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Saturday, September 17, 2022



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Honoring our firefighters

It was recently reported that in the month of July calls at the Sullivan County 911 Center were up 10 percent compared to July 2021.

"It's been a very busy summer for emergency services," Sullivan County Fire Coordinator John Hauschild told legislators last month.

While those statistics don't just apply to firefighters, all of our first responders have been working in overdrive because of this increase in activity, and as Hauschild aptly surmised, "I personally just want to thank every first responder, whether it be fire, EMS, law enforcement, whomever, for their contin-

ued dedication and support in working together with all the agencies."

We join him in expressing that gratitude to all of our first responders, a majority of who are volunteers, and who donate their free time that could be spent with family and friends, helping others.

On Saturday, September 17, from the Clock Tower at the corner of State Route 55 and 17B to the White Lake Firehouse, many of the area's bravest will march with pride in front of members from all over the community who attend the annual Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters Association Parade to honor



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White Lake Fire Co. President Raymond Nuenhoff (left) and Vice President Ira "Moose" Liff participate in last year's parade with this company antique truck.

their service and dedication after, area firefighters will to our community. gather in Wallkill for the

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awards will be given to recognize the efforts of a few of these brave men and women.

Firefighters, like all of our first responders, must undergo hours of training to acquire various skills and knowledge. Oftentimes this training is done outside of work hours, perhaps on nights and weekends, which can be a challenge to complete while juggling career and family obligations.

But they do it.

Describing what firefighters do isn't as simple as saying they selflessly run into burning buildings to save lives.

Several firefighters today are on technical rescue teams, helping to stabilize structures while people are extricated,

as we recently saw in a response to a motor vehicle accident in Grahamsville.

They're also on FAST teams working to assist their peers when they're in distress. And then there are dive teams, who've responded to calls for water rescues, among other responsibilities.

Speaking of water rescues, while it seems like most of the summer was quiet on that front, there have been a number of calls in the last couple of weeks.

While there are too many heroic efforts to recognize individually, we do want to

'Describing what firefighters do isn't as simple as saying they selflessly run into burning buildings to save lives.'

take a minute to acknowledge all of the brave firefighters and emergency personnel who have been fighting a brush fire in the Wurtsboro area

for several days. The task was certainly not an easy one, but the collective effort and teamwork displayed was amazing.

It is clear to see that all of our firefighters and first responders deserve our praise. Not just for their bravery and willingness to be there for us at our most crucial moments of need, but also for the skills they possess and training completed, which is key in their response when an emer-

gency situation surfaces.

We hope to see you at the fire parade to celebrate some of our area's finest people. These folks are more than firefighters. They're our friends, family, neighbors and coworkers.

In reference to the latter, we want to take a moment to express how proud we are of three members of our staff who are active firefighters, Anthony Morgano in Roscoe-Rockland and Allen Davis and Anthony Bertholf in Livingston Manor.

The words 'thank you' can not be stated enough to our firefighters and to all first responders.

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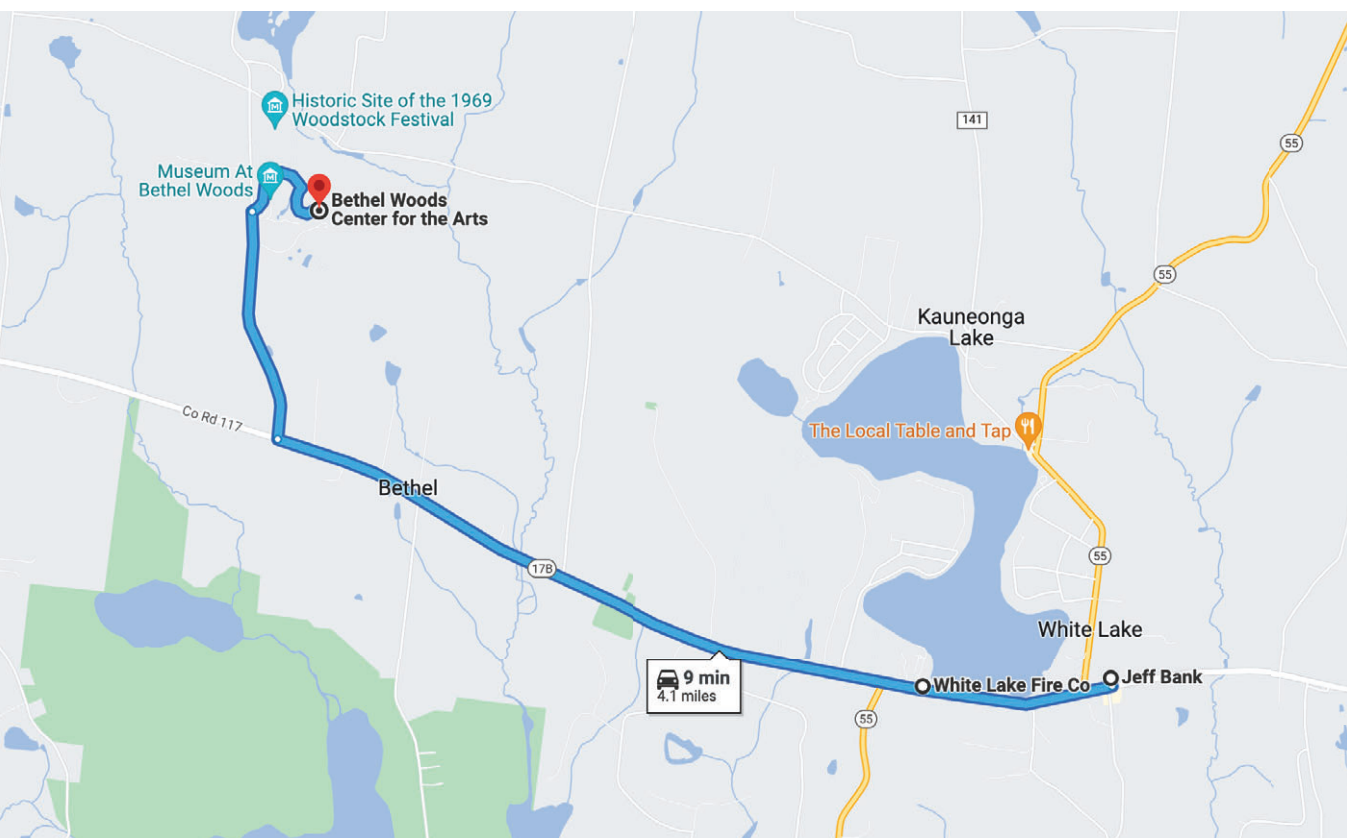
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Who: The White Lake Fire Company is hosting the 93rd Annual Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters Association Parade which recognizes all those volunteers who dedicate their time and talents to protect their communities.

What: The 93rd Annual Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters Association Parade

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Where: Line up at Clock Tower Rt 55 & 17B. Parade ends at White Lake Firehouse (See map at left). After Parade Festivities held at Harvest Market Site at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Home of the original Woodstock Music and Arts Festival.

Festivities will include the lavish Corn Maze, as well as Children and Adult Activities.



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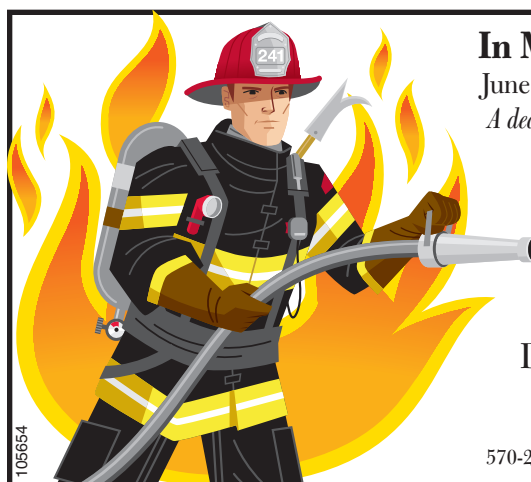
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Teamwork is at the center of what all local firefighters do, and every member of the volunteer family shares the same access to training, rewarding experiences and life-changing personal growth that can only

be found in the fire service.

There will always be a need for people who care, who help, who heal When tragedies shake us and problems challenge us, Sullivan County's volunteer firefighters do more than fight fires. They find lost hikers, respond to accidents, come to the aid of boaters, and more.

Trained as professionals and equipped to protect and serve their communities with pride, the volunteer fire service has, throughout its history, come to the rescue.

When you join the volunteer firefighting family, you honor a great tradition of stepping up when help is needed.

Qualifications for joining your local fire company as a volunteer are that you must ...

- Be 16 years of age or older
- Be in good physical health
- Represent the community with honor and pride
- Be a team player and enjoy a challenge.

Volunteers receive the gear and personal protective equipment (PPE) needed to respond to emergency calls.

Behind every firefighter are scores of other volunteers who support them, such as auxiliary members and fire police.

If you have the time and are willing to serve, please consider joining your local fire company.

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Seated from left to right is Second Vice President Rob Trotti (Livingston Manor Fire Department), 3rd Vice President Shane Cunningham (White Lake Fire Company), President Terrence Mullen (Wurtsboro Fire Department), 1st Vice President Craig Burkle (Narrowsburg Fire Department), and Treasurer Joe Mellan (Highland Lake Fire Department); Standing, from left, is Recording Secretary Lauren O'Conner (Livingston Manor Fire Department), Trustee John Cassidy Sr (Forestburgh Fire Department), Trustee Don Sherwood (Swan Lake Fire Department), Trustee Bill Lothrop (Wurtsboro Fire Department), Chaplin Honorable Judge Mark Meddaugh (Rock Hill Fire Department), and Sergeant at Arms Al Dumas (Monticello Fire Department). Missing from photo is Financial Secretary Michael Hoyt (Rock Hill Fire Department) and Immediate Past President Chet Smith (Rock Hill Fire Department).



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The White Lake Fire Company Line Officers, from left, are 2nd Lt. Brendon Cunningham, Captain Charles Stackhouse, 1st Asst Chief Shane Cunningham, Chief Joshua Cunningham, 2nd Asst Chief Richard Meihoefer, and 1st LT Jeremy Cunningham.

White Lake Civil Officers

The Civil Officers of the White Lake Fire Company, from left, are Secretary Brittney Cunningham, Vice President Ira "Moose" Liff, President Raymond "Raydar Ray" Nuenhoff and Treasurer Sam Berger.



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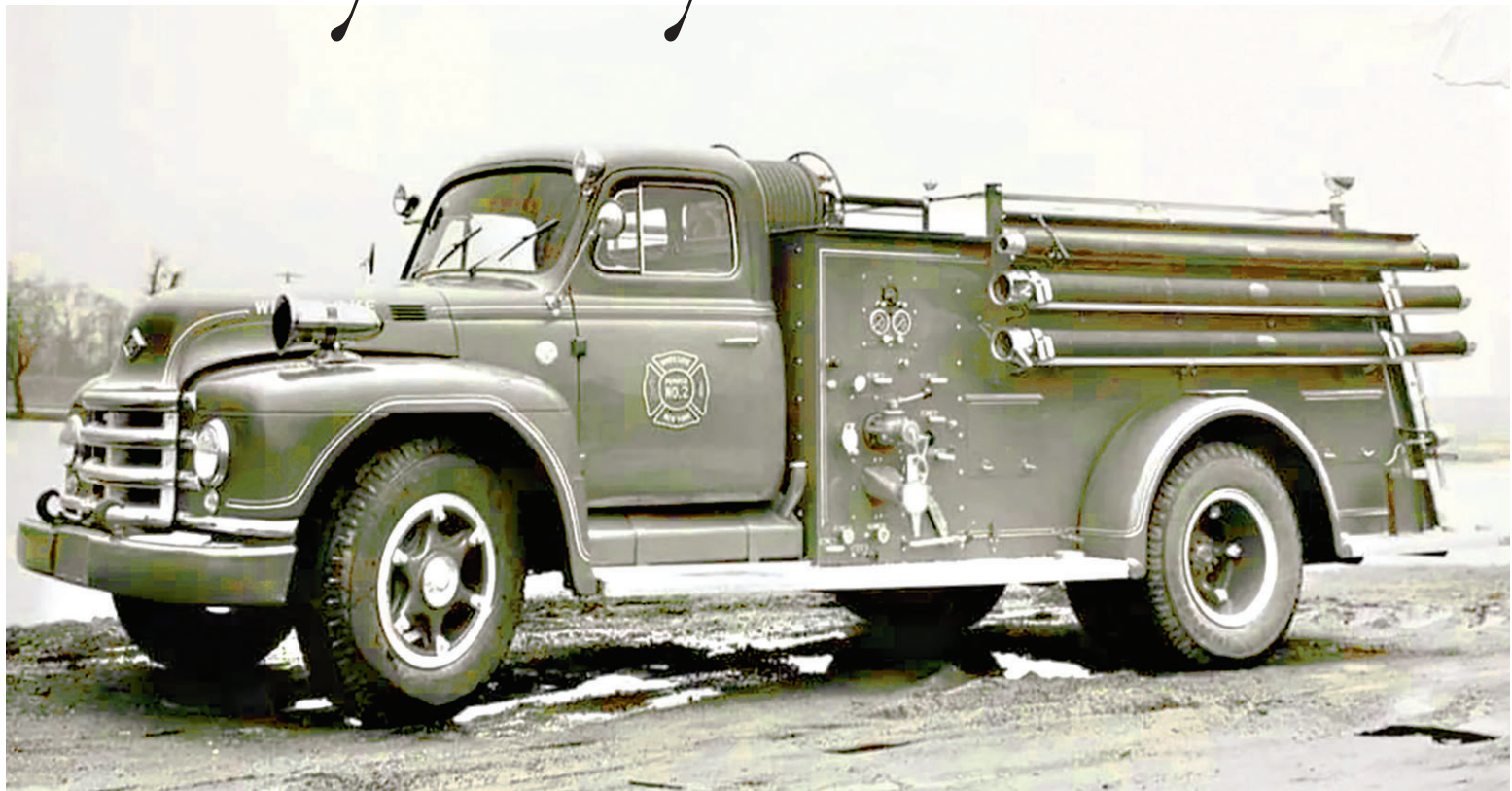
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When they sold White Lake Fire Company's property, it helped pay for the new firehouse built in 1992, along with money raised during fundraisers like Bingo.

The White Lake Fire Company has seen Sullivan County go through its ebbs and flows from the rise of the Borscht Belt Hotels to the recent resurgence of the casinos and hotels.

In 1969, when nearly 400,000 made their way to Yasgur's Farm, 17B was their primary connection.

In the past, Thomas Hendrickson, the White Lake Fire



Members of the White Lake Fire Company, on job several years ago on a cold winter's day.

Company Fire Chief at that time, told the Democrat that during the festival of peace, love, and music, they had to set up a water tank at

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"2022 marks the 95th year the White Lake Fire Company has provided volunteer services to the White Lake Fire District. 2022 will also be the first time the White Lake Fire Company has ever hosted a parade through White Lake. We are very excited and anxious to bring the Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters Association Parade to our home.

Every year we strive to follow the footsteps of all the volunteers that have helped shape the Company to what it is today. Chief Joshua Cunningham has led us through some of the busiest years in our history and leads with pride and dedication as all the Chiefs before him," he added, "We can't thank our community enough for the tremendous support through the years and hope everyone can join us to show continued support for all our first responders. September 17, 2022 will forever be in our history as a monumental day. We thank everyone that has helped us prepare and sure we will learn new things along the way!"

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The White Lake Fire Department also has divers that are part of The Sullivan County Dive Task Force Team.

White Lake every season is beautiful and includes the winter, where one of the most popular outdoor sporting events happens at White Lake, The King of the Ice fishing contest.

Thankfully, many members of the White Lake Fire Company are trained in surface ice rescues as well as being part of the Bethel Fire Assist and Search Team.

White Lake Fire Company Chiefs 1927-2022 95 Years Of Service

1927-1938 George Stephenson	1978-1979 Charles Appelbaum
1938-1953 Jack Liss	1979-1981 Kenneth Brucher
1953-1954 Jarius Miller	1981-1986 Robert Keesler
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1955-1956 Harry Eldridge	1987-1992 Richard Bruning
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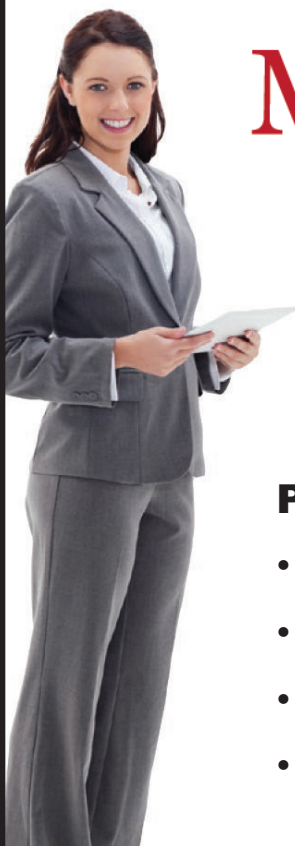
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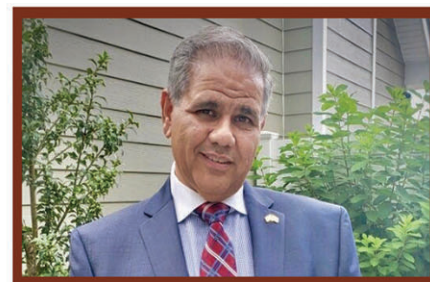


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Lineup: Noon

Due to limited space, Personal Vehicles can park at the Bethel Woods LOT A.

Buses will provide transportation between the Clock tower (RT 55E & 17B) and Bethel Woods, and also from McKean Real Estate (RT 55W and 17B) and Bethel Woods. Parade Starts at 1 p.m. SCVFA Awards & Trophies at 5 p.m.

Escort Division

(Line-Up at Rt 55 From Motty's)

1. Bethel Constable
2. Sullivan County Sheriff's Office Color Guard
3. SCVFA
4. Grand Marshall: Past Chief Thomas Hendrickson
5. Marching Band
6. White Lake Fire Company
7. White Lake Fire Company Auxiliary
8. Bethel Volunteer Ambulance Corp.
9. Port Jervis Engine 1
10. Kauneonga Lake Fire Company
11. Smallwood Mongaup Valley Fire Company

12. Jeffersonville Fire Department

13. Kenoza Lake Fire Department

14. Swan Lake Fire Department

First Division

(Line-Up at Rt 55)

1. Color Guard
2. Grand Marshall: Past Chief Dick Bruning
3. Band - Monticello
4. Monticello Fire Department
5. Monticello Fire Department Auxiliary
6. Lake Huntington Fire Department
7. Highland Lake Fire

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8. Yulan Fire Department

9. Lumberland Fire Department

10. Liberty Fire Department

11. White Sulphur Springs Fire Department

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Second Division

(Line up at Clock tower Rt 55 and 17B)

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2. Grand Marshall: Past Chief Robert Keesler
3. Band – Rock Hill
4. Rock Hill Fire Department
5. Rock Hill Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary
6. Rock Hill Ambulance Corp
7. Rock Hill future members
8. Forestburgh Fire Dept.
9. Sparrowbush Fire Department
10. Sparrowbush Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary
11. Wurtsboro Fire Department
12. Bloomingburg Fire Department

13. Shohola Fire Company
14. Lava Fire Department
15. Narrowsburg Fire Department

Third Division

(Line-Up on Shultz Rd)

1. New York State Police Color Guard
2. Grand Marshall: Past Chief Richard Hendrickson
3. Roscoe-Rockland Band
4. Roscoe-Rockland Fire Department
5. Roscoe-Rockland Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary
6. Roscoe & Rockland Volunteer Ambulance Corp
7. Beaverkill Valley Fire Department

8. Livingston Manor Fire Dept
9. Kerhonkson Fire Department
10. Callicoon Fire Department
11. Hortonville Fire Department
12. Callicoon Center Fire Department
13. Hankins Fire Department
14. Long Eddy Fire Department
15. North Branch Fire Department

Fourth Division

(Line-Up on Shultz Rd)

1. Color Guard
2. Grand Marshall: President Raymond Nuenhoff
3. Loch Sheldrake Fire Department

4. Hurleyville Fire Department
5. Mechanicstown Mechanical Band
6. Mechanicstown Fire Dept.
7. Woodbourne Fire Department
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Who's leading the parade?

Patricio Robayo | Democrat
The White Lake Firehouse, located on State Route 17B, is where the 93rd Annual SCVFA parade will end.



Carol Montana | Democrat
Below: A White Lake Fire Company truck proudly partakes in last year's parade. This year White Lake will have not one, not two, but five grand marshals.



STORY AND PHOTO
BY PATRICIO ROBAYO

For 2022's 93rd Firemen's Parade, White Lake will be doing something unique; instead of having one Grand Marshal, they will have five.

"We will have a Grand Marshal for each division to show appreciation for some of our great older members that have shaped the White Lake Fire Company to what it is today," said Second Lieutenant Brendon Cunningham.

When the parade kicks off on State Route 17B or The Woodstock Way, the Grand Marshals will be:

- Past Chief Thomas Hendrickson
- Past Chief Dick Bruning
- Past Chief Robert Kessler

- Past Chief Richard Hendrickson
- Current President and long-time member Raymond Nuenhoff

"These men are role models for all of us and have made big impacts on our community," said Cunningham.

For 95 years, the White Lake Fire Company has been serving the area of Bethel and White Lake and is proud to be hosting the Sullivan County Firemen's Parade.

From rescuing folks from burning homes to saving lives out in the open waters or swift rivers to providing water to the hippies at the 1969 Woodstock Festival, White Lake Fire Company has been there and wants to be here for the next 95 years.



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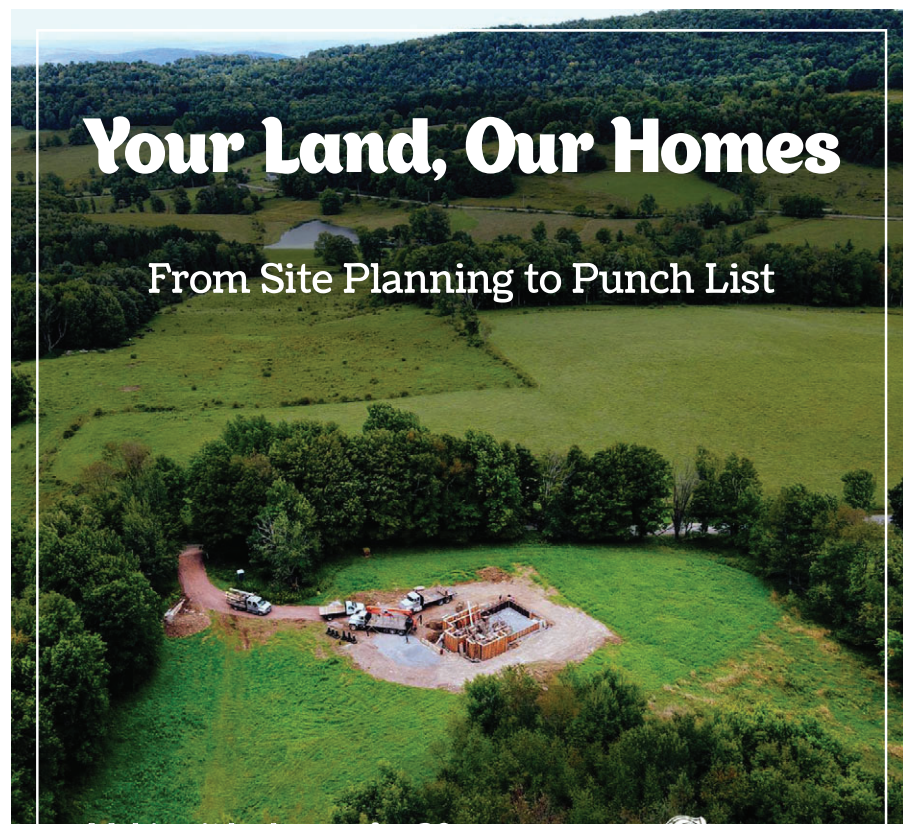
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NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (with microphone) says a few words before last year's parade. She was joined on stage by County Clerk Russell Reeves (at left), County Treasurer Nancy Buck (at right), and at the podium is SCVFA Chaplain Hon. Judge Mark M. Meddaugh, who served as the parade's Master of Ceremonies.

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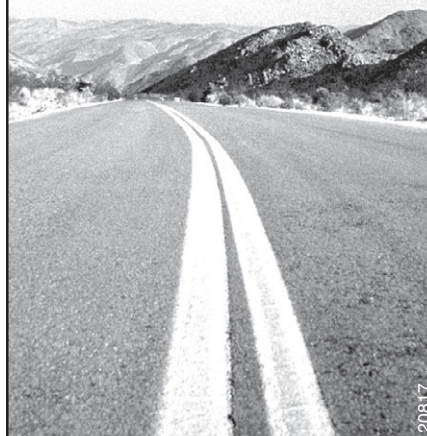
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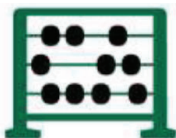
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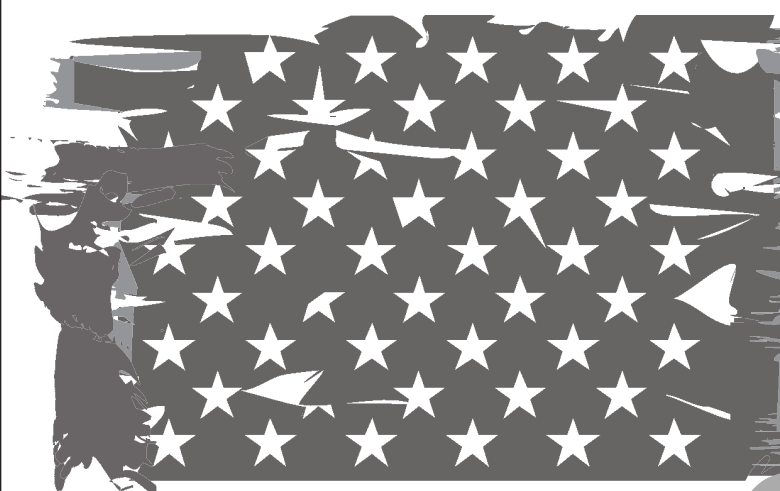
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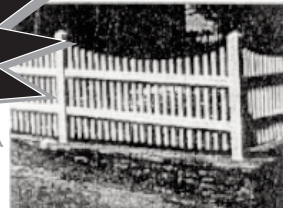
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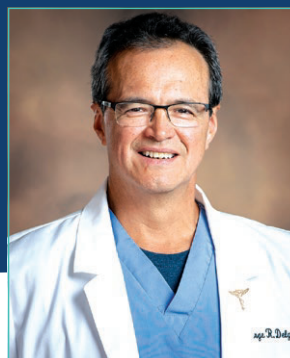
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