6.3, located at 13 Sheri Lane in Youngsville in the Town of Callicoon. Persons wishing to appear at such Public Hearing may do so in person, by attorney, and/or other representative. Communication in writing in relation thereto may be filed with the Board at such hearing.
 N. Fred Fries
 Chairman
 Town of Callicoon Planning Board
 Dated: July 21, 2021
 94485

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shall mail to: 20-63 42nd Street Astoria NY 11105. Purpose: any lawful. 94427

LEGAL NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Trustees of the Glen Wild Cemetery Association will be held on Thursday, July 29, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., at the cemetery. 94423

LEGAL NOTICE

Town of Bethel Notice of Special Meeting Notice is hereby given that the Town of Bethel Planning Board has scheduled a meeting on August 2, 2021 at 7:30 PM at the Dr. Duggan Community Center, 3460 State Route 55, White Lake to discuss applications that are on the agenda for the special meeting.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on the same date at 7:30 PM as follows:

- 1) Public Hearing for a 2-lot subdivision and a lot improvement to be located on Boyd Rd, Known as Bethel Tax Map #: 1-1-67.7, proposed by GAB Holding. (Fulton)
- 2) Public Hearing for a proposed 2 lot subdivision located on 521 Perry Rd, known as Bethel Tax Map #: 15-1-11.4, proposed by Susan Harte.

The above proposal is available for inspection at the office of the Building Department, 3454 State Route 55, White Lake, New York. Persons wishing to appear at such Public Hearing may do so in person, by attorney, and/or other representative. Communication in writing in relation thereto, may be filed with the Board, or at such Public Hearing.

By the order of
 Town of Bethel Planning Board
 Secretary
 94412

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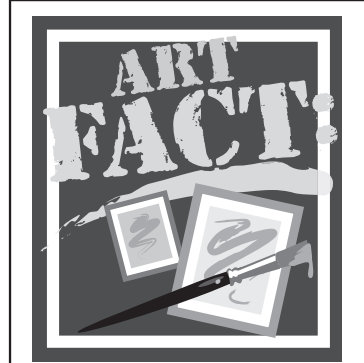
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Answers: 1. Woman wearing glasses 2. Books missing in back 3. Candle in foreground

THIS DAY IN...



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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: STACKED NEWSPAPERS

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

INDEX #: E2019-2394

Action to Foreclose a Mortgage

MARC HOME LLC FKA WEI MORTGAGE LLC

Plaintiff,

Vs

MICHAEL MCGUINNESS IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.)

Defendant(s).

MORTGAGED PREMISES: 55 MAPLE TRAIL WURTSBORO, NY 12790 SBL #: 41 - 11 - 2

To the Above named Defendant:

You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Sullivan. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Michael McGuinness Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Stephan G. Schick of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twenty-Fourth day of June, 2021 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Sullivan, in the City of Monticello. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Michael McGuinness dated the April 20, 2018, to secure the sum of \$109,600.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 2018-3111 in the Office of the Sullivan County Clerk, on the May 3, 2018. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed September 3, 2019 and recorded on September 13, 2019, in the Office of the Sullivan County Clerk at Instrument Number 2019-6436; The property in question is described as follows: 55 MAPLE TRAIL, WURTSBORO, NY 12790 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR

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NOTICE

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

DATED: July 6, 2021

Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221

The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 69726

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LEGAL NOTICE

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY,

Plaintiff

- against -

ELIZABETH WHITEHEAD,

et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 27, 2021. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction outside in front of the courthouse steps of the Lawrence H. Cooke Sullivan County Courthouse, Village of Monticello, Sullivan County, New York on the 10th day of August, 2021 at 10:00 AM. All that tract or parcel of land situate in the Village of Liberty, Town of Liberty, County of Sullivan and State of New York.

Premises known as 9 Milton Avenue, Liberty, NY 12754. (Section: 102, Block: 3, Lot: 3) Approximate amount of lien \$115,151.12 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. E2018-1883. Michael Davidoff, Esq., Referee. Stein, Wiener & Roth LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff One Old Country Road, Suite 113 Carle Place, NY 11514 Tel. 516/742-1212 WHITEHEAD 75215 Dated: June 24, 2021

During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to

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comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.

Interested bidders may pre-register with the Referee via e-mail at info@ddelawoffice.com. The pre-registration deadline is August, 5th 2021.

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LEGAL NOTICE

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Notice of Complete Application

Date: 07/20/2021

Applicant: JOY SPRING

Facility: SPRING PROPERTY 85 LAKE SHORE DR W ROCK HILL, NY 12775

Application ID: 3-4846-00488/00001

Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands

Project is located: in THOMPSON in SULLIVAN COUNTY

Project Description: The applicant proposes to add approximately 4000 cubic feet of fill to a fenced residential yard in order to raise the grade. This action will create approximately 9,200 square feet (0.2 acres) of disturbances to the 100-foot adjacent area of NYS Freshwater Wetland YL-1, Class 2. No disturbance to the wetland is proposed.

Availability of Application Documents: Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.

SEQR Lead Agency None Designated

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination Cultural resource lists and maps have been checked. The proposed activity is not in an area of identified archaeological sensitivity and no known registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures were identified or documented for the project location. No further review in accordance with SHPA is required.

Availability For Public Comment Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 08/12/2021 or 15 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person ALYSSE DEVINE NYSDEC 21 S Putt Corners Rd New Paltz, NY 12561

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LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of HOUSE BOYNTON UNITED LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 03/04/2021.

Office location: SULLIVAN. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to:

Designated agent, 251 Little Falls Drive, Wilmington, Delaware 19808. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 94268

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Hurleyville is full of PRIDE

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY JOSEPH ABRAHAM

The House of YES, a creative collective and theatre-infused nightclub based in Bushwick, Brooklyn, brought the fun to the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre on Saturday.

The YES YES YES Hurleyville Pride event, described as a day party and carnival celebrating love, self-expression and the magic of summer in the Catskills, featured circus shows, guest speakers, a variety of vendors, a parade and more.



Clockwise from above: The House of YES had several performers show their talents during their two circus shows at Saturday's event.

Event attendees and members of the House of YES take part in a parade around the hamlet.

Pixel the Drag Jester, a Monticello High School alum, MC-ed and performed during Saturday's circus shows.

The event had fun offerings for people of all ages.

Dayna Halprin, Chair of the Sullivan County Young Democrats, spoke at the event. They encouraged straight allies of the LGBTQIA+ community to also be with them at the polls in November, and urged elected officials in attendance to do more than simply come for a photo op.



A LOOK BACK at this day in sports...

Appel Brothers start and end respective Baseball careers

BY STEVE PINTO
PUBLISHED JULY 27, 1993

ROCK HILL - The 1992-93 college baseball season saw both the start of one career and the finale of another for the Appels of Rock Hill. Twenty-one-year-old Donald finished out his senior season at Hartwick College in grand fashion, batting .302 with three home runs and 28 RBI in 25 games. Hartwick missed out on the NCAA College World Series by one game, finishing the season with a 20-13 record. Donald was voted to the All-East Coast Atlantic Conference team and

holds the record for most home runs in a career for the Oneonta-based school. Don batted over .300 for three of his four years at school, batting .325 as a freshman and a .305 during his junior season.

There was a good chance Hartwick would've qualified for the NCAA tournament had it not been for an off-the-field incident. On Mother's Day, six members of the Hartwick squad were ambushed by twelve men. In the ensuing melee, Donald suffered concussions, the starting shortstop had his nose broken and the starting first baseman was lost for the sea-

son with a broken jaw. "We lost one of our better players out of the lineup and that loss cost us a shot at the NCAA's," relates Don.

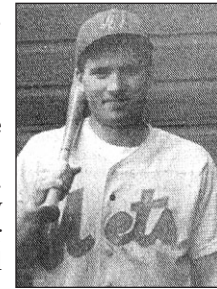
The highlight of the season for the elder Appel occurred during the team's Florida trip. Against Division II Hillsdale College, Don delivered a pinch-hit RBI in game one. Don finished the day with a three run home run and a grand slam in game two.

Younger brother Douglas kicked off his freshman season at Monmouth College, in West Long Beach, New Jersey. The younger Appel saw limited action behind the plate

for the Division I club, garnering 5 hits in 21 plate appearances.

Monmouth's starting catcher was the nation's seventh leading hitter this season. There is a possibility of the No. 1 catcher moving to second base next season. Regardless, Doug looks forward to breaking into the starting lineup this fall. "We've got a new coach this year. Hopefully, with a new coach I could beat the other guy out," states Doug.

Doug's best game this year was a 3-for-4 performance



Don Appel



DEMOCRAT FILE PHOTOS
Doug Appel

ished the summer batting .360. Doug was voted to the all-star team and led the team in hitting with a .450 average.

This year's summer league season was cut short due to a conflict with the team's general manager, which led a vast majority of the players to leave the squad. However, Don and Doug can still be found in their front yard taking batting practice off their batting machine. While Don now just swings for the fun of it, his younger sibling takes aim at duplicating his brother's college feats.

Saturday's Speedway winners

It was Danbury Racearena Night at Bethel Motor Speedway on Saturday night. The winners were as follows ...

NASCAR Modified - Ed Dachenhausen; NASCAR Street Stock - Kyle Welsch; NASCAR Sport Mod -

Andy Crane; Dirt Modified - Jerry Curry; INEX Legend Car - Connor Holderbach; INEX Bandolero - Leland Oefelein; Rookie Bandolero - Easton Houghtaling; 4 Cylinder Twin 15's - Vinny Degraw & Mikey Travis.



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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

FARMLAND PROPERTIES, INC.,

Plaintiff,

Index No. 2018-2446
RJI No. 52-41113-2019
NOTICE OF SALE

SARAH DZIMITROVSKY and,
AARON WINTERITZ,

Defendants.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated January 21, 2020, and filed and entered in the above entitled action in the Sullivan County Clerk's Office on February 7, 2020, I, the undersigned, the Referee named in said Judgment will sell at public auction in the front of the Sullivan County Courthouse, 414 Broadway, Monticello, New York 12701, on the 4th day of August, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. of that day the premises described in and by said Judgment to be sold. Said premises are located in the Towns of Thompson and Fallsburg, County of Sullivan, State of New York, and known and designated on the Town of Thompson Tax Map as Section 3 - Block 1 - Lot 10 and the Town of Fallsburg Tax Map as Section 47 - Block 1 - Lot 5.1, and are located at Whitaker Road, Thompson, New York. The approximate amount of the judgment is \$302,628.31 plus interest, costs and unpaid real estate taxes.

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SAID premises will be sold as a single parcel and are subject to such state of facts as an accurate survey may disclose; to rights, restrictions, grant, regulations, conditions, covenants and easements of record; to the right of the public to any part of the mortgaged premises that lie in the bounds of any street or highway; to all and any tenancies, possessory interests or leases, if any, affecting the premises, not made party defendants in this action; and to all the terms and conditions contained in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and to the Terms of Sale.

Dated: July 1, 2021

Shinwan Rosenfeld
Avinoam Rosenfeld, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff
156 Harborview South
Lawrence, NY 11559
PH. 516-547-1717

MICHAEL D. ALTMAN, ESQ., Referee.

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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK -
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A
MR. COOPER,

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V.

ROBERT E. SEREDA; ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 23, 2019, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Sullivan, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER is the Plaintiff and ROBERT E. SEREDA; ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the LAWRENCE H. COOKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 414 BROADWAY IN THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO IN THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, STATE OF NEW YORK 12701 on August 9, 2021 at 9:30AM, premises known as 40 STRAIGHT PATH, ROCKHILL, NY 12775: Section 55, Block 2, Lot 10.17:

ALL THAT TRACT PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, IN THE TOWN OF THOMPSON, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 2018-2084. Michael David Altman, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

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At 87, Engle still playing the game he loves

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY ANTHONY MORGANO

CALICOON CENTER — George Bernard Shaw, an Irish playwright, once said, “we don’t stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.”

For 87-year-old Bill Engle and the rest of the Sullivan County Seniors softball team, that certainly seems to be the case.

The team was founded 31 years ago, in 1990, for local softball players over the age of 55 to play in the Senior Games in Cortland. Engle was on that original team over three decades ago, and is still going strong today.

As the years have passed, the team has transitioned from competing against other local softball teams to an intramural squad that meets up on Tuesday nights for a friendly game in Callicoon Center. Everyone warms up and meets in a dugout to divide teams before starting. The atmosphere around the field buzzes with youthful energy and stories and jokes that come with

age. One of the central members of the group is Engle, a retired teacher and Town of Callicoon Justice. Engle has been a resident of Sullivan County since 1971 and a member of the Sullivan County Seniors since its inception.

“It has been a fun 31 years. I have played with and against a lot of wonderful people,” he said.

One of Engle’s favorite memories from his time on the Sullivan County Seniors was the team’s second place finish in the 1995 Senior Games. Although the teams’ past successes are something that Engle looks back on fondly, he included, “The team has brought people together from all over the county and even parts of Pennsylvania, and it has been great getting to meet and know new people.”



Bill Engle

At 87 years old, Engle brings experience to the plate. His athletic ability does not seem to have diminished much as he finished Tuesday’s game 3-4 with a double and two singles. The oldest member on the team was also one of the top performers in the intramural game.

When the dust had settled on the field and the gear was all put away, the team gathered in the parking lot to share jokes and stories over a homemade meal.

“The team dinners are something that only started a year or two ago, completely by accident,” Engle explained. “One night somebody brought chicken after the game and it just became a tradition for us.”

After 31 years, and a lot of changes, the Sullivan County Seniors and Bill Engle are still going strong.

Engle reflected on the 2021 team by saying, “It’s great that this has been able to continue, it’s very beneficial for the community.”



Above, 87-year-old Bill Engle cruises into second base after crushing a double over the left fielders’ head at the weekly Sullivan County Seniors game.

At left, Bill Engle turns on a pitch in the zone. The 87-year-old power hitter can still drive the ball in his 31st season on the Sullivan County Seniors.

Fortress Bikes ready to get people out on the trail

STORY AND PHOTOS
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HURLEYVILLE — When Hal Simon and his wife Lori, who at the time were Long Island residents, purchased a second home in Rock Hill 16 years ago, he called it his “Fortress of Solitude.” This was a reference, of course, to the comic book escape of Superman.

So fast forward to today, it seemed only fitting that ‘Fortress’ be present in the

name of his new bike shop, Fortress Bikes, on Main Street in Hurleyville.

They recently became full-time Sullivan County residents, with Lori as co-owner of the shop, and their two daughters Jamie and Daryl helping with social media and merchandise/design respectively.

“I wanted to be here in Sullivan County [full-time], that was the driving force,” said Simon who had managed restaurants for several

years. “It was time to leave Long Island for a simpler life. We were snowshoeing in January and fell in love with the Hurleyville Rail Trail. I had an epiphany that there was no place to rent bikes [at the trail].”

He then began to search for places in town. Eventually he touched base with Party Master’s Perry Gips, who renovated a space within his building on 194 Main Street.

Fortress Bikes which is a member of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association, has bike and skate rentals, and will have snowshoes available for rent come winter. They also sell snacks, beverages and merchandise.

They have bikes for people of all ages from kids to adults. The goal for Fortress Bikes, Simon said, “Is to be a part of the com-

munity and help people get exercise on a beautiful trail. I also want to make a living doing something fun and bikes make people happy.”

Fortress Bikes is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Simon said they also plan to host corporate events in the future, so if you’re interested, reach out.

For more information you can check out Fortress Bikes on Facebook and Instagram, by calling (845) 843-9555 or by visiting fortressbikes.com.



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From the left, Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Jaime Schmeiser, Fortress Bikes Owners Lori and Hal Simon and Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association Director of Business Development Saraid Gonzalez at a ribbon cutting recently held for the new business.



Fortress Bikes is located at 194 Main Street in Hurleyville, in the same building as Party Master.



Fortress Bikes has plenty of rentals available.



STREAMSIDE

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Trout Growth and Prime Time Fishing

Area rivers and streams are slowly receding after a week of heavy rains, showers and thunderstorms. As of Sunday afternoon, July 25, the Beaverkill at Cooks Falls was flowing at 551 cubic feet per second, which is well above the (median) average flow on this date of 150 cfs over 107 years of record-keeping. Water temperatures have remained favorable, ranging from a low of 59 last Friday to a high between 66- and 67-degrees Fahrenheit, which is about perfect for trout fishing.

Higher water levels and lower temperatures during the summer are a welcome boost for trout, especially considering that just a few weeks ago, at the end of June, we experienced a

record-breaking heat wave all across the country; water temperatures were in the mid-80s down on the lower Beaverkill, and the trout were in stress from heat and low water.

We learned that trout, being cold-blooded creatures, are dependent on the temperature of the water in which they reside, as body temperatures closely follow that of their ambient environment; to optimize growth and development, they must reside in temperature ranges preferred by their species. Water temperatures directly affect trout growth, reproduction and survival, which often depends on the rate of temperature change and how well the trout are acclimated, in addition to their

size and genetic strain.

In early spring when waters are colder than 45 degrees F, the trout’s metabolism is still sluggish, and energy levels are low. But as waters begin to warm toward 50 degrees Fahrenheit, many species of aquatic insects will begin to hatch and rise to the surface, stimulating the trout up from the bottom of the stream to feed on the surface. This combination of temperature and food (insects) provides the ingredients that enable fly fishers to catch greater numbers of trout more easily than at other times of the season and is considered prime time for fly-fishing.

The preferred water temperatures for maximum growth in trout are generally

concluded to be between 45- and 65-degrees F. As water temperatures rise to this range, digestive enzymes work more rapidly, and appetites are increased. Trout require more food as body processes are accelerated and additional energy is used. The abundant fly hatches of early summer, along with favorable temperatures, result in trout-feeding activity at its peak. Our free-flowing Catskill streams and rivers depend on rainfall, especially in summer, when the cooler water temperatures such as we are experiencing will result in more vigorous trout growth, especially for the young-of-the-year fingerlings, and will provide a better chance of survival and growth for older fish as well.

Water temperatures change very little on overcast or rainy days, while on clear sunny days they can rise ten degrees or more, with the warmest reading

usually occurring at 4 p.m. Temperatures will usually lower a degree or two at 7 p.m., and will proceed to drop throughout the night, with the lowest recording normally being near sunrise.

Knowing which methods of fly fishing will work best at various water temperatures will improve your fly-fishing efforts. My husband, Ed, has learned that at 66 degrees Fahrenheit, trout are looking to feed even without a hatch, and it’s possible to “move” fish to your fly. They may come up to a dry fly, or take a nymph, or be coaxed into activity chasing a wet fly or streamer...and when there is a hatch, the 66-degree temperature can produce a memorable day’s fishing.

We notice that trout are not as active between 68 and 69 degrees Fahrenheit unless there is some fly activity; and at 70 degrees Fahrenheit a hatch or at least some flies on the water is practically a must. It is more difficult to

tempt trout into coming up and taking a dry fly by “fishing the water” at these higher temperatures, or to take them on nymphs or wet flies.

During these higher water conditions as we are now experiencing, late-July anglers can fish again with 5X tippet rather than the 6x or 7x required for low flows; there are fairly good hatches of Isonychia in the afternoons, as well as typical summer hatches of the larger Light Cahills and tiny Blue Winged Olives and Sulphurs.

When no hatches or rises are apparent, try a streamer, nymph or wet fly in higher fast-moving water. And as it is mid-summer, do carry a thermometer with you to check water temperatures when fishing for trout.

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