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A look at what's ahead...

BY DEREK KIRK

When you're here, a good drink is never too far away. No matter where you go over these hills and around the river, there are treasure troves of good libations and local eateries just waiting to be visited.

The best part is, each brewery, distillery or festival in the area has its own unique style, taste and element that commands a desire to try all that each one has to offer. With some, the community built around the businesses and their owners transcend being just a place to eat or drink, but into a home away from home of sorts.

But where do you even start

with all that is around?

Thankfully, there are a number of great places to begin both in Sullivan County and just across the Pennsylvania border that have celebrated staple anniversaries just this year.

In addition to that, there are a number of events popping up and around the county that attract all kinds of adult beverage enjoyers, even the boujee and the boozy — including The Big Sip wine festival at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

Please see inside this issue for more on what the area offers going into the Autumn season and beyond — there is something for everyone, you just have to try it!



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Roscoe Beer Co. celebrates 10 years of craft beer excellence and community



Left: The Roscoe Beer Company has produced a wide selection of brews to choose from over the past decade.

Below: Lead Guitarist of the Midnight Callers, Martin Stubbs, played for an audience of all ages at the 10-year anniversary party held at the brewery earlier in September.

BY SHANNON FEENEY,
ROSCOE BEER COMPANY

Nestled in the picturesque Catskills town of Roscoe, New York, Roscoe Beer Co. has been on a mission to serve the community with exceptional craft beer and local cuisine since its inception in 2013. Recently marking their ten year anniversary, this "Trout Town USA" favorite continues to draw visitors from far and wide to deliver a spirited sense of community and, of course, great beer.

Since its inception a decade ago, the brewery has remained steadfast in its commitment to delivering high-quality craft beers under the banner of their well-loved slogan, "Tap Into The Great Outdoors." Their flagship brew, Trout Town American Amber Ale, boasts a clean nose, balanced hops, and malt, finishing with a refreshing touch of citrus. Over the years, Roscoe Beer Co. has extended their portfolio to include favorites such as the award win-



ning Two Headed Stout, Brown Ale and the Rainbow Red Ale. Consistent dedication to quality and innovation has earned the brewery a number of accolades, including winning the Governor's Taste NY Craft Beer Challenge in 2017, several medals in the New York State Brewers Association yearly awards and more recently gold, bronze and silver medals at the Annual TAP Beer Competitions, as well as being voted as one of the Best Craft

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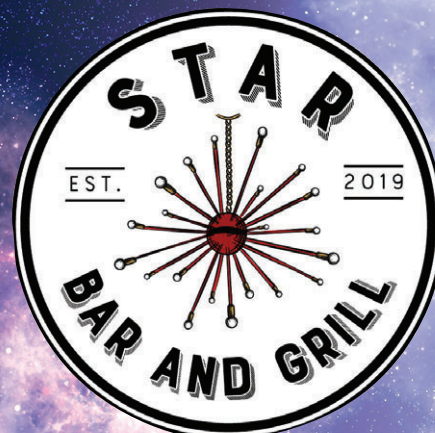


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Equally important as making quality brews is making sure that everyone who enters their tasting room has an amazing experience and feels at home. Roscoe Beer Co. welcomes patrons year-round to the brewery to experience their beautiful tap room. Each year the brewery offers several large festi-

vals bringing in hundreds of people into the small village of Roscoe to enjoy a day of fun with live music and family friendly activities. The onsite tasting room and outdoor beer garden are idyllic settings to enjoy a beverage while basking in the natural beauty of the surrounding Catskill moun-

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In addition to live music and beer, the anniversary party had a number of games and activities to keep the party going all day long.

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tains, and there's no better time to take in peak fall foliage than the next few weeks. Weekly happenings, including karaoke, trivia nights and live music ensure that

whether you're a beer-lover, nature enthusiast, or simply seeking a memorable experience, Roscoe Beer Co. is ready to welcome you with a raised glass.



Keep an eye on the Roscoe Beer Company for upcoming events that bring out the spirit of a decade's worth of excellence.

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Sip, Sip, Hooray!

Bethel Woods' 3rd annual Big Sip returns

Hudson Valley's wine and spirits event of the year will feature premium tastings, world class musical performances, and artisanal food and fare



This fall, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is partnering with Hudson Valley Magazine and Valley Table to bring more than 4,000 cultural enthusiasts to the third annual Big Sip.

Set against the iconic backdrop of Bethel Woods—the historic site of the legendary 1969 Woodstock festival—Big Sip promises an exciting blend of libations, live music, and a diverse array of local craft, artisan, and specialty food vendors. The two-day wine festival will feature performances by Andrew McMahon in the Wilderness and Back To The Eighties Show with Jessie's Girl, among others.

Guests can look forward to enjoying the Big Sip on October 7 from 1:00-5:30 p.m. (VIP Entry: Noon) and October 8 from 1:00-5:30 p.m. (VIP Entry: 12 p.m).



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

The Big Sip is home to one of the largest wine tasting festivals in the area, as wineries from around the state come to show off their best with live music keeping the vibes up for two whole days of peace, love and wine.

About Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

Bethel Woods Center for the Arts inspires, educates, and empowers individuals through the arts and humanities by presenting a diverse selection of culturally rich performances, popular artists, and community and educational programming. Located 90 miles from New York City at the site of the 1969 Woodstock festival in Bethel, NY, the lush 800-acre campus includes a Pavilion Stage amphitheater with seating for 16,000, an intimate 422-seat indoor Event Gallery, the award-winning Museum at Bethel Woods, and a Conservatory for arts education programming.

Through the in-depth study and exhibition of the social, political, and cultural events of the 1960s, as well as the preservation of the historic site of the Woodstock Music and Art Fair, Bethel Woods educates individuals about the issues and lessons of the decade while inspiring a new generation to contribute positively to the world around them. The not-for-profit organization relies on the generous support of individuals, corporations, and foundations to develop and sustain programs that improve the quality of life in the region and beyond.

General admission includes:

- Entry into the festival
- Access to and sampling at more than 50 alcohol makers
- Shopping and sampling at local and regional vendors
- Food available for purchase at local and regional food vendors
- Live music on the Horizon Stage
- VIP admission includes:
- Everything included in GA
- One hour early entry to festival

VIP admission includes:

- Admission to exclusive VIP private lounges that showcase premium Bourbon & Whiskey, Tequila & Mezcal or Wine producers from across the country
- Commemorative VIP Wine Tasting Glass
- Admission to the Museum at Bethel Woods

Attendees can select one of the VIP Tasting Pass options or opt for the universal pass, which grants entry to all three tasting lounges. All VIP Tasting Passes are presented by Resorts World Catskills and Resorts World Hudson Valley.

Top Shelf: Private Bourbon & Whiskey VIP Tasting Pass

Sip bourbons and whiskeys, both familiar and unexpected, while you learn about the ingredients and process that makes each handcrafted brand unique. Featuring Bourbon, Rye, American Single Malt, Scotch, Indian Whiskey, Taiwanese Maritime Whiskey, Australian Whiskey and more, as well as Terry from The Whiskey Scorecard conducting classes.

All About Agave: Sensational Tequila & Mezcal VIP Tasting Pass

Savor the aromas, flavors and textures imparted by agave cultivation, cooking, fermentation, and distillation, in addition to the aging techniques utilized by today's master distillers. As you sample the finest Silver, Reposado and Anejo Tequila, Mezcal, Bacanura and Sotols in the room from Wild Common and PM Spirits,

hear from influencer Lucas Assis - known Bartender, Agave-Lover, and Storyteller.

Sommeliers' Choice: Wine Connoisseur VIP Tasting Pass

Swirl and sample a variety of world-class wines, including reds, whites and rosés from vintners across the region and beyond, including flights of classics, new releases, and rare vintages. Featuring Grower Champagne, Grand Cru Wine, Red and White Burgundy, Bordeaux, Brunello, Cava, Napa Cabernet, Napa Blends, Amarone, Washington State Wine, Tokaji, Lebanese Wine, Alsace Wine, Finger Lake Wine, Margeaux, and so much more, as well as Sunny Gandara, Certified Wine Educator, Diploma in Wine.

Ticket prices range from \$35 to \$455.

All attendees, including Designated Drivers, MUST be 21+ years of age. Photo ID required for entry. Alcohol sampling and sales will end one-hour prior to the end of The Big Sip.

For more information and to purchase tickets for the two-day festival, please visit www.BethelWoodsCenter.org.

Wallenpaupak Brewing Co. continues growth six years on

BY BRAD BENESKI,
WALLENPAUPAK BREWING
COMPANY

Wallenpaupak is approaching our sixth anniversary this September with no signs of slowing down!

With past accolades including medals from Great American

Beer Festival, World Beer Awards, US Open Beer Championships, the New York International Beer Competition, in addition to having a beer named a Top 20 Beer of 2022 by Craft Beer & Brewing Magazine, the production brewery and brewpub in Hawley, PA has now been given the title of Best Fall Seasonal Beer Release by USA Today for our Pumpkin Ale.



Above: Wallenpaupak Brewing Company's Pumpkin Ale is an Autumnal staple beer available for purchase.

Left: Join friends and raise 'em high at the brewery located in Hawley, Pa.



A panel of experts created a panel of 20 of the best fall beer releases with a month-long fan vote deciding that Wallenpaupak's Pumpkin Ale is the best fall beer release of the year.

While the hustle and bustle of the summer may be approaching hibernation, there is no off-season when it comes to crafting exceptional beer and cultivat-

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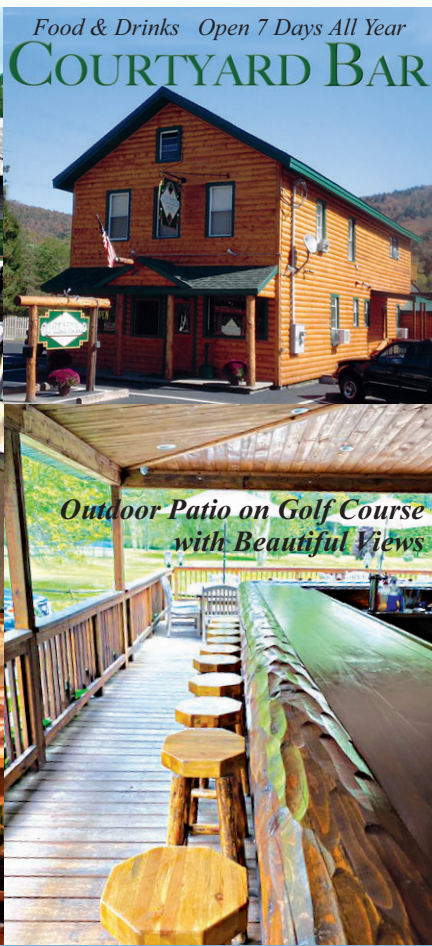
ing memories at Wallenpaupack Brewing Company. We get to share our anniversary with our favorite beer season of the year - Oktoberfest!

On the heels of Wallenpaupack Brewing Company's four-year partnership with the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders which gave them the naming rights to a craft beer bar on the third base side of the concourse, Wallenpaupack is excited to announce that they have reached a three-year partnership with the Mohegan Sun Arena at the Casey Plaza in Wilkes-Barre to have beer available at all 38 Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins games in addition to the full slate of entertainment that the arena will host.

So, the next time you take in three periods of hockey or settle in for a concert, make sure to check out the Wallenpaupack Brewing Company bar at the East Gate entrance of the arena.



Craft brew creates community with other brewers, as WBCo. is affiliated with the independent craft Brewers Association.



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Cheers to 5 years

Cochecton Fire Station celebrates half decade of business and community



Above: Patrons enjoying the bar during the anniversary party.

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY JESSICA RODA

Pure gratitude radiated throughout the bar while owners Josiah Early and Zeke Miller were beaming from ear to ear celebrating with the local community and patrons for their five-year anniversary celebration. The bar was packed with people celebrating and catching up with old and new friends alike.

The Cochecton Fire Station celebrated with a drink special, “Mug & a Tub” — a ladle of Chatham Artillery Punch with a monogrammed 5-year mug.

“Chatham punch is simple but has to be right,” Josiah Early said.

He noted that they turned to their good friend and renowned food writer, David Wondrich, to tweak the recipe just right for the occasion. This famous punch dates back to the 1820s to an Artillery Unit in Georgia before the Revolution.

In a speech to the crowded bar, Josiah said, “That punch is potent



Left: Cochecton Fire Station co-owner Josiah Early posed in the clawfoot tub at the Cochecton Fire Station.

and so is this community. Y’all got us through COVID, but none of this would be here without this community.

“We don’t own this place, y’all own this place, and we’re happy to give this fire station back to this town and back to the community to enjoy. The fact that y’all kept us alive during COVID and alive for five years, you’re gonna keep us alive for another 10 years,” Josiah said.

“To make it five years in this business is such an honor and to know our community is here to back us, that makes us so incredibly happy.”

Zeke added to his sentiment, “Guys, thanks so much for coming out, this community, we appreciate you and we wouldn’t be here without you.”

The community’s dedication shows. You can find their frozen mac-and-cheese available in your local Peck’s Markets freezer section. One of their newest dishes, the Yaki ginger pork, is a sensation for your palate and quickly be-



Rick Gonsalves left, and Joann Cammorato with co-owner Josiah Early.

coming a fan favorite.

The Cocheton Fire Station offers a wide list of cocktails to choose from. Their most popular cocktails include the Feed & Seed, the Ornerly Old Fashioned and the Joanie Negroni just to name a few.

If you find a cocktail or drink you'd want to enjoy for another day, you can purchase everything you'd need to make your cocktails from their store just down the road, Cocheton Spirits — which was voted one of “The Best Spirits Shops in America, According to Pros” by Wine Enthusiast, 2022.

The Cocheton Fire Station is open year-round, Friday through Tuesday, offering specialty cocktails and small bites including vegan and vegetarian options. Cocheton Spirits is open year round, Tuesday to Sunday.

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