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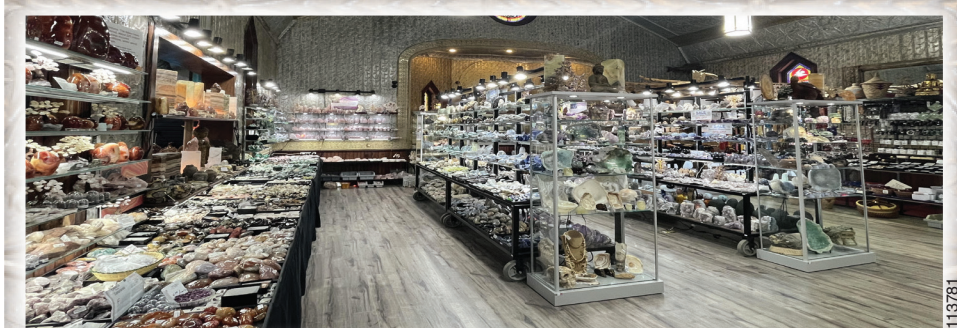
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Boasting breathtaking landscapes, a vibrant cultural scene, and a myriad of recreational opportunities, the Sullivan Catskills region beckons visitors to immerse themselves in its charm.

Our lush green forests, rolling hills, pristine lakes, and crystal-clear rivers create a picturesque landscape that captivates the senses. Outdoor enthusiasts can partake in a variety of activities such as hiking, biking, fishing, and birdwatching in the region's numerous parks, nature reserves, and hiking trails.

Art galleries, museums, and theaters are scattered throughout the area, showcasing the region's vibrant arts scene. Visitors can indulge in live performances, browse local art exhibitions, or attend workshops and classes to immerse themselves in the creative spirit of the Sullivan Catskills. Check out the full summer lineup at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and The Forestburgh Playhouse.

The Sullivan Catskills region is dotted with quaint towns and charming villages that exude a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Visitors can explore historic landmarks, dine

in local eateries, and browse unique shops. Don't miss the Callicoon Country Fair on June 24.

Food enthusiasts will find themselves in culinary heaven in the Sullivan Catskills. The area boasts a thriving farm-to-table movement, with an abundance of organic farms, farmers' markets, and locally sourced produce.

From charming bed and breakfasts to luxury resorts, the Sullivan Catskills offers a diverse range of accommodations that cater to every traveler's preference. Whether you seek a rustic cabin nestled in the woods or a lavish retreat with all modern amenities, the region has you covered. Warm hospitality and personalized service are hallmarks of the Sullivan Catskills experience, ensuring that visitors feel at home throughout their stay.

As you plan your summer getaway, consider the Sullivan Catskills as your go-to destination for an unforgettable experience. Immerse yourself in its allure, explore its hidden treasures, and create lasting memories in this picturesque paradise.

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story and photos by Autumn Schanil,

Forestburgh is one of the smallest towns in Sullivan County, but the hearts of the people you meet there are big. Tyler Jagel and sister Courtenay Hawvermale at the Forestburgh General Store are two of those kinds of people.

The General Store was once a gas station and convenience store with a small garage on the side, standing on Forestburgh's main street for more than 50 years. As businesses in the town slowly began to close, the gas station was the one place close by that people could go to, and when it too eventually closed, it left a big hole that needed to be filled.

"My family has had a house in Forestburgh for a long time, and when this place closed, it was sad," said Tyler. "My sister Courtenay and I eventually saw it on the market, and after talking it through, decided to buy it."

Renovations needed to be done in order to give it a general store vibe, including the ceilings and floors, and converting the garage, but the work was worth it as the store came to life.

It's now a daily destination for local Forestburghers, including the school kids who are often there in the mornings and then again in the afternoons after school

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The red and green exterior of the Forestburgh General Store is fun and bright, matching the interior where you're sure to find just about anything you're looking for from clothes, to food and drink, and gifts.





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for cookies and ice cream. Members of the Monticello Motor Club, the construction and roadway crews, dam workers from the nearby dam, and now weekend home owners and weekend AirBnB visitors are just some of the many different faces that come and go.

The General Store has morning breakfast sandwiches, coffee, lattes, and cappuccinos. They have lunch and midday sandwiches - on a roll or sub - daily soup specials, as well as fresh cookies baked daily, and pies baked to order.

Craft beers, beverages, cheeses, meats, and various produce can be found in the coolers on the back wall. Clothing hangs on racks in the center, cards to the left, skin care products to the right, jewelry, kids toys, puzzles, miscellaneous gifts - there's a little bit of everything for everyone.

"Maybe we have a little bit too much of everything," Tyler laughed, "but I also think that's what makes it unique here. We try to have one of everything."

The Forestburgh General Store is open everyday 7am to 6pm, so stop in, say hello, and see what you find.

Co-owner Courtenay and her brother Tyler make the shop the bright place that it is, from the delicious sandwiches, soups, and cookies, to the unique selection of local goods that are on display.



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plant paradise

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More than ever before, there is a massive disconnect between people and food - knowing what we're eating, where it comes from, and what happens between harvest and plate. With that disconnect has also come both simplification and lack of variety of what is available to us, as plants and as produce, but not at Wild Yarrow Farm in Cochecton.

Jeffrey Rose has lived in Cochecton with his husband Fernando for more than 20 years, establishing Wild Yarrow

Farm back in 2016, after spending years working with his mentor Trina Pilonero at her heirloom organic nursery in Jeffersonville.

Initially when Jeffrey went to work with Trina he was interested in medicinal herbs, but knew he wanted and needed greenhouse experience.

"I worked for plants the first year, and I loved it so much that the next year I asked her to hire me," Jeffrey said with a laugh. "When Trina was moving, she tried to sell the farm as a business but unfortunately I didn't have the means to purchase it. I did want to give it a try though."

Trina gave her entire seed library to Jeffrey, which was quite extensive, as well as a lot of the ancillary stuff he would need to get started like plant signs and her tag printer. She also introduced him to the market in Union Square, helping him to get accepted

there.

"I still do medicinal herbs here at the farm, but I'm in love with working with such a large variety of plants."

Trina's seed library is of course gone now, but Jeffrey spends plenty of time and money each year selecting seeds. He selects what he knows works and what people like, but he also enjoys exploring and experimenting with plant varieties he's never seen before.

Wild Yarrow Farm promotes genetic diversity, offering over 800 varieties of plants which includes close to 200 different types of tomatoes, along with a broad selection of vegetables, native flowers, and herbs. The farm follows strict organic practices, using only OMRI approved products and natural biological controls like lady beetles and other beneficial insects.

For six years, Jeffrey traveled to the Union Square Market in NYC twice a

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Wild Yarrow Farm has two greenhouses on the property full of seedlings, succulents as tiny as your fingertip, medicinal herbs, and native flowers, as well as tables of various vegetables, greens, and more outside. There is also a garden to showcase where, when, and how to plant.





This year Jeffrey Rose has focused on staying at the farm rather than selling at the NYC market, allowing more time to experiment and expand.



week with his seedlings, but this year decided to skip the market in order to focus more extensively on the gardens and the work at Wild Yarrow Farm.

“The demographics have changed so

much in this area that I really feel I can build this up better, and by focusing where I am, I can do more and offer more,” Jeffrey said, opening the gate to one of the large greenhouses on the property.

This winter, they started making hypertufa pots and learning about the different alpines and hardy succulents that are well suited for that material.

Hypertufa pots are made of portland cement, peat moss, and either vermiculite or perlite. While the process of making them takes quite a bit of time, they can last more than 10 years outside.

“The succulents are new to me,” Jeffrey said, “but I’m really loving it. Some of them just really surprise me.” He pointed out one variety that looks like a star

constellation.

Jeffrey has also been busy expanding his personal garden to use as a demonstration for customers, so that those who are new to gardening can see how far apart to plant, what thrives best next to something else, and when to plant certain varieties.

And Wild Yarrow Farm doesn’t just offer seedlings for Spring planting, but will be open for the Fall season when planting things like broccoli, cauliflower, cabbages, and kales thrive.

So whether you’re trying out vegetable gardening for the first or 100th time, have a weekend home that could use a few flower beds, or are a big fan of succulents, stop in to Wild Yarrow Farm Wednesday through Saturday 10am to 5pm, Sunday 10am to 4pm (Hours may change with the season). We guarantee you’ll see varieties you never thought could be real.



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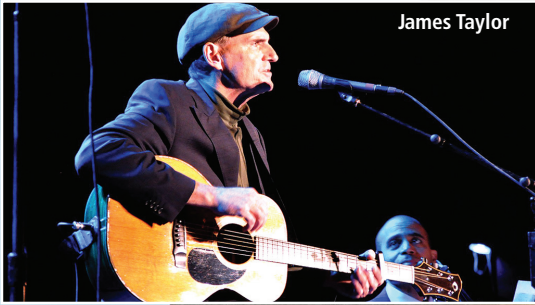
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July 14 - Jason Aldean with special guests Mitchell Tenpenny, Corey Kent & DeeJay Silver

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Chris Stapleton



Shania Twain

Hollywood Vampires



Outlaw Music



Rod Stewart

Bethel Woods 23

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July 22 - Boy George & Culture Club with special guests Howard Jones & Berlin

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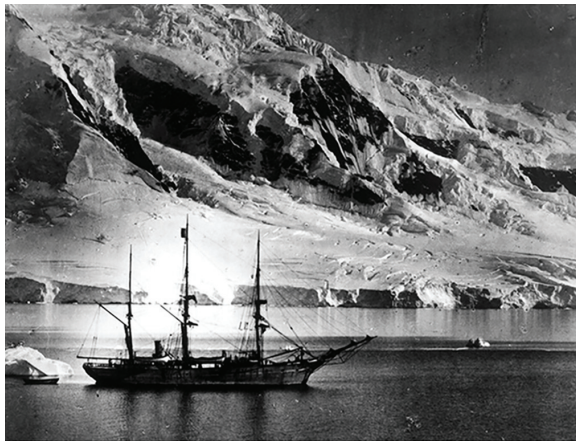
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through the lens of Dr. Frederick A. Cook

by Autumn Schanil,



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A comprehensive exhibition of Arctic and Antarctic photography by Sullivan County's very own Dr. Frederick Cook will be on display this summer in the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville.

Frederick Cook was born in Hortonville to German immigrants in 1865. He studied medicine at what is known today as NYU's Grossman School of Medicine. He later became known as an explorer and excellent photographer.

The exhibition, presented by the Frederick Cook Society, will showcase over 50 photographs taken by Cook between the years 1891 and 1908, during his expeditions to Greenland, Tierra del Fuego, Antarctica, Mount Denali, and the North Pole. The exhibition will include photos of sailing ships, polar landscapes, and a large collection of rare photographs of the Inuit and Indigenous peoples.

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CALENDAR

JUNE/JULY 2023

Thursday, June 15

The Livingston Manor Library will host Town of Rockland Historian, Joyce Conroy, for a presentation, How to Read a Cemetery, at 5:30 p.m. Sign up at www.livingstonmanorlibrary.org/programs/signup. Located at 92 Main Street, Livingston Manor.

Friday, June 16

The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre is showing Elemental until June 25th. On Fridays and Saturdays the movie begins at 6 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Cost can range from \$12-14. Located at 219 Main St, Hurleyville.

Saturday, June 17

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is hosting the Tri-State NY Spartan Sprint 5k Weekend. Registration opens at 6:30 a.m. and is located at 200 Hurd Rd, Bethel.

The Liberty Public Library will host storyteller, Vanessa Johnson, to perform The Soft Whispers of Ancestors, to celebrate the voices of those black and white who helped end slavery, at 11:00 a.m. Ages 7+. Located at 189 North Main Street, Liberty.

The Livingston Manor Library will host writer, artist, and griot, Vanessa Johnson, for an interactive storytelling workshop in honor of Juneteenth, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Sign up at www.livingstonmanorlibrary.org/programs/signup. Located at 92 Main Street, Livingston Manor.

The Livingston Manor Library will join Vanessa Johnson for an interactive dramatic reading of the Jerry Rescue at Renaissance Park in celebration of Juneteenth, at 4:00 p.m. For rain site, call (845) 439-5440. Located on Main Street, Livingston Manor.

The Liberty Methodist Church's community concert series will feature internationally awarded film maker and musician, Harrison Killian, performing pipe organ classics from Bach as well as first time reinterpretations of composers like Ray Charles and The Doors. This pipe organ concert is a premier event for Harrison and likely the first time composers like Ray Charles and The Doors have ever been re-interpreted on a pipe organ. This begins at 7 p.m. and is located at 170 North Main Street, Liberty.

Two new books have been written about Frederick Cook, by authors Darrell Hartman and Julian Sancton. They will give talks and sign copies of their books. Ohio State University's Polar Curator, Laura Kissell, and the Cook Society Executive Director Carol Smith will also give brief presentations. For more info call: 845 434-8044. Located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. This begins at 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 18

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is hosting the Tri-State NY Spartan Sprint 5k Weekend. Registration opens at 6:30 a.m. and is located at 200 Hurd Rd, Bethel.

Monday, June 19

The Sullivan County NAACP is hosting a parade and festival for Juneteenth. The parade line-up will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the parade will start at 11:30 a.m. The parade will be marching down Broadway in Monticello and will end at the Ted Strobele recreation Center at 10 Jefferson Street. There will be refreshments after the parade in the Ted Strobele courtyard from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m.



Sullivan County

Tuesday, June 20

Forestburgh Playhouse presents: The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey. In this inspiring and funny play, 1 actor portrays every character in a small Jersey Shore town as he unravels the story of Leonard Pelkey. This show will be performed through the 25th of June. Tickets can be purchased by calling (845)-794-1194 or by emailing info@fbplayhouse.org.

Saturday, June 24

The Callicoon Country Fair is back in town. Town-wide event with art, music, food, and fun! Artisan Market features local vendors offering locally made artisan goods, crafts and jewelry, as well as antiques, art, food and more. Wander along the historic streets, view the architecture and admire the beautiful Delaware River. The fair opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m.

The Livingston Manor Library invites kids to read aloud to a friendly local dog to boost reading confidence at 10:00 a.m. Sign up at www.livingstonmanorlibrary.org/programs/signup. Located at 92 Main Street, Livingston Manor.

Sunday, June 25

Sullivan County native Patti Greco Sunshine continues The Bradstan Cabaret Series at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27

Forestburgh Playhouse presents: Clue the Musical. The internationally popular movie and board game is now a fun-filled musical that brings the world's best suspects to life. This show will be performed through July 2nd. Tickets can be pur-

chased by calling (845)-794-1194 or by emailing info@fbplayhouse.org.

Thursday, June 29

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts presents James Taylor and his All Star Band. Live music on the Pavillion stage kicks off with Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee James Taylor. Performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Located at 200 Hurd Rd, Bethel.

Saturday, July 1

Geoffrey Hutchinson has an exhibit on photography at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Johan Sellenraad has an exhibit on oil paintings at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts presents Robert Plant and Alison Krauss with special guest JD McPherson. Performance begins at 8 p.m. and is located at 200 Hurd Rd, Bethel.

Monday, July 3

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts presents Shania Twain with special guest Priscilla Block. Performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Located at 200 Hurd Rd, Bethel.

Tuesday, July 4

Forestburgh Playhouse presents: Monty Python Spamalot! This play retells the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table based off the very popular movie Monty Python and the Holy Grail. This show will be performed through July 16th. Tickets can be purchased by calling (845)-794-1194 or by emailing info@fbplayhouse.org.

A 4th of July tradition returns to Narrowsburg this year! Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce and The Tusten Youth Commission are co-hosting a family friendly celebration featuring live music, carnival activities, food & drink, games, inflatable slide, lots of vendors. This will start at 3:30 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m. Located at Fireman's Field in Narrowsburg.

Friday, July 7

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts presents Big Time Rush with special guest MAX and Jax. Performance begins at 7 p.m. and is located at 200 Hurd

Sunday, July 9

Join for Mountandale Second Sunday's Artisan Fair & Farmer's Market. Featuring a diverse range of products from artists, makers, thrifters, and farmers, this market is a must-visit destination. Located at 69 Main Street, Mountandale and is opens at 11 a.m.

Join hosts Scott Samuelson + Eddie Dudek as The Bradstan Cabaret Series continues with Steven Brinberg's Simply Barbra at 7 p.m. Located at 1040 State Route 55, Eldred.

Friday, July 14

The Rivoli Theater in Fallsburg presents Oliver! (The Musical). This show will run until the 16th and from the 21st to the 23rd. Musical tickets are \$18 dollars for adults and \$15 dollars for students, vets and seniors.

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts presents

Jason Aldean with special guest Mitchell Tenpenny, Corey Kent and DeeJay Silver. Performance begins at 7:30 p.m. and is located at 200 Hurd Rd, Bethel.

Saturday, July 15

The Zane Grey Festival is back for their 16th anniversary. Come enjoy the activities that are offered in the festival from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Sunday, July 16

Join for the 25th Annual Delaware Youth Center 5K River Run. The Delaware Youth Center River Run is one of the largest and most vital fundraisers for our facility. This funding allows us to operate the facility and keep the Youth Center open for another generation of Callicoon-area kids. The race starts at 8:15 a.m. for walkers and 8:30 a.m. for runners. Located at the Delaware Youth Center, 8 Creamery Road, Callicoon.



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Malinda Ware, SC Cooperative Extension and Patti Greeo Sunshine, collaborate this multi-cultural afternoon focusing on Juneteenth Freedom Day with spotlights shining on the blending of cultures that make up our beautiful Sullivan County.

There will be a Fashion show showcasing the ethnic influence that embodies the Funky Hippy Chic Boutique featuring our Funky Hippy Chicks. We will have musical guests, Heart's Song, drumming demonstration and lesson with Adrienne Jenson, plus an Art Exhibit Featuring the works of Malinda Ware and Frances Lounge. Refreshments will be served and music will be heard! Celebrate with Us!

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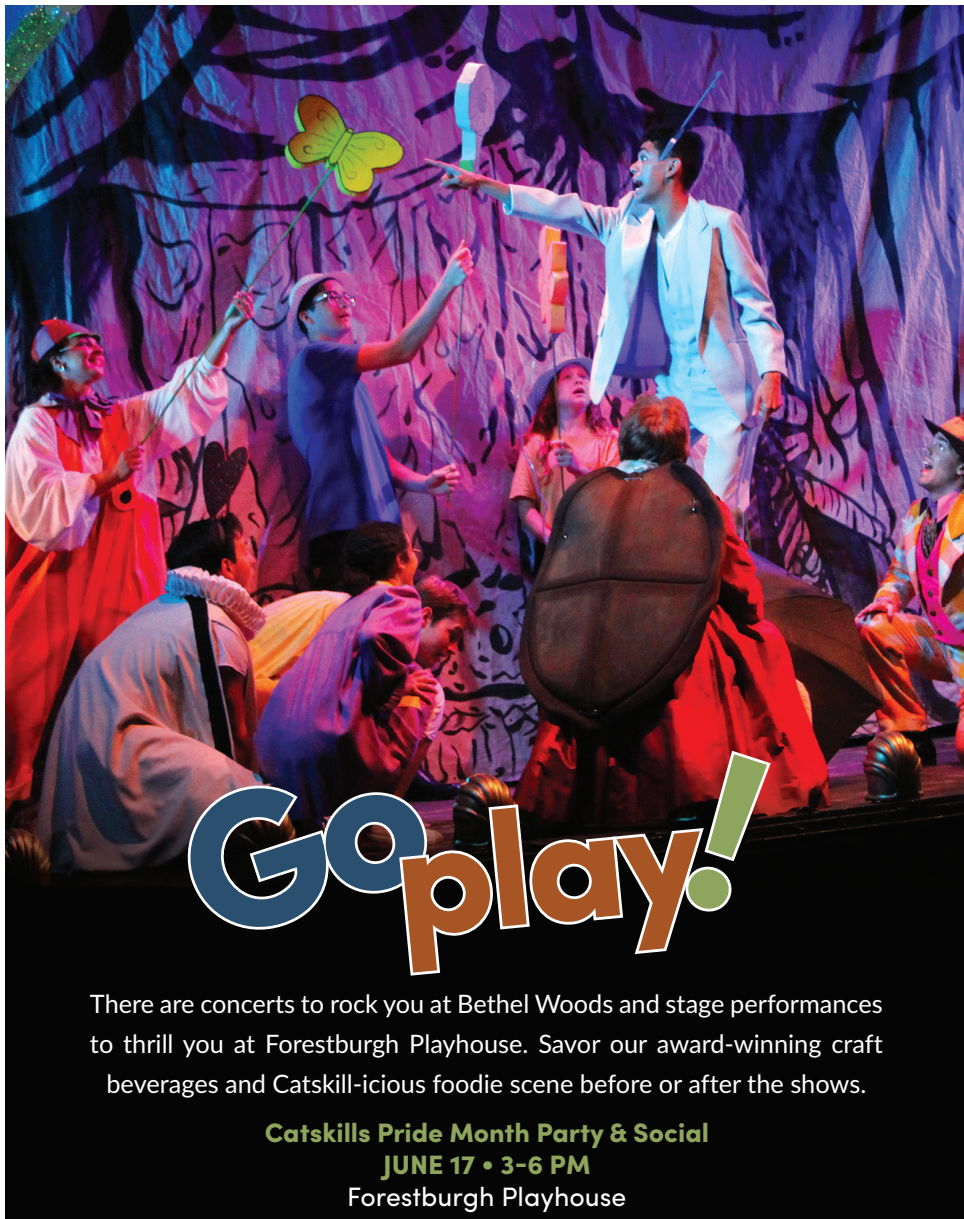


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