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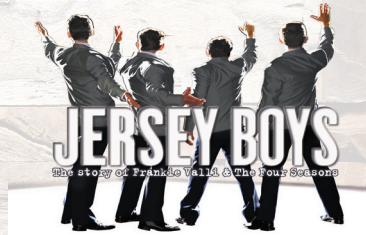
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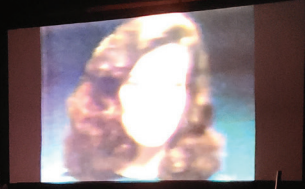
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So Sonia and Jason got creative. They created the High Voltage Creek Bar to help with responsible social distancing and to keep people outside in the fresh air, and although life has mostly gone back to pre-pandemic, the Creek Bar has stuck.

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Handmade signs point you in the direction of the High Voltage Creek Bar, following the path from the alley to what feels like a secret space in the trees. Cozy blankets and pillows offer comfort around the fire while log stumps at various tables throughout give the feel of being a part of your surroundings. Flowers, lights, and candles decorate the space with the sound of the creek behind.



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“We wanted to create something that felt like it belonged in the mountains,” said Sonia and Jason.

And they absolutely did. The Creek Bar is seasonal, but the High Voltage indoor dining experience is open year-round with stools at the bar, cozy tables, and a large booth by the front window. Sonia and Jason created a unique vibe with taxidermy and vintage items on the walls. Hand-painted signs outside point you in the direction of the Creek Bar - down the side alley, past a flower garden, through a wooden gate, along a wood chip path with little string lights leading the way overhead to an open wooded area complete with tables, lounge chairs around a fire pit, wooden stumps, a stage for live music, and a vintage camper bar.

Behind it all is the Sandburg Creek.

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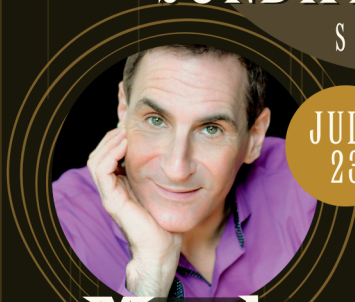
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Potter Jessie Lazar has had a little studio in Eldred for about three years, renting it shortly after her and husband Crandall and daughter Lula moved up to their vacation home in Yulan during the pandemic, but recently, Jessie moved into a new, much larger space that can support a growing community of artisans, which is now Sullivan Public.

“My pottery studio [Studio Jessie Lazar] is on the far side of the building, and the center is my shop that is always open,” said Jessie pointing to shelves and tables boasting beautiful pottery, and clothing racks with vibrant vintage items. “Everything else is a pop-up. The Second Sunday of each month we feature other artists and vendors, as well as workshops. It’s a community hub and art space.”

Pottery was something Jessie had always been interested in, but it wasn’t until a friend bought

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A fantastic world of textures and colors meet the eye inside Jessie Lazar’s shop, from mugs and vases to platters, toothbrush holders and soap dishes.





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her a gift certificate to take a class in 2003 that she truly fell in love with the art.

“It’s something that you can’t just jump into and get, you really need to practice, so I spent all of my free time working at it.”

The studio where Jessie was honing her craft, eventually gave her the opportunity to teach a class, and everything seemed to blossom from there.

“I had no intention of doing it professionally but then I did a little craft fair,” smiled Jessie, “and it just morphed into this thing that I was wholesaling to boutiques in the city as well as different shops in the area, and teaching classes.”

Pottery was a pivotal moment in Jessie’s life and career. She even met her husband at the studio she began at.

Since she and her family moved to the area, Jessie hasn’t been teaching, but now that she has a space, she can start again she said. Her

first workshop will be held on Saturday, July 22nd from 4 to 6pm.

“I miss community, and I miss growing. Teaching makes me better, and making work with other people is a really important part of art,” Jessie stated, “so now I have a space to house all that, and to have visiting potters too.”

And Jessie’s work reflects who she is and what she likes to focus on.

“I really like sitting with a ruler and making a lid that fits perfectly. I find that really satisfying. I’m not great at embracing the imperfection of things, but I’m a pretty studious, technical person,” she said looking towards her work. “There’s a meditative quality to making pottery but my work isn’t like that. It’s very precise. So things that exercise that muscle are my favorite things to make.”

Studio Jessie Lazar and Sullivan Public are open Thursday - Sunday 11-4pm. Stop in and browse, you’ll be happy you did.





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With the doors open, Studio Jessie Lazar and Sullivan Public create a vibe of community, a buzzing hub of artists near and far...with a touch of added sweetness from friends and family like husband Crandall and daughter Lula peeping from behind.





try to imagine better

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The Delaware River is the longest free flowing river in the Eastern United States, flowing for 282 miles along the borders of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware before emptying into the Delaware Bay and eventually meeting the Atlantic Ocean.

Although the river is a water source that provides for many, if you ask anyone who lives along or close to the river, it's a life source.

Here in the Catskills, the Upper and Middle Delaware is a part of our river valley, hosting one of the largest populations of wintering Bald Eagles in the northeast, along with waterfowl, warblers, osprey, hawks, shorebirds and more. The beaver and the river otter also call it home, as well as black bear, white-tailed deer, muskrat, and Canada geese along its banks.

The River is a sanctuary for wildlife all around, but it's also a sought-out fishing destination, and a paradise for campers, swimmers, rafters, canoe-ers, and kayakers during the summer months.

Both locals and visitors alike have their favorite swimming holes or boat launches. Some enjoy the peace of sitting by the water at their river-front property, while others tube float for the majority of the afternoon in groups, laughing and chatting along the way.

Whatever activity you choose, remember to practice safety, as the river is not just a source but a force. There can be undercurrent not seen to the eye, rocks not visible from above, and depths unknown.

And however you like to enjoy the river, remember to respect what's around you. Leave the river wild and clean, because it's a life source for creatures we have yet to meet.



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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.

Tuesday, July 18

Forestburgh Playhouse presents: Matilda the Musical. Come witness the story of an extraordinary girl who dares to take a stand and change her own destiny. This show will be performed through July 30th. Tickets can be purchased by calling (845)-794-1194 or by emailing info@fbplayhouse.org.

Friday, July 21

The Mamakating Historical Society is hosting Hidden Treasures of the Catskills talk by author Tony Musso. This event begins at 7 p.m. and it is located at 136 Summitville Road, Summitville.

Saturday, July 22

Boy George & Culture Club with special guests Howard Jones & Berlin is performing at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. Performance begins at 7 p.m. Located at 200 Hurd Road, Bethel.

Rainbow Fest is a family-friendly block party celebrating love, self-expression, and the magic of summer in the Catskills. The event will feature fun, games, and entertainment for all ages, all humans and creative creatures. The event begins at 2 p.m. and will end at 7 p.m. Located at 219 Main Street, Hurleyville.

St. Joseph Church in Rileyville, PA will hold its annual Flea Market and Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church is located on Rte. 191, the Hancock Hwy, just north of the intersection with Rte. 371. Rain or shine, Refreshments and baked goods available for purchase. For more information or to reserve a space, contact Kathy at 570-224-4934.

Sunday, July 23

From 10 am to 4 pm, DVAA hosts the 33rd annual Riverfest, a celebration of art, music, and ecology along the Delaware River in Narrowsburg, NY. In addition to unique artisan vendors, the highly anticipated day-long event features amazing live music, a benefit poster auc-

tion, a hands-on Kids Crafting Corner, the beloved River Dogs (on) Parade, and regional street theater.

Join hosts Scott Samuelson + Eddie Dudek as The Bradstan Cabaret Series continues with Mark Nadler at 7 p.m.

Monday, July 24

The Livingston Manor Library will host a Picture Book Read-A-Thon, inviting kids to stop in anytime to listen to a story read by a community member, from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Located at 92 Main Street, Livingston Manor.

Thursday, July 27

The Livingston Manor Library invites kids for a Summer Youth Program Field Trip Series: Catskill Fish Hatchery Tour, rain or shine, dress for the weather, at 11:00 a.m. Sign up at www.livingstonmanorlibrary.org/ programsignup. Meet at the hatchery, located at 402 Mongaup Road, Livingston Manor.

Friday, July 28

Fiber Center in the Catskills. Come bring your friends or come find some new ones this Summer on the banks of the Delaware River in the beautiful Catskill Mountains. Workshops including natural dye, yoga, embroidery, and knitted jewelry, with an optional Friday dinner excursion to nearby Callicoon. Located at 1228 Winterdale Road, Starlight, PA.

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts presents Dierks Bentley with Jordan Davis and The Cadillac Three. Performance begins at 7 p.m. and is located at 200 Hurd Rd, Bethel.

The Annual Penny Social at St. Bernard's Hall, at 300 Catholic Church Rd, Beach Lake, PA. will be held on Friday July 28th. Doors open at 6:15 pm, with drawings



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at 7:30pm. Raffles, door prizes, refreshments available. Fun for the whole family.

Saturday, July 29

The Livingston Manor Library invites kids for a Summer Youth Program Field Trip Series: Gael Roots Community Farm Tour, rain or shine, dress for the weather, at 11:00 a.m. Sign up at www.livingstonmanorlibrary.org/programs/signup. Meet at the farm, located at 734 Cattail Road, Livingston Manor.

The Livingston Manor Library is co-sponsoring a Repair Café, where broken household items and more can be fixed instead of thrown away, to be hosted at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Sign up at www.livingstonmanorlibrary.org/programs/signup. Located at 1031 Old Route 17, Livingston Manor.

Don't miss the Outlaw Music Festival featuring Willie Nelson & Family, Nathaniel Rateliff and the Night Sweats, Gov't Mule, Kathleen Edwards & Particle Kid at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. Performances will start at 4:15 p.m. and is located at 200 Hurd Rd, Bethel.

Jeffersonville JEMS is excited to sponsor an evening of culture & community! Gates open at 5 p.m. A tribute to the Village of Jeffersonville, and our local businesses and volunteers who donated time & money to complete the stage at 6:15p.m. with the dedication to the stage by the Executive Director of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, Ariel Shanberg. The Ukranian musical program with dancers will start at 7 p.m. Located at 876 Swiss Hill Road North, Jeffersonville.

The Church of St. Josephs is hosting their annual art show through July 31st. Free admission for all and there will be raffles to play in. Located at 180 Sullivan

St, Wurtsboro. This will begin at 12 p.m. and will end at 8 p.m.

Sunday, July 30

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts presents Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. The movie begins at 7:30 p.m. and is located at 200 Hurd Rd, Bethel.

Don't miss Hollywood Vampires (featuring Alice Cooper, Johnny Depp & Joe Perry) with special guest Barry Goudreau's Engine Room at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. This will begin at 8 p.m. and is located at 200 Hurd Rd, Bethel.

Tuesday, August 1

Forestburgh Playhouse presents: The Addams Family. This magnificently macabre musical comedy is a visually satisfying, rib-tickling, lunatic musical that will entertain you to death. This show will be performed through August 13th. Tickets can be purchased by calling (845)-794-1194 or by emailing info@fbplayhouse.org.

The Mamakating Historical Society is hosting "Souper Tuesday" at 12 p.m. This event is located at 136 Summitville.

Thursday, August 3

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts presents The Chicks with special guest Wild Rivers. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. and is located at 200 Hurd Rd, Bethel.

Saturday, August 5

Shandalee Music Festival presents a performance by violinist Misha Keylin and pianist Ilya Kazantsev. This performance will start at 8 p.m. Located at 442 J. Young

Road, Livingston Manor.

Sunday, August 6

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts presents Goo Goo Dolls with special guest O.A.R. The performance begins at 7 p.m. and is located at 200 Hurd Rd, Bethel.

Join hosts Scott Samuelson + Eddie Dudek as The Bradstan Cabaret Series continues with Lumiri Tubo on Aug. 6 at 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 10

Shandalee Music Festival presents a performance by Fei-Fei, a top finalist at the 14th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. The performance will start at 8 p.m. and is located at 442 J. Young Road, Livingston Manor.

Friday, August 11

The Rivoli Theater in Fallsburg presents: The Play That Goes Wrong. This show will run until the 13th and from the 18th to the 20th. Tickets are \$15 dollars for adults and \$12 for students, seniors and vets.

Saturday, August 12

Mary Sweeney has an exhibit on ceramics, sculptures and drawings at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Traci Johnson has an exhibit on fiber arts at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Shandalee Music Festival presents An Evening of Jazz - a performance by Eliane Elias on jazz piano and Mark Johnson on double bass. Performance starts at 8 p.m. Located at 442 J. Young Road, Livingston Manor.

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts presents Zac Brown Band with Marcus King and King Calaway. The performance begins at 6:30 p.m. and is located at 200 Hurd Rd, Bethel.

The Mamakating Historical Society is hosting a Community Yard Sale from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Located at 136 Summitville Road, Summitville.

Sunday, August 13

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts presents Joe Bonamassa and Styx with special guest Don Felder. The performance begins at 6 p.m. and is located at 200 Hurd Rd, Bethel.

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.

Tuesday, August 15

Forestburgh Playhouse presents: Jersey Boys! This show follows the fascinating story of four blue-collar kids who became one of the greatest successes in pop-music history. This show will be performed through August 27th. Tickets can be purchased by calling (845)-794-1194 or by emailing info@fbplayhouse.org.

Shandalee Music Festival presents a performance by the Arcadia Players, New England's Period Instrument Ensemble. Performance begins at 8 p.m. and is located at 442 J. Young Road, Livingston Manor.

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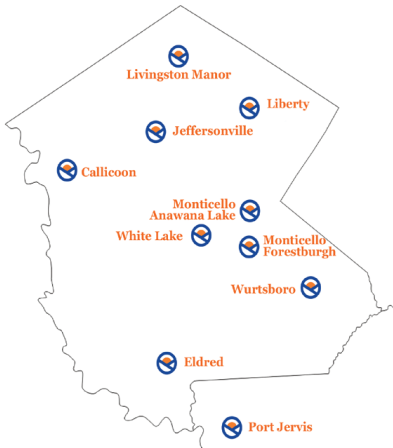
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