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Pick up some summer-ripened fruit and tomatoes, some local cheese, and a loaf of bread and head out for a picnic or a day at the river to catch the rays of sunshine. If you're looking for a little more adventure, you can take a trip down the river with one of our many river outfitters where you can tube, raft, kayak, or canoe.

Or maybe you want to take in the views from up above. The Sullivan Catskills are home to amazing hiking trails for all levels and ages (and dogs, too). Check out Trailkeeper ([www.trailkeeper.org](http://www.trailkeeper.org)) for an extensive guide on trails in Sullivan County and things to do before or after your hike.

Summer wouldn't be complete without a visit to the fair. The Grahamsville Little World's Fair will be held this year from August 19-21 at 8230 State Route 55 Grahamsville, NY 12740. Hosted by the Nev-

ersink Agricultural Society, the fair offers three days of old-fashioned family fun with agricultural and livestock exhibits, rides for all ages, and great food, games and vendors.

The Harvest Festival at Bethel Woods, an annual farmer's market much-loved by our community and surrounding region, begins on August 28 and continues every Sunday into September. Stop by to discover the bounty of local farms, talent of local artisans, and flavor of homemade specialty food items.

Here in the Sullivan Catskills you can spend your evenings listening to live music, taking in a theater performance, cabaret, art exhibitions, festivals, and so much more. Want to take a road trip? Explore our Dove Trail and Good Taste Beverage Trail.

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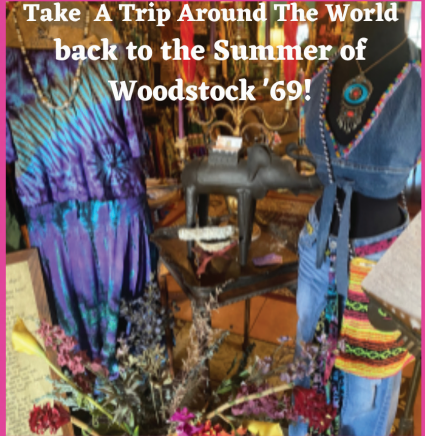
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# for a good buzzzz

by Autumn Schanil

**T**he Narrowsburg Honey Bee Festival is alive and buzzing once again after only having a small return last year - a little taste of the big event that was safe and sweet. Celebrating its 8th year, the Honey Bee Fest will be celebrating in perfect bee fashion on September 24th from 11am - 5pm on Main Street in Narrowsburg - a day of food, honey, and fun.

The event was created to help in the fight to save our precious Honey Bee, celebrating

both its beauty and importance, while promoting awareness through demonstration and education about their declining population.

Full of activities and events, there is a panel of bee experts, beekeeping classes, local honey vendors offering honey tasting, bee art, beeswax soaps, honey beers and delicious honey ice cream. It's been said to be one of the best community celebrations of Honey Bees in the northeast US.

Angell Deer, Founder & Executive Director

Despite it being invasive to farmers and having a 'weed' status, the native Spear Thistle is one of the most generous nectar sources for bees in the summertime. You'll learn about this, and so much more, at the Narrowsburg Bee Fest.





of the New York Bee Sanctuary had the privilege of being a panel speaker during a previous year and was happy to get the message out of how special and important bees are to the ecosystem as a whole and how we can each do our part to help.

“The fate of the bees & pollinators is in all of our hands. We need to make a common effort to transform our lawns into wild prairies, plant more native plants, and stop using insecticides and pesticides in our gar-

dens,” he stated. “We can create a vast network of bee-friendly spaces that will help the resilience of pollinators.”

The hope is that each person might feel inspired to do even just one thing for the bees.

And of course, attendees are always encouraged to wear their best and favorite bee attire, and that includes dressing up your beloved pups too, so get ready and be creative!



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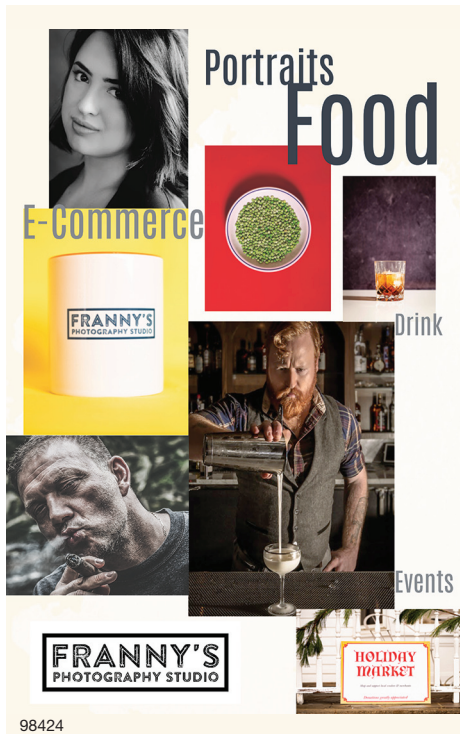
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# cream of the crops... and some

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The August and September months here in the Catskills signify the harvesting of what was planted in Spring, holding onto the warm days of Summer that are slowly fading, and celebrating the area with all its life and bounty.

It's a time when farmers markets are plentiful, and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts ushers in the season with their Annual Harvest Festival.

A free, family-friendly event, the Harvest Fest takes place every Sunday for six weeks from 11am - 4pm, starting on August 28th, where the harvest of local farms from the greater upstate NY region and the surrounding area come together on historic Woodstock grounds for a day of enjoyment and bounty alongside a collection of unique and quality vendors, local artisans, crafters and specialty businesses.

"I usually go to the Harvest Fest at Bethel because I live close, I love that time of year for the fall produce, and it's a fun thing to do on a Sunday," stated Casey, Owner and Head Baker at Be Kind Bake House in Honesdale, PA.

Each week is special with everything from corn and hay mazes to horse and buggy rides, specialty crafters and farm-

**The Harvest Fest is rich with the colors of fresh vegetables and fruits, homemade sweets and savory breads, crafts and wares of all kinds, but it's also rich with socially-engaging connection. At every stand, and during every purchase, you get to meet the makers. You can talk face to face with the artisan or farmer and know how special their product is, and how valuable your purchase is, whether it's soaps, jewelry, or just getting to run through a farmer's corn maze.**





ers market to beer, wine and spirits. There is a creative learning tent, homemade pies and pickle barrels, live music to get up and dance to, alpacas, and food trucks that you can't help trying something from each one.

And while you're there, why not stop by the Woodstock Monument or the Bethel Woods Museum to see where it all started.

Please see page 6 "Farmer's Markets" for times and other information.





A little bit of everything can be found at Linda's Country Corner Store. Vintage glass and ceramics, retro type writers, hand-woven alpaca scarves, paintings, dream catchers, clocks, lamps, purses and bags - if you're looking for it, you'll probably find it. And you might just find some wares you had no idea you needed but just can't go home without.



# stuff you didn't know you needed

by Autumn Schanil

It's a place for lovers of trinkets and sundresses, collectors of glass Ball jars and vintage jewelry, fans of tie dye shirts, handcrafted soaps, cowboy boots, and so much more.

Linda's Country Corner Store on Route 17B at the four corners of Fosterdale is a treat to step into - a place to find a little bit of everything.

Owner Linda Fratello, a Bronx native turned upstate farmer, can usually be found behind the counter smiling and chatting with customers. A retired city school teacher of 27 years, she bought the store just a few years ago but has been spending summers here in the Catskills for the last 35 years.

"I've always loved everything local. That's really what I wanted this shop to be about," Fratello said. "To carry local products and support local artists, but also have items like dresses and jewelry, new or vintage."

Originally, the brick and mortar boutique was once the Cochetcon Post Office, a drive through hot dog and ice cream stand, and before Fratello bought the building - an antique store.

"I went into this with a vision and needed a game plan for my retirement, so it actually all started with soap," Fratello said laughing. "I loved crafting and I had used goat milk once before, which is fabulous for the skin, so I said that's it. I'm going to start making it."

So, Fratello googled goat milk soap and taught herself how to make it, all while planning a grand opening for the Corner Country Store, but with the onset of the pandemic that grand opening took a backseat.

Fratello didn't let it deter her though, she focused on making soaps, giving them out to friends, and mastering her recipe. She and her partner then acquired llamas and when the

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If you need a cool dress for the summer, a sweater for a dinner party, a coverup for the river, or something tie-dye for a concert at Bethel Woods, there is plenty on the racks, both new and vintage.

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time came to shear, she had to figure out what to do with all the fiber. With the help of the Rosehaven Boutique in Bethel, scarves and blankets came to fruition, which can of course be found in her shop alongside her charcoal and citrusy goat milk soap.

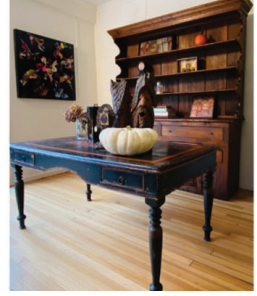
She didn't have her grand opening, but Fratello said she feels so thankful for the amount of people who have come in to shop. Concert-goers at Bethel Woods have come in looking for tie-dye and clear bags, people heading towards the lake grab coverups, while visitors excited to float on the river want ponchos and river bags.

"There is so much to enjoy in the area, it's just a fabulous spot," Fratello said, "and I'm happy to be a part of the community and be here in whatever way I can. This is now my home."

Currently Linda's Corner Country Store is open on Saturdays from 11am - 3pm. In the fall the store will open on Sundays as well from 11am - 3pm.

You can find this unique boutique on both Facebook and Instagram, as well as on the web at [www.lindascountrycornerstore.com](http://www.lindascountrycornerstore.com) where you order with Fratello online and have items shipped right to you.





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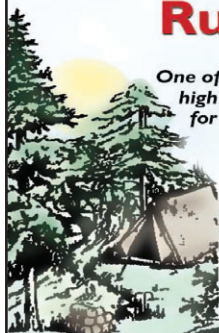
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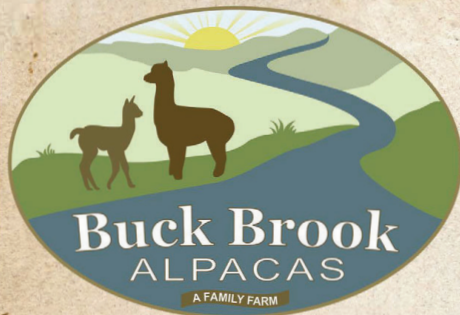
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## CALENDAR

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2022

### Monday, August 15

**Open Mic at the Tango Cafe!** -The floor, and the mic, are yours! Bring your family, friends, and talents, for a fun night of supporting each other in what keeps your soul happy! All art forms welcome! Hosted by local star, Richard Travis! Tango Cafe will be open from 5pm-11pm, serving food until 9pm. The magic of Open Mic starts at 7pm!

**WSPL Computer/Technical Support** - Sign up for a 25-minute in-person session at the Tusten-Cochection Branch or virtual session for troubleshooting, advice and questions, along with assistance with library services like Kanopy, Ancestry, and more. Schedule your appointment by visiting the library calendar at [wsplonline.org](http://wsplonline.org).

**WSPL Narrowsburg Knitters** - Meet every Monday at 6:00pm. Thinking of learning how to knit? Already have a project that you're working on? Join Irma at the Tusten-Cochection Branch, and share ideas and your latest projects! Call 845-252-3360.

### Tuesday, August 16

**Ten Mile River (TMR) Scout Museum** evening history are open to scouts and to the public at 7 p.m. in the open-air Cayuga/Kotohke Cabin at 1481 Crystal Lake Road (County Road 26), Narrowsburg. Tonight: "Tales of the Raftsmen" Stories the lumbermen and raftsmen told themselves, including "How the Ten Mile River got its name." For info call 845-252-2063 or email [info@tmrmuseum.org](mailto:info@tmrmuseum.org)

### Wednesday, August 17

**Pancake Breakfast** - the Damascus Community Center will host a yummy pancake breakfast from 8 am - 12 noon. On the menu: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, OJ, applesauce, coffee, and tea. Cost is \$8; for children 12 and under, \$4. At the Township Building, 60 Conklin Hill Road, Damascus PA. In addition, it's recycling day. Bring your stuff!

### Thursday, August 18

**NACL "Findings" Series: ROAR!** - at 6 pm at

the North American Cultural Laboratory, 110 Highland Lake Rd, Highland Lake. ROAR! is an experimental comedy with music which tells the true story of the making of a movie starring 100 lions, tigers, and other untrained big cats. ROAR! is about 1970's Hollywood, mental illness, and the sacred bond between mother and daughter. This play will entertain you – if you survive.. \$20 per ticket, limited seating available. Reserve tickets at [nacl.org](http://nacl.org)

### Friday, August 19

**WSPL Craft Lovers** - Join the craft lovers group at the library in Callicoon for an afternoon of crafting. This month Raina will show us how to make macrame plant hangers. This program is at the Delaware Free Branch at 4pm. Please register on our calendar at [www.WSPLonline.org](http://www.WSPLonline.org).

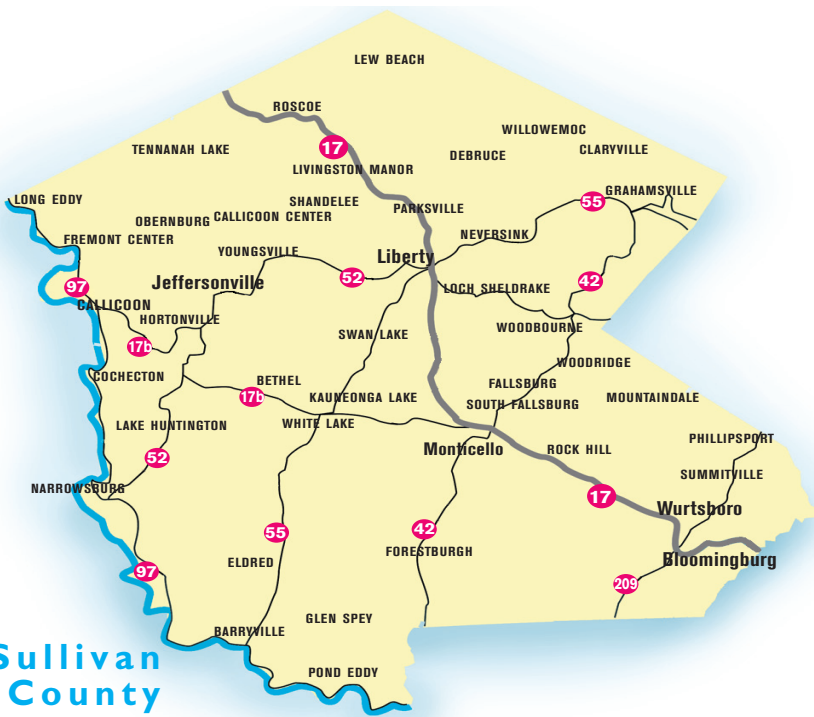
**Delaware Free Watershed Readings: Open Mic** - Join us at the Western Sullivan Public Library in Callicoon for an evening of poetry. Share new poems and songs. 6:30-8:00pm. Pre-registration required on our calendar at [www.WSPLonline.org](http://www.WSPLonline.org). Email [del@rcls.org](mailto:del@rcls.org) for additional information.

### Saturday, August 20

**Italian Festival Bella Notte Italiana!** 4 - 9 p.m. Join us for all things Italian! Featuring Cristina Fontanello, award winning Singer/PBS-TV



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host; Sal the Voice Valentinetti is back with a performance at 7 p.m., plus an evening of Laughter with The Uncle Louie Variety Show. Held at the Orange Square Park, 1 North Broome St., Port Jervis.

**Phil Lesh & The Midnight Ramble Band** - at 7:30 p.m. at Bethel Woods Center.

## Sunday, August 21

**Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** - 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Come for some breakfast before heading to the Fair. Takeout available. Adults \$9, children ages 5 - 11 \$5, Children under 5 are free. Menu: 3 types of eggs any style, pancakes, french toast, hash browns, sausage, OJ, coffee, tea. 1500 Denning Rd, Claryville. Call 845-985-7270 for information.

## Monday, August 22

**Creekside Sunset Yoga:** Join Rebecca DeRosa for this FREE public event in Callicoon Creek Park, Callicoon. As part of a Sullivan Renaissance Healthy Communities grant, Rebecca will teach yoga creekside from 6:30-7:30 p.m., courtesy of the Town of Delaware. In case of rain, the event will be postponed until the following day on Tuesday. Please bring your own mat and water.

**WSPN Narrowsburg Knitters** - Meet every Monday @ 6:00pm. Thinking of learning how to knit? Already have a project that you're working on? Join Irma at the Tusten-Cocochton Branch, and share ideas and your latest projects! Call the library at 845-252-3360 for additional information.

## Thursday, August 25

**Virtual Book Discussion** - at 6pm. Join the book discussion group and discuss a classic: *The Tender Bar* by J.R. Moehringer. Meeting destination to be announced. For more information and to register, visit the Calendar on our website, [www.WSPNonline.org](http://www.WSPNonline.org).

## Saturday, August 27

**Thrift Sales at the Grahamsville UMC** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. The sale includes clothing, new and used, for all ages, household and decorating items, jewelry, toys and much more. Free coffee and great fellowship! Donations to our thrift ministry can be made on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment by calling Lee at 845-985-3128 or Ruth at 845-985-7222.

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items -- Something for Everyone!! 1500 Denning Rd., Claryville. For more information or to register, please contact Jennifer at (845) 807-6563 or email at [claryvillefd@gmail.com](mailto:claryvillefd@gmail.com). **Overcooked Gaming Event!** 4 - 6 p.m. Rev up those Fryers. HPAC is excited to announce its first family friendly e-sport gaming event. Gaming Tournament featuring the party game Overcooked. Join as a competitor and battle it out for the highest score on the big screen while real chefs from local restaurants act as commentators during the event, judge your artistry, and offer prizes. Or bring the family to watch the action, relax, and socialize and play in the HPAC's gaming lounge. Advance registration for competitors is required. \$15 Tickets for Party Participants, \$25 Tickets for Tournament Competitors. Doors open at 3:45pm. Games Start at 4 pm and run at 15 minute intervals until 5:30pm. Awards announced following the last game. Please visit [hurleyvilleartscentre.org/overcooked-tournament](https://hurleyvilleartscentre.org/overcooked-tournament) for more information! The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre, 219 Main St., Hurleyville.

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### Monday, August 29

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### Saturday, Sept. 3

**Salsa Fiesta Food Relief Fundraiser at Farm Arts Collective** 6:30 p.m. The evening begins with a salsa making class. Learn to make Mexican Salsa from Chef Maribel Guzman

and then stay to enjoy a fiesta with music, food, refreshments and the 3 salsas that will be taught that evening. This is a fundraiser for Wayne County Farm to Families Fund that provides local farm produce to Wayne County food pantries. There is a \$5 suggested donation at the door. For more info visit [farmartscollective.org](http://farmartscollective.org).

**Cars and Coffee** - A community get together. Cars, trucks and bikes welcome. No competition, no trophies, just a great way to start the day. Enjoy complimentary donuts and coffee. Takes place on the 1st Sunday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m at the Callicoon Fire House, 9305 State Rt 97.

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### Monday, Sept. 5

**Open Mic at The Tango Cafe!** Held the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. The floor, and the mic, are yours! Bring your family, friends, talents, and face masks for a fun night of supporting each other in what keeps your soul happy! Hosted by the one and only Caswyn Moon! Tango Cafe, 221 Main Street, Hurleyville. For more info visit <https://hurleyvilleartscentre.org/open-mic-the-tango-cafe>.

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### Saturday, Sept. 10

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**Catskills Conductors Clambake sponsored by The Smoke Joint BBQ** - from 12 pm - 7 pm Clam and Shrimp Boils (bags of seafood with potatoes and corn), BBQ sandwiches and hot dogs, vegetarian and vegan sides with house made cocktails. Also includes live music and vendors. Located at 430 Old Rte 17, Livingston Manor.

**Milford Readers and Writers Festival** at Milford Theater & Performing Arts Center, 114 East Catharine St., Milford, Pa. opening with Tony-Award-winner Len Cariou and his wife, Heather Summerhayes Cariou, reading "The Gin Game." All Main Stage programs will include an opportunity for conversation between the authors and the audience. In addition to the ticketed events, the festival also offers a variety of free programs. For more information about the festival and to purchase festival passes, go to [30 CATSKILLS CONFIDENTIAL](http://milfordreader-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

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