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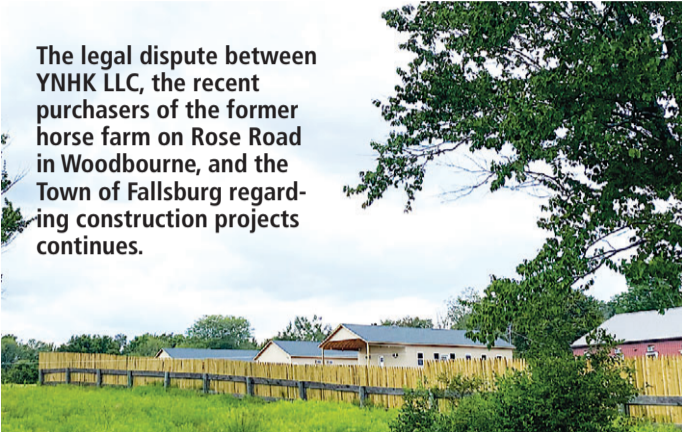
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perfection in the work."  
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ISSUE:**



The legal dispute between YNHK LLC, the recent purchasers of the former horse farm on Rose Road in Woodbourne, and the Town of Fallsburg regarding construction projects continues.

## Rose Road lawsuit continues

STORY AND PHOTO  
BY PATRICIO ROBAYO

WOODBOURNE—The town of Fallsburg has taken its fight against YNHK LLC to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Sullivan. The town's grievances revolve around the alleged construction of unlawful structures at a former horse farm on Rose Road in Woodbourne.

Ben Gailey, Fallsburg's Town Attorney, communicated to the **Democrat** that a recent amendment to the legal action serves to clarify the allegations. This amendment specifically pertains to "allegations regarding the conversion of the two pre-existing residences."

On July 31, 2023, The Honorable Meagan Galligan issued an order that mandated the immediate evacuation of the property by its occupants, which has happened.

Fallsburg's claim that YNHK LLC constructed three substantial new buildings. Additionally, an existing barn was converted into a dormitory.

The complaint also underscores the obligation to restore the property's previous residential structures alongside demolishing the newly erected buildings.

According to Fallsburg, YNHK failed to secure the building permits and certificates of occupancy for their construction projects.

Furthermore, the owners are accused of blatantly disregarding multiple stop-work orders to halt their construction activities.

Complicating the issue is the property's zoning classification as Agricultural (AG). This has raised concerns as YNHK allegedly repurposed the property into a boys' camp and school, a usage explicitly prohibited within the AG zoning district where the property is located.

The Discovery Order, filed on August 11, lays out the legal roadmap for the upcoming legal proceedings:

All paper-based discovery must be concluded by October 20.

Demands for information are to be served no later than September 20. Failure to meet this deadline, except with compelling justification, might lead to the forfeiture of the right to make such demands.

Depositions involving all parties involved are slated for completion on or before November 24, 2023.

A Note of Issue says the case is trial-ready, and all discovery that is in must be filed by February 9, 2024.

According to provision CPLR 5 3216, the court retains the authority to consider the Plaintiff's delay or failure to move the case forward and may subsequently dismiss the action.

A formal response to the complaint is due by Sept. 11.

BY TINA TRASTER

CALLICOON – After a faltering start to purchase the Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center in Callicoon, the buyer has once again lined up financing incentives from the Sullivan County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) and has represented in its application that the \$15.7 million sale of the property will close in the fourth quarter of 2023 — sometime late October, early November, according to the buyer.

Fay Hospitality Catskills LLC, which is prepared to move forward with the acquisition of the Villa Roma Resort in the Town of Delaware, received approval from the Sullivan County IDA in mid-August.

The package includes a mortgage tax exemption of \$153,000, a sales tax exemption of \$384,000 and a 15-year PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement on the improvements the buyer plans to make to the facility that would qualify as real property improvements.

The original deal was slated to close in 2022 but financing delays stalled the timeline. The IDA did grant two extensions to the applicant but ultimately required Fay Hospitality to submit a new application to conduct an updated cost-benefit analysis.

In its narrative to the IDA, the applicant said finance delays associated with post-COVID market conditions, interest rate increases, and most recently the 2023 banking crisis, led to the temporary loss of funding from a key financial lender, Corfinancial Corp.

Now the project is on track to close in the fourth quarter, according to Attorney George C.D. Duke of Connell Foley, who is representing Fay Hospitality.

Fay Hospitality Catskills submission to the IDA says Fay "remains committed to this project and is sufficiently capitalized to move ahead."

**Who is Fay Hospitality?**

Fay Hospitality Catskills

residence on Chestnut Street where a second victim, a 33 year old male, who had suffered a laceration to his face, was located. That victim was transported to Garnet Health Catskill where he was treated and released. As a result of the investigation, Jose Luis, 30 was charged with assault in the 1st degree, assault in the 2nd degree, felonies and menacing in the 2nd degree and criminal possession of a weapon in the 4th degree, misdemeanors. The second individual taken into custody, Fernando Llano, 22 was charged with assault in the 1st degree, a felony and criminal possession of a weapon in the 4th degree a misdemeanor. They were both arraigned in the Town of Liberty Court and remanded to the Sullivan County Jail in lieu of bail. The Village of Liberty Police Department was assisted in the investigation by the New York State Police, the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and the Village of Monticello Police Department

## Two Liberty men arrested after stabbing incident

SULLIVAN COUNTY — On Saturday August 26th the Village of Liberty Police Department arrested two men after an investigation into an incident that occurred in an apartment on South Main Street in the Village of Liberty. Village of Liberty Police were initially called to the apartment on South Main Street at approximately 5:30 p.m. for a report of an altercation. Upon arrival officers found a 26 year old male who had suffered several lacerations to his face and arms. Officers immediately began first aid in an attempt to aid the victim until Emergency Medical Service personnel arrived on scene. The victim was transported via ambulance to Garnet Health Catskill where he was transferred to a Medivac helicopter and flown to Westchester Medical Center. Additional officers on scene were able to locate two individuals who were fleeing the scene a short distance away and take them into custody without incident. A short time later officers were called to a

# Buyer is back at table ready to purchase, renovate Villa Roma for \$15 million

*Sullivan County IDA signs off on package of benefits*



The Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center in Callicoon features five outdoor swimming pools, 18-hole golf course, ski hill, bocce courts, fitness center and many other amenities.

(a Delaware corporation formed in 2021) is an affiliate of UK-based Fay Investment and Asset Management, an investment firm focused on investments in real estate and hospitality.

According to its website, "the Fay team offers a combination of core, value-add, opportunistic and special situations/turnaround investing expertise, asset management and extensive local market relationships in Europe and the US."

While the website boasts oversight of more than \$2 billion of luxury hotel real estate, it does not list any particular property owned or managed by Fay. Fay's founder, Sandeep Wadhwa, heads up the organization, which has a foothold in London and Manhattan, according to the website.

Wadhwa was involved as a representative in the sales and management for The Sahara India Group of both The Plaza Hotel and the Dream Downtown Hotel in Chelsea.

The Plaza Hotel, one of New York's most iconic buildings in which Subrata Roy-led Sahara India group had majority stakes, was acquired by a Qatar government-owned fund for about \$600 million in 2018.

The Qatar-backed Katara Hospitality, which owns the iconic Plaza Hotel, nabbed the ground lease for the Dream Downtown hotel in Chelsea for \$125 million after a default in 2021.

This is Wadhwa's first venture in owning a hotel property, and compiling a management team to run the hotel. The buyer is eyeing development of 100 townhomes on the site.

**Villa Roma has history**

Villa Roma, located on 435 acres of rolling Beechwoods real estate, joins a raft of other Catskills hotels that have or are in the process of being sold and transformed. Unlike most of the larger resorts, which were a draw for Jewish people escaping hot city summers and reflected

DEMOCRAT FILE PHOTOS BY FRED STABBERT III

Jewish culture, Villa Roma has always had an Italian flavor. It was established later than many of the renowned hotels, and continues its operations to date.

Large iconic hotels like the Granit that have fallen into disrepair or have faded away in the Catskill Mountains in Ulster and Sullivan counties and are targets for redevelopment. Somerset Partners LLC plans to raze The Nevele Resort in Ellenville off Route 209 and replace it with a modern hotel and luxury housing. YO1 Longevity & Health Resorts now stands on the former site of the Kutsher's Sports Academy in Monticello. Kutsher's Hotel closed in 2013.

The property was sold to Veria Lifestyle, a company owned by Indian billionaire Subhash Chandra, for \$8.8 million.

Resorts World Catskills, a large hotel and casino in Monticello, is situated on the site of the former Concord Hotel. The company recently re-opened 'The Concord Monster' golf course, once voted one of the Best 100 Golf Courses in America.

The former Fallsview in Ellenville is now Honor's Haven. Wadhwa, among other developers, are banking on the explosive post-COVID interest in resorts like Villa Roma, which are roomy and have large campuses to spread out on.

He also believes a purchase like this is strategic because the hotel has multiple revenue streams including time-shares, the golf course, skiing, restaurants, and more.

**Upgrades coming to property**

To satisfy the IDA, a cost-benefit analysis prepared by Shepstone Management



The Club at Villa Roma is also scheduled to undergo renovations under the new ownership.

PLEASE SEE **VILLA**, PAGE 7A

### Chris Cassaro promoted to Sergeant

FALLSBURG—The Town of Fallsburg Police Department proudly announces the promotion of Officer Chris Cassaro to the rank of Sergeant. This well-deserved advancement recognizes Officer Cassaro's dedication, commitment, and exemplary service to the community. Sergeant Cassaro's promotion comes because of his consistent demonstration of professionalism and his

ongoing contributions to maintaining safety within the Town of Fallsburg. Chief of Police Simmie Williams expressed his confidence in Officer Cassaro's capabilities: "Sergeant Cassaro's proven leadership, exceptional work ethic, and unwavering commitment to public safety make him an outstanding addition to our leadership team. His ability to connect

with the community and his peers is truly commendable." Town Supervisor Kathy Rappaport also commended the promotion stating, "Sergeant Cassaro's commitment to community engagement and his proactive approach to law enforcement will undoubtedly enhance our town's safety measures. His promotion is well-deserved, and I have full confidence in his ability to

excel in this leadership role." Sergeant Cassaro has been an integral part of the Town of Fallsburg Police Department for consistently going above and beyond to uphold the department's mission. As he steps into his new role, he will undoubtedly continue to contribute to the safety and security of Fallsburg residents.



Chris Cassaro, third from left, with many Fallsburg staff.

### Tax foreclosure auction set for September 6 and 7

MONTICELLO—The 2023 Sullivan County Real Estate Tax Foreclosure Auction will be held online only on Wednesday, September 6 and Thursday, September 7.

Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck urges potential bidders to register now at <https://aarauctions.com/servlet/Search.do?auctionId=6092> to receive a packet via email explaining the terms and conditions of the auction, along with the foreclosure process and associated liens. A bidders' seminar is available to watch online, as well.

There will be no showings of foreclosed parcels, though most properties up for auction can be viewed from public roadways.

Bidding opens September 1 at 10 a.m. The auction itself begins at 9:30 a.m. on September 6, covering parcels in the towns of Bethel, Callicoon, Cocheton, Delaware, Fallsburg, Forestburgh, Fremont, Highland and Liberty. The auction will recommence at the same time on September 7 and cover parcels in the towns of Lumberland, Mamakating, Neversink,

Rockland, Thompson and Tusten.

"Interested bidders should ensure they've done their homework: personally viewed the property or properties, checked for outstanding liens and assessments like water and sewer, and are familiar with the auction terms and conditions, particularly the taxes and fees for which they will be immediately responsible upon placement of a successful bid or bids," Buck reminded.

All sales are subject to final approval by the Sullivan County Legislature.

More information can be obtained at [nysauctions.com](https://nysauctions.com). The County Treasurer's Office also welcomes inquiries at 845-807-0200.

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#### MEETINGS

- TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5**
- Village of Woodridge Board of Trustees Meeting, 6 p.m., Village Hall, 2 Dairyland Rd., Woodridge.
  - Village of Wurtsboro, Village Board, Meeting, 7 p.m., 7 Pennsylvania Ave, Wurtsboro.
  - Town of Bethel, Planning Board, Work Session, 7 p.m., Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 3460 Route 55, White Lake.
  - 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.
  - 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, 7 p.m., 4052 Route 42, Monticello.

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# SUNY SULLIVAN



# Wolf Lake Neighbors Foundation presents certificate of achievement

STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY JUSTIN MEDNICK

ROCK HILL — On Sunday, August 27, the Wolf Lake Neighbors Foundation of Rock Hill awarded Neal Meddaugh of the Rock Hill Volunteer Ambulance Corps (RHVAC) with a Certificate of Achievement award for his dedication and service to saving lives and helping others in need. In addition to Meddaugh receiving the certificate of achievement, the RHVAC also received a \$1,000 donation from the Wolf Lake Neighbors Foundation. Meddaugh is a lifelong



resident of Rock Hill where he's a Monticello alumnus. Meddaugh assisted in forming the ambulance

corps in 1977 and opened their doors for service the following year. He is experienced with Red

At left: Jim Gleason (left) and Neal Meddaugh holding his certificate of achievement award.

At right: Tom Blon explaining the process of responding to an emergency to Rock Hill residents.

Cross training, he became a New York State Certified Emergency Medical Technician in 1980 and in 2006 he became a certified paramedic while supporting local support agencies. In 1996 he furthered his medical education by becoming a registered nurse where he would work at the former Community



General Hospital for 24 years. Meddaugh currently serves as a member of the Sullivan County EMS Board and a delegate to Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council where he provides support for anyone in need in the Mid-Hudson Valley region.

In addition to the award ceremony, fellow volunteer ambulance corps member Tom Blon presented "What do you do in an Emergency?" where he taught residents of Rock Hill how to properly handle an emergency situation if one occurs. Blon has been with the RHVAC since 2021 and an EMT since August 2022.

## BRIEFS

### Immunization and screening for National Immunization Month

HUDSON VALLEY — In honor of National Immunization Month, Cancer Services Program (CSP) of the Hudson Valley aims to raise awareness about the importance of immunization for Human Papillomavirus (HPV), the leading cause of cervical cancer — particularly for individuals up to age 26 for whom the HPV vaccine is recommended.

Cervical cancer, predominantly caused by HPV, is a preventable disease. Yet, it remains a major health

concern worldwide. The good news is there are two effective ways to address this concern: immunization and regular screening for HPV and cervical cancer.

Immunization against HPV is most effective when administered at a younger age, ideally before the onset of sexual activity. The vaccine is recommended for individuals up to age 26. However, getting vaccinated does not eliminate the need for regular cervical cancer screenings, which should be part of every woman's health

routine.

For those who have missed the age window for immunization, cervical cancer screenings and HPV testing remain crucial. These tests serve as an effective secondary line of defense, enabling early detection and treatment of any abnormalities. Early detection is easier to treat.

For info about HPV, the vaccine, and cervical cancer screenings, visit our website at [www.hitch.org/cancer-services-program](http://www.hitch.org/cancer-services-program) or call 855-277-4482.

### Children's Home opens Liberty house

LIBERTY — A new Agency Operated Boarding Home (AOBH), run by the Children's Home, with administrative offices in Binghamton, opened in Liberty with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, August 29 at 11 am. Sullivan County Department of Social Services selected Children's Home to run this new temporary, short-term housing program to keep Sullivan county youth in foster care local.

Liberty House located at 172 N. Main St. Liberty will provide short term services to Sullivan County youth

ages 10- 17 who need a safe nurturing environment while awaiting a longer-term placement. Upon leaving Liberty House youth may live with family, relatives, foster parents, or a child welfare facility. Children will receive comprehensive services supporting their educational, physical, behavioral, and emotional well-being. The Children's Home places primary importance on permanency, keeping youth connected to their family and community. For info visit the [www.chowc.org](http://www.chowc.org).

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**BIBLE MINISTRIES**  
Kauneonga Lake - Bethel Bible Ministries Sunday Worship and Sunday School at 10 a.m. Pastor Paul Minton, 701-0545.

**CATHOLIC**  
Callicoon - Holy Cross - Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm, Sunday Mass: 11:00 am.  
Jeffersonville - St. George's, Saturday Vigil Mass, 4 p.m. Sunday Mass 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Long Eddy - St. Patrick's Church - Sunday Mass: 8:30 am.  
Oberburg - St. Mary's Church. Saturday Vigil Mass 4 p.m. Sunday Mass 8 & 9:30 a.m. Confessions Saturday 3:30 to 3:50 p.m. Father George E. Baker or call 845-482-5541.  
Youngsville - St. Francis, Sunday Mass 9 a.m.  
Pond Eddy - Sacred Heart - Sunday Mass 7:30 a.m.

**CONGREGATIONAL**  
Eldred - Eldred Congregational Church, founded 1799. Pastor Susan M. Storms - 845-856-6760. All are welcome for worship every Sunday at 11 a.m. 8 Proctor Road (near intersection of Rt. 55, opposite Peck's).

**EPISCOPAL**  
Callicoon - St. James Episcopal Church, 17B. Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 845-887-3145.  
Monticello - St. John's Episcopal Church, 15 St. John St. Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 845-794-8111.  
Port Jervis - Grace Episcopal Church, 85 East Main St., Port Jervis, NY. Sunday worship at 10 a.m. 845-856-3026.

**FOR FAITH PARISH**  
Bethel - 1972 Route 17B, Services held at Lake Huntington 9:30 a.m.  
Hortonville - 14 County Rt. 131 - Services held at Lake Huntington 9:30 a.m.  
Lake Huntington - 44 County Road 116. Services held at 9:30 a.m.  
Roscoe - 1955 Old Route 17. Worship at 11:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome at any of our services. Virginia Bossley, Outreach. 607-637-5548

**INDEPENDENT BAPTIST**  
Damascus, Pa. - First Baptist Church of Damascus. Sunday School for all ages 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Youth Groups 7:00 p.m. Phone (570) 224-4929.

**JEWISH**  
Monticello - Temple Shalom

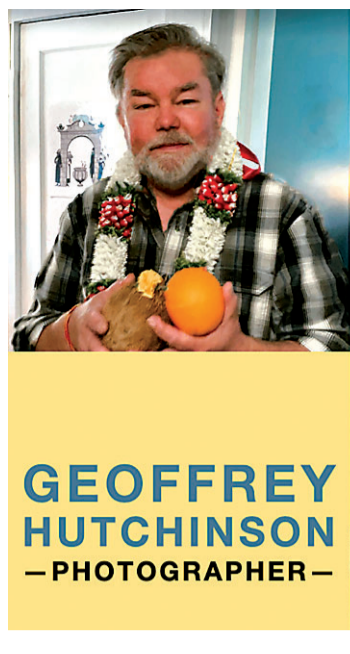
of Monticello. A reform synagogue with services every Friday evening. Please contact us at 845-794-8731 or on Facebook for details.

**LUTHERAN**  
Ellenville - Christ Lutheran Church, 105 Center St. - Sunday Worship Service 11:15, Holy Communion twice a month. Pastor Paul Johsen 845-647-9054  
Liberty - St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 24 Chestnut St. Morning Schedule - Sunday morning worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m. Food Pantry/Toiletries - Last Wednesday of each month at 5:15 p.m.  
North Branch - Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 999 Cty Rt 95. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
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**METHODIST (FREE)**  
Liberty - Vine and Branch Free Methodist Church. A family friendly church! Liberty - 2535 Route 52 - #292-5227 Sunday School for all ages at 9 a.m. In person and Live Stream Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Pastors Ed and Robin Sostak, www.vineandbranchchurch.org Like us on Facebook.  
Livingston Manor - Cornerstone Community Church, 2 Grooville Road. Sunday School for all 10:10 am. Worship Service 11:00 am Sundays. Various Community Bible Studies during the week. Call Pastor Paul at 201-396-6395 for information or prayer.

**METHODIST (UNITED)**  
Barryville - 3405 Route 97, Barryville. Worship 9 am. 557-6216.bumccorprate@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/BUMCNY.  
Callicoon - Riverside (Callicoon and Hankins) United Methodist Church Sunday Service 9am. Services will be in person and via ZOOM. ID number 917-417-1539 Password 758844. Pastor Bruce Anspach.  
Fosterdale - Rt. 17B near Hwy. 52. Worship 10 a.m. Pastor Bill Hagerty, 845-866-6757.  
Jeffersonville - Maple Ave. Sunday Worship service 10:30 a.m. Linda Simmons, CLM 845-707-9925.

**BRIEFS**



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Catskill Talks with Geoffrey Hutchinson.

*Geoffrey Hutchinson to speak live at Radio Catskill on September 9*

MONTICELLO — Radio Catskill is delighted to announce that acclaimed photographer Geoffrey Hutchinson will be gracing the stage for a special live, in-person appearance. This event, taking place on September 9 at Radio Catskill's Community Room at 5 PM, will provide an opportunity for Hutchinson to share his passion for photography and the path that has shaped his artwork to its current state. Located at 2758 State Route 52 in Liberty, NY—Catskill Talks is an artist talk series. Hutchinson is a nationally and internationally exhibited and published fine

art, travel, and documentary photographer. He is a master printer having worked with many established artists and commercial photographers. The following years were spent working hard in photo labs and for fine art photographers, and in 1996 he founded Print Space Rental Darkrooms in NYC, which catered to the large body of commercial, fine art, and editorial photography scene. This project is made possible in part with funds provided by a Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grant, funded by the Sullivan County Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

**Kenoza Lake** - Old Taylor Rd across from fire dept. Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Pastor Joycelyn Jordan and Joseph (Bud) LeConey, CLM, 845-313-1204.  
**Liberty** - 170 N. Main St. Sunday morning Worship 9 a.m. Holy Communion 2nd Sunday of each month. Fellowship Coffee Hour 8:30 am. Come and Worship with us. Handicapped accessible. Pastor Bridgette LeConey. 292-6243.  
**Monticello** - United Methodist Church of Monticello, 445 Broadway, Monticello NY

12701. Sunday Service: 11 a.m. Pastors: Jorge Lopez and Walter Haff. Saturday Lunch Program/Food Pantry: Noon to 2 p.m. CDC Protocols Followed. Noah's Arch Thrift Shop, open Wednesdays and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Donations accepted only during our open hours. Please do not leave on outside porch. If you can please bring your own bags. www.umcmonticello.com  
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*Discouragement*

When we look at the world around us and at the circumstances in our own lives and families, it can all look very discouraging. Discouragement seems to be at epidemic levels because of everything we see and hear. Let's look at what discouragement really is. Discouragement is defined as a loss of confidence, enthusiasm or courage, a

feeling that we no longer have the confidence, enthusiasm or courage to do something. Discouragement is an enemy that is both subtle in its attack and powerful in its ability to stop us from any forward movement in our lives. Discouragement enters when we start evaluating our lives based upon information compiled by our senses - what we see and hear and feel as we look at our circumstances. It pops up when we don't see the results we'd hoped for or we experience setbacks to our plans. Some major causes of discouragement are disappointment, fatigue, pain and sickness, frustration, failure, fear, worry, and focusing on losses. These feelings cause us to take our eyes off of God's faithfulness and promises. As the enemy comes to discourage, to remove courage from our hearts, we tend to withdraw into doubt and unbelief, which is sin. We need to base our lives not on what we see around us but instead on our position in Christ. We must trust God and stand on His promises in spite of how things appear or how we feel. We need to believe that God's ways and plans are best and His timing is perfect. He knows exactly what we need and exactly when we need it, and He is faithful to do it. If we have opened the door to discouragement through doubt, unbelief, disappointment, negativity, worry or fear, there are some things we can do to obtain the victory over it. We must start by repenting of taking our eyes off of the Lord and looking at circumstances through eyes of doubt and unbelief. Then we must shift our attitudes to pray and be positive, and cultivate thankful hearts that stand on God's promises to us. Let's look at some scriptures to see what God says about discouragement and overcoming it. Psalm 34:18 says, "The Lord is near the brokenhearted; He delivers those who are discouraged." We can depend on Him to heal our broken hearts and deliver us. Deuteronomy 31:8 says, "The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." He also tells us that we can do everything through Christ who gives us strength (Philippians 4:13). God tells us in Isaiah 41:10, "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." As these scriptures show, God commands us to not be discouraged. It's more than a harmless feeling. Discouragement leads us to sin against God by doubting His goodness to us. As we practice turning our eyes back upon the Lord and look to Him to help us gain the victory over discouragement, He promises to give us all the help we need. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

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**BARRY LEWIS**

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*Where did summer go?*

I'm not ready to give up my seersucker jacket. Not yet. I can't. I know this is the last weekend for it. Labor Day weekend.

The fashion rules are pretty simple after Labor Day: no white, no linen and no seersucker.

But there must be some exceptions based on the opportunity to wear the jacket.

It was a hot summer, right? Felt like one of the hottest in a while. Every day seemed like it was in the mid-80s.

Even the nights were warm.

I didn't need to wear any kind of jacket.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not complaining. Far from it. I waited all winter for a summer like this — even after last winter, when we didn't get much snow. And if anyone's asking, thank you, sir. May I have another.

I think part of my seersucker withdrawal has to do with simply not wanting to admit summer's over.

Yeah, I know the calendar says we still officially have three more weeks of summer. And then there's always Indian summer — something to tease us into thinking that winter will never arrive. Near 80 in mid-October. But we know better. Week later - snowstorm.

Think summer's still here?

Tell that to the kids getting on the school bus this week.

I went for my walk the other night. It was just after 7. Figured I had a good hour of sunlight left. Halfway through, I realized cars would have a better chance of seeing oncoming deer than they would me.

Which might explain why I've suddenly broken out with a bad case of Seasonal Affective Disorder. It's when you realize it's dark when you leave for work and dark when you get home.

When it hits you that all those promises you made to yourself in the spring about what you planned to do in the summer suddenly drop like the leaves around your feet. You didn't know the leaves were dropping, did ya?

I already miss warm summer nights, the aroma of fresh meat sizzling on the grill...

Yea, summer's over.

I didn't make my canoe trip down the Delaware River like I had hoped to. Nor did I learn to fly-fish in the Beaverkill. Or hike the Gunks. Play more than just 18 holes of golf. Wait, I didn't play any golf.

I never even layed in my hammock.

Where did the summer go?

Before I carry on about my lost summer, however, I want to acknowledge that there is a subspecies of human that hates summer. You know who you are.

Passionate anti-summer people. They complain that summer's too hot. Too muggy. Too buggy. To them I say: Take comfort in the thought that the drudgery of winter will be back soon.

So will the bundling up your kids in coats and hats and mittens; the waking up in the dark; the eating dinner in the dark; the overcast skies for days on end; the getting out of the shower in the cold bathroom; the getting into a cold car; the getting out of bed in the cold bedroom; the list goes on.

**ON THE ROAD WITH ROGER BAKER**

*Where are we? No. 351*

Where are we this week (drawing at right)? If you know, please email editor@sc-democrat.com by 5 p.m. next Wednesday, September 6. Please include your name and mailing address with your entry, and your phone number. Last week's Roger Baker quiz, below, was very popular. Half a dozen readers knew it was the T Rex sculpture at Bright Eyes Daycare Center at 40 Katrina Falls Rd. in Rock Hill. Congratulations to Donna Goldoff of Rock Hill.

Good luck this week.



And to get you winter lovers really in the mood, let me share The Farmers' Almanac, which recently released its "Winter 2024 Extended Weather Forecast." You'll love the prediction:

"Winter weather is making a comeback. After a warm winter anomaly last year, traditional cool temperatures and snowy weather conditions will return," said the Farmers' Almanac. Their experts also expect El Niño will bring cold temperatures, snow,

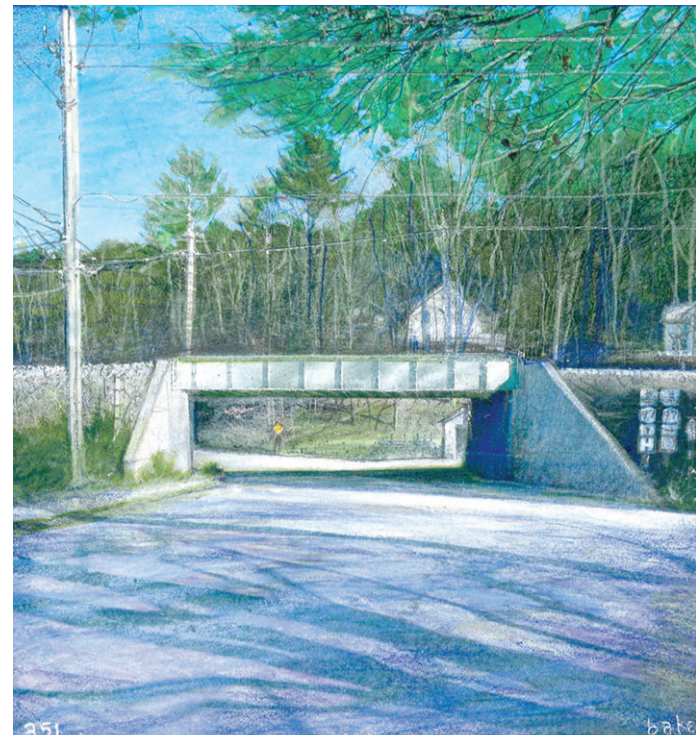
sleet and ice.

"A possible late-season snowfall during the third week of April won't be a fun "April Fools' Day" prank!" added the Farmers' Almanac.

I suddenly feel a chill. Think I'll keep the seersucker nearby.

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**BRIEF**

**T-shirt tie dye for adults**

SULLIVAN COUNTY — Tie Dye isn't just for kids! Join Ciera in making your very own custom WSPL tie-dyed t-shirt. Please register early so we know which size to order. If you can't register more than two weeks in advance, you will get a random shirt size.

We will be outside, weather permitting. And will schedule a rain date if necessary.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR ONLY ONE LOCATION AS SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED.

To view all of our programs, visit our calendar at www.wsplonline.org, and register if necessary. Email wsplprograms@rcsls.org with any questions.

Times and dates for the event are Tuesday, September 12th at Delaware Free Branch at 4:00pm.

Tuesday, September 19th at Jeffersonville Branch at 4:00pm.

Friday, September 22nd at Tusten-Cochecton Branch at 4:00pm.

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**PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS TO BE HELD IN PSC CASE 23-W-0235 – LIBERTY UTILITIES (NEW YORK WATER) CORP. FOR WATER SERVICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that public comment is invited concerning proposed changes in the water [delivery] rates and practices of Liberty Utilities (New York Water) Corp. (Liberty NYW or the Company). More specifically, Liberty NYW proposes to increase revenues by \$39,745,567 (or 34.24%) on a consolidated basis across its two service areas (Service Area 1 [SA1] and Service Area 2 [SA2]) for the twelve months ending March 31, 2025. This includes the consolidation of the rates of the Company's Sea Cliff and Whitlock service areas with the rates for SA1 with a corresponding elimination of the incremental property tax surcharge that Sea Cliff service area customers currently pay. As a result of the proposed consolidation, the rates under consideration would impact customers in the different service territories by varying amounts. The proposed rates will increase the average residential monthly water bill by about \$18.32 for current SA1 customers, \$15.74 for Merrick customers, and \$7.37 for Sea Cliff customers. The total monthly bill impact from the Liberty NYW revenue request is 39% in SA1, 42% in Merrick and 13% in Sea Cliff.

The Company maintains that these changes are due to necessary capital investments that have been made since base rates were last set as well as recent increases in various costs outside of its control. The Company maintains that these changes are required to ensure that it can continue to deliver safe, adequate, and reliable water service. The actual bill impacts of the proposed changes on any particular customer class will vary based on revenue allocation and rate design.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that virtual public statement hearings will be held before Administrative Law Judges Tara A. Kersey and Dakin D. Lecakes on:

**DATE: Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

**TIME: 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.**

A more comprehensive notice that contains further information on how to attend the hearings electronically is available at <https://dps.ny.gov/ask-psc>.

**Any person wishing to provide a public statement must register by 4:30 P.M. Tuesday, September 12, 2023, for the September 13 hearings.**

**To register electronically:** Registration information for participants who would like to provide a statement and will login to a hearing electronically may be found in the notice available at <https://dps.ny.gov/ask-psc>.

To register by phone: Any participant who is not able to login to a hearing electronically may participate by phone. Call-in participants who would like to provide a statement must register to do so in advance by calling **1-800-342-3330**, where they should follow prompts to the appropriate hearing and provide their first and last name, address, and phone number.

On the appropriate date and time of a hearing, all call-in users should dial **1-518-549-0500** and enter:

- Access Code [2336 682 4403] and Password [73781301] for the 1:00 p.m. hearing on September 13
- Access Code [2331 805 3100] and Password [73781305] for the 5:00 p.m. hearing on September 13

Each public statement hearing will be held open until everyone who has registered to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements to submit comments have been made.

EDITORIAL

## To our workers

As Labor Day approaches, it is beneficial to reminisce on the ongoing struggles and the ultimate triumphs that have been faced and achieved by the American working people since the Federal holiday's institution, and well before then as well.

To work is to give, whether that be time, energy or passion, and those who do work truly know the value of such matters. The price of gas has skyrocketed, groceries have become less accessible as supply chains face shortages and even the workforce itself has seemed to be stifled on the heels of a global pandemic – however, the laborer

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knows the price of the dollar and works hard to uphold that belief.

To the working class, it is the very backbone of the everyday life. The knowledge of the value of the dollar. On Monday, September 4, the country recognizes and gives a nod to those who work, to

those who give and to those who know.

But even after a while, giving, knowing and working can be draining. All of that responsibility is a great deal to carry, as the society that we all live in centers on you and your neighbor taking up their own plights and successfully contributing to their corner of the world.

So on Monday, especially if your occupation allows you a day of solace and rest, take the time to reflect on laborers in the past who faced the same responsibilities as you do now but without the shelter of organized labor, unions and other enhancers to the livelihood of our workforce.

Additionally, do not let the divider of “blue collar” versus “white collar” distract the goal of the entire working class – to survive and create peace and prosperity for those who do the heavy lifting, both literally and not so literally. We are all in this together, maybe not as direct colleagues and coworkers, but as residents of Sullivan County and providers for loved ones.

From janitors to CEO's, fast food workers to executive directors, beautification experts to medical doctors, the work that we individually provide benefits our neighbors and makes this county an even greater place to call home.

So whatever labor you have chosen to pursue (or has chosen you) thank you for picking up the responsibility and may you enjoy your deserved day of recognition. Here's to Sullivan County's backbone — the workers.



### The Best of Nellie

Reprinted from September 3, 1953

During the heat of the past several days I have had occasion to be at the swimming pool and watch youngsters (and oldsters) enjoy its cool, clean water. Thinking about swimming brought to my mind a short poem that I wrote some time ago. While the verse deals with swimming in a creek I do not recommend it when the real swimming pool is available. The poem is a description of a country stream of long ago, unpolluted by civilization

When the heat of summer starts a boiling in our blood,  
And toward the top of the thermometer the mercury starts to flood.

Why we look around about us for a way to make us cool  
And we find the perfect answer in the old swimmin' pool.  
Of course, the pool is just the creek where it widens at the bend,

And the trees across the sandy beach, their friendly shadows lend.

No diving board, or man-mad thing disturbs its sylvan shore,

But the youngsters lusty voices brings back memories of yore.

For other generations have enjoyed this swimming spot,  
When the sun rode high the heavens and the air was burning hot.

Then they'd strip the clothing from them, down to nature,  
Like as not, And then shout to each other, "Last one in's a you know what!"

Now the children that have followed found their summer so complete

When they all went aswimmin' in the bend of that old creek.

—N.C.S.

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## A beautiful Sunday evening

Summer is almost over and beautiful weather for going out on the water will be a memory to help us get through the cold months of winter. Donna's granddaughter along with her dog will have wonderful memories of paddleboarding on Lake Louise Marie. We have been fortunate to be

blessed with warm temperatures and mild weather here in the Catskills. If you have any scenic submissions please send them to nyssa@sc-democrat.com.

## D4K success

### LIFELINES

KATHY WERNER

My granddaughter Adeline (age 9) was ready to go to the Dressage for Kids (D4K) Festival in Saugerties at Horseshows in the Sun (HITS) with her buddies from Frog Hollow Farm.

The seven girls packed up their supplies and went to the show. There, they unloaded fifty-pound bags of bedding into the stalls and got them ready for their horses. The first two horses arrived and were put in their stalls. Then everything was set up and decorated by the time the other five horses came. Adeline was riding Annie, aka Pistol Packin' Annie, a mustang with a much nicer attitude than Peanut, the naughty Haflinger pony who had jumped out of the ring at Adeline's first show.

The schooling tests were held on Day Two. Annie had been cooped up in her stall all day and night, so she was feeling upset. She was used to being able to roam free in the paddock. When Adeline opened the door to clean her stall, Annie decided to walk out to get some exercise, but was caught before any

damage was done. Before Adeline and Annie did their dressage test, Adeline's trainer Nancy put Annie on the lunge line to give her a chance to work off some of her excess energy. Annie cantered and kicked her heels



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Adeline and Annie prepare to enter the ring for the dressage test.

up, happy to be out of her stall. She got so excited that she stepped on the reins and broke them, so they had to be replaced.

Then Annie settled down, and she and Adeline did well in the schooling test, winning a third-place ribbon. That afternoon, Adeline, her Ribbit Rider pals, and all the other young riders took the written tests on dressage. Adeline and her friend

Ivy got the highest scores in their age group, each earning a blue ribbon.

The next day was the real riding test. Adeline and Annie stepped into the ring once again and got good scores on their dressage test. Ivy rode Dallas and got the same scores as Adeline. Both girls were very happy.

That afternoon they enjoyed an ice cream social and spent the rest of the day watching their fellow riders compete. D4K was a great time for the all the Ribbit Riders and for the many young riders who came from all over the country.

KATHY WERNER is a three-time National Newspaper Association Award winner for the Democrat, and a true member of the family.

## Now you know what you can do with zucchini

Reprinted from August 25, 2017

### COOKING IN THE COUNTRY

CLAIRE STABBERT

I cannot believe that it is already the Labor Day weekend. Where did this summer go?

I don't know about you, but many people I have spoken to have an overabundance of zucchini this season. Last year I grew a garden and I had more than I knew what to do with.

SO, I am giving you guys what I feel is something most beneficial! A great zucchini recipe! Grab your friend, a bottle of wine, your frozen or fresh zucchini, and make this!!

The recipe comes from Sullivan County Democrat's own Sue Owens. She is an amazing cook and gave me this recipe from Taste of Home, although I tweaked it to make it my own.

You will need 1 pound lean ground beef, 1/4 finely chopped onion ( I used an entire onion because who doesn't love onion?), 15 oz. of tomato sauce (I prefer Lentini's), 1/2 teaspoon of salt, 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano, 1/2 teaspoon dried basil, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, 4 medium sized zucchini, 1 cup cream-style cottage cheese, 1 egg beaten, 2 tablespoons flour, 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese.

To start, in a large skillet cook your beef with your finely minced onion over medium heat. I cooked

my onion first in a little butter to get them nice and softened. Once you add your meat to your onion and the meat is no longer pink, drain. Add your tomato sauce and seasonings to the beef/onion mixture and bring to a boil; simmer uncovered, for five minutes ( I thought adding mushrooms or peppers from the garden would be an amazing addition!)

Cut zucchini lengthwise, into 1/4 inch slices. In a small bowl, combine cottage cheese and egg (I added more than the required cottage cheese because I like my lasagna extra creamy).

In a greased baking dish, place



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half of your sliced zucchini into the pan; sprinkle with half of flour. Top with your cottage cheese mixture and then comes the meat layer.

Repeat your layers of zucchini, flour, cottage cheese, then meat layers.

Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese and bake at 375 degrees for forty minutes or until heated through. Let it stand for about 10 minutes before serving, and this dish yields 6 servings.

Best part? This healthy dish is 202 calories per serving!

I usually use ricotta cheese in my lasagna, and when I heard the cottage cheese addition I was intrigued. However, the lasagna tastes creamy and you cannot tell it's low calorie.

I also went to my parents and used a zucchini spiralizer to make noodles! I made my previous shrimp scampi dish and served it over these zucchini noodles that I sautéed in a little garlic salt and butter.

Delish!

Until next week, Bon appetit!

CLAIRE STABBERT is an accomplished cook who loves to try new recipes. While she does enjoy eating at restaurants, she also loves to whip up a good meal at home. Claire gets some of her cooking inspiration from her grandfather and grandmother, Fred and Shirley Stabbert as well as Great Grandmother Nellie.

# VILLA: Buyer to invest \$7.4 million in upgrades

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

ment Company of Honesdale, PA found the benefits from the project exceeded its costs by more than \$14 million.

In addition to the purchase price for Villa Roma, the applicant has indicated it plans to spend \$5 million to renovate the property, and \$2.4 million for structural and facility repairs. The July 14 application says renovations and improvements will begin six months after the closing.

The applicant estimates the project will create 65 construction jobs and retain 269 full-time employees and 100 seasonal workers.

Fay plans to repair and renovate the property, including upgrading hotel rooms, public spaces, meeting spaces, the club forum and indoor pool, the club house, the recreation and fitness center, the Club House catering center, spa, and the ski chalet.

This past summer, a long-anticipated upgrade to the golf course's irrigation system was started, with at least four holes getting the new irrigation system installed.

The PILOT agreement does not provide any abatement on the existing assessed value, but the improvements will enjoy a 100 percent abatement for five years, and then reduce by 10 percent each year in the following decade, phased out completely after 15 years as per Sullivan County's Uniform Tax Exempt Policy.

In 2017, Villa Roma challenged its tax assessment, and in 2022, won the challenge in court, securing a reduction in its assessed value of \$13 million. As a result, several years of overpayments were due back to the owners. The



The Villa Roma's main hotel was rebuilt in 2008 after a major fire in 2006.

Town's portion was \$401,140, Hortonville Fire District \$100,877, and the ambulance district owed \$43,835.

### From boarding house to luxury

Villa Roma began as a rooming house with Bocce courts 60 years ago and has expanded numerous times into a full-service resort, wedding venue and meeting and conference center. Villa Roma is the Town of Delaware's largest employer.

Some 60 years ago, Ernesto Vindigni opened a quaint boarding house with 46 hotel rooms, 10 cottages, a pool, and two bocce courts. While bow hunting in October of 1969, Martin Passante came across Villa Roma and noticed the "for sale" sign.

He convinced his two friends, Albert Aprea, and Danny Vaccaro, to partner with him on the purchase of the resort property. He eventually became the property's sole owner.

In April 2006, the Villa Roma resort suffered a fire in its main building, includ-

ing the lobby, dining room, kitchen, offices, and some guest rooms. While the time-shares and the golf course were not affected, most of the remaining resort had to be shut down temporarily until the owners could assess what was usable. In 2008, Passante finished a two-year, \$27 million hotel renovation that included a 650-seat ballroom, lounge and dance club, 150-seat cafe, outdoor guest Jacuzzi spa, and a fifth pool.

Villa Roma's website says the property has 24 timeshare buildings, 139 hotel rooms, an 18-hole PGA Championship golf course, indoor and outdoor tennis, racquetball, volleyball, bocce, shuffleboard, basketball, Indoor & outdoor heated pools, Fun Park, fishing pond, Go-Karts, Bumper Boats, arcade room, bowling alley, fitness center, nightly entertainment and three year-round restaurants.

This article was written by Tina Traster, Editor of Rockland County Business Journal

## RANDOM THOUGHTS

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### Fore score

The title of this column has nothing to do with Abraham Lincoln. His Gettysburg Address started with the words "four score." This column is about golf terms such as "fore" and their history. Golf is on my mind because the Monticello Rotary Club is preparing for their annual tournament on September 9th, which raises funds for our high school scholarship program. Information about this event can be found on the chapter's web site.

Let us begin with the aforementioned golf term "fore." There are many theories on why golfers began yelling "fore" to warn others about an errant shot. Fortunately, there is only one that is considered plausible.

The most popular theory is that yelling "fore" was first used in 1878 in Scotland when Magnus McDuff on the fourth hole of the Royal Troon of St. Berwick golf course hit a shot that was heading towards the trees lining the fairway. As a warning he yelled "fore." Here is why he used that term. Back then golf balls were handmade and therefore expensive. So, golfers hired "forecaddies" whose job was to walk ahead on the fairway and find balls that were hit in the woods. So, by yelling "fore" they knew to begin searching for the golf ball.

"Fairway" refers to the manicured sections of the golf course where ideally you hit the ball. The term was not used before the 1800's because groundskeepers

did not yet have mowers to cut those large sections of grass. Once they did, hitting a golf ball on the smooth cut grass was a fair way to be successful. If a golfer hits the fairway often, he is on par for the course.

The word "par" was used centuries before anybody played golf, dating back to the 16th century. It derives from Latin, meaning equal. It began to be used in the 19th century by golfers. Each of the 18 holes on a golf course is assigned a number representing what a player is trying to beat or match. So, if on a par 4 a golfer gets the ball in the cup with 3 shots, he has beaten par and gets a birdie. If he goes one over par it is called a bogey.

"Bogey" began being used in the 19th century on courses in England. Some say it stems from a beer hall song that included the phrase, "Here comes the Bogey Man." I do not know why, but the term means a golfer is one over par for a hole.

"Birdie" is an American contribution to golf terms. In the early 20th century "birdie" was a slang term

meaning excellent. It is believed it was used for the first time at a course in Atlantic City. There, a golfer named George Crump watched as his friend Ab Smith hit his second shot within a few inches of the cup. Crump said, "That was a birdy of a shot." The term "birdie" entered golf lore despite George's attempt to have one under par called a Crump.

Of course, a golfer keeps score on each of the 18 holes. If his total shots match the designated score assigned by the association, he is "par for the course."

Why are there 18 holes on a golf course? One of the most famous golf courses is St. Andrews in Scotland. Golfers began hitting balls from dune to dune. Eventually, they mapped out 22 holes on the course. Players argued that the first four holes as well as the last four were too short. So, they combined those front and last holes and wound up with 18.

By making it 18, they created what is called the front nine and the back nine. That allowed for a small break in the action for snacks and drinks. Years later, in "Caddyshack," it allowed Judge Smalls, played by Ted Knight, to tell his annoying nephew at the snack bar, "You'll get nothing and like it."

Hudson Cooper is a resident of Sullivan County, a writer, comedian and actor.

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## KENOZA LAKE

SUSAN BROWN OTTO | 917-658-4668 | PUCKYHUDDLESUSAN@AOL.COM

September 1 — Greetings faithful readers of the Kenoza Lake news. Fall is in the air.

As most of you know, my mother-in-law Florence Brown passed away last week. (Her obituary was published in the Tuesday, August 22, edition of The Sullivan County Democrat.) She was 99 years old and lived an amazing life. On behalf of my husband Ray and our family, we thank everyone for your condolences at this time of sorrow.

Some folks can watch the moon rise on the horizon from their living room and others cannot. I am one of those in the "cannot" category. So, if there is going to be a super, blue (full) moon, I drive down Pucky Huddle Road, right near the little "toll house" on Route 17B that is ready to fall down. I drove down the road last night around 7:45 pm but the sky was a little cloudy and there was no full moon yet. I checked out the window at 9:00 and it was already in the sky (and I could then see it from my dining room window). Oh well, I missed the awesome

moonrise. The next super blue moon will be ten years from now.

Continuing healing prayers for Pastor Bridgette LeConey. Last Sunday I spoke with Bud LeConey. He said that Pastor Bridgette is getting stronger, day-by-day. Last weekend was class reunion weekend. Richard Bihler was in town for his class reunion. Richard also attended the Kenoza Lake United Methodist Church last Sunday. Oldtimers may recall back in the late 1960s or early 1970s when Richard Bihler, a retired US Air Force pilot, buzzed Kenoza Lake with "his" C-130 military transport aircraft plane. His parents were the late Paul and Eunice Bihler of Kenoza Lake. John Girrbach will be in the Kenoza Lake United Methodist Church pulpit this coming Sunday.

One of my favorite movies is Dirty Dancing. Fans of this movie know that it seems as though Babe and her family arrive Memorial Day weekend and stay until Labor Day. I don't know if Babe's father spends the whole summer at Kellerman's or not, it seems as though he does. Anyway,

the grand finale of the movie takes place on Labor Day weekend. "At Kellerman's we come together. . . ." It reminds me of the summers I worked at the Valley View House, Winski's former Polish resort on Swiss Hill. I am always a little sad when Labor Day arrives. My husband Ray loves the fall, why? Because of hunting season. Ray tells me that the bucks will start shedding their velvet next week.

I was in the parking lot of the Kenoza Lake Post Office the other day and I was speaking with Legislator Rob Doherty on my cellphone, and I said I was in Kenoza Lake. Legislator Doherty told me that Dan Hust pronounces Kenoza Lake differently than I do. (Dan Hust was raised in Kenoza Lake.) (I say Ke-no-za and Dan Hust pronounces it more like Ku-no-za). I completed my call and with that Ed & Anne Raum arrived. I asked Ed how he pronounces Kenoza Lake, and he pronounces it like I do. How do you pronounce Kenoza Lake?

Election season is around the corner. In the Town of Bethel, Labor Day is

normally the day that folks wait to start putting up their campaign signs on non-private property. Unfortunately, some candidates jumped the gun and put out their signs a few weeks ago. (I am waiting until Labor Day to put up my signs.) Early voting begins October 28th and Election Day is November 7th. If you will not be able to vote in person on November 7 or in-person, early voting, then it's time to apply for your absentee ballot.

Save the date: The annual Kenoza Lake Fire Company Roast Beef dinner, Saturday, October 14th. I believe that it is take out only. The Smallwood/Mongaup Valley Fire Company will have a pancake breakfast this coming Sunday, September 3rd.

The next Kenoza Lake news column will be September 22nd. Folks with hummingbirds, now is the time to increase the strength of your hummingbird nectar. I like to use a three-to-one ratio. Most hummingbirds are gone by the first day of Fall, September 23rd.

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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.

Friday, September 1

Don't miss Rod Stewart with special guest Cheap Trick at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. Performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Located at 200 Hurd Road, Bethel.

First Fridays Contemporary Author Series! Join us from 6:15pm to 8:30pm at the Delaware Free Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library to see award-winning author Sarah Michelle Clark, hear local feature Miro Mnewski, and participate in open mic. Located at 45 Lower Main Street, Callicoon.

Saturday, September 2

There will be a yard sale at the Church of St. Joseph, located at 180 Sullivan St, Wurtsboro. This will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Sunday, September 3

Award-winning vocalist Jeanne MacDonald continues The Bradstan Cabaret Series on Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. Located at 1040 State Route 55, Eldred.

Tuesday, September 5

The Livingston Manor Library invites kids through age 5 and their siblings for Storytime and a craft, every Tuesday morning, at 11:00 a.m. Located at 92 Main Street, Livingston Manor.

Tech Educational Series - Navigating WSPLOnLINE, 12:00pm, Jeffersonville Branch Community Room. How to navigate WSPLOnLINE.ORG. Discover the great resources available to all our patrons on the internet. Located at 19 Center St, Jeffersonville.

WSPLOnLINE Computer/Technical Support at 1:00pm. Sign up for a 25-minute in-person session at the Jeffersonville Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library or virtual session. Located at 19 Center St, Jeffersonville.

First Fridays at WSPL

SULLIVAN COUNTY — The Western Sullivan Public Library is hosting a 10th anniversary First Fridays Author Series! With only 4 more remaining, join us Friday, September 1st, from 6:15pm to 8:30pm to see a national award-winning author, hear a local feature, and participate in open mic. Polish up your poems, and soak up some good words! Best for adults. FREE. WSPL- Delaware Free Branch, 45

Lower Main St. Callicoon, NY 12723. Register on the library's calendar at www.WSPLOnline.org. For additional information, email L Moran@rcls.org.

The evening starts at 6:15 pm with an open mic sign-up and continues with poet Sarah Michelle Clark who is a communications professional and content creator based out of Boston, Massachusetts. She is a full-time Editorial



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Sarah Michelle Clark.

Associate at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and a second-year graduate student in Sacred Heart University's Strategic

Communications and Public Relations program. Clark was published in two Beautiful Minds Unite anthologies; United: Volume Red (2019) and UNITED: Volume Honey (2020). Clark is thrilled to return to the First Fridays Author Series, which inspired her to start writing and performing poetry at 11 years old. Local feature this month: Miro Mnewski.

BRIEFS

Town of Fallsburg to host day of celebration

FALLSBURG — The Town of Fallsburg is gearing up to host an unforgettable day of festivities, bringing the community together for a day of joy and camaraderie. On Saturday, September 2, from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Morningside Park, located at 11 Morningside Road in Hurleyville, NY, will transform into a hub of excitement, featuring live music, entertainment and breathtaking fireworks display after dark.

This day of celebration promises to be a highlight of the year for Fallsburg residents and visitors alike. The event will kick off at 1:00 p.m., offering a wide range of family-friendly activities and opportunities to connect with neighbors and friends. As the sun begins to set, the atmosphere will be charged with anticipation for the

grand finale of the day – a mesmerizing fireworks show that will light up the night sky in a dazzling array of colors.

Town Supervisor Kathy Rappaport shared her excitement about the upcoming event: "The Fallsburg community has always been a tight-knit and vibrant one. This celebration at Morningside Park is a chance for us to come together, celebrate our unity and create lasting memories. After the challenges of the past months, this event symbolizes our resilience and the strong bonds that hold our community together. I encourage everyone to join us for this day of fun, music and awe-inspiring fireworks!"

The event is made possible through the dedicated efforts of the Town of Fallsburg Parks Department Manager and staff who are committed to making this celebration a resounding success. The Town of Fallsburg expresses

gratitude to all those who have contributed their time and resources to create an event that will be cherished by the community.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, blankets and a spirit of celebration. Admission to the event is free, fostering an inclusive environment for all to enjoy. For more information about the Fallsburg Day of Celebration at Morningside Park, including a detailed schedule of performances and activities, please visit the town website or our social media pages.

WJFF to premiere 'Farm and Country'

JEFFERSONVILLE — WJFF Radio Station will premiere their feature titled "Farm and Country" on Saturday, September 2 at 10 a.m. This is locally produced radio about

rural life in the Catskills and the Delaware River Valley.

In 2012, as part of an oral history project in the Delaware River Valley titled "Unearthed", sponsored by the Western Sullivan Public Library, community member Linda Slocum interviewed local resident Floyd Campfield.

Floyd Campfield lived from 1936 to 2019. Radio Catskill was granted permission to air this audio segment on "Farm and Country". Floyd Campfield speaks with knowledge and passion about constructing his eel weirs. Floyd and wife Coby processed, harvested and sold eels for many years. And, as more things changed, along the Delaware River... Floyd tells us about that. Linda Slocum spoke with Floyd Campfield in 2012 from his home in Tusten just outside of Narrowsburg, NY. To listen to the full story, tune into WJFF on Saturday, September 2.

Thurman Barker lecture and performance in Jeffersonville

JEFFERSONVILLE — Unless one has listened to a fair amount of jazz and seen live performances it is sometimes hard to understand what is actually going on. It might seem to the new listener that it is just chaos but there is actually a structure and

a musical conversation that is occurring on stage. Thurman Barker, who has spent his life teaching and performing jazz will be leading a discussion on jazz history and improvisation on September 7th from 5:00 to 6:30 at the Jeffersonville branch of the Western

Sullivan Public Library located 19 Center Street in Jeffersonville. Then on September 9th at 2 pm, Barker will be performing with two very seasoned jazz players, Rave Tesser and Michael Jackson, at Lulu's Social Club located upstairs from the Jeff Bake Shop on

Main Street in Jeffersonville.

Thurman Barker was classically trained at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and started playing professionally at the age of 16. As a teenager he was one of the charter members of Association for the Advancement of Creative



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Thurman Barker

Musicians (AACM) recording with many of the luminaries from that organization.

While in Chicago he also became the house drummer at the Shubert Theater. Over the 10 years in that position he played backup to the likes of Billy Eckstein, Marvin Gaye, Bette Midler and Vicki Carr. There he also played for the national touring companies of musicals like The Wiz, The Me Nobody Knows, Promises Promises and Hair. Prior to his stint at the Shubert Theater he had traveled with Blues Legend Mighty Joe Young for 6 months.

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# FORESTBURGH PLAYHOUSE

IN REVIEW • BILL MOLONEY

## Stephen King's "Misery" on stage

Hearing the phrase, "I'm your number one fan!" now sends chills down my spine. "Misery" now playing its one week run at the Forestburgh Playhouse will evoke similar feelings and cause goose bumps for all who see it. Stephen King came out with the blockbuster novel in 1987. Hollywood put Kathy Bates and James Caan into the leading roles in 1990. In 2012, a stage version did a short opening stint at the Bucks County Playhouse in PA and eventually made it to Broadway in 2015 for a short run (straight plays rarely have long runs on Broadway).

The plot centers around an excessively obsessive fan of novel writer Paul Sheldon

who holds him captive in her remote house after he suffers debilitating injuries in a car crash nearby. Retired nurse Annie Wilkes takes him in and tends to him in her home as he recovers, but soon reveals her own agenda as his number one fan.

The intimate atmosphere of the Forestburgh Playhouse makes "Misery" the perfect production to stage. One can't help but feel that they are right there, trapped, in that bedroom with the crippled novelist. Every time the bedroom door swings open, we get that "Oh, oh!" feeling that Sheldon gets. We are just as bewildered as he is while we try to figure this woman out. And soon those trepidations

turn to, "Oh my God, what's coming next?" "Misery's" tech crew hits their marks in providing the mood needed to set the story. Sound Designer Michael Donahue's well executed background sounds and music are complimented by Megan E. O'Brien's lighting design that sweeps up through days and nights, days and weeks, storms and sunny mornings. But Reiko Hoffman's set is what drops us right into that remote setting with no one around at all. The quaint bedroom and clever hall/doors in and out of the house kept the house intimate, personal and up close and I was sitting in the back of the theater. Director Amy Griffin has the daunting task of keeping this two character play interesting (there is a small role of the sheriff as well). Her blocking works wonders and keeps the action of the play compelling and yes, frightening.

This show is one of those productions that can be difficult for the stars to shine when pros like James Caan and Academy Award winner for the role Kathy Bates have set the bar. But Scott Langdon as Paul Sheldon and Lanene Charters as Annie Wilkes pull off fantastic performances that are clearly their own. Neither performer attempts to imitate the film actors and thus they both came up with solid, unique portrayals that are true to the Stephen King creations. "Misery" is a dilemma. It's a "What would you do?" thinker. It's a bit creepy. What would you expect with Stephen King? But it is also a thriller. Just be sure you know where the nearest exit is!!!

"Misery" will run through September 3. Tickets and info are available through the box office at (845) 794-1194 or online at fbplayhouse.org.

# 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. \$4.50 minimum charge each time (for 5 lines) and \$.40 for each additional line.

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**Sunday - September 17 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.** - Roscoe Kiwanis Club Chicken BBQ Dinner September 17 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Take Out only, \$14 at Community Center. For tickets call 845-796-8101.  
**Saturday - September 23 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.** - Defensive Driving Class sponsored by Roscoe Kiwanis on September 23

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# BRIEF

## Bethel Business Association upcoming events

BETHEL — The Bethel Business Association will host many events during the month of September.

- Local Reminders:
- Until 9/7- Bethel Lakeside Music at KL Community Park still happening on Thursday evenings, 6-8pm.
  - 9/2- Last KL Farmers Market.
  - 9/2- Fireworks for Bethel at Smallwood Mountain Lake at dusk.
  - Through 10/1- Bethel

Woods Harvest Festival on Sundays 11-4pm.

Follow Bethel Business Association on Fb / web for scheduled 'BBA Meet & Greet's' and events.

Make sure your current promo materials are in the BBA Info-Welcome Gazebo (Mongaup Valley).

Are '23 BBA GUIDE copies in your reception area (or available when you go out of town and can 'drop' here or there)?

Let us know your events and news to share.

Enjoy the rest of the summer season. Be Busy and Be Well.

# BRIEF

## UDC announces honorees for 35th annual River Valley awards

BEACH LAKE—The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) will honor those who have enhanced the quality of life or protected the resources of the Upper Delaware River Valley at its 35th Annual Awards Ceremony on Sunday, September 10. Reservations are due by Sept. 1.

The public banquet will take place at Central House

Family Resort, located at 81 Milanville Road in Beach Lake, PA. A reception with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar begins at 3 p.m. A buffet dinner is set for 4 p.m. Tickets are \$33 and must be reserved in advance.

U.S. Congressman Marc Molinaro (NY-19th District) will serve as the keynote speaker.

The UDC will honor the following recipients:

Distinguished Service Award ~ James A. Greier, of Obernburg.

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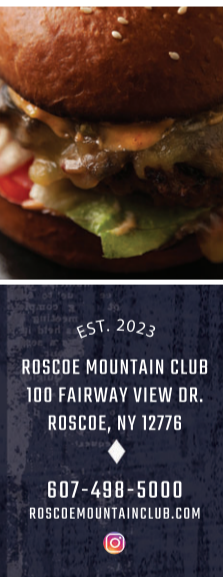
Outstanding Community Achievement Award ~ Damascus Township Parks and Recreation Committee, chaired by Dan Rutledge, Partnership Award ~ Highland River Access Upgrade, coordinated by Heather Jacksy. s.

Cultural Achievement Award ~ Ramona Jan and the Yarnslingers Recreation Achievement Award ~ Delaware River Sojourn Steering Committee. Community Service Award ~ Richard H. Lowe III of Hancock, NY f

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~ Tom and Cecilia Coacci of Damascus, PA. Volunteer Award ~ Cathy Daboul of Barryville, NY. Special Recognition Award ~ Rosie Starr of WJFF Radio Catskills 90.5FM. Special Recognition Award ~ Nathaniel Pereira-Mendoza of Narrowsburg, NY and Sullivan West High School. fOak Gavel Award ~ Andy Boyar, Town of Highland representative. fFor more information, call (845) 252-3022 or e-mail Administrative Support Stephanie Driscoll at stephanie@upperdelawarecouncil.org.

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September 1 – Not sure where I read it—maybe in a publication from the Sullivan County Visitors Association or right here in the Sullivan County Democrat?—but some local reporting entity recently informed us that Sullivan County was receiving c. 3,000,000 visitors each year now. This astounding number is larger than the number of annual visitors to Yellowstone and Yosemite Parks combined. Since Sullivan County's total population is approaching 80,000 souls, this number means that for every one of us living here, another 38 people show up on our collective doorstep. Prosperity has its costs and we are beginning to pay them. How great to be able to swing out onto 17B with an arm out the window and see an empty stretch of road ahead for a change. September is here! Long live the Autumn!

As the owner of an ice cream parlor / Soup & Stew takeout, I am constantly asked each Labor Day how high season has gone. To be honest, the summer of 2023 has been a disappointment. Early on in the summer we had cold and smoky weather; people stayed inside. Since it has warmed up a bit in early July, rainy days have alternated with

sunny ones. I've canvassed other local well-established restauranteurs and the owner of one of the largest told me that he is finding everyone is reporting sales figures the same as last year or numbers even dropping off five to eight percent. Though inflation has come down sharply in the last year, people are being squeezed to make essential payments. For well-established businesses like Sticky Fingers Delectables (my business), that doesn't necessarily represent an existential challenge. For newer businesses, however, things could fall out differently. You know the newcomer businesses, folks—seek them out, support them repeatedly, help keep them afloat during the lean months that are now only just beginning. Have you tried the absolutely scrumptious Greek seafood over at 'Santorini' (the former 'Fat Lady Café') yet? Now there's a business we must hold on to! Run, don't walk right over and get a table today and then after Labor Day, too! With so many vacancies still along Restaurant Row in Kauneonga Lake, holding onto and flourishing this gem of a restaurant is of strategic importance to our Town.

With the end of the summer upon us, things are starting to wind down over at the Smallwood Civic Association (SWCA). This Saturday, September 2nd, at 10:00 AM, the Association will be holding its fourth and final General Meeting of 2023 at the SWCA Lodge (302 Pine Grove Road). Later, again at the Lodge at 1:00 PM, there will be a "Meet the Candidates" Forum to which all candidates for the Town of Bethel and Sullivan County District 1 November elections have been invited. This Forum is open to the general public. Finally, as the sun sets on September 2nd over Mountain Lake and another ridiculously fun-filled summer on the Association Beach comes to a close, the Association and the Town of Bethel will be holding another spectacular Fireworks display. Hope to see you there!

**Neversink Democratic committee to hold Meet and Greet Sept. 9**

NEVERSINK — On Saturday, September 9 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. the Town of Neversink Democratic Committee will hold a "Meet & Greet" event at the Neversink General Store barbecue tent to allow area residents to meet our candidates.

Present at the event will be Diana K. Weiner, who is running for a position on the Neversink Town Board and Brian McPhillips, who is running for Sullivan County Legislative District 3.

Also in attendance will be members of the Town of Denning Democratic Committee, whose candidates Larry Cole and Layne Hudes are running for the Denning Town Board.

Snacks will be provided by the committees and beverages will be available for sale at the barbecue tent.

The Neversink General Store is located at the intersection of Schumway Road and Route 55 in Neversink, NY.

For additional information contact the Town of Neversink Democratic Committee at: TheNeversinkDemocrats@gmail.com or call 845-985-3175.

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*To benefit the whole country*

It was late August of 1968, and the people of Sullivan County were all abuzz about the latest development in a long list of attempts to save the sagging economy here.

The county's Golden Age of tourism had ended three years before, and although no one likely realized yet how bad things would get before they got better, county officials and resort owners were trying desperately to right the sinking ship. True to form, however, all efforts to do so had been continually thwarted by a difference of opinion as to what course to follow.

There were many in the county who felt an industrial park was the surest path to an economic resurgence, and the county had formed an Industrial Park Corporation to pursue that. Those involved in the poultry industry, which had for several years been the number two industry in the county behind tourism, were pushing for a project that would provide a boost to their business, which, they reasoned, would ultimately benefit the county, as well.

And those associated with the resort industry, which even in its much contracted state was still directly or indirectly responsible for 95 out of every 100 jobs in the county, wanted to direct all resources toward the construction of a convention center that would enable the county to better compete for off-season tourism business by attracting conventions, more and more of which were being held in winter.

Despite the longstanding disputes among the divided parties, a meeting of the county's 27-man Overall Economic Development Program Committee on August 21 produced a unanimous vote in favor of backing the construction of a convention center within the county.

The meeting followed months of studies and public hearings.

"The proposal now faces a decision by the Board of Supervisors, which is expected to be called into special session by the end of the month," reported Gil Weisinger in the Times Herald-Record on August 22, 1968.

Weisinger noted that



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**State Senator Warren M. Anderson came to Sullivan County to speak at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new convention center that was never built.**

the unanimous vote followed the presentation of a report by two firms the county had hired to study remedies for its economic woes. The companies, The Washington Group and the IPD Corporation, had come to the conclusion that if a convention hall was built, "the whole economy would be benefited by attracting vacationers, thus smoothing out fluctuations in the hotel business."

Weisinger wrote that the report concluded that a convention hall "could be designed to cater to a wide range of activities, and besides conventions could also be used for cultural events, entertainment, and sporting activities."

The motion to support the convention hall idea and forward it to the Board of Supervisors, was, ironically, made by a man who had long been the champion of another approach altogether.

"Hiram H. Frank, a North Branch poultryman and one of the largest egg producers in the state, bypassed other projects which would benefit the poultry industry for the sake of a project which researchers said would benefit the whole county," Weisinger wrote. "Set aside, at least temporarily, by Frank were such projects as a poultry waste plant and other related programs."

Another erstwhile opponent of the convention hall idea who spoke enthusiastically in favor of it at the meeting was James Elliott of Roscoe, who headed up the county's Industrial Park Corporation, which had been pushing such a

project as the panacea for the country's economic downturn.

"But nevertheless, the hall received Elliott's blessing," Weisinger reported.

Of course, no matter how logical it seems, nothing is ever easy to accomplish in Sullivan County, and it was not without considerable political maneuvering and squabbling that the Board of Supervisors eventually approved the convention hall project, banking on the prospect of obtaining \$2 million in federal funding for construction.

Not everyone was happy with the Board's vote, and the Liberty Register reported in its September 5 edition that "Small Towns Lose in Convention Vote."

The Register reported that the Supervisors of the larger towns, who under the new weighted voting system could dominate proceedings, rammed through the convention hall proposal, as well as approving the application for \$2 million in federal funds, which the county would match in order to finance construction. The Supervisors of almost all of the smaller towns, except for Board Chair Stephen Stetka of Cochetcon, strongly opposed both proposals.

On July 10, 1969, ground was broken along Route 17 just northwest of Monticello for the project, with county officials being joined by State Senator Warren Anderson and stage and screen star Robert Alda in the monumental ceremony. The convention center, they announced, would be open for business by the summer of 1971, and would create nearly 1,500 new jobs by 1975.

Obviously, despite this auspicious occasion, the convention center was never built, as the construction bids came in substantially higher than the \$4 million budget, and no amount of negotiation or compromise on the scale of the project could make it realistic to move forward.

Sullivan County was doomed to flounder for decades more before a viable solution to its economic woes could be found, and it came about because of a private citizen with an entrepreneurial spirit, and not because of government planning.

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## Scenes at Bethel Woods' Harvest Festival



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Above: A welcoming sight to the entrance of this year's Harvest Festival at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. The Harvest Fest is open every Sunday through October 1 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Bethel Woods.

Right: Kayli Hussey of Liberty paints a beautiful mural during the first day of Harvest Fest. Hussey will continue live mural painting this Sunday as well.

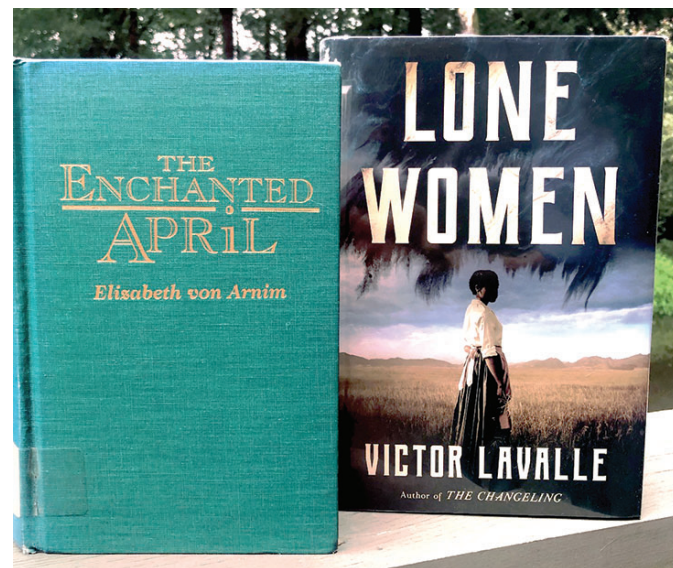
Bottom: People of all ages were allowed to touch the baby tortoises of the Seychelles that were on display in a Tortoise Sanctuary.



### READING IN THE CATSKILLS

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*Every night is girls night*



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Lone Women by Victor LaValle and The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim.

On the drive home from the Barbie movie not long ago, my niece and I cranked up the volume on songs by Beyoncé, Rihanna, and Taylor Swift, letting their powerful voices swirl around us. My niece had her hands firmly on the wheel, but with the sunset glow in our windshield, we felt like we were in Barbie's pink no-hands-needed convertible zooming towards her dream house and it's every-night-is girls-night party.

Totally by chance, I happened to read two books this month about women who would've appreciated an invitation to the party. Instead, Adelaide Henry of Lone Women by Victor LaValle and Lotty Wilkins of Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim must figure out their own festivities.

On first glance, Adelaide Henry appears as if she might be a distant neighbor of Laura Ingalls Wilder (of Little House on the Prairie fame). It's 1915 and Adelaide has traveled from California by wagon, ship, and train to a rundown shack in the Montana badlands. If she can raise enough food to survive on her 'claim' for three years, the government decrees, the land is hers. But food seems like the least of her problems. For one, she hasn't left all of her past behind. It's in a trunk, locked, but not for long. And two, being a lone woman—a lone black woman—in a place where many homesteaders are two-faced has dangerous complications.

Author Victor LaValle depicts a landscape seemingly as far from color drenched Barbie Land as one can get—and it's hard to imagine any overlap between the story of a stoic black woman and a plastic white one, yet as I

watched Margot Robbie as Barbie gradually realize that her dream house and everything around it was suspiciously fake, I couldn't help thinking of Adelaide's 320 acres of the American dream surrounded by a community that is deeply suspicious. Both need real friends. Barbie finds a guardian angel, and Adelaide can't quite ditch her demonic guardian. . . depending on how you regard what's in that trunk.

There's a lot to unpack in this novel and movie, and both can feel overstuffed at times, but I appreciated how LaValle and film director Greta Gerwig took iconic settings and then turned them inside out. They make you think.

I laughed more than thought while reading The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim, but the women in this early 21st century novel set on the idyllic coast of Italy are just as driven as those on the Western plains or the California beaches. One might even call the most passionate of these women the sensual Barbie. Unhappy with English weather and English husbands, Lotty Wilkins recruits three other discontented English ladies to join her in renting San Salvatore, a mediaeval Italian castello, for the month of April. With its sumptuous flower gardens, views of the Mediterranean and no need to lift a finger to cook or clean, the castle is miles more dreamy than anything in Barbie Land. And the Italian sunshine and salty sea air make each woman blossom like the wisteria that blooms there in profusion. Love is in the air and there's nary a Ken to be seen.

If von Arnim had written the book today and not one hundred years ago, she might've made every night girls' night for the entire month, and it would've been interesting to see that effect. But too soon enough, the Kens show up one by one, and at least the magic of San Salvatore (and von Arnim's upper hand) makes them open their eyes, minds, and hearts a little wider.

Truly, I have nothing against Ken, but when the women are on their own, both in these books and in the film, they seem most themselves, more able to grow, more able to see what they want and go after it. Maybe that's why it's important to take a drive with your niece (daughter, mother, friend), crank up the volume on your favorite music of the moment, and sing your lone woman heart out.

### TOURISM AT WORK

BY THE SULLIVAN CATSKILLS VISITORS ASSOCIATION

## Sullivan sees a busy Summer

Summer is almost over and soon it will be fall. As we await new data from Tourism Economics on Sullivan County's visitation and visitor spending, we are certain this summer was a busy one.

New businesses opened their doors this summer, including Bar Veloce in Narrowsburg—a new Italian wine bar with several locations in New York City—while other long-standing

Sullivan Catskills businesses saw new upgrades—the Monster Golf Course at Resorts World Catskills, Sullivan County Golf Club, and Holiday Mountain. We wish them all the best of luck and know they will inspire new and additional visitation to our Sullivan Catskills destination.

At the beginning of August, we hosted journalist Perri Blumberg for a media visit to discover all things new in the

Sullivan Catskills. A prolific writer, we look forward to her forthcoming articles.

We also unveiled two new doves on the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail. Their nests are now home at Burn Brae Mansion and Kadampa Meditation Center in Glen Spey. This year we are adding ten dove sculptures to the Dove Trail, bringing the total to 70.

What started out as a tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Woodstock festival is now a popular attraction and legacy trail that honors our Sullivan Catskills' towns, businesses and landmarks. Make sure to visit our website, www.sullivancatskills.com, to view the updated Dove Trail map and guide, and follow along as we unveil

the remaining two doves for this year!

Speaking of landmarks, the Borscht Belt Historical Marker Project has recently unveiled new markers in Mountandale and Swan Lake. This initiative interprets and designates places important to the Borscht Belt's vibrant history and considers its impact on American Jewish life, the legacy of the Catskills, New York State history and American culture.

This large-scale interpretive marker system will be easily accessible to the public, benefit the communities they are placed in by sparking interest in local history, and educate citizens and visitors alike about the events that have

shaped our past.

As we rounded out August, our staff recently attended the Connect Marketplace meetings and events convention in Minneapolis to meet one-on-one with key decision makers, learn from industry experts, and network with like-minded peers. With 3,000 attendees and 200 exhibitors, we worked on generating leads to bring business back to the county.

For more information about the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association, visit www.sullivancatskills.com or call 845-747-4449. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and download the free app Sullivan Catskills GO!

DEATHS

**Loretta Steppich**

April 27, 1945 ~ August 29, 2023

Loretta May Trainor was born on April 27, 1945, to John Vernon Trainor and Dorothy Knouss Trainor in Washington, D.C. Loretta joined older sister Carolyn Alice Trainor, and the little family lived in Silver Spring, Maryland. Two years later the family would welcome little brother, John Henry Trainor.

Loretta and her family grew up in their Silver Spring home. The family enjoyed raising Toy Fox Terriers and a precocious parakeet named Perky. Loretta graduated from Northwood High School in 1963. After graduating, Loretta went to work for the State Department in Washington, D.C. Loretta went on to work for the Department of Agriculture in their Greenbelt, MD Research Center. She had a 1950 Plymouth that her brother John would beg to borrow, and from that bargaining exchange the nickname "LouBabes" was born and remains to this day.

Loretta's brother John went into the Marine Corps in 1966. Because John was away for Christmas that year, Loretta and her family were decorating the house and completing tasks that John would have normally done. This led to Loretta taking the trash out to the street wearing her Marine Corps sweatshirt. A photo of Loretta in that sweatshirt was sent to John, and he showed it to a young Marine Lance Corporal named Alfred Steppich. Alfred saw that photo and wouldn't leave John Trainor alone until John gave Alfred the address of the girl in that sweatshirt!

Loretta's very surprised and puzzled father saw a letter from someone obviously in the military. Loretta had no idea who could be writing to her and was not very interested in opening the letter one way or another. Of course, the letter was opened, and a correspondence began between Alfred and Loretta. Well, a few months later, Loretta accompanied her brother's girlfriend Lisa Smith out to California where they would meet with John. Once in California, Loretta and Alfred got to actually meet in person, and they spent that week exploring the Marine base at Camp Pendleton and saw the sites in California riding in Alfred's 1962 Corvette. Loretta and Alfred met people in California at that time with whom they would remain life-long friends.

After Alfred was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, he and Loretta were married at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Colesville, MD on May 23, 1970. They began their life together in Adelphi, MD where they lived when their son Alfred Anton (Tony) Steppich was born on March 22, 1972. When young Tony was three years old, Alfred and Loretta moved to their current home in Callicoon, NY. While there, their daughter Christl Hollie Steppich was born on August 18, 1976.

Alfred and Loretta and their children embraced their new life in Callicoon, NY. Their children were involved in local sports while Alfred joined the local volunteer fire department and also served in local government. This connected the Steppichs to their new community and many longstanding friendships were formed.

In September 1980 Loretta started working with her friend Elaine Scardefield at the Jeffersonville Nursery School. Loretta and Elaine worked together in their little school for twenty years, and in 2000 when Elaine was ready to retire, Loretta purchased that nursery school and continued serving the Jeffersonville and surrounding communities by preparing their preschoolers for Kindergarten. The Jeffersonville Nursery School was closed when Loretta retired in June 2006.

Many of Loretta's most treasured adventures were shared with her dearest friend Shelly Wiltshire. Loretta and Shelly took yearly trips to Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and all through New York.

Loretta will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. She has a spark and a fire of fun and joy that is contagious in her laughter. If you have been loved by Loretta Steppich, you will know that that love is fierce and protective; it is fun, and it is saucy. It may have come in the form of a peach pie or the best peach preserves ever made or that marvelous chocolate cake of hers. It may have arrived in a package you didn't expect but that showed you were fondly thought of.

Loretta is survived by her husband of 53 years, Alfred Steppich, her daughter, Christl Steppich, her son, Tony Steppich and his wife, Anna Steppich, along with their daughter Ava Steppich, their sons Myles Ungerer, Jacob and daughter-in-law, Sharon Ungerer, and their daughter Caroline Rose Ungerer. Her sister, Carolyn Trainor Dant and her brother John Henry Trainor and his wife Lisa Trainor also survive their beloved sister. Her three nieces and three nephews will grieve the loss of this most treasured aunt whose love their own children have felt as well.

Loretta passed peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on the evening of August 29, 2023.

What was originally planned as Loretta's Living Funeral will now be a celebration of life on Sunday, September 3, 2023 from 3 pm - 6pm at the Steppich Estate. This is a true potluck event. We look forward to seeing everyone to share your most treasured memories of Loretta.

Loretta requested that you share your condolences through donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and the Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties.



Loretta Steppich

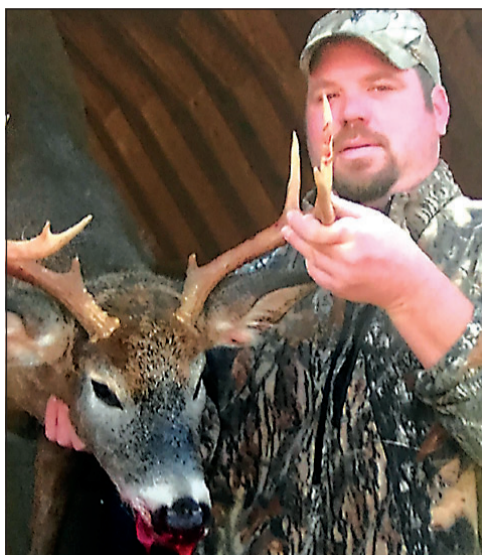
**Jared Proyect**

September 4, 1975 ~ August 28, 2023

Jared L. Proyect, of Woodridge, NY, passed away on August 28, 2023 at Garnet Health Medical Center, Harris, NY. He was 47.

He was the son of Steven and Irene (Devore) Proyect, born on September 4, 1975 in Middletown, NY.

Jared worked as a Utility Plant Operator for the Town of Fallsburg Sewer Department but during his career wore many hats and was described as everyone's "right-hand-man". Jared enjoyed the outdoors, an avid huntsman, fisherman and trap shooter, who could often be found listening to country music. He loved spending time in nature, but more so loved being an active member in his community. He was a 30 year member of the Woodridge Fire Department, was Past Chief and Chief Engineer, and currently held the title of Fire Commissioner. He was also a very active member of the Woods Pond Rod and Gun Club. But, above all else, his family was his truest love. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, son, cousin, uncle and friend. He touched the hearts of everyone who knew him, to know him was to love him. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.



Jared Proyect

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his parents Steven and Irene (Devore) Proyect; his wife Crystal Proyect; his daughter, whom he loved "to the moon and back", Jocelyn Proyect; his sister Jodi Proyect (Seth); as well as numerous cousins, and particularly his cousin Michael Novogrodsky, who was more like a brother to him; and nephews Tristan and Alex Sherman.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jared's name can be made to the Woodridge Fire Department, P.O. Box 683, Woodridge, NY 12789.

A family gathering will be held from 10 to 11am on Saturday, September 2, 2023 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. A firematic service will begin at 11am at the funeral home. A celebration of Jared's life will be held at the Woodridge Fire Department Social Hall immediately following.

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

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September 1 - I was in "Sullivan Sundries" (located at 4890 NY-52, Jeffersonville) recently and it was such a surprise! Since I can remember it was our local hardware store, and I was used to the way it was set up with lots of shelves of items. I used to find stuff I could not find elsewhere and enjoyed my visits with Joannie and Bob, two good friends. I had been "checking out" the renovations over the many months, and I could not believe the transformation. I am so glad they kept those beautiful original wood floors. Such a warm, friendly atmosphere with coffees, a deli, cheeses and much more in the front, and Randy with his cool shop in the back. I enjoyed my shopping and picked up some great items and a book written by John Conway. Some other local books too! They are open for business Thursday thru Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday and Monday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Stop in, and scope it out!

The JEMS group would like to thank everyone that attended our "Under the Stars" Concert featuring The Bones Krew and BJ Hendrickson last Saturday night. It was a wonderful evening and the musicians were the best! Also, many thanks to the DVAA for helping to sponsor this event and Dan Hust for representing the DVAA for his heartfelt tribute of Jeffersonville.

Congratulations to our Jeffersonville Fire Department for receiving the following awards at the Hortonville

Fire Department's Annual Field Day: best appearing marching Company, the judges' award for apparatus and for having the oldest member in the line of march, Pete Cummings. It should be noted that Pete is still an active firefighter. Thank you to the Hortonville Fire Department for hosting another great family day and delicious food too.

Save the Date! Saturday, October 21st the Jeffersonville Fire Department is hosting their Annual Dinner and once again, a dance with live music. Dinner is served from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the dance starting at 8 p.m. and ending at 12 a.m. Costs: \$20 for a sit-down dinner served family style, take out dinners and dance. For the dance alone \$5. Come out and have a delicious dinner and stay to dance while you support your local volunteers.

The JEMS is having yet another great Penny Social on Saturday, October 14th at the Jeffersonville Firehouse. Doors open at 11 a.m. with calling starting at 1 p.m. Lots of treasures to be found; Holiday decorations too. Proceeds of the event will go to improve and beautify the Village of Jeffersonville. FMI: Contact Gayle at 845-807-9153.

It is hard to believe our Summer is over and school will be starting next week on Thursday, September 7th. Please be careful when a bus is stopped to pick up and let off the students.

Have a great and safe weekend!

**Jody Gilbert**

Accomplished accountant

With heavy hearts and cherished memories, we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, sister and friend, Jody Ellen Gilbert, who lost her twelve-year battle against cancer on August 27, 2023, surrounded by her family.

The daughter of Kenneth Eugene and Beverly Jane Mitterwager, Jody was born in December 1968 in Liberty, New York and grew up as the spirited middle child between two athletic brothers, embracing her tomboy nature with unwavering determination. Her prowess in soccer and softball during her high school years at Delaware Valley Central School in Callicoon, New York, earned the respect of her peers (most importantly, those of her brothers), leaving a trail of admiration from both teammates and onlookers alike.



Jody Gilbert

As she transitioned into adulthood, Jody continued to shine brightly, developing and mastering her talents as an accomplished accountant with the Ford Motor Company. The skills that Jody developed at Ford served as the foundation for her lifelong dedication to supporting various businesses, both her own ventures and those of others.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Jody's adventurous spirit led her on regular travels throughout the country (including her so called "once-in-a-lifetime" trip to Maui to celebrate her 50th birthday). She embraced all that she learned in her travels, using her experiences to shape the resiliency that defined her character.

In 2006, with the family opting for a more permanent change of scene, Jody led the charge in moving from Northeast Pennsylvania and planting new roots in Southeast Tennessee, eventually finding a cherished home in Knoxville. Not long after relocating to Tennessee, in 2012, Jody received her initial cancer diagnosis. No stranger to adversity, Jody employed the fortitude and resiliency that came to define her as a person. Following multiple rounds of treatment and a preliminary victory against the disease, Jody's unwavering determination continued to shine through as she decided to pursue her dream of enrolling in nursing school during this transformative period. Jody put her head down and diligently worked toward her dream of obtaining nursing credentials. Fate had other plans, and her studies were curtailed by resurgence of her illness, prompting her to reenter treatments with the same courage she had shown throughout her life.

Despite the constant adversity she faced, Jody's personality was marked by her infectious smile, glimmering blue eyes and persistent optimism. As those fortunate enough to spend time with her in her later years came to expect, she rarely showed up to a get-together without a Tiffany-blue emblazoned accessory or Tiffany-blue fingernails, a colorful reflection of her unique essence. Her witty humor and genuine warmth left an indelible mark on everyone who crossed her path. Whether it was her knack of recounting an old story or her uncanny ability to fill a room with laughter, she effortlessly radiated joy.

Jody is survived by her husband, Paul V. Gilbert, of Knoxville, TN; sons, Paul A. Gilbert and his wife Inga Miller, of San Francisco, CA, and Jordan Gilbert of Knoxville, TN; two brothers Jason Mitterwager of Conway, SC, and Morgan Mitterwager, of Obernberg, NY; and life-long friend Jody Canfield, of Havertown, PA. She is pre-deceased by her father Kenneth (2009) and mother Beverly (2006).

As we mourn the loss of a truly extraordinary woman, we acknowledge the immeasurable void her passing leaves in our lives. Jody touched us all with her strength, wisdom, and boundless love. Her legacy lives on in the lives she impacted, and the memories we hold dear will continue to inspire us. In her honor, let us embrace life's challenges with the same fearlessness that defined her journey and keep her spirit alive through our own acts of kindness, perseverance, and unwavering love.

Your memory has been a blessing - you will forever be etched in our hearts.



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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 HNH PROPERTIES LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/03/2023. Office loc: Sullivan County, SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Sergio A Saravia, PO Box 127, Liberty, NY 12754. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.  
 116102

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Auction of Tenants' Personal Property**  
 In accordance with the provision of New York State Statute Article 8 Section 182 & Section 202.  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the person herein after named and to all whom it may concern. The contents of leased units are subject to lien auction or

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disposal for non-payment of rent and other charges.  
 Auction will take place online via FaceBook Marketplace. The facility/auctioneer reserves the right to cancel a sale/ auction at any time for any reason. Name of the lessee(s):  
 Serafina Siciliano Unit 26 (5x10)  
 Description: Auction items include but are not limited to personal/ household goods, appliances, and clothing.  
 Date of auction: 9/9/23 at 12 pm  
 Facility Manager: Chris LaGue  
 Safe Harbor Catskills Self-Storage, 206 Service Rd Parksville, NY 12768  
 (845) 292-0222 115971

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Broadway 420 Smoke Shop, LLC. Filed 7/13/23. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail 420 Broadway, Monticello, NY 12701. Purp: any lawful.  
 116034

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**COCHECTON FIRE DISTRICT SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING DATE CHANGED**  
 The monthly meeting of the Cochecton Fire District originally scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2023, will not be held and the date has been changed. The September monthly meeting will now be held on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
 Dated: August 30, 2023  
 James Farrell, Secretary  
 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COCHECTON FIRE DISTRICT  
 116294

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**DMB POWER GROUP, LLC** Filed 6/14/22 Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to 16 Danbury Ct, Rock Hill, NY 12775 Purpose: all lawful  
 115185

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Formation of a New York Limited Liability Company Pursuant to New York Limited Liability Company Law §203:  
 The name of the Limited Liability Company is: FORAGE AND GATHER HOLDINGS, LLC. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Department of State was: July 27, 2023. The County in New York in which the office of the Company is located, together with the physical address of such Company is: Sullivan County, c/o VSS Capital Partners, 400 Park Avenue, 17th Floor, New York, New York 10022. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him or her to: c/o VSS Capital Partners, 400 Park Avenue, 17th Floor, New York, New York 10022. The business purpose of the Company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Formation of a New York Limited Liability Company Pursuant to New York Limited Liability Company Law §203:  
 The name of the Limited Liability Company is: F&G HURLEYVILLE, LLC. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Department of State was: July 27, 2023. The County in New York in which the office of the Company is located, together with the physical address of such Company is: Sullivan County, c/o VSS Capital Partners, 400 Park Avenue, 17th Floor, New York, New York 10022. The Secretary of State has been designated as Agent of the Company upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him or her to: c/o VSS Capital Partners, 400 Park Avenue, 17th Floor, New York, New York 10022. The business purpose of the Company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.  
 115448

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Formation of a New York Limited Liability Company Pursuant to New York Limited Liability Company Law §203:  
 The name of the Limited Liability Company is: F&G MOUNTAINDALE, LLC. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Department of State was: July 27, 2023. The County in New York in which the office of the Company is located, together with the physical address of such Company is: Sullivan County, c/o VSS Capital Partners, 400 Park Avenue, 17th Floor, New York, New York 10022. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him or her to: c/o VSS Capital Partners, 400 Park Avenue, 17th Floor, New York, New York 10022. The business purpose of the Company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.  
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**Legal Notice**  
**Town of Thompson Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing**  
 Meeting Date: September 27, 2023  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the provisions of Section 250-55 of the Town Code of the Town of Thompson, public hearings will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of Thompson at the Town Hall, 4052 Route 42, Monticello, New York on September 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the application of **Harold Gibber** for site plan approval and/or special use permit in accordance with Chapter 250 of the Town Code of the Town of Thompson. The property is located at Gibber Rd, 6-1-11.1, 11.3, 11.4, 11.5 & 11.6 in the  
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Plans are available for review at the Town Hall  
 By order of the Town of Thompson Planning Board  
 Kathleen Lara, Chairperson  
 Dated: August 24, 2023

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that this Planning Board meeting will be held in person and via videoconferencing, as permitted by the NYS Open Meetings Law. The public can also e-mail written comments or questions by 4:30 PM on the day of the meeting to [planning@townofthompson.com](mailto:planning@townofthompson.com).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that unless there is a special notice otherwise, the official meeting of the Town of Thompson Planning Board is the in-person meeting conducted at 4052 Route 42, Monticello, New York at the Town Hall Meeting Room. The zoom invite is merely a courtesy and convenience to residents, and applicants. If there is a disruption in the ability of the zoom meeting to commence or even continue once a meeting has been commenced, the official meeting at the Town Hall shall continue without interruption.

Town of Thompson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.  
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**Legal Notice**

**Notice of Public Hearing**  
**Town of Thompson Zoning Board of Appeals**  
 Meeting Date: September 12, 2023

**NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN** pursuant to the provisions of Local Law Number 5 of the Town of Thompson, adopted October 12, 1984, that the regular monthly meeting will be held on September 12, 2023 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Thompson Town Hall, 4052 Route 42, Monticello, NY before the Zoning Board of Appeals for variances from the requirements of said Local Law Number 5, by parties hereinafter names, the substance of which appeals is as follows:

Appeal by: K L Housing Corp

Applicant is requesting an Area Variance of the Town of Thompson Zoning Code for:

| Name - Code Section   | Required | Proposed |
|---|----------|----------|
| Lot 43 minimum lot width - §250-139F(1)                     | 50'      | 49.5'    |
| Lot 43 front yard setback - §250-138E(6)(a) and 250-139F(2) | 30'      | 28.4'    |

Property is located at 16 Feldman Cir, Kiamesha Lake, S/B/L: 6.A-1-13  
 Dated: 08/25/2023

By order of the Zoning Board of Appeals  
 Laura Eppers, Secretary

Town of Thompson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.  
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PLEASE ALSO TAKE NOTICE, that unless there is a special notice otherwise, the official meeting of the Town of Thompson Zoning Board is the in-person meeting conducted at 4052 Route 42, Monticello, New York at the Town Hall Meeting Room. The zoom invite is merely a courtesy and convenience to residents, and applicants. If there is a disruption in the ability of the zoom meeting to commence or even continue once a meeting has been commenced, the official meeting at the Town Hall shall continue without interruption.  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, WENDOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES, Plaintiff, vs. DAVID NAUGLE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ELEANOR L. NAUGLE, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated March 27, 2023 and duly entered on March 27, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Lawrence H. Cooke Sullivan County Courthouse, 414 Broadway, Monticello, NY 12701 on September 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., premises known as 17 Oak Avenue, Mamakating, NY 12790. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Mamakating, County of Sullivan and State of New York, Section 29, Block 1 and Lot 36. Approximate amount of judgment is \$101,698.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # E2020-1304. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale.

Marvin Newberg, Esq., Referee  
 Bronster, LLP, 156 West 56th Street, Suite 703, New York, New York 10019, Attorneys for Plaintiff

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education is seeking to fill a vacancy left by the recent resignation of Danielle Penney Stroop. The Board will appoint a new member at its October 5th meeting and term will expire on the date of the School Budget Vote/Board Member Election Day in May 2024. Board Members serve as volunteers.

To apply, please submit a brief resume and a statement of why you would like to serve on the Board of Education to District Clerk, Mrs. Norma Peña. Materials must be received by September 21, 2023.

A Board of Education member in the Tri-Valley Central School District must meet the following qualifications:

- A citizen of the United States;
- Eighteen years of age or older;
- Able to read and write;
- A legal resident of the District for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year;
- May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year;
- May not reside with another member of the same school Board as a member of the same family;
- Cannot be a current employee of the District;
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office.

For further information and details, please contact the District Clerk by email at [normapena@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:normapena@trivalleycsd.org), or by telephone at 845-985-2296 x 5102.  
 116296

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
 COUNTY OF SULLIVAN  
 WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF FINANCE OF AMERICA HECM BUYOUT 2020-HB1,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 NANCY BUCK, SULLIVAN COUNTY TREASURER AS ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD FREUDENTHAL A/K/A EDWARD FREUDENTHAL JR.; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD FREUDENTHAL A/K/A EDWARD FREUDENTHAL JR., any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; CATSKILL REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER,  
 Defendants.

INDEX NO. E2018-885  
 Plaintiff designates SULLIVAN as the place of trial situs of the real property  
**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS**  
**Mortgaged Premises:**  
 124 ELDRD YULAN ROAD, ELDRD, NY 12732  
**Section: 11, Block: 1, Lot: 46.1**

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,  
 Defendants.

To the above named Defendants  
 YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

**NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT**

**THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$142,500.00 and interest, recorded on November 14, 2011, in Official Record Number 2011-7559, of the Public Records of SULLIVAN County, New York., covering premises known as 124 ELDRD YULAN ROAD, ELDRD, NY 12732. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. SULLIVAN County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.**

**NOTICE**

**YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME**

**If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.**  
**Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.**  
**Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.**

**YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.**

Dated: August 1, 2023  
 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 Matthew Rothstein, Esq.  
 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310  
 Westbury, NY 11590  
 516-280-7675

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Index No.: E2022-2487  
 Date Purchased: 12/4/2022  
 Plaintiff designates Sullivan County as the place of trial  
**AMENDED SUMMONS**  
 Plaintiff resides at 7710 State Rte 42, Grahamsville, Sullivan County, NY 12740.

**ACTION FOR A DIVORCE**

To the above named Defendant:  
**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against each of you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below.

Dated: Monticello, New York  
 May 5, 2023  
 Richard Scott Zirt, Esq.  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 7 St. John Street - Suite 101  
 P.O. Box 1315  
 Monticello, New York 12701  
 Telephone: (845) 794-5928

**LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
 COUNTY OF SULLIVAN  
 JOSHUA MARK DeGRAW,  
 Plaintiff,  
 -against-  
 HEATHER MARIE DeGRAW,  
 Defendant.

Plaintiff designates Sullivan County as the place of trial  
**AMENDED SUMMONS**  
 Plaintiff resides at 7710 State Rte 42, Grahamsville, Sullivan County, NY 12740.

**ACTION FOR A DIVORCE**

To the above named Defendant:  
**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against each of you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below.

Dated: Monticello, New York  
 May 5, 2023  
 Richard Scott Zirt, Esq.  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 7 St. John Street - Suite 101  
 P.O. Box 1315  
 Monticello, New York 12701  
 Telephone: (845) 794-5928

**Notice:** The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties on the grounds that the Plaintiff has abandoned the Defendant for a period of in excess of one (1) year pursuant to DRL §170(2).

The relief sought is, A Judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the Plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties in this action. The nature of any ancillary relief demanded is: Incorporation by reference, without merger of Sullivan County Family Court Custody Order, dated Dec. 11, 2018, Family File #18810; Waiver of guideline maintenance; The right of the Defendant to resume the use of her maiden name, which is STRAIN; Together with such other, further and/or different relief which, as to the Court, may seem just and proper under the circumstances.

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE SULLIVAN WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I have received the 2023 School Tax Roll and Warrant of the Sullivan West Central School District of the Towns of Bethel, Callicoon, Cochection, Delaware, Fremont, Liberty, Tusten and the Village of Jeffersonville in the County of Sullivan, New York and the Town of Hancock in the County of Delaware, New York.

You may make payment by sending your ENTIRE BILL and check to the address listed below, or if paying installments (Sullivan County only), send the stub for the payment that is due.

Please write your Section, Block and Lot # on your check (i.e.: 20.-1-16.5) these numbers can be found on the right side, near the top of your bill.

MAIL PAYMENTS TO: SULLIVAN WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL TAX COLLECTOR PO BOX 2205 BUFFALO, NY 14240-2205

MAKE SURE YOUR PAYMENT IS FOR THE CORRECT AMOUNT AND THAT YOUR CHECK IS SIGNED!!

If you have made an error on your payment, it will be returned to you for correction. If this is near the end of the month, this may result in a higher interest charge, according to the date postmarked. (Postage Meter will NOT be accepted!)

INTEREST SCHEDULE: September 1 thru Sept 30-Par October 1 thru Oct. 31-2% November 1 thru Nov. 2-3%

The collection warrant is for 63 days and expires on November 2, 2023; at which time the undersigned can no longer receive payment.

All taxes not paid to the District by November 2, 2023 may be re-levied as set forth below. Please take note that Sullivan County no longer collects taxes through November 30. The County of Delaware will continue its practice of collecting taxes following the expiration of the warrant through November 30, 2023 prior to re-levying.

Any taxes remaining unpaid will be re-levied on the January 1, 2024 town and county tax bill with an additional 7% penalty added.

I have fixed the following dates and places for receiving taxes: You must bring your entire tax bill when making payment to:

Jeff Bank in Jeffersonville, NY

Wednesdays & Saturdays, September 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27 and 30 between the hours of 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

If you no longer own this property, please forward the bill to the rightful owner or return it to the tax collector with the new owners' name and address.

For questions regarding payment of your bill, please contact: Sullivan West Central School Tax Collector 845-482-4610 ext. 4115

For questions about your assessed value please contact your town assessor.

Tax Collector Sullivan West Central School District September 1, 2023

116050

Legal Notice Town of Thompson Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing

Meeting Date: September 27, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of Section 250-55 of the Town Code of the Town of Thompson, public hearings will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of Thompson at the Town Hall, 4052 Route 42, Monticello, New York on at 7:00 p.m. to consider the application September 27, 2023 of YJ Estates LLC for site plan approval and/or special use permit in accordance with Chapter 250 of the Town Code of the Town of Thompson. The property is located at Fraser Rd, 9.-1-8.2 in the

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Plans are available for review at the Town Hall By order of the Town of Thompson Planning Board Kathleen Lara, Chairperson Dated: August 25, 2023

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that this Planning Board meeting will be held in person and via videoconferencing, as permitted by the NYS Open Meetings Law. The public can also e-mail written comments or questions by 4:30 PM on the day of the meeting to planning@townofthompson.com.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that unless there is a special notice otherwise, the official meeting of the Town of Thompson Planning Board is the in-person meeting conducted at 4052 Route 42, Monticello, New York at the Town Hall Meeting Room. The zoom invite is merely a courtesy and convenience to residents, and applicants. If there is a disruption in the ability of the zoom meeting to commence or even continue once a meeting has been commenced, the official meeting at the Town Hall shall continue without interruption.

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LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of Iliat BioMed, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/25/23. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 517 Elk Point Rd., Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 115399

LEGAL NOTICE WOODBOURNE FIRE DISTRICT PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a Regular Meeting conducted on August 15, 2023, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Woodbourne Fire District approved the following resolution. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Pursuant of to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Woodbourne Fire District hereby approves the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund Equipment for the purpose of purchasing a new re-mounted Ambulance for the Fire District. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that this Resolution is subject to permissive referendum. The Resolution was Approved Vera Gordon, Secretary Woodbourne Fire District 116219

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of Viron Defense, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/25/23. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 517 Elk Point Rd., Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Purpose: any lawful act or activity 115404

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY EGGLE'S LLC filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on the 21ST of AUGUST 2023. Office located in Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to PO BOX 128, WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, NY 12787. Purpose: to engage in any and all lawful act or activity. 116113

LEGAL NOTICE Town of Tusten Public Notice Please take notice that the Tusten Town Board shall hold a Special Meeting on September 5, 2023 at 5:45pm to be held at the park in the flats, 75 3rd Ave, Narrowsburg, for the purpose of discussions of the park project. The Town Board will then hold their regularly scheduled workshop at the Tusten Community Hall as previously scheduled. Crystal Weston Town Clerk 116251

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of FAER Defense, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/25/23. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 517 Elk Point Rd., Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 115396

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LEGAL NOTICE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Monticello be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 at 6:00pm at Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701 to discuss the following proposed local law:

Local Law #2 of 2023, -Adding Chapter § 280-40.1 Entitled, Planned Unit Development

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. Dated: Tuesday, August 29th & Friday, September 1st, 2023.

By Order of the Village Board of the Village of Monticello, New York

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk

116060

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF LIBERTY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the Village Board of Trustees on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6:55 p.m. to consider Local Law #4-2023 to allow upper-story residential dwellings in the DCC Commercial Core Zoning District.

Said Public Hearing will take place at the Village Municipal Building located at 167 North Main Street, Liberty, New York, at which time all interested parties will be heard. A full copy of the text of said proposed local law is available for inspection and copying at the Village Clerk's Office, 167 North Main Street, Liberty, New York during regular business hours.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon the filing with the NY Secretary of State. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to speak as time permits. DATED: September 1, 2023

Judy H. Zurawski Village of Liberty Clerk/Treasurer

116036

LEGAL NOTICE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Monticello be continuing the Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 at 6:00pm at Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701 to discuss the following proposed local law:

Local Law #1 of 2023, -Adding Chapter 131, entitled, "Constabulary" to the Village of Monticello Code and Specifying the Duties herein

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. Dated: Tuesday, August 29th and Friday September 1st, 2023.

By Order of the Village Board of the Village of Monticello, New York Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk

116049

LEGAL NOTICE Kauneonga Lake Fire District Surplus Equipment The Kauneonga Lake Fire District has posted two items for sale as surplus equipment: 1. Jeraco Pickup Truck Cap, Red with operating side windows. Fits a 2015 Ford F350 pickup. 2. Jobsite Heavy Duty Chest, 24X24X48. Jobsite model 637210. The items are posted for sale through Auctionsinternational.com and are subject to the requirements of Auctions International. Bids will be accepted to September 11, 2023. The district reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. 116216

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION Name of limited liability company (LLC): CATSKILL MOUNTAIN VENTURES LLC Date of filing articles of organization with secretary of state: July 24, 2023 County in which office of LLC is to be located: Sullivan County Address of principal place of business of LLC: 299 Kingston Avenue, Wurtsboro, New York 12790. The secretary of state has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is: P.O. Box 105, Rock Hill, New York 12775. Purpose of business of LLC: any lawful purpose The term of the LLC is perpetual. 115614

liability company (LLC): 129 RANSOM ROAD, LLC Date of filing articles of organization with secretary of state: July 24, 2023 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: 140 East 45th Street, Ste 32B-1, New York, New York 10017. Purpose of business of LLC: any lawful purpose. The term of the LLC is perpetual 115242

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION Name of limited liability company (LLC): 445 CYPERT ROAD, LLC Date of filing articles of organization with secretary of state: July 21, 2023 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: 140 East 45th Street, Ste 32B-1, New York, New York 10017. Purpose of business of LLC: any lawful purpose. The term of the LLC is perpetual. 115241

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of Ashedal, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/25/23. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 517 Elk Point Rd., Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 115393



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The Tri-Valley Lions at their soda booth.

Tri-Valley Lions ran successful first event at Little Worlds Fair

GRAHAMSVILLE — The Tri-Valley Lions had a successful first event at our new Soda Booth at this year's Little World's Fair at the Gramhamsville Fairgrounds from August 18 through August 20. Special thanks to Lions Hugh Delaney and Gary Buley, who coordinated the installation of the new booth with The Neversink Agricultural Society. Hugh and Gary laid a brand new floor and built counters in the new Booth built by Grey's Woodworks. Lions who worked the booth were very comfortable in the new booth as there is more room to move within the booth, and fair attendees commented on how nice it was that the new booth had lower counters, permitting younger attendees to reach the counters when purchasing their beverages.

Thank you to all Lions who "manned" the booth, particular thanks to Hugh Delaney, Gary Buley, return members Paula and Mike Ryan, and so

many more who spent many, many hours in the Booth. Of course, special thanks to all who stopped by the booth and purchased beverages. If you haven't stopped by, we look forward to seeing you at the next event at the Fairgrounds.

The success of this event, and upcoming Youth Fair, Antique Machinery Show, and Pumpkin Parade, will permit us to continue our ongoing support to local food pantries, Tri-Valley School Service Awards, Eye Screenings, Diabetes, Lymphoma and Leukemia organizations, and so much more. If you are interested in joining the Tri-Valley Lions or getting more information about our club, please contact Membership Chair, Pat Menjes at 917-783-6253 or hvacpat69@gmail.com or President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com.

Wishing one and all a happy, HEALTHY and safe rest of the Summer!

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LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of D2RS Cyber, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/25/23. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 517 Elk Point Rd., Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 115397

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of Dagger Unmanned, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/25/23. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 517 Elk Point Rd., Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 115403

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of Dionysus-Aero, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/26/23. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 517 Elk Point Rd., Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 115392

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of Eduras Autonomy, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/25/23. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 517 Elk Point Rd., Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 115402

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY WLMC vintageco LLC filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on

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the 23rd of AUGUST 2023. Office located in Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to PO BOX 192, JEFFERSONVILLE, NY 12748. Purpose: to engage in any and all lawful act or activity 116112

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of Pyco Telcom, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/25/23. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 517 Elk Point Rd., Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Purpose: any lawful act or activity 115400

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of Seno Robotics, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/25/23. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 517 Elk Point Rd., Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Purpose: any lawful act or activity 115398

LEGAL NOTICE LOCATIONS STOW MINI STORAGE 118 JEFFERSON STREET MONTICELLO,N.Y.12701 MONTICELLO SELF STORAGE 116 EAST BROADWAY MONTICELLO,N.Y.12701 UNITS FOR SALE UNIT# 600 CHANDA OLADIPO UNIT# 959 ERNEST ROSADO UNIT# B027 JUSTINE GONZALEZ ANY PERSON PURCHASING A UNIT WILL LEAVE \$100.00 CASH DEPOSIT. THE ABOVE CUSTOMER CAN HOLD OFF AUCTIONS PROCEEDING BY PAYING TOTAL AMOUNT DUE BY SALE DATE. SALE DATE SEPTEMBER 21 2023 115624

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Pursuant to New York Limited Liability Company Law Section 206(c) 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is The MDP Quinn Company LLC. 2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Department of State was August 2, 2023. 3. The county within New York State in which the office of the Company is located is Sullivan County. 4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him or her to: 65 Brandywine Road, Franklin, MA 02038. 5. The business purpose of the Company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York. 116103

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# Welcome to HONESDALE

## Advocacy Groups host Nurse Training

HONESDALE, PA — For survivors of sexual assault, a forensic rape exam (FRE) can be both a key means of collecting evidence against their offender as well as a harrowing re-traumatization of their assault. In an effort to maximize the former and minimize the latter, Women's Resource Center of Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties (WRC), and Victims' Intervention Program of Wayne and Pike Counties (VIP) are hosting a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) training, starting this September.

"SANE nurses are a critical component to any healthcare system," said Ericka Thaxton, VIP's Medical Advocate. "Not only do they conduct forensic examinations, collect evidence, and provide expert testimony in court, they also offer high quality, trauma informed patient care and emotional support for any individual

who may fall victim to sexual assault or abuse."

There is a nationwide shortage of SANES, especially in rural areas. Of the 80 SANES in PA, only one is in the northeast. Local survivors looking to utilize the services must either travel to Scranton, likely on their own without use of an ambulance, or wait to be contacted and make the trek out to where they are. This is especially problematic since time is critical for gathering DNA evidence. And that is to say nothing of the mental and emotional load that puts on the survivor.

"This is the second time that we have been able to offer the SANE training thanks to the AllOne Foundation," explained Sabrina Hannon, M.A., WRC's Medical Advocacy Program Coordinator. "Our last training, we were able to train 12 nurses but unfortunately within the 2 years since that

training, most of the nurses have left our area or begun travel nursing. The response we have received from the medical community about the training has been very positive. Nurses want to be trained and medical facilities want their nurses trained but are often unable to provide the in-class training, so programs like ours help fill those gaps."

Broken into four sessions, this training teaches Registered Nurses from Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne and Pike counties how to collect evidence in sexual assault cases with compassion for the experience the survivor has endured. The training is free, courtesy of AllOne Foundation funding. To register, visit <https://www.jmfnc.com>.

Women's Resource Center and Victims' Intervention Program are non-profit organizations dedicated to helping survivors of crimes such as domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and more. They each offer comprehensive services including a crisis hotline, emergency shelter, safe housing, counseling and community education to name a few. Learn more at [www.wrcnepa.org](http://www.wrcnepa.org) and [www.vipempowers.org](http://www.vipempowers.org) or follow on Facebook and Instagram.

The All One Foundation is a charitable giving organization dedicated to funding projects related to behavioral health, women and children, autism, opioid solutions and food security. The foundation serves 13 counties including Bradford, Carbon, Clinton, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne and Wyoming.

Learn more online at <https://allonefoundations.org>.

## New dentist at Wayne Memorial Dental Centers

HONESDALE, PA — Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC) welcomes Dong Hun Han, DMD, MS, as the newest dentist to join its dental team. WMCHC offers comprehensive general dental services to children and adults at two locations – Together for Health Dental Center in Honesdale and the Pike Dental Center in Lords Valley.

"Dr. Han is currently seeing patients at both our sites," stated Nichole Yannone, dental manager, WMCHC. "However, he'll transition mainly to Pike in early 2024 to fill the provider need at that center."

Dr. Han, a native of the Republic of Korea, began studying in the United States at the age of 15 by attending boarding school in Asheville, North Carolina. He earned a Bache-



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**Dong Hun Han, DMD, MS, Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers.**

lor of Science from Cornell University College of Engineering, Ithaca, NY and later a Master of Science in biomedical engineering from the University of Pennsylvania School of Engineering and Applied Science in Philadelphia. When he set his sights on attending dental school,

Dr. Han remained in the "City of Brotherly Love" where he ultimately received his Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. While a student, he served in leadership roles including president for Philly Phaces and the Korean Student Dental Association. Dr. Han completed his residency at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY.

WMCHC is a federally qualified health center clinically affiliated with Wayne Memorial Health System, Inc. Both centers accept most private insurance, managed care plans and medical assistance. A sliding fee based on income is also offered to those who qualify.

Visit [wmchc.net](http://wmchc.net) for more information.

## Free books for all: drop, swap or take

HONESDALE, PA — Sustainable Energy Education & Development Support (SEEDS) of Northeastern Pennsylvania is proud to announce the return of the Free Book Share (formerly Free Book Swap) to the Wayne County Fairgrounds September 16 and 17. This is the only event in Wayne County that knows no limit! No requirements to bring books. No limitations on how many you can take. The goal is to see every book into a new home. Whether you bring ten, one, or none, you are welcome to browse the red metal building on the fairgrounds and fill your arms (bags and boxes) with literary loot.

The Free Book Share invites everyone—community neighbors, families, visitors, organizations, agencies, businesses, groups, artists, collectors, anyone. Create a home library, leave some in a waiting room or lobby, offer them in a Little Free Library, repurpose for arts and crafts projects... the possibilities are endless.

This year's event is one of the two main events during Once Upon a Weekend at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. The Wayne County Public Library is hosting its Family Fun Fair on Saturday. Find more information about it at [waynelibraries.org/fff](http://waynelibraries.org/fff).

## Weekend of Chamber music returns to Honesdale September 24

HONESDALE, PA — On Sunday, September 24 at 4 p.m., The Cooperage Project welcomes back the Weekend of Chamber Music to present *Mysteries of Identity*, a recital by Caroline Stinson and Ieva Jokubaviciute. A musical exploration of how we define ourselves – culturally, personally, and spiritually – *Mysteries*

*'...razor-sharp intelligence and wit'*

of Identity brings together a wide range of compositional voices in search of their own expressive "I am." With music by Bridge, Falla, Hannah Kendall, Janáček, Schumann, Vaughan-Williams, Vierne, and Andrew Waggoner, the program offers a kaleidoscopic view of the ways in which the soul becomes music, giving us a sense of both person and place.

Lithuanian pianist Ieva Jokubaviciute's powerfully and intricately crafted performances have earned her critical acclaim throughout North America and Europe. Her ability to communicate the essential substance of a work has led critics to describe her as possessing "razor-sharp intelligence and wit" and "subtle, complex, almost impossibly detailed and riveting in every way."— (The Washington Post)

Cellist Caroline Stinson is a native of Canada and has made her career across North America and Europe as a soloist, recitalist, and chamber musician in traditional, 20th century, and contemporary

repertoire.

When flutist Judith Pearce and a few of her friends set out in rural New York to play a concert just for fun one summer weekend in 1994, they planted a seed that would eventually become a successful non-profit music organization, the Weekend of Chamber Music.

For more information call 570-253-2020.

### BRIEFS

## Last Chance Yard Sale set for September 30

DAMASCUS, PA — Damascus Township Community Center is hosting a Last Chance Yard Sale and Full Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 30. Looking for vendors and participants. Sell your personal household items such as baked goods, crafts as well as local farm fresh fruits and vegetables.

For more information email [ljdexter@ptd.net](mailto:ljdexter@ptd.net), [dldi53pa@gmail.com](mailto:dldi53pa@gmail.com) or [joyce@nujus.net](mailto:joyce@nujus.net).

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**SPORTSMAN OUTDOORS**

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*Sportsmen unhappy with the President*



Sportsmen's organizations all over the United States are criticizing the Biden Administration following a report from Fox News Digital that President Biden and Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona intend to remove federal funding for hunter education and archery programs in all public schools. The de-funding from the Biden Administration's interpretation of language in the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, a law passed by congress and signed by Biden in 2022 following mass shootings in Buffalo and Uvalde, Texas. The Act includes language prohibiting funding from providing training in the use of a dangerous weapon. Funding for such programs was previously earmarked under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, which provides funds for schools with hunting and archery programs. The Act provides federal aid for both Elementary and Secondary schools with an additional \$1 billion dollars now coming from the 2022 legislation.

department accountable for violating the letter and spirit of the law to unilaterally deny America's students access to these valuable programs as part of the Administration's attack on the Second Amendment. Stopping hunter education courses that teach safe and responsible firearms handling makes our communities less, not more, safe and dismisses our ability of passing on to the next generation our nation's cherished hunting and shooting sports heritage."

The National Archery in Schools President Tommy Floyd sounded off with his disapproval of the Biden's Administration decision. The Columbus, Ohio-based Sportsmen's Alliance claimed in a press release that it is considering legal action and that United States Senators John Cornyn and Thom Tillis recently wrote Secretary Cardona to register their grave disapproval of the Biden Administration decision.

Statistics show that as of 2022, 38 states have basic hunter education programs in schools and over 600,000 students completed the basic hunter education programs in 2021.

**Youth Outdoor Expo**

Don't forget next Saturday, September 9th the Kay Danchak Memorial Youth Outdoor Expo Day will be held at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 11 am to 3 pm. All children, accompanied by an adult are welcomed to attend.

For further information call 845-798-4612.

**JACK DANCHAK** is a longtime sportsman and spent 30 years as the President of the Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, Inc.

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# A day with the Athletic Director

## Ryan Jasper discusses move to AA



STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY ANTHONY MORGANO

MONTICELLO – The reclassification has been a hot topic for schools around Sullivan County this year. By adding a AAA division, many schools have moved up from their previous class. Monticello is no exception, as they are AA almost across the board now.

Among these many changes, former rivalries will start to fade as contests won't have Sectional implications, but Monticello's Athletic Director is hopeful to keep the flames of some of these rivalries stoked.

"We have had a friendly rivalry with Port Jervis for years, and we're hoping that we can find a way to continue that despite moving up to AA," Jasper said. "It will be a tremendous challenge, but we plan to work hard every day to succeed."

Monticello is back in Class A Division 1 after being independent last year.

"The decision to go independent last year was to introduce a bit of flexibility

to our schedule as we focused on building up the program," Jasper explained. "We have a great group of new and returning coaches, and we're hopeful that we'll start to see results in the not-so-distant future."

Monticello is also introducing new coaches for both Boys and Girls Soccer, and they will be ready to compete after beginning practices last week.

Monticello Tennis will be back in action this year, but with a big change coming. New on-campus Tennis courts are nearing completion, which means that the team's home games will be played at Monticello High School rather than off campus.

"Previously, student-athletes went to Emerald Green for their matches, and



though we're grateful that they allowed us to play there, we're excited to be playing on campus," Jasper explained. "The courts will be open to the community, and it's a great benefit to athletic programs to see people out practicing."

Jasper is excited for this year and the future of Monticello sports. He said, "We know we're in for it this year, but we're certainly up for the challenge."

Top to bottom: Despite having a new coach, Monticello Boys Soccer will look to start off this season on the right foot.

Monticello Cross Country is looking to build off their success from last season.

Monticello Football is back in divisional contention this Fall, and will look to compete against the other A schools.



Fallsburg Football got off to a hot start last season, and the Comets will look to build off last year's success for the upcoming season. They will get their first taste of game action tomorrow during a scrimmage at Tri-Valley.

## Amanda Stevens talks first Fall in Fallsburg

STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY ANTHONY MORGANO

FALLSBURG – Amanda Stevens took over the Athletic Director duties mid-year in the 2022-23 school year after more than a decade of teaching.

There are a lot of exciting things going on at Fallsburg, including a new JV football team. With the reclassification, Fallsburg managed to stay in Class C for Varsity Football, landing right under the limit of moving up to B.

"The reclassification hasn't affected us for the 2023-24 school year, but we'll have to wait and see what happens next year," Stevens said. "We'll have to deal with changes as they come."

Fallsburg is also in the process of updating their Cross Country trail due to some construction work on the campus.

During the summer off-season, Fallsburg stu-

dent-athletes attended the SUNY Sullivan Youth Basketball Camp and took part in the Monticello Summer League as well.

With the Fall 2023 season quickly approaching, student-athletes have already returned to practice, and the Varsity Football team will be in Tri-Valley tomorrow morning for their first scrimmage of the year.

"Weather is usually pretty mild in the Fall, and it's nice to be outside," Stevens said. "After just two seasons I've learned that it's easier to count the seasons rather than the years, because each season is so unique."

At left: Fallsburg's Cross Country team will have an updated trail for the 2023 Fall season.

Below: The Fallsburg Boys Soccer team will be back in action this Fall and will look to return to Sectionals after last year.



# Monster Golf Club officially opens at Resorts World Catskills

BY ALEX KIELAR

MONTICELLO — On Monday, August 28, Resorts World Catskills in Monticello hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the Monster Golf Club. In attendance were executives from Genting, which operates Resorts World Catskills, Rees Jones - the architect behind the complete redesign of the course, as well as local elected officials and members of the Catskills community.

Jones used holes from both the current Monster golf course and the Old International Course, with Resorts World Catskills investing \$40 million. The golf club was originally designed in 1963 by Joe Finger and was once rated as one of America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses by Golf Digest.

"Today's event adds yet

another chapter to this storied golf course and shows the world once again what makes the Catskills such a special community," said Robert DeSalvio, President, Genting Americas East.

DeSalvio also said that part of their vision for Resorts World has always included the "reinvigoration and restoration" of the golf course. The par-72 championship course challenges golfers at every talent level, with length, numerous water hazards and bunkers. "We are proud to have delivered on this important commitment," DeSalvio said. "We are extremely grateful for the unwavering support of so many who helped turn the dream of championship gold in the Catskills into a reality."

Golfers have the ability to ride in style with new lithium-ion E-Z-GO golf carts which are equipped



Monster Golf Club officially opened on Monday, August 28 at Resorts World Catskills in Monticello, who hosted a ribbon cutting. L to R: Bryce Swanson, Vice President & Senior Designer at Rees Jones, Inc.; Randy Netter, Senior Vice President Operations, Resorts World Catskills; Jack Kennedy, Senior Vice President Gaming Operations, Resorts World Catskills; Rees Jones, President of Rees Jones, Inc.; Bill Rieber, Town of Thompson Supervisor; Robert DeSalvio, President of Genting Americas East; Senator Peter Oberacker, 51st New York Senate District; Uri Jimenez, Club Manager, Monster golf club; Shane Pomeroy, Resorts World Executive Vice President of Finance; Meghan Taylor, Resorts World Senior Vice President of Government Affairs and Public Relations.

with GPS technology. Getting to and from the golf course is also convenient with a complimentary shuttle service running every 20 minutes from dawn till dusk. The shuttle makes stops at Resorts World Catskills, The Alder, The Monster golf club and The Kartrite.

The Monster golf club Pro Shop, located inside The Alder, is open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The Pro Shop offers a variety of products from top golf brands and is the check-in location for the Monster golf club.

Tee times for the golf course are available seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Times can be reserved at monstergolfclub.com, with Sullivan County residents, active military, veterans and hotel guests of Resorts World Catskills eligible for discounted fees.