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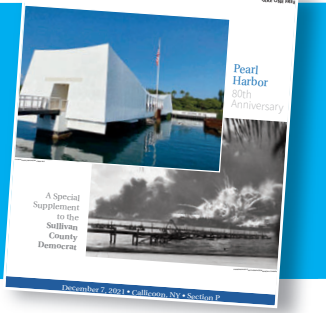
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Members of the Rockland Town Board at Thursday's meeting. From left, Councilman JR DeVantier, Town Clerk Elect Marinella DiVita, Supervisor Rob Eggleton and Councilmember Chrissy Routledge.

Rockland to opt-in

STORY AND PHOTO BY JOSEPH ABRAHAM

LIVINGSTON MANOR — When it comes to cannabis retail dispensaries and consumption sites, the Town of Rockland is open for business.

Municipalities have until December 31 to opt-out of cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption facilities (cafes, bakeries, etc.), if they so choose. Otherwise they automatically opt-in.

Following a public hearing on a local law that would see the town opt out of retail dispensaries and consumption sites, the Rockland Town Board unanimously chose to take no action prior to the December 31 deadline.

All members of the public who commented expressed support for opting in to retail dispensaries, with one of those individuals believing they should opt out of consumption sites.

By taking no action, the Town of Rockland will opt-in to both in the new year.

Town of Rockland Supervisor Rob Eggleton told the **Democrat** that concerns regarding public safety and cannabis were mitigated after speaking with some members of law enforcement.

Also, after discussions in research of the vote on the local law, Eggleton feels that if the town opted out, there wouldn't be any licenses available if they opted in at a later date.

"I don't want to pass that up," he said, citing Livingston Manor as a good place for one of these types of new cannabis businesses. "And if we can get revenue for the town, then great."

Municipalities will receive a percentage of the revenue from cannabis businesses within their borders.

"People have been smoking marijuana for years, and currently people can have it," Eggleton added, "so if it's already legal then why should we try and prohibit it from being in our town when it's already here?"

Town of Rockland Councilmember Chrissy Routledge told the **Democrat** that she would never want to turn down the opportunity for new business prospects to the Town of Rockland.

"I am in favor of any type of business growth and development in the town and the increased revenue it will generate," she said. "I'm positive that the laws surrounding the changes in New York State will give people safe access to cannabis."

COVID cases highest since April 2020

Impacts being felt

BY JOSEPH ABRAHAM

SULLIVAN COUNTY — Some say records are made to be broken. But that isn't always a good thing.

Commissioner of the Division of Health and Family Services, John Liddle, told legislators at a special Management and Budget Committee meeting on Thursday, that they had 93 new positive COVID test results that day, which for the fourth consecutive day, set the highest single day mark since the pandemic began.

In addition to that figure, the county announced on



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John Liddle, Commissioner of the Division of Health and Family Services, pictured here at a recent meeting of the County Legislature, gave an update on the COVID situation across the county on Thursday.

COVID-19 Update

- **Current Active Cases:** 476; up from 432
- **Deaths:** 95; same
- **In Quarantine:** 1,110; up from 863
- **Total Confirmed Cases:** 10,001; up from 9,939
- **Hospitalized:** 11; up from 10
- **On Ventilation:** 0; same
- **One Vaccine Dose:** 46,108; up from 46,003
- **Completed vaccine:** 41,148; up from 41,040

These are the latest numbers from Sullivan County Public Health Services as of Friday, December 3.

Friday, that there were 476 active COVID-19 cases, with 1,110 others in quarantine/isolation due to exposure — the highest number of active cases the county has had since April of 2020.

Liddle suggested that it wasn't time to panic, comparing the number of hospitalizations on Thursday (10) to when active cases were at a similar mark in April 2020 (28).

"That doesn't mean that everything's fine," said Liddle. "With all the media comments about Omicron and spreading all over the world ... we are in a very

serious situation. But the sky is not falling. Really what's important now is vaccination."

Liddle said in order to beat the pandemic, they need to get vaccine rates (see sidebar page 3A) up to 80 percent across every demographic and age group.

"Vaccines do work," said Liddle. "I know Dr. Oz, Joe Rogan, Dr. Facebook may have other opinions, and I do want to say that vaccines are not foolproof. There are folks that have questions and concerns and folks have raised stuff on social media that they deserve to have answers to those questions.

It's hard to get straight answers because there's so much misinformation out there and also because the virus is changing day by day."

As the **Democrat** previously reported, Public Health is monitoring the new Omicron variant, but at this time, county officials have stated that there is much even the World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and NYS Department of Health don't know about it or how it will impact the support vaccines currently provide.

"The fact is vaccines do reduce the potential for severe illness or death," said Liddle. "That's proven by science."

According to the county, New York State Department of Health has been closely monitoring hospitalization rates, noting that fully vaccinated New Yorkers have an 89.8 percent lower chance of being hospitalized with COVID-19 than those who are unvaccinated.

Public Health Director Nancy McGraw told legislators Thursday that of the 458 new positive cases the county saw last week, 74 of those individuals or roughly 16

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2020 NY comptroller Census data highlights

STORY AND PHOTO BY DEREK KIRK

SULLIVAN COUNTY - Each town throughout Sullivan County has undergone a transformation in both population size and population composition over the past 10 years, according to the recently released New York State Comptroller census report for 2020. Here are some of the takeaways.

POPULATION CHANGES

The towns of Mamakating, Cohecton, Fallsburg and Thompson all experienced overall population growth over the past decade.

Mamakating grew by 4.7 percent with a current population of 12,655.

Cohecton grew by 5.5 percent with its population sitting at 1,448.

Fallsburg grew 10.3 percent with a current population of 14,192.

Thompson grew 8.1 percent and is now sitting at 16,550 residents.

Thompson Town Supervisor William Rieber Jr., believes the cause of the growth in population is due to the town's commitment to upgrading and preserving Thompson's natural beauty for its many residents.

"We've really focused greatly on the quality of life issues in the town. We've greatly increased our investment in parks and recreation," he said. "It's the draw to bring people in, people enjoy the outdoors."

However, the Towns of Tusten, Rockland, Callicoon, Delaware, Forest-



Recently released data shows that towns have experienced change in both demographic and population size all around the county throughout the past 10 years. The Town of Tusten decreased 7.3 percent since 2010 and is sitting at 1,405 residents.

burgh, Neversink, Fremont, Bethel, Highland and Lumberland all experienced a decline in population.

According to the State Comptroller census report, Rockland decreased 12.8 percent and currently has a population of 3,290.

Callicoon decreased 2.2 percent and sitting at 2,989 people.

Delaware decreased 17.5 percent and currently has 2,203 residents.

Forestburgh decreased 1.3 percent and currently has 808 residents.

Neversink decreased 5.4 percent with 3,366 current residents.

Fremont decreased 15.9 percent with 1,161 current residents.

Bethel decreased 7.0 percent, currently sitting at 3,959 people.

Highland decreased 13.2 percent with 2,196 current residents.

Lumberland decreased 9.1 percent with 2,243 residents. Tusten decreased 7.3 per-

cent and is sitting at 1,405 residents.

For the Town of Tusten, Town Supervisor Ben Johnson stated that he believes that there are a few different reasons on why Tusten has experienced some population decline.

"Either elderly people have passed away and their homes have been sold to people that are only weekenders that are claiming primary residence elsewhere, or people have moved away, and when they sold their residences, they became Airbnbs or weekend residences, and claiming residences in another location," Johnson explained.

"It's a hard county to find a good job in compared to what the cost of living is. It's the age-old problem that we've had, we raise the kids and they go elsewhere," Johnson said.

Town Supervisor of Callicoon, Tom Bose, stated that despite the numbers pre-

sented by the Comptroller, Callicoon has kept busy with new home constructions in the past few years.

"It's the most we've ever seen," Bose said about new homes going up in the town.

LATINX POPULATION

A noticeable rise in the percentage of the Hispanic identifying population can be seen throughout Sullivan County but most notably in the towns of Callicoon, Neversink, Fremont, Mamakating and Lumberland, all undergoing at least a 50 percent increase in Hispanic population since 2010.

In the five villages throughout the county, Liberty and Wurtsboro have experienced the most growth in their respective Hispanic populations, rising 58 percent and 45 percent respectively.

Grahamsville woman victim in fatal car crash

BY DEREK KIRK

west shoulder due to as of yet undetermined reasons. The vehicle, a 2014 Jeep Compass, struck a ditch and continued across State Route 55. The vehicle then struck a guide rail and proceeded to roll over.

Vilaca was the single occupant of the vehicle.

Assisting State Police in responding to the fatal crash were MobileMedic EMT's Neversink Volunteer Fire Department, and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

New York State Police say the fatal crash still under investigation.

NEVERSINK — New York State Police have reported that on December 5, at approximately 3:24 a.m., State Police from the Liberty barracks responded to a report of a single vehicle crash along State Route 55 in the town of Neversink in which a woman was declared deceased at the scene.

According to a press release issued by the New York State Police on Monday, the victim of the crash, Erica Vilaca from Grahamsville, age 30, was traveling when the vehicle left the road off the

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Tri-Valley Elementary, Eldred pivot to remote learning

BY MATT SHORTALL

GRAHAMSVILLE — The Tri-Valley Central School District announced on Sunday that, due to the number of staff and students who have recently tested positive for COVID-19 and the resulting quarantine requirements, Tri-Valley Elementary School (TVES) would transition to remote instruction through Friday, December 10.

In-person instruction at TVES is expected to resume Monday, Dec. 13.

Like other school districts across Sullivan County and the country, Tri-Valley is looking to keep schools open and students safe despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tri-Valley Secondary School remains open for in-person instruction.

As the Democrat reported on Friday, Sullivan County saw the largest single-day increase in the number of COVID cases since Public Health Services started tracking them at the beginning of the pandemic.

"The likelihood of getting infected in school is low ... not zero," said Dr. William Silver, Interim Superintendent of the Tri-Valley Central School District on Friday. "We're doing our best to stay open because I really believe kids need to be in school."

By Sunday, however, Dr. Sil-



ver reported that 55 students at the elementary school were either on quarantine or had tested positive for COVID.

Additionally, Dr. Silver said that 17 teachers, teaching assistants and aides called in sick or were quarantined.

Silver says the district is doing everything they can, including requiring that students and staff wear masks and social distance, to mitigate any risks.

Still, some parents in the district think more can be done to prevent in-school transmission.

Amanda Sibiga said she believes one of her children may have been exposed to COVID in mid-November before a number of other family members tested positive and their family ultimately had to cancel Thanksgiving plans.

"I think they should at least give us the option to do virtual learning and keep our kids home," Sibiga said.

On Friday, Dr. Silver said the district was capable of switching to a remote learning model due in part to the ChromeBook laptops they provide to students.

"We can 'flip the switch', but the kids don't want to do that. They really want to be in school. The teachers don't want to do that because last year [remote learning] was not a happy experience," Dr. Silver said on Friday. "[Remote learning] is not nearly

as effective as in-person teaching."

Dr. Silver says their concern is not only any potential exposure to the virus at school, but also maintaining enough teachers and staff for classes and school programs.

"Our teachers' union has been very cooperative and we've come up with a couple of ways to help support keeping the schools open. Teachers are giving up their prep periods to cover classes and that seems to have stemmed the tide a little bit," Dr. Silver said during a recent Tri-Valley Board of Education meeting.

Tri-Valley is not the only local school district which has been impacted by rising COVID cases.

As the Democrat reported on Nov. 26, the Monticello Central School District had to suspend in-person classes for one day due to a lack of available bus drivers.

Last week the Eldred Central School District announced, that because of a "sharp increase in the number of positive COVID cases," they were also going virtual through Friday, December 10.

Public Health Director Nancy McGraw told legislators on Thursday that about 22 percent of all of the County's new cases in the last week were kids 16 years of age or younger.

"The schools are a mess right now with cases," she said, "and there's still a good number of unvaccinated staff. Of course, we want to get those vaccination rates up with children. We vaccinated about 400 children [ages 5-11] in our first three clinics ... we're continuing to vaccinate and push folks to pharmacies and health care providers for pediatric vaccinations."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Last week Detective Hess took his final walk out of the Liberty Police Department. He was surrounded by friends and family and saluted by the entire department as he left.

Detective Mark Hess retires

LIBERTY — On Wednesday, December 1, Detective Mark Hess took his final walk out of the Liberty Police Department.

He was surrounded by friends and family and saluted by the entire department as he left.

Detective Hess retired after 20 years of honorable service to the Village of Liberty Police Department.

Detective Hess served many roles during his career including Patrolman, School

Resource Officer, D.A.R.E. instructor, certified police instructor, Patrol Sergeant and finished his career as Detective.

He was responsible for working on some of the most serious cases the department has handled in the last seven years.

"His knowledge and experience will be missed by all," said Liberty Police Chief Steven D'Agata. "Congratulations Mark and best of luck in retirement!"



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Legislators mark repeal of Energy Tax

MONTICELLO – Sullivan County legislators last week made note of the State-approved December 1 repeal of the four percent Energy Tax, instituted during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, when County finances faced a potentially perilous future.

The Energy Tax itself has

been levied on commercial properties in Sullivan County since 1975 and will remain so. Any charge for electricity and various heating fuels is subject to a four percent surcharge remitted to the County.

Residential properties had long been exempted. However, on July 23, 2020, the Leg-

islature unanimously removed that residential exemption, effective September 1, 2020, in order to prepare for anticipated fiscal impacts related to the pandemic. When those impacts ultimately did not fully materialize, legislators on August 19, 2021, unanimously agreed to reinstate the residential exemp-

tion, effective December 1, 2021 (as early as the State would allow).

Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck noted that bills with the Energy Tax applied may still arrive in local mailboxes in coming weeks, as any charges generated in November remain subject to the tax.

MEETINGS

- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7
Town of Mamakating, Town Board, Meeting, 6 p.m., 2948 Route 209, Wurtsboro.
Hurleyville Fire District, Regular Meeting, 6 p.m., Hurleyville Firehouse, 166 Main St., Hurleyville.
Liberty Public Library, Regular Meeting, Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., 189 North Main St., Liberty.
Roscoe-Rockland Fire District, Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Roscoe-Rockland Fire District Community Center, 1968 Old Rt. 17, Roscoe.
Town of Thompson, Town Board, Meeting/Public Hearing, 7 p.m., via ZOOM, 4052 Route 42, Monticello.
Town of Liberty, Planning Board, Public Hearing, 7:05 p.m., 120 North

- Main St., Liberty.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8
Mamakating Public Library, Board of Trustees Meeting, 6 - 7 p.m., Mamakating Public Library, 128 Sullivan St., Wurtsboro. Interested parties call (845) 888-8004.
Village of Monticello, Village Board, Public Hearing, 6 p.m., 2 Pleasant St., Monticello.
Village of Jeffersonville, Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Russell E. Duttwiler Community Center, 17 Center St., 2nd Floor, Jeffersonville.
Town of Cochection, Town Board, Meeting, 7 p.m. 74 Smales Rd., Lake Huntington.
Town of Delaware, Town Board, Meeting, 7 p.m., 104 Main St., Hor-

- tonville.
Town of Fremont, Town Board, Meeting, 7 p.m., 12 County Road 95, Fremont Center.
Town of Lumberland, Town Board, Meeting, 7 p.m., 1054 Proctor Rd., Glen Spey.
Town of Highland, Planning Board, Public Hearing, 7 p.m., Eldred Town Hall, 4 Proctor Rd., Eldred.
Town of Thompson, Planning Board, Meeting, 7 p.m., via ZOOM, 4052 Route 42, Monticello.
Town of Neversink, Town Board, Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Public Hearing, 7:45 p.m., 273 Main St., Gramhamsville.
Town of Bethel, Town Board, Audit Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 3460 Route 55, White Lake.
North Branch Fire District, Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., District Meeting Room, 20 N. Branch Rd., North Branch.
Mountandale Fire District, Monthly Meeting, 8 p.m., Mountandale Firehouse, 132 Main St.,

- Mountandale.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9
Sullivan County Legislature, Board Meeting, 9 a.m., Legislative Hearing Room, Live streamed, Sull. Co. Government Center, 100 North St., Monticello.
Monticello Central School District, Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., via videoconference. Info: monticelloschools.net. RJK Middle School Library, 45 Breakey Ave, Monticello.
Village of Bloomingburg, Town Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 13 North Rd., Bloomingburg.
Town of Fallsburg, Planning Board, Meeting, 7 p.m., via ZOOM, 12 Laurel Ave., South Fallsburg.
White Lake Fire District, Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., 1596 St. Rt. 17B, White Lake.
Town of Callicoon, Planning Board, Public Hearing, 7 p.m., Meeting, 7:30 p.m. 19 Legion St., Jeffersonville.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

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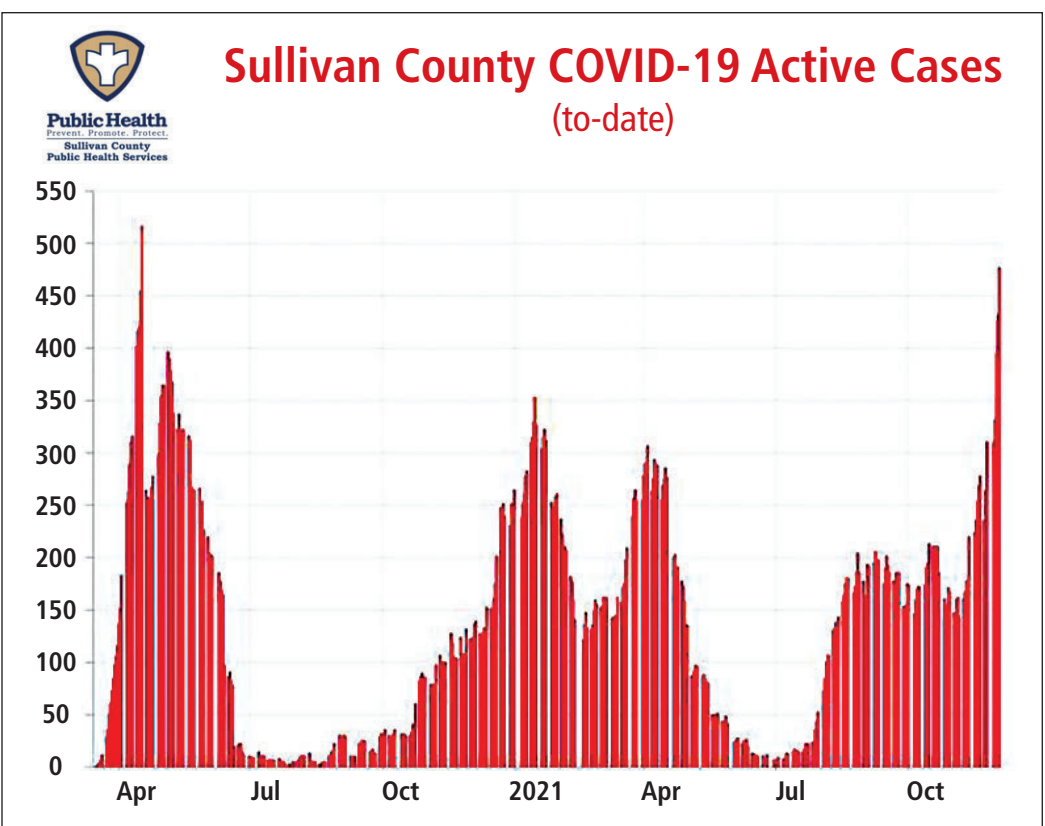
Hancock CINEMAS advertisement with logo, phone number 607-637-3456, and website hancockcinemas.com.

Blue Christmas Worship Service advertisement for White Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church, Sunday December 12 1pm, including refreshments and fellowship.

Liberty Chimney Sons advertisement featuring chimney services, contact information (845) 583-5733, and a 38th Anniversary logo.

ARTHUR TROVEI AND SONS, INC. advertisement for scrap metal services, listing prices for copper, brass, aluminum, steel, and scrap car batteries.

LEGISLATURE: Listens to COVID concerns; National Guard assisting Care Center



This graph released by the County shows that active COVID cases have risen to the highest mark since April 2020.

FROM FRONT PAGE
percent, were identified as people who are fully vaccinated. One hundred and twenty of the 458 people

who tested positive, roughly 26 percent, identified as being vaccinated or partially vaccinated (at least one dose).
McGraw told the Demo-

crat that hospitalizations are increasing and hovering around nine or 10 per day, but approximately 70-90 percent of them have been among unvaccinated indi-

viduals. She added that they've also seen a slow but steady increase in deaths over the past three months. Of the 95 county residents who have passed away from COVID-19 since the pandemic began, according to McGraw, 15 deaths, or 16 percent, have occurred in the past three months.

Legislator Nadia Rajsz, who chairs the Health and Family Services Committee, pointed out that if Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills were to become inundated with patients due to COVID, it compromises everyone else in the county because they'd have nowhere else to go outside of Middletown or elsewhere.

"We need to reduce the amount of people getting sick, for them not to end up in a hospital taking a bed that you or anybody else may need," said Rajsz.

In addition to encouraging vaccination, McGraw also touched on the importance of mask wearing. "... everyone should be wearing masks when they cannot socially distance from others (six feet or farther away)," she said. "Masks are proven to greatly reduce chances of infection, not only of coronavirus, but

Vaccination rates (At least one vaccine dose as of last Thursday)	
Age Group	%
5-11	7.9%
12-17	45.4%
18-25	63.0%
26-34	60.3%
35-44	68.5%
45-54	62.9%
55-64	81.4%
65-74	87.5%
75+	84.6%

61.1% of total population with one dose
72.5% of 18-plus population with at least one dose

the facility, 22 have tested positive and were being treated with a vitamin pack, which is a CDC-approved treatment.

Smith said they had two or three individuals that displayed symptoms and that it lasted for a couple days. "Now everybody is symptom free," said Smith, adding that everyone seems to be doing fine.

National Guard

Last week it was announced that Governor Kathy Hochul was deploying medical teams from the National Guard to help nursing homes throughout the state facing staff shortages.

The Care Center at Sunset Lake has accepted such assistance. According to Care Center at Sunset Lake Administrator Megan Holton, eight members of the National Guard started Monday and will be assisting them through the holidays. They will be supplementing for resident care, assisting the nursing department and filling gaps where needed.

"We're looking forward to working with them and definitely thankful for the assistance they're providing," said Holton.

other transmissible diseases like the flu."

For questions about coronavirus, Public Health can be contacted at 845-513-2268. Info is also available on the county's website, as well as the NYS Department of Health and CDC websites.

COVID at county jail

During Thursday's Public Safety and Law Enforcement Committee meeting of the County Legislature, Sullivan County Jail Administrator Hal Smith said they've had a COVID outbreak at the jail.

Smith said that of the 96 incarcerated individuals at

New medical leadership at Wayne Memorial



From left to right: David Hoff, Dr. Dewar, Dr. McVeigh, WMH & Health System Board Chair Hugh Rechner.

HONESDALE, PA - Wayne Memorial Hospital's long-serving Medical Chief of Staff, William R. Dewar III, MD, stepped down recently and handed the reins over to Sean McVeigh, MD, FCCP, FACP. Dr. Dewar, an internal medicine specialist, had been the Chief from 2012 - 2021. He said it was "an honor and a privilege to serve the hospital, medical community and by extension all of our patients."

Dr. McVeigh, a board-certified pulmonologist, is also head of the hospital's COVID Medical Task Force

and has been acclaimed by many staffers as a "calming, informed, skilled presence" since the pandemic began. Dr. McVeigh earned his undergraduate degree and a Master's in Biochemistry at the University of Scranton, before going on to medical school at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. He has been practicing medicine since 1997.

A former tank commander and Officer School graduate while serving in the Army National Guard,

Dr. McVeigh joined active duty and completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at Walter Reed Army Center in Washington, D.C., where he attained the rank of Major. This was followed by a fellowship in pulmonary and sleep medicine at Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas. He is currently the medical director of Intensive Care Services, Respiratory Care, and Sleep Medicine Services at Wayne Memorial Hospital.

Dr. McVeigh joined the WMH Administration in

thanking Dr. Dewar for his years of service and said he looked forward to carrying on the traditions of his predecessor and those before him.

"I've been at Wayne Memorial since 2005," said Dr. McVeigh, who from 2008-2010 was president of the medical staff, "I've worked with many providers here

over the years and my hope is that we will continue to work as a team, offering the best quality of care possible to our community."

"Dr. Dewar was asked to serve as Chief of the Medical Staff after the passing of Dr. George Tietjen, a dark moment in our hospital's history," said David L. Hoff, WMH CEO, "and we are

most appreciative of all that he has done for the hospital family. He has always been here to help resolve any clinical issue that we ask his support on. In addition, I am very pleased that Dr. McVeigh, a physician that I was personally involved in recruiting to our community, will take over for Bill. Sean will do a great job."

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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.

Email Calendar@sc-democrat.com to submit an event.

Tuesday, December 7

Free trees for Veterans from ATI. Dec. 7th - 22nd. Action Toward Independence is offering free Christmas trees for Veterans with pick-up available between now and December 22. Veterans should call 845-794-4228 and ask for Ryan or Kevin to reserve their tree. The trees are donated by Delaware Valley Farm & Garden. ATI, 309 East Broadway, Monticello. For more info visit atitoday.org.

Holiday Book Sale 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Library Hours. Jeffersonville Library, Center Street, Jeffersonville.

Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter Living with Alzheimer's: For Middle-Stage Caregivers (Part 1) 11 a.m. Part one of a free three-part series in partnership with Suffern Free Library on caregiving in the middle stage of dementia. **Also happening: Something for Alz: Writing for Reflection and Connection:** 2 - 3 p.m. A free virtual writing and poetry workshop for both the caregiver and the person with dementia. Facilitated by licensed creative arts therapist Mary Farkas. Held via Zoom/telephone and in-person. Unless otherwise noted, call the Alzheimer's Association at 1 (800) 272-3900 to register for any of these programs. To learn more about the programs and services offered locally, visit alz.org/hudsonvalley.

Wednesday, December 8

Holiday Book Sale 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Library Hours. Jeffersonville Library, Center Street, Jeffersonville.

Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter Something for Alz: Chair Yoga for Every Body: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. No experience necessary; join us for a gentle seated yoga experience focused on breathing, gentle movements and stress reduction. **Also happening: Something for Alz: Winter Break** 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. A free virtual concert for people with dementia and their loved ones featuring music by Jeffrey Friedberg. Held via Zoom/telephone and in-person. Unless otherwise noted, call the Alzheimer's Association at 1 (800) 272-3900 to register for any of these programs. To learn more about the programs and services offered locally, visit alz.org/hudsonvalley.

CEESC Business and Marketing Workshop Series 5 - 7 p.m. Part 2 - Writing Your Business Plan (con't): Participants will finish their narrative and move on to one-year projections including: 12-month Cash Flow, Sales, Advertising and Personnel schedules. Charlene Finerty of Plans & Profits will present the ins and outs of writing a customized business plan and getting one step closer to a successful start-up. Edison Guzman of Prosperity Marketing will present on how to develop a marketing plan and properly brand your farm or food business. Participants will also have access to the presenters to review business and marketing plans post workshop series. Workshops are held at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. The series is only \$15 per person. Registration can be completed by calling CEESC at 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivanvce.org. Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit.

22nd Annual Interactive Dinner Theatre Performance of "A Christmas Carol" 7 p.m. Kick off the holiday season with merry songs, laughter, and heart-warming nostalgia as actors and carolers bring the Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' story to life at a variety of public venues throughout the Hudson Valley. Each event features a sumptuous three-course meal following a reception where guests meet Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, Nephew Fred, and carolers in authentic Victorian costume. Audience members are encouraged to interact with the Dickens' characters throughout the performance. The Venue Uptown (Best Western), Kingston. One price includes dinner and the performance. For tickets and reservation info visit www.murdercafe.net. For questions call 845-475-7973.

Thursday, December 9

Holiday Book Sale 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Library Hours. Jeffersonville Library, Center Street, Jeffersonville.

Women's Bar Association of Orange and Sullivan Counties Lunch with a Judge 12 - 1:30 p.m. Please join us as our lunch with a Judge series resumes! Featuring Sullivan County Court Judge Honorable Danielle Jose-Decker at Albella Restaurant, 50 Jefferson Street, Monticello. Options of salad, meatballs, sausage, eggplant parmigiana, pasta with broccoli & olive oil, stuffed shells, and chicken francese, \$15 members/\$20 non-members. Please RSVP to rsvp@wbaosc.org.

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Buck Brook Alpacas from left to right: James, Kara, Justin and Ryann McElroy.

Sullivan Catskills Visitors Assn.
to honor award winners this Thurs.

SULLIVAN COUNTY - The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) is proud to announce the award winners for 2021. The SCVA will present the awards at our Annual Meeting and Holiday Party on Thursday, December 9, presented by Resorts World Catskills.

Honoring a long tradition of recognizing outstanding individuals and businesses in the Sullivan Catskills, the winners this year are: STAR Award for Individual Achievement, Robert DeSalvio, President of Genting Americas East, Resorts World Catskills; STAR Award for Business Achievement, Buck Brook Alpacas; and TOAST Award for Exceptional Service, Jean Paul Medina, Executive Chef, Callicoon Hills.

The STAR Award for Individual Achievement exhibits a person who is knowledgeable about the business they represent and the Sullivan Catskills in general, while instilling a personal touch to the visitors' experience.

Robert DeSalvio currently serves as the President of Genting America's East. He joined the Genting team in December 2019. In this role, DeSalvio leads operations for Resorts World New York City, Resorts World Catskills, Resorts World Bimini and Resorts World Hudson Valley (opening Summer 2022).

DeSalvio has over 40 years of cross-functional experience in the gaming and hospitality industries with a proven track record of creating and implementing successful marketing and growth strategies.

"I am humbled and incredibly grateful to receive this award from an organization that plays such a critical role in making the Catskills an incredible place to live, work, play and stay," DeSalvio said.

Friday, December 10

Holiday Book Sale 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Library Hours. Jeffersonville Library, Center Street, Jeffersonville.

Girl's Night Out Holiday Edition 5 - 9 p.m. Grab your girlfriends and head into Milford Borough to wrap up your holiday shopping by shopping the small businesses of Milford! For more info visit milfordpa.us.

Women's Bar Association of Orange and Sullivan Counties Annual Holiday Party 5:30 p.m. Food stations and open bar: \$30 per person, members & non-members. Please bring a wrapped gift valued at no more than \$20 to participate in a grab bag. This holiday season, WBAOSC has adopted 4 local families and is providing clothing, toys, and food. At our holiday party we are accepting donations of additional non-perishable items for these families. Held at the Stage Coach Inn, Goshen. Please RSVP to rsvp@wbaosc.org.

Drive-In Living Nativity 7 - 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday. Beach Lake United Methodist Church invites you to enjoy a free drive-through Living Nativity complete with animals sure to delight children. The church is located on Milanville Road, across from the Beach Lake Fire Hall, and is visible from Rt. 652., Beach Lake, PA. The drive-through Living Nativity will allow attendees to experience the journey to the manger from the safety and warmth of their vehicle. For more info about The Living Nativity and other upcoming events, please call the church office at (570) 729-7011.

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" as a 1940's radio show. 8 p.m. at the So. Fallsburg Senior Center. Also, SCDW Youth Theatre presents a comedic adaptation of "A Christmas Carol" at 7 p.m. Both shows plus desserts at intermission for \$10. Info (845) 436-5336.



Robert DeSalvio



Jean Paul Medina

"Being recognized for this would not be possible without the dedicated team of professionals at Resorts World Catskills, who work tirelessly to make the casino-resort an experience to remember for our guests. The Catskills holds a special place in my heart and I am excited about what the future holds for this one-of-a-kind region."

The STAR Award for Business Achievement recognizes a business that exhibits how their business has affected the image of the Sullivan Catskills to the traveling public and enhanced the visitors' experience.

Since 2013, Buck Brook Alpacas has transformed into a well-known, Agri-Tourism destination. A 40-acre haven for over 100 alpacas, two llamas, a pot belly pig, ducks, chickens, peacocks, and a variety of angora rabbits, the farm hosts thousands of visitors each year.

"The team at Buck Brook Alpacas is honored to be receiving the 2021 Business Achievement Award from the Sullivan Catskills Visitor's Association," said Kara McElroy, co-owner along with her husband, Justin. "We are grateful for the support provided to us by the SCVA over the years. It has helped us become a leading Catskills tourism destination and allows us to do what we love everyday!"

The TOAST Award for Exceptional Service honors an employee who gives the extra effort to customers enhancing the customer's experience. They exhibit good leadership skills and knowledge about the Sullivan Catskills.

As Executive Chef at Callicoon Hills, Medina built the catering program and restaurant, all the while serving his delicious menu and building lasting relationships with customers, who know him by name.

"We knew JP was special the moment he walked into a half-finished Callicoon Hills," remarked Hope Rechsteiner, Director of Sales & Events. "Our suspicions were more than confirmed when we first tasted his cooking, which is always full of butter and love. We watched him work to build a physical kitchen and a kitchen team from the ground up (quite literally), with resilience as we dealt with the staffing shortage of the pandemic. His team respects him and his excitement for food and dedication to excellence is contagious and very apparent when you step into his kitchen."

All winners will be honored at the SCVA annual meeting on Thursday, December 9 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Resorts World Catskills.

"We are excited to recognize the award recipients who have achieved a high level of

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.

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Tuesday 12/7 - Saturday 12/11 (Library Hours) - Holiday Book Sale - Jeffersonville Library, Center Street, Jeffersonville.

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BRIEFS

Santa Claus is Coming to Port Jervis!

PORT JERVIS - On Saturday, December 18, between the hours of 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Santa Claus will be taking a break from his very busy Christmas preparations at the North Pole to return to our beautiful City to be escorted through our streets and make various stops to visit children in our community.

During the off-season, Santa apparently has been covertly visiting and enjoying the recreational biking and hiking opportunities of the Port Jervis Watershed Park and is enthusiastic about returning to our community.

The "Santa Tour" will be conducted in partnership with the City of Port Jervis Police, Fire and Outdoor Club, to serve as honorary elves and escort Santa throughout our city.

During the event, Santa Claus will be escorted on a float by the City's emergency services accompanied by a contingent of mountain bikers riding decorated bicycles to visit our city's neighborhoods and stop at host locations to take photos, provide hot chocolate, and candy canes to help sweeten the day!

Everyone is invited to join Santa in his visit by meeting him at the below listed locations during the tour which will be hosted by our local fire fighters and the Salvation Army. Santa Claus has a busy schedule to keep and wants to make sure he allows plenty of time to return to the North Pole making it necessary to follow a very carefully planned schedule. To help en-



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sure everyone has an opportunity to see Santa, Santa has prepared the following stops:

- 1:00 p.m.: Engine 5 Fire Station (143 West Main Street)
- 1:45 p.m.: Orange Street Fire Station (25-27 Orange Street)
- 2:30 p.m.: Engine 4 Fire Station (31 Owen Street)
- 3:15 p.m.: Barclay Street City Park (Tri State Engine 6)
- 4:00 p.m.: Promenade at Downtown Front Street (Engine 2)

In between stops, Santa will be escorted through the city's wards playing Christmas music and bringing cheer.

Please follow our social media pages for updates. We hope to see you on December 18!

This special visit is brought to our community by the City of Port Jervis, Port Jervis Police Dept. and Police Benevolent Association, the Port Jervis Fire Department, the Outdoor Club of Port Jervis and the Salvation Army.

Special Christmas Music Together at Janice Center

JEFFERSONVILLE - The Janice Center is hosting its popular Christmas Music Together class featuring just holiday songs and activities. To be held this Sunday, December 12 at 10:30 a.m., this special Music Together is open to children ages 0-4 and an accompanying adult. All are welcome -- whether you have taken a Music Together class before or not. The cost is \$15 for one child and \$10 per additional sibling/relative.

Music Together is the flag-

ship program at The Janice Center, introducing the joy of music to young children through a specially-designed sequence of songs, movements, instrument playing and other activities. This special Christmas version will draw on that model, but adapted to the sounds of the Christmas season. All attendees will receive a special gift and Santa will be there as well!

To register, call (845) 482-3324, text (845) 423-8028 or email ken@janicecenter.com.

Upper Delaware Council sets December Meeting Dates

NARROWSBURG - The UDC's three committee meetings will each meet on Tuesday, December 14th on a revised holiday schedule.

The Project Review Committee will begin at 6:30 p.m. and include the UDC Resource Specialist's monthly Discussion Items Report, Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) program administrative updates, and old and new business.

The Operations Committee will convene at 7:00 p.m. and include reports of staff activi-

ties, review of financial data, and discussion of old and new business.

The Water Use/Resource Management Committee will get underway at 7:30 p.m. and include notices of upcoming meetings, and updates on water use and resource management issues with potential impacts on the river valley.

All UDC meetings are open to the public. For further information on how to participate, call (845) 252-3022 or visit www.upperdelawarecouncil.org.

Free trees for Veterans from ATI

MONTICELLO - Action Toward Independence is offering free Christmas trees for Veterans with pick-up available between December 6 and December 22.

Veterans should call (845) 794-4228 and ask for Ryan or

Kevin to reserve their tree. The trees are donated by Delaware Valley Farm & Garden.

ATI is located at 309 East Broadway in Monticello. For more information visit www.atitoday.org or call (845) 794-4228.

excellence and accomplishment," commented SCVA President/CEO Roberta Byron-Lockwood. "We're proud that they are part of our

Sullivan Catskills." For more information or to register for the Annual Meeting, call the SCVA office at (845) 747-4449.

BETHEL: THE CORNER

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December 7 - Birthday wishes to Barbara Shawn, Billy Crumley, Samantha Tordjman, Jake Zedek, BobbiJo Ryder, Charley Gips, Jerry Plotkin, Faith Kolakowski, Barbara Reno, Resa Wallach, and Kathy Knepper. Happy 100th birthday to Eleanor Kessler!

Happy anniversary to Adrian and Mike Dollard. Belated anniversary wishes to Elaine and Jaio Maraj.

Our thoughts are with the Oxford Michigan High School families.

Congratulations to Adrienne Walker for receiving a Special Merit Award for her artwork from Light Space and Time Gallery. Kudos to Charley Gips for creating the artistic Hurleyville Menorah. Congrats to retired Liberty Detective Mark Hess!

PSA: Follow protocols. SC Public Health is vaccinating 5-11yo. Required pre-registration: (845) 807-0925. Public Health - 292-5910 Mental Health - 292-8770. Use '988' for emergency. To Do: Send me your news. Use Townofbethelny.us for local information.

Attend the Bethel Business Association and SC Chamber hosted 'Opioid Awareness and NARCAN Training', free and open to the public, on Tuesday, Dec 7th, at Duggan Community Center at 6pm! SC Public Health Services, the SC Opioid Task Force, SC Opioid Overdose Prevention Program, HOPE not Handcuffs and Harm Reduction Programs: (HOPE Education Referral Line and the Interactive Resource Guide) will be available with important information, demos and confidential discussion. Refreshments. Register: (845) 292-5910 x0. It would be wonderful to have more young folks (18+), emergency, and local organization members attend. "The more we know..."

Continue donating non-perishable food to the Shepherds Pantry bin at White Lake Church on 17B. You can drop 'Toys for Tots' donations at Town Office until December 9th. Also, check with the three firehouses about applications for the special Holiday Toy Delivery!

Hope Alive 845 is collecting Xmas donations. Contact: HopeAlive845@gmail.com (845-707-4124). Call United Way for family holiday requests (Julian-845-794-1771). Reach out to Federation for the Homeless, and be a 'good elf' (Kathy-845-794-2604). Contact Shepherd's Pantry (Cora-845-583-5885) about needed donations. The Mongaup Valley Methodist Church is accepting donations of new/clean clothing and outerwear for their Clothing Exchange on Saturday, the 11th.

Business Watch: Businesses are still hiring. Support our year-round business community by purchasing holiday gift certificates. Use the BBA www.bethelbusiness.com Member's list for references. By the way, you can easily order by phone or shop on-line at local stores. ie: in2retro or Java Love, who is also open Fri-Sun, 8-3:30pm.

Advent is celebrated until Dec 24th. Attend the 'Awareness -Information - Narcan Training' on Tuesday, the 7th at Duggan Community Center Meeting Room at 6pm. (info above) Please Reg: (845) 292-5910 x0.

There is a Public Hearing on the 8th on the Cannabis "opt out" law at Village Hall, Monticello, at 6pm.

Cab Friends hosts Cab'raoke on the 9th at 7pm. Friends Bar & Grill in Smallwood hosts 'BJ Hendrickson' on the 10th at 8pm. 'Fisher & Kean' will be playing in Parksville Friday night.

Bethel Woods offers Sensory-Friendly Museum Day on Saturday, the 11th from 9-10:30am. Join the HOPEAlive 845 Candlelight Vigil on the 11th at 343 Bway, Monticello, 6-8pm.

Narrowsburg Union hosts a craft and Holiday Market on the 11,12, 18 and 19th (Sat:10-6, Sun:10-4p). Callicoon Farm Market continues

every Sunday. Culture: Bethelwoodscen-ter.org, Delawarevalleyartsal-liance.org, Catskillartsociety.org, Hurleyvilleartscentre.org, Narrowsburgunion.com, Nesin culturalarts.org, Shadowland stages.org, Crawford Library: www.ebcpl.org.

The DVAA Grant window for SC cultural groups, artists and the Restart NY grants closes on the 15th. Check online at delawarevalleyartsal-liance.org or call 845-252-7576.

Support the arts! DVAA's Annual 'Art in Sixes' exhibits through December 23rd and the treasures are for sale, post show! HPAC offers "Sing 2" on December 7 at 6pm and "The Bishop's Wife" (NR) on the 10th and 11th at 6pm. Shadowland offers the show, "Handle with Care", weekends until the 19th. The SC Dramatic Workshop offers "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" and "A Christmas Carol" on Dec 10-12th at Fallsburg Senior Center. Tkts: scdw.net.

Bethel Woods presents 'Peace, Love & Lights' Drive Through Show every evening until January 2nd (Sun-Thur 5-9 and Fri, Sat 5-10pm). Mondays are reserved for Sullivan 180 Walk-Through Only from 5-9pm. FYI: The Holiday Market will be open 2-9pm (Sundays until 7pm) on Dec. 11-12 and 18-19. Have dinner with Santa on Dec. 9,10, 16 or 17th. Use website for event/tkt info. The Museum is open until Jan 2.

Suz Sez, "Those who bring sunshine to others cannot keep it from themselves."

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I love the softness of a flannel nightgown, the smell of coffee brewing even though I don't drink it, being left alone with my thoughts, figuring out a new dress pattern, and sometimes repairing windows. Most of all I love getting into my very comfortable 'nest' at sundown after a long day's work.

Bedtime is my favorite time of day. I might dream of riding a flying horse or just flying on my own; soaring to alarming heights at unimaginable speeds. In dreamland, I've been working on a soft landing since childhood, however, as soon I get close to touchdown I lose all bearings. My only choice, it seems, is to zoom up and away again; the mere effort, of which, often wakes me with a start.

Toasted almond bars, sun-dae cups and ice cream sandwiches conjure youthful memories of summer evenings by the lake, but the savoring of those treats ceased ages ago. I've long given up dairy in favor of Keto cups; not a substitute by any means, I had to acquire a taste for them. It's an

RAMONA'S RAMBLINGS

RAMONA JAN

A few of my favorite things and more

endless shame they're so small. I'm partial to hazelnut and almond butter although in an emergency, I'll take the plain ones. Typically, I allow myself only one, however lately, I've been eating two at a time; sometimes three. It's my last and only indulgence.

Bicycle rides are my solace, sewing is my daily bread, and music has been my mantra ever since I was born. When lonely, bored or just plain in need of exercise, I walk uphill past Provisions and the Callicoon Brewery until I'm about out of air and words become spaced and breathy. The point is to sweat, something I've been avoiding all my life, but now have the good sense to at least try to embrace.

I'm afraid of what lies beneath the ocean, most parental units, and anything that can rotate its head more

than 180 degrees like the praying mantis, which I've only seen twice in my entire life. The second time, I tried petting it as if it would hop into my lap and respond with pleasure. It only recoiled at my touch.

There's always an infinite amount of work ahead and even though I tackle it, most of it remains undone. These days I wonder if getting to any of it matters more than smelling the roses; I get lost in the sweetest ones watching the most curious bugs.

I can't sit idle for even a short period of time. I guess you could say that ambition has always been my sidecar. It requires forecasting, a good deal of intention and consistency, which I've come to learn necessitates some measure of presence. However, like a child consumed in imagination, I'm often oblivious to the day of

the week, sometimes even the year. "Time is amorphous for the rank sensualist!" a friend once said probably alluding to the most consistent thing about me; inconsistency.

Recently, I had trouble digesting onions, so I gave a satchel full away to a friend who asked, "Are you giving me these because of the recent recall in onions due to salmonella?" Deep inside, I felt it was a legitimate question and so reassured the person they were grown locally. Maybe I'm down to one friend at the moment and it's not because of onions.

Right now there's some bone broth to my left, a chocolate bar to my right and decades of unresolved ideas to shape into some sort of future, and frankly speaking, I just don't know where to start.

RAMONA JAN is the Founder and Director of Yarnslingers, a story-telling 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

FCSB recognizes Student Volunteers at Board Meeting

FALLSBURG – At the Fallsburg Board of Education meeting on December 1, 2021, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz was honored to acknowledge five students, who had volunteered five hours of their time at Lighthouse Ministries on Sunday, November 21 to serve a special meal to our country's veterans. "We value very highly the volunteer efforts of all school community members, especially our students," said Dr. Katz. "The fact that the event involved the recognition of our

veterans made it extra special."

The Superintendent called each student up to receive a special certificate of recognition for their efforts. From BCES were Addison Alvarado, Annalise Clark and Avery Wall-Carty and from the Junior/Senior High School were Angelina Alvarado and Jayden Johnson. Jayden was unable to make the presentation and will receive her certificate later on. Fallsburg Central School District is proud to honor these fine young people.



From left to right Angelina Alvarado, Annalise Clark, Addison Alvarado, Board of Education member Mike Weiner, who presented the certificates, and Avery Wall-Carty. Jayden Johnson was unable to attend the ceremony and was given her certificate at a later date.



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EDITORIAL

Remembering Pearl Harbor

December 7, 1941 - a date which will live in infamy. Those words were spoken by President Franklin Roosevelt the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor - exactly 80 years ago today.

The Sunday morning calm at the United States Naval Base near Honolulu, Hawaii was shattered when hundreds of Japanese fighter planes launched a devastating surprise attack just before 8 a.m.

"Today we think back on 'the greatest generation ...'

Over the course of this premeditated attack, the Japanese managed to destroy or damage nearly 20 American naval vessels, including eight battleships and over 300 airplanes.

More than 2,400 Americans died that day, including military personnel and civilians. Another 1,000 people were wounded.

The day after the assault, President Roosevelt asked Congress for a declaration of war against Japan. On December 11, Germany declared war on the United States.

In just a few short days, America was drawn inexorably into World War II.

Despite the horrible loss of life at Pearl Harbor that day and across the world in the war years that followed, the brave service and selfless sacrifice that took place continues to inspire us even today.

We saw millions of young soldiers shipped off to far away lands. We saw everyday Americans stepping up to lend each other a helping hand. We saw a nation united in its common defense and resolute in its resolve to overcome even the most daunting challenges.

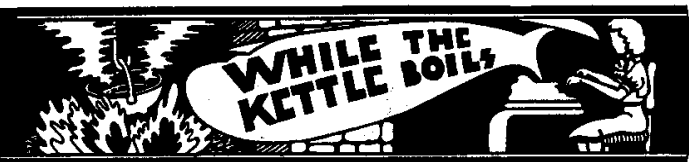
"The spirit of man has awakened and the soul of man has gone forth," President Roosevelt prayed during his Flag Day radio address in 1942. "Grant us the wisdom and the vision to comprehend the greatness of man's spirit, that suffers and endures so hugely for a goal beyond his own brief span."

Today we think back on "the greatest generation" who understood that the future was worth fighting for.

Looking around today, it's fair to ask if we, as a nation, still possess the qualities that made our parents and grandparents so great. Do we still have what it takes to work toward a better future for our own children and grandchildren?

The answer is a resounding yes. We are still capable of great things in this country when we work together.

On this very special 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, let's take a moment to set aside our petty partisan differences and remember what unites us as Americans.



The Best of Nellie

Reprinted from December 6, 1979

Very rapidly we are now approaching the most beautiful season of all the year. No matter whether we be non-believers or firm believers, this time of the year seems to soften hearts, petty difficulties are forgotten, and we taste the full pleasure of that well known saying: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

And all because within that good book, the Bible, is related the story of a tiny Babe born in Bethlehem over nineteen hundred years ago. No beating of drums or fanfare of trumpets announced the arrival of the Great King. Quietly, there, with only those mute animals as witnesses, He came, bringing with Him the spirit of Love, of Understanding, and Unselfishness. Through all the ages since, wherever man boasted of civilization the story of the Infant Jesus has held a prominent place.

Today we are facing a great problem. We want to be done with War and have Peace reign. But we are praying that those of our countrymen who are being held hostages may be set free without the need of war.

Today we have to face the fact that there are those who put a very small value on human life. Power is their one aim. So, as we approach Christmas, let us pray that our President and his leaders will find a peaceful answer to the problem before us. And when we hear the Christmas chimes ring out that beautiful

"Oh little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie -"

let us not be ashamed in the effect it has on us. Let us be proud that it fills our hearts with a love for all mankind. In doing so we can bring to life all those essential elements of that first Christmas and may we be able to sing together:

"There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a Baby's low cry!
And while the star rains its fire
While the beautiful sing,
For the Manger of Bethlehem
Cradles a King!"

- N.C.S.



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Sunday Sunshine in Hurleyville

It's beginning to look a lot like ... winter. However a break in cloudy skies ushered in a relatively sunny weekend. Perfect for going for a quick hike or walk. A thin glaze of ice is starting to form around areas of water at the Hurleyville Rail Trail, like it is at most bodies of water around the

county. Welcome news to ice fishing enthusiasts. But there is still much more needed in order to safely take part in the activity. Also, winter doesn't officially start until December 21. If you have a scenic, email the photo and a brief description to nyssa@sc-democrat.com.

It's 'Hump Day'

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ED TOWNSEND

For years Shirley and I would watch the "Hump Day" commercial and my wife even got herself two sweatshirts that read, "It's Hump Day" and wore the shirts to work with that darn camel saying, "Do you know what day it is?"

Simply put that is how Wednesday got to be referred to as the "Hump Day." Certainly the hump represents the middle and pivotal part of the week...seems Wednesday is often considered as one of the toughest days of the week.

The kids at the school Shirley worked at loved when she wore the Hump Day shirt.

And wouldn't you know it...Hump Day is popular on the internet with many pictures and comments.

Love reading the various comments and quotes that have become part of everyday conversations.

Several of the most popular Hump Day quotes to get us through the rest of the week include Anthony T. Hincks, "Wednesdays will always bring smiles for the second half of the week," George Carlin. "If all our national holidays were ob-

served on Wednesdays, we could wind up with nine-day weekends," and Sotero M. Lopez II says, "Happy Hump Day...at least you're at the top of the hill...enjoy the roller coaster ride down to Sunday...then just get back in line."
We all love fun type topics and ever since the Wednesday Hump

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That camel in those "Hump Day" commercials became famous with the comment, "Guess what day it is?"

Day commercials hit the airways a lot of laughter has been enjoyed by many.

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>



A community's needs in a school

INSIDE OUT

JEANNE SAGER

Quick: Think of three things that have made you truly sad in your life.

Did the exit of a school superintendent make the list?

Didn't think so.

Let's any former superintendents feel slighted — there have been some wonderful people helming local schools over the years, and in my years covering our local districts, I've had equally wonderful experiences with them.

But if you've ever looked at Maslow's hierarchy of needs (go ahead, Google it ... it's pretty cool), there's no mention of "school superintendents."

The psychological theory developed by Abraham Maslow back in the 1940s is shaped like a pyramid with "self-actualization" at the top, with esteem just below it, then love and belongingness, safety, and finally physiological. Each bit gets wider and wider, the pyramid building out.

Take a look at it as a parent, and the place where your child spends most of their time 180 days a year comes into focus.

It's as a parent that I took hardest

the news that Sullivan West Superintendent Steve Walker had decided to leave for a school system closer to home.

A graduate of one of the three districts dissolved to create Sullivan West in 1999, I chose purposely to raise a child here. I've long seen its advantages.

But parenting a teenager has put in particular perspective the rapid changes in education over the decades since I was shoving my knees beneath a desk and my books in a locker.

We're preparing kids for a world now where the job you have post college may not even exist on the day you graduate from high school, where being able to advocate for yourself is now seen as a must-have rather than a liability.

In these past few years, Steve Walker has opened up this district like never before, helping students find their voices and make them heard. It's not a job he's done

alone, certainly. There are myriad staff members in the district who have played crucial roles in moving opportunities for our kids ahead, but there's little question that an open mind at the top end of the management period has been beneficial.

The Sullivan West school board now has a challenging search ahead of them, to find someone with the expertise, the energy, and the attention to the current climate that we've had in recent years.

I say this as a parent, it's true. But with a child slated to graduate in less than two years, I say this as a member of our community too.

Because this community's needs — physiological, safety, and so on — depend on the generation being nurtured in our schools right now.

Losing them would make us all sad.

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 star-award winning column every Tuesday here and at www.jeannesagerphotography.com.

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Willfulness and arrogance

To the editor:
I would like to provide my counterpoint to Robert Doherty's "A View From A Reader" column in the December 3, 2021 issue, which the **Democrat** is publishing in four parts, thus providing Doherty, the Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature, with a free platform, while other readers such as myself are limited to 300 words. Doherty faces losing his Chairmanship in January. Even Doherty's most dogmatically devoted followers must have had to suppress a twitch at his claim that he did not pay his taxes in order to provide the readers with the opportunity to showcase in this column that the county's taxes are too high.

Why didn't he even pay tax bills for his numerous properties that were less than \$100? Either he couldn't or wouldn't, and that will remain a mystery, but it does exhibit his character of willfulness and arrogance. He certainly managed to pay them off after there was a public outcry exposing this irresponsible behavior. Of course, when somebody fails to pay taxes, their share of the tax burden falls on others.
Doherty theorizes that Sullivan's high taxes are preventing development and people moving into Sullivan County, and that businesses have crumbled in the last two years of his Chairmanship due to the taxes. It's

amazing to me how he consistently avoids mentioning the pandemic. COVID-19 is the main cause for many small businesses failing, but it has also brought a huge influx of new Sullivan County homeowners and businesses, to the benefit of our local economy. Doherty goes on to pretend sympathy for those who have lost their properties due to tax foreclosure and claims credit for having blocked the construction of a visitors' center to keep taxes lower. By the way, see the article about economic relief for homeowners on page 12A. This is COVID relief funding that Doherty will not be able to divert again from the many individuals suffering from

the harsh impact of the pandemic.

Lise Kennedy
Neversink

Dialysis Patients Abandoned

To the editor:
On October 1, 2021, DaVita essentially closed the doors to its Monticello dialysis center. Their stated reason for the closure was that the governor's COVID-19 vaccination requirement for medical care workers caused a staffing shortage. (DaVita has closed other dialysis centers in the region for reasons of "financial unsustainability," i.e., insufficient profits.) Regardless of the reason, the Monticello closure is causing

life-threatening hardships for approximately 60 Sullivan County patients who require four-hour dialysis treatments two or three times per week, every week for the rest of their lives.

DaVita is providing ongoing treatment for a few of the patients, and some Medicaid patients are being driven to other centers in Kingston, Middletown, and Honesdale, PA. However, the remaining patients must fend for themselves, driving 1-2 hours each way to alternate locations. Dialysis treatments leave most patients very tired, nauseous, fuzzi-headed, and uncomfortable. Those who must drive themselves are put in a precarious, inhumane, possibly life-threatening position, especially with approaching winter weather.

The NY state vaccination mandate is for the protection

of not only health care professionals but also for their patients who are highly vulnerable to COVID-19 complications. Governor Hochul's September 25, 2021 up date to the plan included a "Declaration to Supplement Workforce Supply at Health Care Facilities," including the use of the National Guard if necessary. We have been unable to find a DaVita or county official who seems willing to discuss or able to invoke any of these measures.

Concerned citizens can assist by reporting this health issue to the Sullivan County Health Department by calling (845) 279-2777, completing the form at <https://sullivanhealth.org/contact-us/report-health-issue>, and contacting local Sullivan County representatives.

Marie Spodek
Woodbourne

BRIEF

Garnet Health Medical Center recognized by HANYS with 2021 Pinnacle Award

HARRIS – Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills, formerly Catskill Regional Medical Center, is pleased to announce it is a recipient of the Healthcare Association of New York State's (HANYS) 2021 Pinnacle Award for Quality and Patient Safety.

"The work of our staff during the COVID-19 surge at Garnet Health Medical Center-Catskills was both impeccable and impressive," said Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Schiller. "This award is a testament to their unwavering dedication to the health and safety of our community."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Jonathan Schiller

The Pinnacle Award for Quality and Patient Safety recognizes and encourages broad dissemination of successful quality improvement and innovative patient safety initiatives in four categories based on organization size and type. Award honorees are members of HANYS' Commitment to Excellence, a statewide program designed to recognize HANYS' member commitment and ongoing efforts to improve quality and patient safety.

Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills is the second of four honorees to be announced for this prestigious award in New York State.

tients and a notably low rate of infection among staff, all while improving culture of safety and staff engagement measures.

To view the video 'A Surge Like No Other – How a Sole Community Provider Overcame All Odds' which was filmed about Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills' COVID-19 surge response, visit <https://youtu.be/CyNeGs488E>

To join our team of professionals whose mission it is to provide exceptional healthcare to our community, please visit garnethealth.org/careers.

SCHOOL NEWS

MONTICELLO — Robert J. Kaiser Middle School has announced the students who have achieved academic honors for the first quarter period of the 2021-2022 school year.

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Grade 6: Navayah Bolden, Austin Bricker, Jacob Brumbaugh, Landon Chambers, Krish Chaudhary, Mason Cirino, Dillon Cole, Jamieson Crawley, Tyler DeLeon, Genevieve DeSimone, Aida Flores, Dylan McAssey, Krisha Patel, Jandi Ramirez, Landin Raynor, Sebastian Rodriguez, Jacob Schall, Nikki Schultz, Aden Speer, Cameron Stalter, Selah Taylor-Ukoidemabia, Kayden Telesky, Vaya Titus, Nicholas Ullaguari, Joshua Vanderkooy, Daniel Weyer, Tehillah Wynter

Grade 7: Gianna Baron, Demitria Bracy, Aga Chowdhury, Thomas Daniells, Roman DiCio, Kamsiyonna Dim, Sasha Forbes, Loreny Guerra Martinez, Giovanni Gutierrez, Ava Hovis, Broden Ibarra, Jillian Innis-Monteverdi, Mya Jones, Niccolo Lentini, Zariah Moore, Brent Murren, Shivam Patel, Lindsey Raven, Kollin Raymond, Jimena Rodriguez, Elijah Rojas, Jovi Roosa, Charm Smith, Alyssia Young, Gabriel Young-Henderson, Sophia Zhang

Grade 8: Steven Acevedo Huerta, Hannah Bell, Amari Blanchette, Shaun Caycho, Evan Chen, Jaliene Colon, Taisha Cordero Cruz, Taylor Crumley, Hailee Jackson, Mikayla Johnson, Emily Pine, Anneliese Reyes, Nariah Reyes, Kate Smith, Jayden Stephens, Kenneth Walz, Matthew Weinstein, Abigail Wynter, Reagan Zangla

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 6: Elias Barbosa, Milani Benjamin, Sameera Binte Rahman, Kylie Bowler, Angel Boyce, Madelyn Cavello, Kamila Collado, Emily Collins, Alex Crocker, Andrew Crumley, Arianna Dambois, Francisco Flores da Silva, Lina Frink, Karyana

Robert J. Kaiser Middle School honor rolls for 1st Quarter

Fuentes, Raishi Geringer, Dominick Giangiacomo, Alexander Gonzalez, Layla Gooden, Jimena Guzman-Torralba, Camila Guzman-Torralba, Hunter Harris, Justice Hinton, Qaseem Howard, Andrea Hussain, Amaya Jimenez, Ahmilleyah LaCombe, Bronson LaPolt, Alexandria MacGhee, Adriana Maldonado, Esther Mandel, Owen Mann, Mason McGinnis, Kylie Melay, Aaden Mitchell, Ma'Zaya Moore, Connor Morgan, Ethan Ocampo, Ethan Ong, Ishaan Padhiar, Genesis Paredes Torres, Rohmar Patrick, Nathaniel Person, Jadel Reyes, Kathleen Robinholt, Nyomi Robinson, Allison Rodriguez, Aiden Schnitzer, Iaisha Smith, Julian Velez Segarra, Jayxander Vera Soto, Evan Weyer, Giovanni Zaladana Orellana

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Green, Sophia Handford, Joshua Hildebrandt, Alexis Kearney, Ali Kurtagic, Ah' Shaar LeGrand, Kodaq Maldonado, Christopher Mann, Jr, Logan Marino, Melia Martinez, Nicole Mora, Michael Negron, Carson Petrowsky, Rakim Pettway, Keyshmi Rivera, Yazmeen Robinson, Evan Sandersen Schark, Troy Sedlack, Isabella Sepulveda-Avelino, Landyn Simonson, Amiyah Smith, Hailey Soto Roman, Ayden Stickles, Jasani Stovall, Jorvin Velez, Julian Vogel

Grade 7: Makai Bolding, Liam Brasington, Makaylah Burgess, Humari Carvajal, Jakob Cutway, Jayden Doolittle, Fiolla Gjonbalaj, Araceli Gonzalez, Tamer Hidaïs, Marie Hlavacek, Cherish Jackson, Emilio Middelhof, Laylah Negron, Keila Paulisca, Anthony Perri, Jasmine Romer, Ivelisse Rubert, Omaury Salinas, Isaiha Sanchez, Gavin Scarlett, Reiley Schloicka, Adriana Stanton, Michelle Van Lowe, Kenadi White, Xavier Young-Henderson

Grade 8: Miguel Cruz, Jr, Tiffany Cutler, Tais Delgado, David Flores da Silva, George Gachechiladze, Rah-anna Housman-McCreary, Kent Johnson-McKnight, Dynasty Jordan, Adino Mejia, Kayla Popp, Samuel Rein, Mia Rodriguez, Johnuel Soto Guzman, Makalia Xavier



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Delaware Highlands Conservancy announces Winter 2022 Eagle Watch Bus Tours

UPPER DELAWARE RIVER REGION, PA and NY – Join the Delaware Highlands Conservancy for eagle-watching all winter long, including for its popular series of Eagle Watch bus tours in January and February.

BUS TOURS

Join the Conservancy on a guided eagle-viewing bus tour, scheduled on select weekends in January and February. Learn from an expert guide and take a scenic drive on a heated bus throughout the Upper Delaware River region to look for and learn about bald eagles and their habitat. All current COVID safety guidelines will be followed

and masks will be required while riding on the bus.

Seats on trips are limited and advance reservations are required, so reserve your space today for the following 2022 winter trips (Fee: \$15 for Conservancy members, \$25 for non-members). Get tickets online at www.DelawareHighlands.org/events or call 570-226-3164/845-583-1010.

- January 8
- January 15
- February 5
- February 12

The trips commence at the Delaware Highlands Conservancy's Van Scott Nature Reserve in Beach Lake, PA and run from 10am-2pm. Dress warmly in layers

and wear waterproof boots. Bring binoculars, camera, and snacks. Snow dates for the trips are the Sundays immediately following. Check www.DelawareHighlands.org for the most up-to-date information. Refunds are not provided in the event of canceled reservations.

EAGLE WATCHING ON YOUR OWN

The Conservancy's Winter Field Office at 135 Scenic Drive, Lackawaxen, PA is provided by the National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River and staffed by Conservancy volunteers. It is a center of information for visitors looking to learn more about viewing and protecting eagles. Visitors can pick up information about the bald eagle in the Upper Delaware River region, get maps and direc-

tions to eagle viewing locations, watch a short film, and view interpretive exhibits. The Visitor Center is staffed on Saturdays and Sundays in January and February, and open to visitors from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Delaware Highlands Conservancy has also partnered with the NPS and the New York State Department of Conservation to maintain well-marked Eagle Observation Areas open to the public. These viewing blinds are also staffed by Conservancy volunteers on weekends through the winter season, and visitors can look through binoculars and spotting scopes to see bald eagles in the wild. Visit www.DelawareHighlands.org/Eagles for directions and information about eagle viewing on your own.

The Upper Delaware River region is one of the largest



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wintering habitats for eagles in the northeast United States because of abundant clean water and large, undisturbed stands of trees. Protected lands in Sullivan County, NY and Pike and Wayne Counties in PA provide a safe haven for these migratory birds, as well as breeding eagles that live

here year-round. The Delaware Highlands Conservancy works in partnership with landowners and communities to protect the natural heritage and quality of life of the Upper Delaware River region. For more information, call 570-226-3164/845-583-1010 or visit DelawareHighlands.org.

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Participants must drop off their completed gingerbread houses to the Parks & Rec office by December 4th at noon!

Voting will begin at 6 pm with winners announced moments later!

Any other questions, call Parks & Rec at (845) 292-7690!

Chip Furman: Is the Fall Sports Coach of the Year. 8B



Rock Hill Holidays are rockin'

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY PATRICIO ROBAYO

The Rock Hill Tree lighting ceremony was once again live on Sunday, December 5 and in-person after being virtual last year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Melinda Meddaugh from the Rock Hill Business & Community Association, which sponsors the tree lighting every year, was the M.C. She said she was happy that everyone could gather again to watch the tree light up and kick off the holiday season in Rock Hill.

Pastor Walter Curtis Haff of the Rock Hill United Methodist Church gave the opening blessing and reminded everyone who was in attendance the importance of the holiday and why

everyone was there.

After a short countdown, the tree illuminated up on the corner of Rock Hill Drive near Dutch's Tavern across the street from Pizza The Rock.

Musicians Fisher & Kean filled the air with the sound of their renditions of classic holiday music.

Soon after, horns and sirens could be heard from afar, and being escorted by the Rock Hill Fire Department all the way from the North Pole was the star of the night, Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

Santa stepped off the fire truck and burst out a jolly laugh as he was greeted with cheers from parents and kids. The cheerful couple handed holiday treats to everyone and made sure to stop and take some selfies.



Fisher & Kean rocked the night with their holiday classics.



The Rock Hill Holiday tree was lit on Sunday, December 5, and alongside the menorah, heralds the holiday season.



Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus made their way from the North Pole to visit the Rock Hill Tree lighting ceremony.

Lighting up Bethel

CONTRIBUTED
PHOTOS

A Menorah Lighting was recently held in Kauneonga Lake to kick off Hanukkah 2021. Pictured is Bethel Local Development Corporation Manager Moreen Lerner and Town of Bethel Supervisor Dan Sturm, in addition to the nice crowd in attendance. Donuts and chocolate were given out at the event by Lerner and Bethel Lakeside Music, as well as by Bethel Business Association President Suz White.



Holiday cheer in Neversink

PHOTOS BY MATT SHORTALL

A crowd of merry holiday celebrants turned out on Sunday evening for the Town of Neversink's annual holiday tree lighting and festivities.

Bicentennial park, across from the Neversink Town Hall, was filled with friends and families enjoying free hot dogs and hamburgers courtesy of the local AYSO Youth Soccer League, as well as cocoa and cookies donated by the Girl Scouts.

Attendees enjoyed Christmas carols and other holiday songs performed by seventh and 12th grade students of the Tri-Valley Band.

Town of Neversink Supervisor Chris Mathews welcomed all those in attendance and thanked all the volunteers who helped decorate and make the event possible. He announced holiday decorating contest winners and led everyone in a countdown for the tree lighting.

The evening culminated in a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus who arrived at Bicentennial park escorted by the Town of Neversink Fire Department and Emergency Medical Teams.



The Town of Neversink celebrated their annual holiday tree lighting at Bicentennial Park on Sunday evening.



Handing out hot coffee and tea were (from left) Neversink Parks and Recreation Director Cher Woehl, Tina Connolly, Brenda Devore and Jessica Garigliano.



Mr. and Mrs. Claus arrived to much excitement and fanfare.

William Everett

February 19, 1969 ~ December 1, 2021

William Jay Everett known to his family as "BJ" passed away peacefully in his home on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. Born February 19, 1969, BJ was a lifelong resident of Sullivan County with an unrivaled passion for all things outdoors.



William Everett

Whether it be suiting up in the winter to ride his snowmobile or dressing in full camouflage during deer season, you could always find him with a smile on his face as he embarked on getting outside to do what he loved. He was most happy doing his outdoor adventures with his children and the rest of his family. It will forever be his family's most prized memories when they shared those experiences with him. BJ had his own way of living but one thing could be depended on; he loved his family immensely and possessed a great sense of protection over them.

BJ was a loving Father, Son, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle, Nephew, Cousin, Friend. He is survived by his adoring children Billy, Dylan, and Cheyenne Everett, granddaughter Taylor Everett, devoted mother Penny Heinle, stepfather Daniel Grzonka, sister Jill Beach and brother-in-law William Beach, brother Terry Henry, five loving nieces and nephews as well as five great nieces and nephews.

A visitation was held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. A funeral service was held at 3:30pm, Pastor Tina Wallace officiated.

Donations in BJ's name can be made to Step One, 83 N Main St, Ellenville, NY 12428.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

December 7 - Now that the Greater Barryville Chamber has sponsored another magical night of lighting the huge Christmas tree in Barryville the holiday season is officially underway. It has been some tough times over the last year, so I am planning to shop locally as much as possible. As convenient as shopping Amazon may be it does nothing to strengthen our community.

Jessie Lazar has a lovely creative shop in Eldred in the same building as Irene's Diner. Jessie is a very accomplished potter so there is a wide selection of her home goods for sale. Beautiful one-of-a-kind plates, mugs, bowls, candlesticks, vases, and tea pots. The Studio features handmade jewelry for sale. Jessie said, "every piece is unique, I want to make functional ceramics and jewelry that can add beauty to people's everyday life."

The Studio has an interesting selection of world market and vintage clothing for women including wonderful embroidered Huipils from Central and South America. This is a marvelous little gem of a shop with great gifts. Studio Jessie Lazar is located at 555 Route 55 in Eldred and is open Wednesdays-Thursdays and Fridays 10:30-4:30pm.; Saturdays and Sundays Noon to 4:00pm and closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information check out the Studio's Instagram and Facebook pages.

I cannot think of a better stocking stuffer than a gift of ice cream. Well yes putting ice cream in a Christmas

December 7 - It's raining and almost fifty degrees. As I look out my back door at California Avenue, the tall Bradford Pear trees by Kelly's rail fence are still looking beautiful and holding onto their dark red leaves because there is very little strong wind...except on my back porch?

Liberty Museum: Etta Barbanti is raving about the display in the Museum windows. A huge gingerbread house is being decorated by Sharon England, a Pastry Chef at Kartrite Water Park. We are lucky to have Sharon's professional expertise at our Museum. The other window looks a lot like Christmas with a decorated tree and holiday touches. I'm sure the kids who walk up the street will love to stop and enjoy. It will be a sweet memory.

The Liberty Star: I always look up on the mountain to see the Star that is like a blessing for our town, thanks to the Van-Alystyne Family. I saw it yesterday as I drove up Mill Street toward the village and it brings such a great, peaceful feeling. When Brian Rourke was Town Supervisor, he put the December 1st Star Lighting on the record to be followed every year. So to express our appreciation for over 50 years, we would like to suggest that donations be made to help with the cost of equipment repair and electric so we can continue the lighting each year. Send to: Tim Bult, 250 Cristian Hill Road, Milford,

Santa train ride, keeping the kids busy is a great thing.

If you are a family that lives in the Town of Cocheton and have children from newborn to 21 and are not a part of CYC, please check them out on Facebook at new Cocheton Youth Commission and send a message and they can hook you up. All events are free for Cocheton youth. You can also give Sue a call at (845) 866-0853. She is the president and she does an amazing job with keeping it all together.

When you go into Pete's Market in Narrowsburg you will see a Christmas tree with paper ornaments on it. If you would like to help local kids out this Christmas season, you can take one and return an age appropriate toy. There will be a donation barrel. Barrels will also be in St. Francis church and Narrowsburg Post Office. Monetary donation for food or Toy Drive should be addressed to Ecumenical Food Pantry, P.O. Box 54, Narrowsburg, NY 12764. In the memo part of the check please put food or toys so the money goes to the right place. For larger food donations call Joanne (845) 252-3971.

If you have any news to get out there, please email me before Friday night.

Keep smiling and have a great week. You can e-mail me at leeniebeans@citlink.net or call (845) 252-3568 if you have any news. My new deadline is Friday.

HIGHLAND

PAULA CAMPBELL | 917-453-9260 | PAULACAM66@MSN.COM



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One of the most thoughtful gifts you can give is one that supports someone's self care. The Highland Lake Yoga and Dance Studio has a wide variety of yoga classes from very easy no strain restorative yoga, mixed levels, chair yoga for seniors TriYoga Therapeutics and adult ballet. Gift certificates are available for just one class up to a package of ten classes and your gift recipient will receive a lovely personalized gift certificate.

stocking is not feasible but you can go to the Corner in Eldred and get a gift certificate for some super ice cream cones. The Corner has gift certificates in any amount and for years they have carried Perry's Ice cream with over twenty-five delicious flavors of ice cream-including flavors that are seasonal in nature which is then hand scooped into one, two or three scoop cones, pints, or quarts. The Corner has all kinds of toppings as well. The gift certificates cannot be used in the Corner's Liquor Store but for anything else they sell. For information call the Corner

at (845) 557-3321 or stop into the store during business hours.

Another very nice and thoughtful gift is lessons of some sort. My choice would be self-care lessons-like Yoga or dance classes. The beautiful Highland Lake Yoga and Dance Studio fits the bill perfectly. During Covid times they have small classes with lots of opportunity for individual attention and classes can run as long as ninety minutes and Covid protocols are practiced.

The schedule of classes range from the extremely easy restorative yoga to Mixed Levels, chair yoga for

seniors, TriYoga Therapeutics, and adult ballet. Customized Gift Certificates are available for a single class (\$20.00), a five-class packet (\$70.00) or a ten-class package (\$130.00) In the warm weather the classes are held outside on a deck located on the waterside of the very peaceful natural setting of Highland Lake.

For more information about classes or Gift Certificates call Shain Fishman, the Studio's Owner/Director, at (917) 301-2002 or email highlandyoga111@gmail.com or visit their Facebook site. According to Shain "Mentally yoga offers the opportunity to meet ourselves on the yoga mat and set on a path of self-discovery that is grounded in self-care." This is certainly my top pick for classes and definitely goes the distance addressing the daily stress we all are experiencing.

A nice Christmas program that honors the service of our veterans. The Sullivan County Vet2Vet organization is giving free Christmas trees to veterans. The trees have been donated by the Delaware Valley Farm and Garden Center in Callicoon and are available from December 6th through December 22nd. The pickup location for the trees is at Action Towards Independence located 309 East Broadway, Monticello, NY 12701. Veterans can call Ryan or Kevin at (845) 794-4228 and reserve a tree as there are a limited number of trees available. Next week I will have additional shopping information to share.

LIBERTY

FRAN KURPIL | FRANKURPIL2@YAHOO.COM

PA. 18337. Note To Tim: Tim, let me know how this goes. I will also post on Facebook... It means a lot to our Town.

Supervisor, Frank De-Mayo: A meeting with Sullivan Renaissance & village officials is planned just after the New Year to discuss the issues of Code Enforcement and fines. Frank said he has some ideas as does Denise Frangipane, and they hope to come up with a strategy to deal with multiple code issues including the on-going problem of absentee landlords. Pattern For Progress is also hosting a Main Street Forum on Dec. 8th to also address these problems.

Get Folks Together: This is an important aim for our Supervisor...in the New Year. Frank says "we really need folks to step up if we plan to move forward." He has some ready and able younger folks ready to go, along with some seasoned veterans. Also...It is important to resurrect the Liberty Chamber of Commerce, said Frank. I would love to get some comments from anyone, as well as volunteers. We need a good meeting time and day. Once a month at about 8:30 was usual at the Village Office (by Police Station) On the second floor. Once we get set up, we can get the word out and invite everyone.

Real Estate: Pete Feinberg,

my former co-worker at Berkshire-Hathaway Peters Realty, and a very busy real-estate broker, tells me that the market is still very active but the inventory is lower than pre-pandemic. During the height of the pandemic a lot of inventory was sold. Prices now are a bit inflated and buyers are actively looking for good deals. I guess that is a little note to those who may be thinking of moving south before heavy snow...Give Pete a call and get some action or at least a wise discussion.

Senator Mike Martucci has introduced legislation in the Senate that would eliminate property taxes for those sixty and over. The bill would also require New York State to reimburse localities and school districts for any lost income.

Section 9-Basketball: It's been many years since my nephew, Todd Kurpil and my Munger cousins were Liberty High School sports stars but I'm always rooting for our Liberty team. I read a list of local players to watch and Ethan Werlau has that distinction. So good luck, Ethan. Since my daughter, Jennifer Diehl is a Social Worker at Tri-Valley, I'll include Andrew Cox from that team. After a shortened season the players are ready to go. Ah, such great sports ex-

citement. I feel I shouldn't just mention one or two stars because I know a team is the important part...So I'll gladly include next time... any good words from a player or a parent. Or maybe a player wants to credit their Coach.

Hunting Season: There are thousands of acres of DEC lands available for hunting such as wild-life areas across the State. Visit DEC website for information on opportunities in your area: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, www.dec.ny.gov. This refreshing brisk weather is conducive to some hunting in our local woods. Just be safe and careful.

Verti-Ports - Electric Aviation: I came on this intriguing bit of information that I know nothing about. I will check with my US Airforce pilot grandson, Andy Gieger, and report his thoughts in my next column. A bill was passed by the U.S. House to create a group to study the fledgling industry of Future Air Travel from Verti-ports. The bill now goes to the Senate. NASA said there will be intense competition around the world as there will be greater focus on electric technology in the near future. I guess we have to do a bit of study of Verti-ports so we know something about this.

Get your Christmas decorations around your house and we'll get the neighborhood spirit going!



LAKE HUNTINGTON

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

December 7 - Hello my faithful readers. Hope you are all doing well. I am writing my column on Saturday and I will be heading down to Queens, with my brother Teddy to meet up with the other 3 siblings. Going out to dinner then doing the graves on Sunday. I am sure to tell you all about it in my next column.

Sullivan West Central School Winter Concert Series is as follows: 12/14 - Junior High Winter Concert Band 6:30pm, Chorus 7:30, 12/15 - Senior High School Winter Concert Band 6:30pm, Chorus 7:45, 12/21 - Elementary Winter Concert 4th grade chorus 6:30 5th and 6th grade 7pm Band 7:30, 12/22 - snow date. All performances live at the Sullivan West High School Auditorium. It should be a very fun night out.

The Holiday Book Sale is still going on at the Jeffersonville Library, 19 Center Street in Jeffersonville till December 11th. The hours are Tues/Wed 10am-8pm, Thurs/Fri 10am-6pm, and Saturday 10am-2pm. Stop by and support your local library.

The Cocheton Youth Group has been very busy with the kids. The kids were able to pick board games off a list CYC supplies, they had donut making, cookie decorating. They were able to color a holiday picture and it was mounted on a wooden frame. The kids went on the

Advertisement for Single Bite Holiday Fund. Includes text: 'a single bite Holiday Fund', 'With your help, A Single Bite can raise \$5,000 to provide healthy Holiday meals to the 500 children and their family members we currently serve.', 'To donate or for more information: visit: asinglebite.org, call (845) 482-1030, or email audrey@asinglebite.org'

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APARTMENTS APARTMENTS

PATHSTONE: Accepting Applications for 1 2 & 3 Bdrm. units at Hemlock Ridge Apts., 27 Arts Blvd, Livingston Manor, NY for their Sec. 8 Project – Based Program. Applications available only at Pathstone 457 Broadway, Suite 9, Monticello, NY Between 8:30AM & 4:30PM. 845-794-4880 Hemlock Ridge EHO

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION
 White Roe Properties LLC. Filed with SSNY on 11/18/2021. Office: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 529 White Roe Lake Rd Livingston Manor NY 12758. Purpose: any lawful. 98326

LEGAL NOTICE
 12 Diane Blvd LLC. Filed 11/17/21. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail 161 Rosemond Rd, Woodridge, NY 12789. Purp: any lawful. 98313

LEGAL NOTICE
 GIGI Java, LLC. Filed 7/1/21. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail 28 Smith Rd, Wurtsboro, NY 12790. Purp: any lawful. 98312

LEGAL NOTICE
 Fant Occupational Therapy, PLLC. Filed 10/29/21. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail

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96 Walker Valley Rd, Pine Bush, NY 12566. Purp: any lawful. 98311

LEGAL NOTICE CLAYMORE ENTERPRISE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/01/2021. Office loc: Sullivan County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Michael Hartill, 329A Wilsey Valley Road, Wurtsboro, NY 12790. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 98259

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM NOTICE IS HEAR-BY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Neversink Fire District in the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York, at a meeting held on the 18th day of November 2021, duly adopted the following Resolution, subject to a permissive referendum.

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RESOLUTION #1 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT, TOWN OF NEVERSINK, SULLIVAN COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO UTILIZE SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$75,000.00) DOLLARS FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO PAY FOR MISCELLANEOUS ROOF REPAIRS FOR THE FIRE HOUSE
 This resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum.
 By Order of the Neversink Fire District Board of Commissioners
 Tawny Shamro, Secretary
 Dated: November 18, 2021
 98213

LEGAL NOTICE
 Town of Forestburgh Notice of Seasonal and Closed Roads
 Notice is hereby given that the Town of Forestburgh Highway Department following roads are seasonal and or closed as of 1st November - 30 April limited use and minimum maintenance
 1-Eden Road the dirt section
 2-King Road from Town Hall to Plank Road
 3-Tannery Road from Rt 42 to Sackett Lake Road
 4-Carpenter Road from Rt 42 to County Rt 48
 5-Whitehead Road off of Hartwood Club Road going into Town of Deerpark
 6-Burns Road Hill closed for Winter
 By Notice of the Forestburgh Highway Department
 1401 Sackett Lake Road Forestburgh NY 12777
 98212

LEGAL NOTICE
 Woodstone Villas, LLC 661 West Broadway Apt. 15 Monticello, NY 12701
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board of the Village of Monticello

LEGAL NOTICES

will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 14th, 2021 at 6:00 o'clock p.m., for the property located at West Broadway, Monticello, New York in person

The property is owned by Woodstone Villas, LLC and is located on tax map parcel section 109.A, block 2, and lot 3.2 (S-B-L 109.A-2-3.2) and is located in a RM (Residential Multi) Zoning District.
 The applicant is seeking to construct an 8 unit apartment building and a 16 unit apartment building on a 1.45 vacant lot. The proposed project is an allowed use in the RM Zone subject to Planning Board review and approval.
 A copy of the proposed plan is on file in the office of the Village Clerk and available for inspection by interested persons during Village Clerk's business hours.

The Planning Board will at the above date, time and place hear all persons interested in the subject matter hereof. Persons may appear in person or by agent. All written communications addressed to the Board must be received by the Board at or prior to the public hearing.
 BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD
 VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO
 JANINE GANDY-MCKINNEY
 VILLAGE CLERK/PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY
 98135

LEGAL NOTICE
 Swim Pond Rain, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 11/11/2021. Office: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 577 White Roe Lake Rd Livingston Manor NY 12758. Purpose: any lawful. 97634

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AGENDA

TOWN OF FALLSBURG PLANNING BOARD MEETING December 9, 2021

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Planning Board meeting of Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm will be held in person at 12 Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg. The public can attend via telephone by dialing 929 205 6099 (New York) meeting ID# 95452661458 via Zoom. PLANNING BOARD DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. MOUNTAINDALE HEIGHTS - SBL# 42-1-19.2 - Requests a 6 month extension for a previously approved sub-division. 2. SULMEDTRAN, INC (CHRISTINA BRUNO/KALKAY PROPERTY MGMT) - SBL# 17-1-21.2 - Requests site plan amendment for updated parking plan. Zone: B. Acres: 1.00. Location: 1097 SR 52, Loch Sheldrake. Cross Roads: Zimmerman Rd.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. CAMP MASMIDIM - SBL# 41-1-18.1 - Requests site plan review to add two 100' x 34' dormitories, five 84' x 25' staff housing buildings and approvals to keep five temporary classroom trailers permanently. Zone: REC. Acres: 92.14. Location: 69 Silver Lake Rd., Woodridge. Cross Roads: Rosemond Rd. 2. IRVINGTON ESTATES - SBL# 50-3-2.2 - Requests site plan review to add 600 square feet to his existing bungalow. Zone: B. Acres: 12.79. Location: 5350 SR 42, South Fallsburg. Cross Roads: Willow Heights Rd. 3. NBY HURLEYVILLE, LLC - SBL# 26-1-36 - Requests a 6 lot subdivision. Zone: R. Acres: 11.95. Location: 412 & 414 Main St., Hurleyville. Cross Roads: Halprin Dr. 4. HASBROUCK ESTATES - SBL# 12-1-30.1 - Requests site plan review for 40 duplex buildings (80 units), community building, pools and recreation areas. Zone: R. Acres: 30. Location: Hasbrouck A Rd., Loch Sheldrake. Cross Roads: Zimmerman Rd. 5. JOHN MAKOVIC/MAKOVIC TOWNHOUSE - SBL# 35-6-1.5 - Requests site plan review for a 4 unit multi-family building. Zone: MX. Acres: 0.527. Location: Waldorf Ave., Hurleyville. Cross Roads: Main Street. 6. WESTBOURNE - SBL# 21-1-42.1 - Requests site plan amendment for the relocation of the pools, shut and some of the units. Zone: R. Acres: 88. Location: SR 52, Woodbourne. Cross Rods: SR 42.

Denise Corbett, Clerk, Town of Fallsburg Planning Board

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

CITIZENS BANK N.A. F/K/A RBS CITIZENS N.A.,

Plaintiff,

Against

CAROL ROSENBERGER A/K/A CAROL A. ROSENBERGER, ET AL.

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 11/4/2021, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, to be held on the front steps of the Sullivan County Courthouse, 414 Broadway, Monticello, New York 12701, on 1/7/2022 at 9:30am, premises known as 27 Gabel Road, Callicoon a/k/a Town of Delaware, NY 12723, and described as follows: ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Delaware, County of Sullivan and State of New York Section 17 Block 1 Lot P/O 60 fka Section 17 Block 1 Lot Old Lot 60 The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$138,202.25 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # E2018-2513 Frances S. Clemente, Esq., Referee. MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC, 145 Huguenot Street, Suite 210, New Rochelle, NY 10801 Dated: 11/15/2021 File Number: 15-315331 SH

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: The Village of Woodridge 2022 Board of Trustees Board Meetings is as follows:

Woodridge Board of Trustee Meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Monday of the Month

(*If there is a legal holiday, the Board meeting will be held on Tuesday) at Woodridge Municipal Hall, 2 Dairyland Road, Woodridge, NY 12789

The Village of Woodridge Board of Trustee Meetings is as follows:

- January 03, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. July 05, 2022 *Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. January 18, 2022 *Tuesday - 12:30 p.m. July 18, 2022 - 12:30 p.m. February 07, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. August 01, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. February 22, 2022 *Tuesday - 12:30 p.m. August 15, 2022 - 12:30 p.m.

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May 02, 2022- 6:00 p.m. May 16, 2022 - 12:30 p.m.

June 06, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. June 20, 2022 - 12:30 p.m.

Village Board of Trustees Work Sessions: will be held on the 2nd & 4th Monday on an as needed basis; please call the Village Office for confirmation at 845-434-7855

Village Planning Board Meetings: are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month, at 7:00 pm, on an as needed basis; please call the Village Office for Confirmation at 845-434-7855

Village Zoning Board Meetings: are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month, at 6:00 pm, on an as needed basis; please call the Village for Confirmation at 845-434-7855

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LEGAL NOTICE

Mosdos Monticello PO Box 697 Monticello, NY 12701

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE

NOTICE that the Planning Board of the Village of Monticello will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 14th, 2021 at 6:00 o'clock p.m., for the property located at 10 Hamilton Avenue, Monticello, New York in person

The property is owned by Mosdos Monticello Inc. and is located on tax map parcel section 112, block 7, and lot 13.1 (S-B-L 112-7-13.1) and is located in a B-1-O (Business Offices) Zoning District.

The applicant is seeking to obtain a Special Use Permit to convert an office building into a school building. The proposed project is an allowed use in the B-1-O Zone subject to Planning Board review and approval.

A copy of the proposed plan is on file in the office of the Village Clerk and available for inspection by interested persons during Village Clerk's business hours.

The Planning Board will at the above date, time and place hear all persons interested in the sub-

ject matter hereof. Persons may appear in person or by agent. All written communications addressed to the Board must be received by the Board at or prior to the public hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO JANINE GANDY-MCKINNEY V I L L A G E CLERK/PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY 98134

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF GUENTHER FAMILY, LLC Name of limited liability company (LLC): Guenther Family, LLC

Date of filing articles of organization with secretary of state: September 2, 2021

County in which office of LLC is to be located: Sullivan

The secretary of state has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is: 320 Big

Hollow Road, Gramshville New York 12740 Purpose of business of LLC: any lawful purpose. The term of the LLC is perpetual. 60416-009 98086

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BEAVERKILL ANGLER, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 03/24/2006. Office location: PO BOX 198 ROSCOE, NY 12776. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: PO BOX 198 ROSCOE, NY 12776. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 98067

LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Delaware Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on December 15, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. to be held at the Municipal Building, 104 Main Street, Hortonville, NY. The purpose of the hearing is a three lot subdivision located at State Route 52 in Kenoza Lake. Dated: November 30, 2021 Warren Blumen-

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thai, Planning Board Chairman 97958

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SULLIVAN First Commerce, LLC, as assignee of Sterling National Bank, as successor to Provident Bank, Plaintiff AGAINST Renu S. Jerath, Anderman Oil Inc. and Tri County Medical Associates, PC, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 28, 2021 I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction outside on the front steps of the Sullivan County Courthouse, 414 Broadway, Monticello, NY 12701 on December 21, 2021 at 11:00 AM, premises known as 20 Broadway, Woodridge, NY 12789. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Village of Woodridge, Town of Fallsburg, County of Sullivan, State of NY, Section 103, Block 3 Lot 7.2. Approximate amount of judgment \$83,668.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No. E2019-2289. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the Third Judicial District. Robert Hunter, Esq., M.L. Zager, PC, 461 Broadway, Monticello, NY 12701, Referee. Jonathan P. Vuotto, Esq., McAndrew Vuotto, LLC, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff, 1 Blue Hill Plaza, Ste. 1509, Pearl River, NY 10965 (212) 382-2208 Dated: November 23, 2021. 97530

LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE

NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the Village Board of the Village of Monticello on Wednesday, December 8th, 2021 at 6:00pm at Monticello Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701 to discuss the following issues: Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #10 of 2021, Entitled, a Local Law to Opt Out of Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and/or On-Site Cannabis Consumption Establishments PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the economical significance of said proposed Regulations & Local Laws will be reviewed by the Village Board of Trustees incident to and as a part of said public hearing. Copies of said proposed Regulations & Local Laws are available for review at Monticello Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701. By order of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello, dated Friday, November 12th, Friday, November 26th & Tuesday, December 7th, 2021. Janine Gandy-McKinney Village Clerk, Village of Monticello 97529

LEGAL NOTICE

Blanchard Acres, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 10/28/2021. Office: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 4 Pine Oak Dr Little Egg Harbor Twp NY 08087. Purpose: any lawful. 97407

LEGAL NOTICE

Up State NY Construction LLC. Filed with SSNY on 10/19/2021. Office: 97157

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is Wurtsboro Mt. Properties 544 LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/29/21. The County in which the office is to be located: Sullivan. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: Salvatore D'Errico, 509 Central Park Avenue, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose Any lawful activity. 97157

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Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 12 Chestnut St No 1 Liberty NY United States 12754. Purpose: any lawful. 97406

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION Name of limited liability company (LLC): 7 DENMAN MOUNTAIN ROAD LLC Date of filing articles of organization with secretary of state: July 27, 2021 County in which office of LLC is to be located: Sullivan The secretary of state has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is: 1 River Place, Apt 518, New York, New York 10036. Purpose of business of LLC: any lawful purpose. The term of the LLC is perpetual. 60416-001 97231

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

140 YEARS AGO - 1881

Miss Mary A. Appley of Rockland and Orrin B. Smith of Hancock were married on November 26 in Liberty.

On November 16, Miss Minnie Tice and Henry Budd were married at Bridgeville. Both are from Phillippsport.

The dedicatory services at the M.E. Church in Fosterdale on Sunday were a decided success, despite the inclement weather. Presiding Elder Ackerley preached a grand sermon. The pastor is Reverend O.D. Ramsey.

The band has received their new instruments' and they are pronounced to be good ones. Fourteen pieces in all and the boys expect to enjoy themselves very much playing together.

Charles Homer has laid a flag walk in front of the Eagle Hotel in Jeff and set stone tie posts. This, with the vast number of loads of gravel he has drawn in front, has changed the appearance of the place very much.

130 YEARS AGO - 1891

The Jeffersonville Debating Society will hold its first meet at Ludwig's Hall on December 7. The subject for debate is "Resolved that the mechanic is more beneficial to the world than the fanner." Affirmative Val Scheidell, E.C. Neiger, George Metzger and P. Hemdbt and on the negative side, E.A. Brand, Ellison Doughty, A. Zopfi and J. Heidt.

The stage line between Jeffersonville and Callicoon Depot has again changed hands. George Yager of Sixteen is the new proprietor and made his first trip Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Faubel of Roscoe are the parents of a son born November 28. Mrs. Faubel is the former Charlotte Lieb.

Miss Louisa Kennel of Youngsville and Harry Haas of New York City were married on December 1 in New York, Borough of Brooklyn... On November 13, Mrs. Martha Hogencamp of Bethel and H.A. Benedict of Middletown were married... Miss Lena Hardenburgh of Youngsville and Fred Scheeley of Rockland were married at Monticello on December 7.

Ex-Assemblyman Martin A. Smith of Fremont Center has shipped this fall 3,000 barrels of select apples to England and also a large quantity of sweet cider to Germany. It is also said that his creamery has handled the milk of 3,000 cows during the present season.

120 YEARS AGO - 1901

Miss Hattie Edelman was married last Friday to Jacob Theiss of Lake Huntington... John Gorton of Youngsville and Miss Chleo Boyd of White Sulphur Springs were married on November 30.

William Intemann of Liberty has taken a position as traveling salesman with Tichenor and Rudolph who are wholesale paper dealers in Middletown.

John G. Dutcher and Eva Husch of Livingston Manor were married last week.

A daughter was born December 4 to Principal George N. Fuller and wife of Jeffersonville.

J.W. Armbrust's new house in Kenoza Lake is going up very rapidly under the supervision of that hustling young builder, William Kohler.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Bilger of Callicoon one day last week.

Mabel Edwards of Youngsville and E. Kniffin of White Sulphur Springs were married on November 27.

Farmers are being paid \$1.27 per can of 40 quarts of milk.

110 YEARS AGO - 1911

Two Stevensville boys, Francis Sherwood and Theodore Kilcoin, both age 12, were drowned while skating on the lake at that place on Thanksgiving Day.

Charles Hubert of Jeffersonville 3 and Miss Jennie Noll of Youngsville were married in Liberty on De-

ember 1.

A large new sanitarium building is being erected on the private road between the Loomis Sanitarium and the Annex. It will be known as the Midway and will cost over \$1,000.

A band of Boy Scouts have been organized in Jeffersonville and meet every Friday in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church. Phil Schmidt is the drill master.

Edward Korth and Miss Florence Smith of Fremont were married at the Callicoon M.E. Church on November 29.

100 YEARS AGO - 1921

The United States is Japan's best customer. Starting a war with us would be like a merchant shooting his best customer.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Al Schick of North Branch on November 24.

The St. Francis R.C. Church realized nearly \$200 at their chicken supper and dance at Youngsville.

Ernest Leinhass is putting in the concrete for Z. Maud who is making the foundation for a large annex to his boarding house at North Branch. Mr. Maud is a hustler in the boarding house business.

John Townsend of White Sulphur Springs is having his barns wired for electric lights.

90 YEARS AGO - 1931

The failure of Youngsville dairymen supplying the creamery of the Regents Dairy Company at that place, to receive pay for their milk the past two months, amounting to about \$9,000 caused them to take over the creamery and operate it themselves as a cooperative association.

Miss Olive Calkins of Fosterdale and William Leslie Burr of Bethel were married November 26.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Manouse of North Branch on November 25... A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jonn Bullock of Loch Sheldrake on Friday of last week. She is the former Katherine Everett of White Sulphur Springs.

Arba Phillips and Miss Lillian Brucher of Forestine were married November 30... Helen Hoffman of Hankins became the bride of William Trinkle of New York City, a young attorney.

The addition to the firehouse in Callicoon Center has been completed and is now ready to house the new fire truck.

The Jeffersonville High School football eleven conquered the Honesdale team, 6-0. The Jeff lineup was Peters, Scheidman, Roth, Harkin, Yeager, Morozek, Wagner, Alp, Hess, Robisch and Kaplan.

80 YEARS AGO - 1941

Among the thirty-eight young men from the Liberty district called to Fort Jay yesterday for military examination were Morris Katz, Basil Hick, Robert Ruppert, Warren Hess and William Mullally of Jeffersonville, and Albert Gottlieb and Harold Menges of Youngsville.

In the average small town nothing receives quite the critical inspection that is given the new school teacher and the new pastor's wife.

The new home of Mr. and Mrs. Boucher of Lake Huntington is rapidly nearing completion. This is the first house in that locality to be insulated with rock wool. A two car garage is also being built.

Frank Steinhauer's car burned from an overheated kerosene-filled radiator last Sunday while he was on his way to Obernburg from his home in Callicoon Center.

70 YEARS AGO - 1951

A sewer ditch cave-in at Sackett Lake on Wednesday morning resulted in the death of Raymond Gloor, 34, of Bethel, and serious injuries to Howard Williams, 27, of

Bethel. They were working on a sewer line skirting the lake.

Roberta Mann will play the part of Mary and Robert Holt will portray Joseph in the Christmas tableau to be presented by the Jeff PTA on December 6.

Carl Meyer, 56, of Lake Huntington was shot in the neck while hunting near his beer distributing plant last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bernhardt of Kenoza Lake are the parents of a son born Wednesday afternoon at the Liberty-Loomis Hospital. She is the former Gertrude Girbach and is a former employee of the Sullivan County Record.

The Alfred Polsters celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary on November 25.

The low bids opened on Tuesday for the construction of Maimonides Hospital totaled \$540,000. An additional \$115,000 will be needed for equipment and furnishings.

60 YEARS AGO - 1961

Carl Meyer, 65, one of the owners of a Lake Huntington beer distributing business, drowned in Lake Huntington Saturday. The body was found at 4:20 p.m. in the lake in three feet of water by the victim's son, Bruce. Reports are that Mr. Meyer was raking leaves from a steep bank near the lake which he had previously brought across the road from the business location. It is thought that he slipped into the water.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hahn entertained 70 guests at their 25th wedding celebration at Memory Lane Restaurant on Saturday evening, November 25. The bride and groom on top of the anniversary cake was from the original wedding cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Crawson of Long Eddy are the parents of a son, Timothy Warren, born November 24.

Ethel Long, 17-year-old junior at Delaware Valley Central School has been named Co-ed Correspondent for the magazine, "Co-ed Magazine," which is a national magazine. There are more than 2,500 co-ed correspondents throughout the United States and Canada.

It was a daughter Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Tonjes of Callicoon; a son, Wednesday, to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gager of Honesdale, PA., both at the Callicoon Hospital.

Miss Catherine Kraus of Narrowsburg and Willard Vannatta of Honesdale, PA., were married November 18 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Narrowsburg. They will live in Cocksackie.

Jay Wheeler rapped out a 714 triple for Monticello Raceway in a Hudson Valley tilt with Newburgh on the Liberty Lanes recently.

Hunters report several more bear taken this season. Gerald R. Brown of Duryea, PA., hunting in Hankins, took a 175lb. black bear. Mario Fernandez of Queens, a truck driver, shot a black bear near Wurtsboro, weighing 130 pounds, dressed.

Largest deer taken in the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce contest to date is an eight-point buck, weighing 184 lbs., hog dressed, with a spread of 16 1/4 inches being measured on a buck taken by Leon McGar of DeBruce for the best set of antlers.

The hunters special dinner at the Callicoon Center Rod and Gun Club held at Tumble Inn, Callicoon Center, November 25, was attended by 176 persons. Nial Eggler of Jeffersonville was the winner of the rifle. Loeffle's Orchestra played for dancing.

50 YEARS AGO - 1971

Sullivan County will long remember the Thanksgiving storm of 1971 and the long hours many spent along roadsides of the Expressway in stalled automobiles. Up to 24 inches of snow fell from 8 p.m. Wednesday to about noon on Thursday. Winds in the afternoon blew the snow into drifts making the first

storm of the year a bad situation when many road crews were caught unprepared. Weekend hunters were hampered by the deep snow in the woods.

The following babies were bom at the Liberty-Loomis Hospital this week: a boy, Michael Albert, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kortright of Aden Rd., Parksville, November 11; a girl, Christine May, November 15, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Frisbie of Kenoza Lake; a girl, Cheri Lee, November 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Froehlich of Livingston Manor, a girl, November 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Benton of Livingston Manor, a girl, November 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gorr of Livingston Manor.

Electricity was off in the Pea Brook area for thirteen hours, came on for two hours, and then went off again for another six hours, due to the heavy snow of the holiday storm.

Miss Emily Teresa Simora of Youngsville became the bride of Dennis R. Eschenberg of Callicoon at St. Francis R.C. Church in Youngsville on November 20.

40 YEARS AGO - 1981

Miss Terry VonKampen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor VonKampen of Roscoe, became the bride of 1st Lt-William V. Belcher on November 8 at the Presbyterian Church in Roscoe. They will live in Fort Ord, Calif.

Bob Nartoff of Monticello was named Best Director of the 22nd Annual New York State Drama Festival held at Westchester County Community College. "The Gin Game," presented by the Sullivan County Drama Workshop won four awards. Peg Gladwin and Ken Wells were named as the top actress and actor at the festival.

The Kutshers, Milton, Helen and Mark, will be honored at the 8th Annual Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen's Award Dinner at Kutsher's on December 13.

A State Department of Transportation (DOT) official said Tuesday that a public hearing will probably be scheduled for sometime next month on the possibility of using state money to rebuild a Conrail train bridge over County Road 114 in the hamlet of Cochetcon.

Tuesday New Air, Connecticut-based commuter airline, began serving Sullivan County Airport in White Lake from both John F. Kennedy Airport and LaGuardia Airport, the two major metropolitan airports in New York City.

30 YEARS AGO - 1991

Extensive repairs are being made to the covered Old Mill Bridge in Claryville. According to Town of Neversink Historian Bob Dice, the current structure was erected in 1912 to replace the first covered bridge which was destroyed by flood in 1906.

There will be no lift for skiers on the slopes of Big Vanilla at Davos in Woodridge this season, but the temporary closure may give a lift to the revenues at the nearby Holiday Mountain.

Osmer and Mildred Miller Geib of Jeffersonville celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 7. They were married in 1931 at the Callicoon Center parsonage by Rev. John Straub... James and Jean LaPol celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party, at the Woodbourne Firehouse on November 18... Martha and William Wahl of Jeffersonville celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on October 8 with a surprise party at Mullally's Pub in Jeff.

Jean Stapleton, best known for her role as Edith in the TV show "All in the Family," appeared at a WJFF benefit at the Sullivan County Community College on Saturday.

Billy Parker Jr. has recorded a Monticello Raceway track record with his 340th victory, erasing his own record which

GLANCING BACK ...A LOOK AT YESTERYEAR



MAIN STREET - KENOZA LAKE, NEW YORK

Way back when in Kenoza Lake

This postcard was sent to the Democrat by Tom Puerschner of Jeffersonville and shows the main thoroughfare in Kenoza Lake. The building on the right is now gone but the building on the corner and going up Swiss Hill still stands.

he set last year. He drove Bay State Kate to the record most wins in a season victory in 2:02 2/5.

Angel Ginn, a founder of the Monticello Senior Citizens Club, was honored on the occasion of her 90th birthday which she celebrated December 3.

John Manzi, national president of United States Harness Writers Association, was named Monticello-Goshen Chapter's Good Guy at a dinner held November 10 at the Raleigh Hotel in South Fallsburg.

Barry S. Lewis, a former editor of the Sullivan County Democrat, has been named editor of the Tri-State Gazette. Lewis resides in Grahamsville with his wife, Bonnie and three sons, Sean, 6, and twins, Daniel and Dustin, 3.

Melissa Ann Poley and William Beach, both of Liberty were married on September 7 at the White Sulphur Springs Firemen's Field... Dr. Laurie Quackenbush and Michael Wiedl were married October 26 at the First Presbyterian Church of Liberty.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the H. Russell Kenyon Post No. 5808, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will celebrate its 45th anniversary with a dinner on December 12 at Mullally's in Jeffersonville. The auxiliary was organized December 12, 1946, in Jeffersonville.

A check in the amount of \$6,483 will help pay for the first defibrillator to be owned by the American Legion Ambulance Service. The corps is most grateful to the Highland Lions Club for their generous gift.

Tri-Valley's Kate Landau is headed for the Kinney Nationals in San Diego, Calif., following her third best girl harrier finish in the Northeast at Saturday's Northeastern Regional.

20 YEARS AGO - 2001

The Sixth Annual Sullivan First Winter Forum celebrated both Sullivan First and Sullivan Renaissance at Sullivan County Community College in Loch Sheldrake, gathering in order to honor five recipients of the Sullivan First Achievement Awards, and to kick off the second year of Sullivan Renaissance.

Stacey DeVino, the founder of the Sullivan County AIDS Task Force in 1988, in the days when HIV/AIDS was being swept under the carpet, died Nov. 13 of this year after a long battle with AIDS. On Saturday night, an interfaith World AIDS Day service was coordinated by the Sullivan County AIDS Task Force in memory of DeVino.

Erin Harrold, daughter of Leon and Jean Harrold of Liberty, and Scott Sorrentino, son of Wayne and Dianne Sorrentino of Cheektowaga, were united in marriage on

October 27, 2001 at St. Peter's R.C. Church in Liberty.

10 YEARS AGO - 2011

Residents of a number of Sullivan County communities facing the loss of their post offices gathered recently to discuss their concerns with U.S. Postal Service officials. Neal Fitzpatrick, manager of post office operations in the area, brought a team with him to listen to locals' comments and questions regarding the Kenoza Lake, Obernburg, North Branch and Fremont Center post offices. Those facilities are being reviewed for possible closure, said Fitzpatrick, because a computer-generated list indicated they aren't creating revenue above \$27,000 a year. Kenoza Lake, for example, generated just \$16,000 in 2010, down from \$23,000 in 2009.

Sullivan West's two closed campuses are likely headed back to bid, as developer Ilwon Kang has abandoned his plan to purchase the Narrowsburg and Delaware Valley schools. According to SW Supt. Ken Hilton, Kang's attorney faxed the district's attorney a "discontinuance" notice, severing his agreement with the district and requesting his down payment of \$150,000 be refunded.

State auditors have faulted Village of Liberty officials for insufficient internal controls over finances, including a \$32,766 discrepancy. Officials from the NYS Comptroller's Office examined selected financial records in Liberty spanning the years 2008-2011, releasing the results of their audit this week. In no case did the auditors accuse village officials of intentional wrongdoing, but they nevertheless found three areas of concern.

Ramsay Adams and Randy Lewis love the Catskills as much as they love a good beer. Now they're looking to combine the two in a novel solution to the desire to "brand" the region: the Catskill Brewery. Adams, a Lew Beach resident and head of Catskill Mountainkeeper, and Lewis, Adams' neighbor and an expert in the food industry, found support from their friend, advertising executive Kirt Gunn. Their time and money has now been invested in less than an acre of land along Old Route 17 (County Route 178), right off Route 17's Exit 96 in Livingston Manor, the former location of Pursuit of Happiness Realty. Currently just vacant land, the property will host a 3,450-square-foot recycled-steel-and-wood structure by next spring, accompanied by a grain silo and room for about 20 cars. Its name will be Catskill Brewery, with an aim to make it synonymous with both the hamlet and the county - a must-visit destination.

Sullivan Sports Review

Section IV tourneys

HANCOCK - Roscoe visited Hancock over the weekend to take on Deposit/Hancock and Morris. The Blue Devils finished as the runner-ups in the tournament. After defeating Deposit/Hancock 53-38, Roscoe lost to Morris 55-45 in the tournament championship.

WALTON - Sullivan West took part in Walton's annual tip-off tournament this past weekend. The Bulldogs defeated Jefferson 63-41 to make it to the championship game against Walton before being defeated 67-47.

High School (cont.)

Girls basketball

O'Neill defeated Livingston Manor on December 2, 53-16.

Indoor track

Onteora and Liberty @ Tri-Valley on December 4.

Boys Results:

55m

- 1. Wayne Kratz, Liberty- 0:07.4
2. Noah Edwards, Tri-Valley- 0:07.45
3. Jacob Lucak, Tri-Valley- 0:07.49
4. Henry, Onteora - 0:07.69
5. Connor Rafferty, Tri-Valley- 0:07.74
6. Marquis, Onteora- 0:07.98
7. Oliver R., Onteora- 0:08.02
8. Jozus, Onteora- 0:08.08
9. Nate Desrochers, Liberty- 0:08.30
300m
1. Wayne Kratz, Liberty- 0:40.7

- 2. Marquis, Onteora- 0:41.64
3. Noah Jucha, Tri-Valley- 0:41.9
4. Noah Edwards, Tri-Valley- 0:42.30
5. Michael Squires, Tri-Valley- 0:43.5
6. Tyler Conjura, Tri-Valley- 0:44.2
7. Juan Romero, Liberty- 0:44.6
8. Carlos Campos Castro, Lib- 0:45.8
9. Jacob Lucak, Tri-Valley- 0:46.5
10. Oliver R., Onteora- 0:53.0
11. Nicholas Bender, Tri-Valley- 0:50.30
12. Nate Desrochers, Liberty- 0:50.90
13. Greffen, Onteora- 0:51.62
14. Jozus, Onteora- 0:52.19
15. Jefferson, Onteora- 0:57.13

55m High Hurdles

- 1. Noah Edwards, Tri-Valley- 0:09.60
2. Michael Squires, Tri-Valley- 0:10.19
3. Nicholas Bender, Tri-Valley- 0:12.0

1000m

- 1. Caleb Edwards, Tri-Valley- 2:53.9
2. Gabe Desrochers, Liberty- 2:54.6
3. Vincent Mingo, Tri-Valley- 3:03.9
4. Trapper D., Onteora- 3:12.5
5. Thomas Houghtaling, T-V- 3:14.7
6. Carlos Campos Castro, Lib- 3:21.8
7. Kristoff Guanzon, Tri-Valley- 3:26.6
8. Henry, Onteora - 3:37.6
9. Jefferson, Onteora - 3:59.0
10. Greffen, Onteora- 4:12.6

1600m

- 1. Caleb Edwards, Tri-Valley- 5:07.1
2. Vincent Mingo, Tri-Valley- 5:13.70
3. Trapper D., Onteora- 5:29.7
4. Thomas Houghtaling, T-V- 5:32.2
5. Jefferson, Onteora- 7:12.50
6. Greffen, Onteora- 8:04

Long Jump

- 1. Chase Rachette, Liberty- 17'3"

Triple Jump

- 1. Juan Romero, Liberty- 31'

2. Noah Jucha, Tri-Valley- 28'0.5"

Shot Put Throw

- 1. Chase Rachette, Liberty- 31'1"
2. Mark Klein, Tri-Valley- 29'7"
3. Armaan Butler, Tri-Valley- 26'9"
4. Owen Mejia, Tri-Valley- 26'8"
5. Talan Scanna, Tri-Valley- 25'6"
6. Cole Terwilliger, Tri-Valley- 25'3"
7. Nate Desrochers, Liberty- 23'2"

Weight Throw

- 1. Armaan Butler, Tri-Valley- 37'9"
2. Owen Mejia, Tri-Valley- 33'10"
3. Mark Klein, Tri-Valley- 31'7"
4. Talan Scanna, Tri-Valley- 28'9"
5. Cole Terwilliger, Tri-Valley- 26'10"

High Jump

- 1. Tyler Conjura, Tri-Valley- 4'10"
2. Jacob Lucak, Tri-Valley- 4'10"

Pole Vault

- 1. Connor Rafferty, Tri-Valley- 7'
2. Kristoff Guanzon, Tri-Valley- NH

4X400m Relay

- 1. Liberty - 4:00.00
2. Tri-Valley A - 4:21.16
3. Onteora - 4:33.59
4. Tri-Valley B - 4:37.34

Girls Results

55m

- 1. Kendall McGregor, Tri-Valley- 0:08.13
2. Ashley Miller, Tri-Valley- 0:08.20
3. Ari B., Onteora- 0:08.30
4. Mya Ibarra, Tri-Valley- 0:08.70
5. Ahna, Onteora- 0:08.87
6. Grace K., Onteora- 0:09.07
7. Chrissy Wachter, Tri-Valley- 0:09.35
8. Madi M., Onteora- 0:09.49
9. Sarah, Onteora- 0:09.87
10. Alexis O., Onteora- 0:09.88
11. Lamyah, Onteora- 0:09.89
12. Tabitha Mulholland, T-V- 0:09.99



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Alaniz Ruiz drives through the lane on a fast break. Ruiz tallied 30 points in two games over the weekend.

13. Lily Siciliano, Tri-Valley- 0:10.25

55m High Hurdles

- 1. Katrina Blais, Liberty - 0:10.88
2. Kendall McGregor, Tri-Valley- 0:14.20

1000m

- 1. Amelia Mickelson, Tri-Valley- 3:34.1
2. Sophia Wall, Onteora- 4:04.4
3. Alexis, Onteora- 4:26.5

1500m

- 1. Amelia Mickelson, Tri-Valley- 5:58

300m

- 1. Kendall McGregor, Tri-Valley- 0:50.20
2. Katrina Blais, Liberty- 0:51.19
3. Mya Ibarra, Tri-Valley- 0:52.7

4. Ari, Onteora- 0:52.9

5. Ahna, Onteora- 0:54.62

6. Ashley Miller, Tri-Valley- 0:54.9

7. Madi, Onteora- 0:57.5

8. Grace, Onteora- 0:58.27

9. Chrissy Wachter, Tri-Valley- 0:59.4

10. Lily Siciliano, Tri-Valley- 1:01.80

11. Tabitha Mulholland, T-V- 1:03.90

12. Lexi O., Onteora- 1:07.5

13. Lamyah, Onteora- 1:19

4X400m Relay

1. Ari, Madi, Grace, Ahna, Onteora- 5:26.88

1500m Race Walk

1. Tabitha Mulholland, Tri-Valley- 13:47

Long Jump

- 1. Mya Ibarra, Tri-Valley- 11'3"
2. Chrissy Wachter, Tri-Valley- 10'1"

Shot Put Throw

- 1. Sophia Wall, Onteora- 31'1"
2. Katrina Blais, Liberty- 13'11"

High Jump

- 1. Ashley Miller, Tri-Valley- 3'6"

Attention varsity coaches

If you do not send game results and information to sports@sc-democrat.com, they will not get in the newspaper. Please contact Sports Editor Anthony Morgano at 845-887-5200 if you have any questions.

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48TH ANNUAL SULLIVAN COUNTY DEMOCRAT BIG BUCK CONTEST ENTRIES



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In back row left to right, Rich Decker, Mark Puerschner, Butch Kortright, John Whiteman, Dick Coombe. Front row: Chris Delong, Randy Peers, Greg Feeney and Pete Carmeci.

Sullivan County Long Beards Annual Turkey Hunters Care Program

LIVINGSTON MANOR - The Sullivan County Long Beards (SCLB) annual Thanksgiving turkey giveaway took place on Friday, November 19 at Peck's Market in Livingston Manor. The SCLBs Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation provided 128 frozen turkeys for distribution across the county. This is our opportunity to give back to the community that supports our mission and goals.

Gathering in front of Peck's Market in Livingston Manor were volunteer chapter members, representatives of churches, fire companies, schools, rotaries and the Sullivan County Veterans Coalition (of which the SCLB are an associate member) to pick

up and deliver the donated turkeys. Peck's Market of Livingston Manor, is our distribution center because they have been a faithful supplier of the turkeys for many years, thanks to Mark Shiridon, meat manager. Helping to make this program possible are financial contributions from Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club, Rotary Club, Sullivan Correction officers, and other anonymous cash donations. Thank you to all.

Our prayers are with you, your family and our county during this difficult time. Sullivan County Long Beards are proud to be able to make this contribution giving back to deserving residents of our county and especially our Veterans.

Monticello Teachers Association 7th Annual Tinsel Trot 5K Fun Run

ROCK HILL - Come join us for the Monticello Teachers Association's 7th Annual Tinsel Trot on Saturday, December 11th at 10 a.m. in Rock Hill. We will be trotting, jogging, and strolling in person this year!! And spectators are welcome to join us along the route.

Over the past six years, the Tinsel Trot has raised over \$40,000 to support local charities and deserving Monticello High School students in their academic endeavors. Please help us continue this festive occasion!

The race begins at the stop sign between Dutch's Tavern and the Rock Hill Trading Post. Participants make a left

onto Lake Louise Marie Road and then a right onto North Emerald. The race continues on North Emerald until reaching a turnaround just before Old Sackett Road. Runners then continue back to the start of the race and finish at the end of Lake Louise Marie Road.

New this year is a discount for teams of 4 or more and a fantastic finisher's medal for everyone that enters. Included below is the cyber sign up and a hard copy sign up option.

For more information visit www.runsignup.com/Race/NY/RockHill/5thAnnualTinselTrot5kFunRun. Hope to see you there!



SPORTSMEN DEN | DEMOCRAT

Jim Caruso of Youngsville harvested this buck that scored a 56.75. The 8-pointer weighed 135 pounds and was taken in the Town of Callicoon on November 20. The buck has 16 and 16.25-inch beams to go along with a 16.5-inch spread.



TOM'S BAIT AND TACKLE | DEMOCRAT

Edgardo Beltran harvested an 8-pointer while hunting in Sullivan County on November 20. The buck had 17 and 20-inch beams and a 17-inch spread to score a 62 in the Big Buck Contest.



TOM'S BAIT AND TACKLE | DEMOCRAT

Ed Kraack of Lake Huntington took this 8-point buck in Cochetron Center. The buck had 18 and 18.25-inch beams to go along with a 17.5-inch spread to score 61.75 in the Big Buck Contest.



SPORTSMEN DEN | DEMOCRAT

Forrest Gorton harvested a buck in the Town of Delaware on November 27. The 8-pointer weighed 141 pounds and scored a 66.75. The buck had 20.25 and 20-inch beams to go along with a 18.5-inch spread.



SPORTSMEN DEN | DEMOCRAT

Mark Heller took a buck in the Town of Delaware on November 20. The 7-pointer weighed 135 pounds and scored a 56. The buck had 19.5 and 12.5-inch beams and a 17-inch spread.



SPORTSMEN DEN | DEMOCRAT

Patrick Cunningham took a 10-pointer that weighed 112 pounds. The buck, shot in the Town of Bethel, scored a 61.25. The buck had 17.25 and 18-inch beams and a 16-inch spread.



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Shawn Galligan, left, and his son, Shawn Galligan Jr., both entered nice bucks for the 48th Annual Sullivan County Democrat/Sullivan County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs Big Buck Contests. The Galligans harvested the bucks only one hour apart while hunting in the Town of Forestburgh on November 26. Galligan Jr. harvested a 9-pointer that weighed 130 pounds and scored a 63.75. Shawn Galligan took an 11-pointer that scored 77.50 and weighed 133 pounds. Galligan Sr.'s buck had 24 and 23-inch beams respectively and a 19.5-inch spread while Galligan Jr.'s buck had 19 and 19.5-inch beams and a 16.25-inch spread.



DEMOCRAT FILE PHOTO

Holiday Deer Hunt is on in Sullivan County

According to the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation Press Office in Albany and a NYS DEC Officer, the Holiday Deer Hunt in Sullivan County is on. The new regulation establishes a "Holiday Deer Hunt" by extending the late bow and muzzleloader hunting seasons for deer from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, 2022 in New York's Southern Zone. Muzzleloading and Late Bow Seasons are now Dec. 13 through Dec. 21 and Dec. 26 through Jan. 1.



ARTISTIC CREATION STUDIO | DEMOCRAT

Abby Morse took an 8-pointer while hunting in Forestburgh on Monday, November 20. The buck had identical 18-inch beams and a spread of 17.25. The buck weighed 130 pounds and scored a 61.25.

Enjoy a great day in the woods and please always put safety first when hunting. More photos, page 6B

Enter the 48th Annual Big Buck Contests

Over \$1,750 in Total Prizes

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SPORTSMEN'S DEN | DEMOCRAT

Donald Klinger harvested a 10-pointer in the Town of Fremont on November 21. The buck had 18.25 and 17.75-inch beams and a 16.5-inch spread to score a 62.50 in the 48th Annual Sullivan County Democrat/Sullivan County Federation of Sportsmen's Club Big Buck Contest.

Enter the Sullivan County Democrat and Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of SC Contests and automatically be eligible to

Win 1 of 4 Gift Certificates to Local Sports Shops!

2020 Sullivan County Democrat Big Buck winner William Roser with his 77-inch 8-pointer taken in the Town of Rockland



- ### Biggest Rack
- Bring in the buck with the Biggest Rack and receive a free mounting courtesy of Rod's Taxidermy, along with a \$150 prize. Runner-up wins \$75.*
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(near Swan Lake Golf Club)



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Nice Neversink Bow Buck

Vincent Del Bono harvested his with a bow on November 15 in Claryville. The 8-pointer scored a 65 and weighed 140 pounds. It had identical 19-inch beams and a 19-inch spread.

For deer taken in either Sullivan County, NY or Wayne County, PA during the regular firearm season

**Sullivan County Democrat employees and their families are not eligible.*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7
High School
Boys Basketball
 Sullivan West @ Liberty, 6:30 pm
 Tri-Valley @ Livingston Manor, 6:30 pm
 New Paltz @ Monticello, 6:30 pm
Skiing
 Monticello, Rondout, Walkkill, New Paltz @

Minnewaska State Park, 3:30 pm
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8
High School
Girls Basketball
 Liberty @ Sull West, 6:30 pm
 Liv Manor @ Tri-Valley, 6:30 pm
Wrestling
 Pine Bush @ Monti, 5:30 pm

Liberty @ Red Hook, 6 pm
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9
High School
Boys Basketball
 Liberty @ Cornwall, 6 pm
 Chapel @ Tri-Valley, 6:30 pm
 Liv Manor @ Fallsburg, 7 pm
 Seward @ Sullivan West, 7 pm
Wrestling
 Fallsburg, Tri-Valley, Burke @

Rondout Valley, 7 pm
Skiing
 Monticello, Rondout, Walkkill, New Paltz @ Minnewaska State Park, 3:30 pm
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10
High School
Boys Basketball
 Roscoe vs. Roxbury @ Margaretville, 5:30 pm

Monticello vs Nazareth @ Wallenpaupack, 7 pm
Girls Basketball
 Monticello @ Beacon, 4:30 pm
 Fallsburg @ Liv Manor, 5:30 pm
 Sull West @ Seward, 6:30 pm
 Chapel @ Tri-Valley, 6:30 pm
 O'Neill @ Liberty, 7 pm



Fall Sports Coach of the Year: Chip Furman

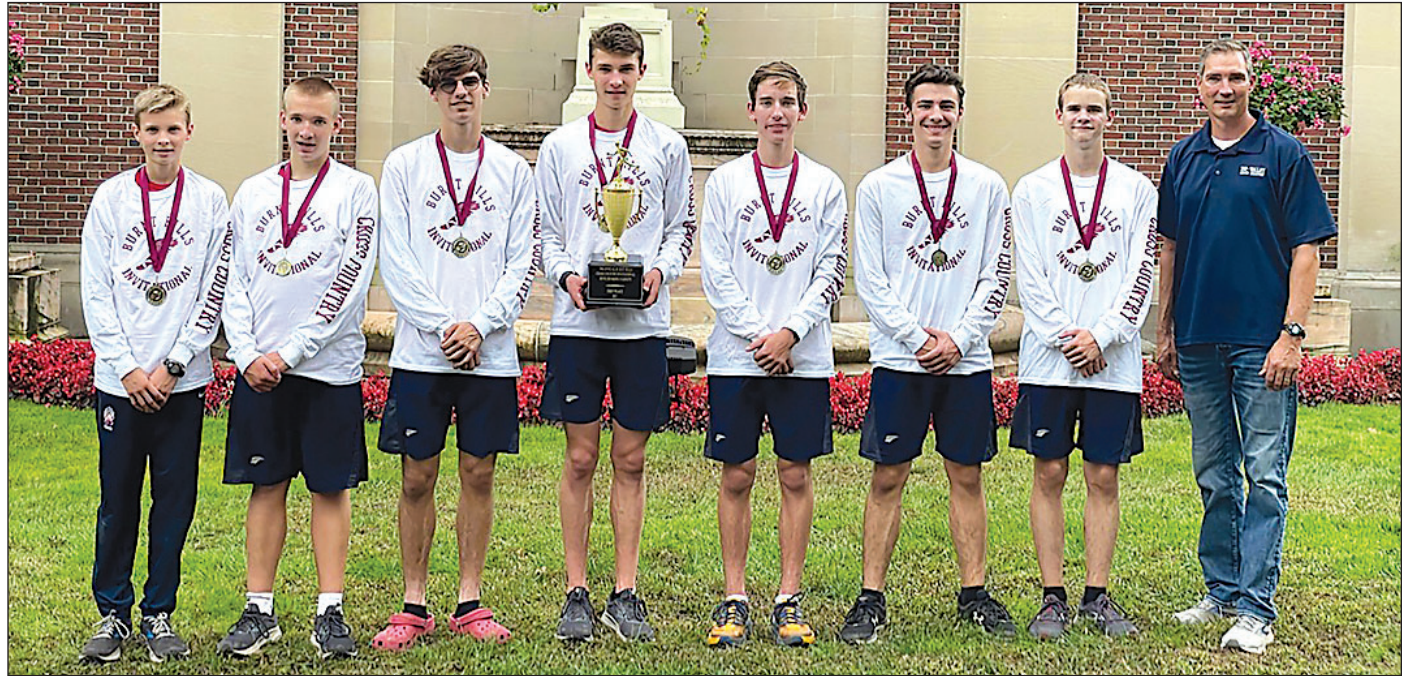
BY RICHARD A. ROSS

GRAHAMSVILLE - It has been a momentous fall for Tri-Valley cross-country coach Chip Furman. Just weeks after being named to the Section IX Track and Field Hall of Fame for his illustrious high school and college achievements, his team garnered the school's first-ever boys state cross-country championship. In the spirit of these momentous accomplishments, the **Sullivan County Democrat** has named him the Fall Coach of the Year. Furman was an All-American in high school and college. In his senior year at Tri-Valley, Furman won the state championship in cross-country and later became New York State's first-ever steeplechase champion. Furman went on to North Carolina State to help his underdog Wolfpack team win an ACC cross-country championship. Currently, just in his third year as head coach at Tri-Valley, Furman mentored his team to the zenith of the state. In true storybook fashion, the former NY state trooper came full circle returning to the school that spawned his love of running to inspire his young charges with the very lessons imprinted upon him by his high school coaches Joe and Missy Iatauros and his college coach the iconic Rollie Geiger. Furman's ongoing story underscores the love and rewards of running and accentuates his life was strongly affected by the lessons the sport has taught him. "Running made my life go where it went," he avers. Paying it forward, he is now passing on the values and methodology to his team

including his sons, state runner-up junior Adam and speedy Van, one of the top freshmen in the state. The Furman brothers comprised two fifths of the scoring state championship Bears. Running is also a family venture though, he, his wife Julie and the boys don't run together. His daughter Anna was impressive in modified X-C this fall.

There is all the world of difference between wishing to be successful and doing what is needed to reach that goal. All coaches and athletes enter a season with dreams of doing well, and of hopefully garnering elusive division, league or sectional championships. And, in those few cases wherein teams that have the talent and potential to do so, vying for that rare holy grail of sports, a state championship. Success does not come for the mere wishing of it. Nor is it an overnight phenomenon.

Furman's coaching success has its roots five years ago when he started to coach the modified team that now includes four of five of his state champion top runners. Van was too young at the time but was picking up the valuable lessons from both his dad and brother. Furman's goal was to instill in them the mindset of Tri-Valley running which included workouts taken straight out of the Iatauros' playbook. "We mixed it up with hills, banks, strides, and repeats with distance." Having worked as a state trooper from 1999-2019, Furman knew that his sons were coming of age to compete. So, he and his wife Julie conferred, and he decided to retire from the state police to



The state championship Tri-Valley Bears, along with their coach Chip Furman, stand proudly holding the medals and trophy from the Burnt Hills Invitational, a forerunner to their success as state champions. Pictured from left to right: Van Furman, Thomas Houghtaling, Caleb Edwards, Adam Furman, Vincent Mingo, Connor Weyant, Craig Costa and Coach Chip Furman.

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continue to work on the family farm and to coach.

Coaches who can bring their own experiences to bear in mentoring teams have an advantage over those who have never engaged in the sports they are called upon to coach. Furman's history is a rich one, something his team is fully aware of. But that alone would not have sufficed to motivate them. Furman and his assistant Tyler Eckhoff mapped out a plan for this season that included workouts and a litany of daunting meets that would give the team a chance to compete against the caliber of athletes they would see at the state meet. The team comprised also of Vincent Mingo, Caleb Edwards, Craig Costa, Thomas Houghtaling

and Connor Weyant, proved themselves up to the challenge week after week. Furman understands the critical role of mindset. "Kids need to believe in what they are doing and what they can do," he observes. From the seventh grade, Furman has been telling these boys that one day they could become state champions. This fall, the team finally began to believe in that goal and set out to attain it. Their work ethic was apparent all season long. As world famous All-America Mara-thoner John Bingham notes,

"Crossing the starting line may be an act of courage but crossing the finish line is an act of faith. Faith is what keeps us going when nothing else will. Faith is the emotion

that will give you victory over your past, the demons in your soul, and all of those voices that tell you what you can and cannot do and can and cannot be."

The Iatauros got Furman started in sixth grade running in the AAU Junior Olympics in California. "It was my first-ever plane trip. His wife Julie who was in the 7th grade when Chip was a senior had the same experience. Like the Iatauros, Furman believes in the boys and girls practicing together and going to the same meets. He started competing for T-V in his freshman year. And though he was not the top runner on the X-C team, he alone qualified for states at the Section IX meet. The Iatauros planned out summer workouts which Chip has re-instituted. They sent him to a running camp in East Stroudsburg where Furman first realized the importance of pre-season training. His approach to coaching is to instill a year-round work ethic and workout program. As such, the work for next fall has already begun. Hopes for a state title this year hinged on avoiding three of Furman's biggest worries: 1. Covid; 2. Quarantine at the time of the state meet of any of his runners; 3. Unforeseen injury. To avoid the latter, Furman and Eckhoff deployed "runners' yoga", a program of extra stretching and flexibility. In a

scary moment, one team member had to be quarantined and missed the OCIAA championships. Fortunately, the whole team was there to win the Section IX title and then the state crown. The future looks bright for Furman and his harriers. Only senior Caleb Edwards is graduating. Adam just missed out on the state title but looks to be a favorite to capture it in his senior year. Chip foresees all his runners moving up. At the Northeast Region race, Adam finished 23rd but many of those ahead of him were seniors. The top ten go on to nationals in San Diego and Adam figures to be one of them. He captured seventh in the coveted Federation race. As Adam predicted, he has eclipsed some of his dad's high school milestones at the Manhattan Invitational and the Federation race. Then at the Northeast Region Championship he posted a PR of 15:54 to Chip's time of 15:58 at the same race. True, Chip finished third and Adam was 23rd but it looks like the writing is on the wall. Chip is accomplishing what he set out to do, namely, to give the kids the enduring rewards of running and the character that results from their efforts. Congratulations Coach Furman on your most recent honor in an ongoing and stunning legacy. We all know, the best is yet to come.

Opening statement

STORY AND PHOTO BY RICHARD A. ROSS

SW Lady Bulldogs log resounding win over Chapel Field

LAKE HUNTINGTON - Oh the joy to be back on the court with the stands full of cheering spectators and the thrill of shooting the rock, passing to your teammates and evincing great defense to garner an opening night win. Such were the elements that the Sullivan West Lady Bulldogs experienced in their 63-36 opening night win over the Chapel Field Lady Lions.

As expected, the first half had its share of nerves and hesitancy. Those disappeared in the second half with a surge of offense and some great helping defense to help the Lady Westies to widen the margin on their way to the victory. As Coach Pat Donovan put it, "It was great to be back in the gym with fans in the stands and girls playing basketball. The excitement that the girls had prior to the game was something I haven't seen in a while from kids with everything going on today. It was sense of normalcy again for us. Those nerves were shown in the first quarter. We settled

down in the second half and played basketball the way we know how to. We had great contributions from everyone. And I mean everyone. It may have not shown up in the scorebook, but we had girls with great assists, great defense, key put backs and rebounds. It really was a true team effort last night and I think that is going to be our Modus Operandi this year."

Senior Riley Ernst led all scorers with 32 points. Felicity Bauernfeind netted eight and Taylor Hall posted seven.

Sullivan West led 17-13 at the end of the first quarter and 25-18 at the half. In the second half they outscore Chapel Field 38-18 to garner the lopsided win. Chapel Field's Arianna Lopez scored 21 points for the Lady Lions. Sullivan West was 11-for-20 from the stripe (55%). Sullivan West hosts Liberty for a non-league encounter on December 7 and then travels to play S.S. Seward on December 9 in the first league fray of the season.



Sullivan West 63
 Chapel Field 36

Sullivan West senior Riley Ernst goes up for two points. She led all scorers with 32 points in the Lady Westies' convincing win over Chapel Field.

Cross-Country Democrat All-Stars

SULLIVAN COUNTY — Sullivan County has a State Champion! The Tri-Valley Bears cross-country team defeated all the other Class D teams in the state to earn one of the highest honors for a high school team. The entire county had success, with Fallsburg, Monticello, Sullivan West and Eldred all sending harriers to compete for the state championship this year.

After a successful fall season for a lot of our cross-country harriers, the **Sullivan County Democrat** sports team is happy to announce the 2021 Cross-Country All Star team.

Girls Cross-Country
 Taina DeJesu (Monticello)
 Kaitlyn Potter (Eldred)
 Amelia Mickelson (T-V)
 Abby Morse (Monticello)
 Gisella King (Fallsburg)
 Regan Kizer (Eldred)
 Diya Patel (Monticello)
 Brynn Poley (T-V)
 Hannah Titus (Monticello)
 Kaitlyn Morse (Monticello)

Boys Cross-Country
 Adam Furman (Tri-Valley)
 Evan Waterton (Monticello)
 Van Furman (Tri-Valley)
 Reece Maopolski (Sullivan West)
 Gabe Desrochers (Liberty)
 Craig Costa (Tri-Valley)
 Zachary Dertinger (LM)
 Bobby Pape-Lucella (Monticello)
 Matthew Gallagher (Eldred)
 Caleb Edwards (Tri-Valley)
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