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Federal boost coming to Liberty developments

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ALEX KIELAR

MONTICELLO — The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced over \$8 million in loans to Conifer Realty for two Sullivan County HUD-assisted properties on Tuesday, April 9. The funding was announced by HUD's Regional Administrator for New York and New Jersey, Alicka Ampry-Samuel and was awarded through HUD's Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP).

The first loan was awarded to Berkeley Gardens Apartments in Liberty for \$4,080,000 and the second was awarded to Lake View Apartments in Loch Sheldrake for \$4,720,000.

GRRP supports energy efficiency and climate resilience in HUD-assisted affordable housing. Owners can apply through three types of grants: elements, leading edge and comprehensive. Both Berkeley Gardens and Lake View received comprehensive grants, which pro-



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vides funding to properties with the highest need for climate resilience and utility

efficiency upgrades. “GRRP will make buildings more resilient in severe

weather and a changing climate,” said Ampry-Samuel. “The upgrades will preserve

affordable housing and provide safer living environments for children and families.”

Grant recipients

Berkeley Gardens Apartments is a 51-unit apartment building that has a HUD project-based Section 8 contract that assists 50 low-income households. 58 percent of the residents at Berkeley Gardens are disabled and 56 percent are elderly. The National Risk Index notes that this property may be at risk of flooding, lightning and increased social vulnerability.

Lake View Apartments is a 59-unit multifamily building that is under a HUD project-based Section 8 rental assistance contract. The National Risk Index notes that Lake View is an area that may be exposed to riverine flooding and landslide hazards.

Senior Vice President of Conifer Realty, Kevin Day, said that Conifer is going to combine the two grants of nearly \$9 million with other

state funding sources to embark on a comprehensive renovation to modernize and revitalize the two communities for residents.

“Our partner Conifer-LeChase Construction will undertake these renovations,” Day said. “[Those renovations include] installation of new roofs, windows and insulation, upgrading bathrooms and kitchens and implementation of state of the art HVAC systems and solar panels.

“HUD and Conifer are committed to full electrification and decarbonization at these properties,” Day continued, “which underscores Conifer’s dedication to environmental sustainability across our portfolio.”

Day said that given the substantial design work and financial requirements involved, they anticipate closing on construction financing by June of 2025 and completing construction no later than the end of 2026.

“It’s a large project that will be almost \$15 million worth. PLEASE SEE BOOST, PAGE 3A



Town Board members Susan Parks-Landis and Steve Budofsky, along with their fellow board members, are expected to submit their thoughts on the proposed adjustments to the Town Code individually, setting the scene for group discussion next month.

STORY AND PHOTO BY DEREK KIRK

FORESTBURGH — In the interest of altering the Town Code to regulate short term rentals (STR) in the town of Forestburgh, the Town Board discussed a proposed draft of amendments which would be implemented into the Town Code.

A compiled list of potential additions of the Town Code were presented on April 4 by the short term rental subcommittee consisting of Town Board members Susan Parks-Landis and Vincent Galligan, who utilized STR-focused research completed by fellow board members Steve Budofsky and Karen Ellsweig.

Although there is no deter-

mined number of STRs that are operating in Forestburgh, recent research completed by local officials indicate there are around 30.

In the attempts to regulate these operations, the Town Board discussed making additions and other changes to the Town Code to codify anticipated guidelines. The proposed changes listed below are liable to change or be removed, as discussions between board members continue.

Proposed changes

The short term rental subcommittee presented the following proposals to the Town Board:

- In order to operate as an STR, the rental must be registered and approved for an STR in

Short term rentals still topic of talks Forestburgh Town Board to submit opinions on proposals

the Town of Forestburgh and County of Sullivan.

- Proof of current homeowner’s insurance is required as a condition of STR permit issuance.
- Applications will be made to the Town of Forestburgh Building Department with new Operating Permit Application (add new \$25 application fee). Proof of registration with Sullivan County must be provided with application.
- Premise violations of any nature recorded in the Town of Forestburgh will render the application for an STR denied.
- STR’s are limited to one unit per lot, and cannot be adjacent to another approved STR. All STR’s in existence and in compliance with Town Code (registered with Sullivan County) at the time of passage of regulations will be grandfathered and not subject to restrictions of this specific provision.
- Once a complete STR Operating Permit Application is received, a safety and com-

pliance inspection will be performed by the Town of Forestburgh Code Enforcement Officer (CEO).

- Once approved for STR operation, an Accessory Use Permit (STR) will be issued with payment of annual approved fee. An inventory of approved STR’s will be maintained by the Town of Forestburgh.
- Approved STR’s will be subject to an annual fee as determined by the Town Board and required to recertify each year with an affidavit of compliance (new form) by the owner. Payment of the annual fee, approved re-certification, and proof of registration with Sullivan County will allow continuation of the approved STR.
- The Town of Forestburgh establishes a cap of (to be determined based on current number of STR’s in Town of Forestburgh). Applications received for new STR’s above the cap will establish a waiting list based on age of application.

- Any violation found at a premise with an STR Accessory Use permit will result in suspension of the permit and rental until the violation is resolved with the Town of Forestburgh. Fines will be imposed for violations as established in XXXXXX [sic]. A second violation within 12 months of initial violation will result in revocation of the permit for a 12-month period.
- STR’s are limited to the approved owner and cannot be transferred to another owner.
- Any STR operating without a permit will be cited by the Town of Forestburgh CEO with violation of Town Code. Fines will be imposed, and the owner will be held responsible for compliance. Continuing noncompliance will result in legal prosecution and accumulating fines.
- A placard bearing the following information will be prominently displayed in the approved STR in plain sight: Owner Name, Premise Street

Address, Premise Contact Name and Phone Number in case of Issue (24/7), Town of Forestburgh Code Enforcement Information, and Emergency Contact Information. A prominent 911 street address sign will be displayed at street level for identification in case of emergency.

A number of these suggestions were met with critique, most notably item number five, which dictates that STR’s are limited to one unit per lot, and cannot be adjacent to another approved STR.

Following the presentation of these adjustments, Town Supervisor Dan Hogue Jr. requested that each board member individually submit their thoughts on the proposed list to establish grounds for future discussion on the matter.

No action regarding the proposed amendments was taken by the board last Thursday.

Glamping in Thompson

BY PATRICIO ROBAYO

THOMPSON — A public hearing was held on April 10 by the Thompson Planning Board regarding a new glamping site planned for Swinging Bridge Estates Road dubbed, Minsky Glamping Sites.

The project aims to introduce four glamping units, designed as metal-framed, container-type structures measuring 10 feet by 24 feet each.

These units will be outfitted with kitchens, bathrooms, bedrooms, and sitting areas, offering a “luxurious” camping experience.

One unit may feature additional amenities such as

a sauna and hot tub. Constructed on gravel pads, the units will utilize an on-site well and septic system, comparable to the utilities of a four-bedroom home.

Challenges emerged early for the project’s developer, Minsky, including a stop work order and two violations issued by the Thompson Building Department for initiating construction without the necessary permits. These issues have been resolved through the payment of a fine.

The Thompson Planning Board expressed concerns about the project’s classification and its distinction from tiny homes, consider-

ing the proposed amenities and structures.

This glamping site represents an expansion of Minsky’s real estate endeavors in the region, following a nearly approved 28-lot subdivision project that is awaiting the completion of three test wells for the New York State Department of Health.

Situated in the RR-2 zone, the proposed site allows for campground use on lots exceeding 10 acres.

The proposal aligns with the rising popularity of glamping, a trend that elevates outdoor experiences by integrating luxury elements.

During the public hearing, several attendees

voiced concerns about the potential impact of short-term rentals and the influx of a transient population on a predominantly residential area. Issues raised included littering and improper waste disposal.

Furthermore, questions arose regarding the project’s compliance with campground requirements and its potential disruption to the area’s character.

The Thompson Planning Board concluded the public hearing, instructing the applicant to address each concern raised. Approval of the site plan by the planning board, contingent on these responses, is necessary before business operations can start.



CONTRIBUTED ART
An artist’s rendering of the potential Minsky Glamping Sites in Thompson.

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MONDAY, APRIL 15
 Village of Woodridge, Board of Trustees Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Village Hall, 2 Dairyland Rd., Woodridge.
 Town of Liberty, Town Board, Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., 120 North Main St., Liberty.
 Tri-Valley Board Policy Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level, 34 Moore Hill Rd, Grahamsville.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16
 Village of Monticello, Village Board, Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 2 Pleasant St., Monticello.
 Town of Mamakating, Town Board, Meeting, 6 p.m., 2948 Route 209, Wurtsboro.
 Town of Thompson, Town Board, Meeting, 7 p.m., 4052 Route 42, Monticello.
 UDC Committee to meet at 6:30 p.m., UDC Office, 211 Bridge St., Narrowsburg
 Tri-Valley Regular Meeting #20, 7:00 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level 34 Moore Hill Rd, Grahamsville.

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Mike Haff resigns as Callicoon's Highway Superintendent

BY ALEX KIELAR

JEFFERSONVILLE – At the latest Callicoon Town Board meeting on Monday, April 8, Supervisor Tom Bose announced that Highway Superintendent Mike Haff has handed in his letter of resignation. Bose said that it was a personal decision for Haff, who was not present at the meeting, and there are no bad feelings between him and any of the board members.

The resignation is effective today, April 12, and will be his last day working for the Town of Callicoon. Haff began his position as Highway Superintendent of the town in October 2022. That was when former Town of Callicoon Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Zieres retired and then-Highway Superintendent Kris Scullion took over the position.

The board will also be awarding their stone, asphalt, sand, gas, mowing and hauling bids at their May meeting, which Bose said Haff will make suggestions on.

“He has been a great Highway Superintendent for us,”



Town of Callicoon Highway Superintendent Mike Haff, far right, handed in his letter of resignation with his last day being today. He began in October 2022.

Bose said. “We have been lucky to have him in this position.”

Bose also said that it is still too early in the process to think about who they will hire as a replacement Highway Superintendent, but that there are a lot of employees in the Highway

Department who will be able to pick up the slack and get the job done.

“It was a hard decision,” said Haff in his report read by Bose. “But it is the best decision for my family and I.”

Other business

Bose also announced that the town has received a grant from Sullivan 180 of \$20,000 to be used towards

NYS Assembly candidate Lou Ingrassia files Republican and Conservative petitions

Lou Ingrassia, who is running for Assemblyman in the 100th Assembly District, has announced that he has successfully filed his Republican and Conservative petitions.

The NY-100 consists of Middletown and Wallkill in Orange County and most of Sullivan County. Ingrassia secured more than 1,500 Republican signatures, tripling the 500 needed for submission. He also filed Conservative signatures by far exceeding the required

amount.

“I want to thank all of the volunteers who assisted me in securing these petitions,” Ingrassia said. “I think these results are a testament to the positive feedback that we have received from residents in Orange and Sullivan counties during our campaign. I look forward to continuing to earning the support of voters throughout the district and proudly serving the NY-100.”

Ingrassia's campaign continues to focus on

rebuilding the state's infrastructure, making healthcare more affordable and providing more resources to first responders and emergency services.

Ingrassia, the Town of Wallkill's Department of Public Works (DPW) Commissioner, has deep-seated roots in the NY-100 and is well-liked and respected by his peers. He has been a volunteer firefighter for 42 years and is an elected Fire Commissioner for the Howells Fire District.



Lou Ingrassia

Ingrassia is a past president of the Orange County Highway Superintendents Association, a Board Member of the Orange County Water Authority and Co-Director of the Town of Wallkill Emergency Management Division.

Ingrassia is the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Hudson Valley Honor Flight and has long advocated for veterans in the community. He has also been a member of the Town's Republican committee for over 25 years.

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Sullivan County Retired Teachers Association meeting set for April 24

HURLEYVILLE — The Sullivan County Retired Teachers' Association will have a meeting at 10:15 AM on April 24 at the Casa Mia, (formerly Frankie and Johnny's), Hurleyville, NY. Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon. We will order from the Lunch or Dinner menu. Our speaker will be Rhonda Decker, Senior Vice President and Security Officer of the Jeff Bank. She will speak on “Scams and Frauds”.

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Yermia Solomon re-instated to Village Police dispatch

STORY AND PHOTO
BY VINCENT KURZROCK

MONTICELLO — At the Village of Monticello's Re-Organizational Meeting held on April 3, Village Attorney Michael Sussman read the "Resolution Rescinding the Termination of Yermia Solomon."

He read out loud that Solomon well-served the Village of Monticello as a Police Dispatcher.

According to Sussman, although Solomon is currently facing criminal charges in Sullivan County, the pendency of those charges was said to not disqualify Solomon from the performance of his duties.

"Whereas following the lodging of those charges has only suspended Mr. Solomon with pay," explained Sussman. "Whereas on April 1, 2024, while the foresighted charges were still pending, Mayor/Village Manager [George] Nikolaos caused a letter to be delivered to Mr. Solomon terminating his employment with the Village of Monticello."

cello." "Whereas the Village Board affirms the principle that a person accused of a crime is presumed innocent. After review with council, this Village Board does not believe the accusations currently pending against Mr. Solomon justify either his suspension or his termination."

He read that it is hereby resolved that:

1. Solomon's termination and suspension are rescinded, and he shall be re-instated to his position of Dispatcher in the Village Police Department.

2. Solomon shall be compensated for any wages he lost since his termination on April 1 of this year.

Trustee Theodore Hutchins made the motion, which was seconded by Trustee Janice Davis. The resolution was unanimously approved by the Board reinstating Solomon.

Public Comment

Present at the meeting was Axel Hellman, who is the Founder and Manager



Village of Monticello Attorney Michael Sussman read aloud different resolutions pertaining to the Village of Monticello. He stressed that public hearings would be available for Local Laws.

of a company called Rally OurBus.

He explained that they're in the inter-city bus sector. He also described that they're not a bus company but they plan the routes and sell the tickets.

He also explained that the company itself is contracted out to Charter Buses.

About a week prior to the meeting, a colleague of his reportedly contacted the Clerk to find out about potential stopping locations in

the Village of Monticello.

"It doesn't appear that there's anything in the Code about on-street bus stops, or where inter-city buses should go," recalled Hellman, "So she recommended that I come to this Public

Comment [session] and introduce myself, and begin a discussion about service."

He stated that it is intended to begin some time in the summer and that they're hoping to launch it by the Fourth of July. He suggested the idea of one to two round trips a day to New York City.

"It's actually on an intermediate stop that's currently going from Buffalo to New York," Hellman detailed further. "It's going through Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Binghamton. Half the time, the buses pass through this way, Route 17, without stopping."

He said he would leave his business card and they can go from there. He also said he is expecting a productive conversation on the matter.

He further noted that he spoke with the casino about the stop location, but the idea is to serve the general public as travelers and not casino visitors specifically.

Attorney Michael Sussman told Hellman that he could speak with the Village Manager about the matter.

BOOST: \$8 million for Liberty, Loch Sheldrake projects.

FORM FRONT PAGE

of construction work," said Day.

According to HUD's press person Olga Alvarez, the owners of Lake View Apartments plan to undertake a detailed retrofit of the property and will focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and operating costs through energy efficiency measures.

These steps will help to improve the property's resiliency to climate hazards. The retrofit will also focus on improving the residents' quality of life by undertaking green and healthy housing measures.

Legislature looks to future

Also in attendance at the press conference speaking about the funding were President of Conifer Realty Sam Leone, Conifer Realty Board Member Jeremy Levkoff, HUD Office of Recapitalization GRRP Team Lead Joseph Baietti, District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward and Sullivan Director of Communications, Dan Hust, who spoke on behalf of District 1 Legislator and Chair, Nadia Rajasz.

"Nadia is thrilled as this is a very important issue to her," Hust said. "A primary concern of the legislature is addressing housing in Sullivan County."

Ward noted that the funding is personal to her as she was born and raised here.

"I grew up playing with my friends at Lakeview Apartments," Ward said. "Hanging out there, sleeping over there, running track practices in the parking lot... Just to know that you care about the quality of life and sustainability because some of these housings are generational."

Ward thanked the HUD family and said that it is incredible to see the work that

they have done.

"You could take on something like this and you can bring numbers to Sullivan County that we've really never seen before," said Ward.

After the announcement press conference, Baietti provided an in-depth presentation on GRRP and responded to owners' questions. The presentation allowed those owners who are interested in applying for GRRP funding an opportunity to learn the ins and outs of the program.



From left to right is Eric Okoko, HUD Multifamily Account Executive; Eric Johnson, Conifer Regional Manager; Dinah Padilla, Community Manager for Lake View and Barkley Gardens; Lindsey Horton, Assistant VP, Property Management; Jeremy Levkoff, Director, Belveron Partners and Conifer Realty board member; Sam Leone, Conifer, Barkley Gardens; Kevin Day, Conifer Senior Vice President; Alicka Ampry-Samuel, HUD Regional Administrator for New York and New Jersey; Joseph Baietti, HUD Office of Recapitalization GRRP Team Lead; District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward; District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips; District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips and District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez.

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Long Eddy - St. Patrick's Church - Sunday Mass: 8:30 am.
Obernburg - 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.
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Callicoon - St. James Episcopal Church, 17B. Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 845-887-3145.
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LUTHERAN
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Liberty - St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 24 Chestnut St. Worship Schedule - Sunday morning worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m. Food Pantry/Toiletries - Last Wednesday of each month at 5:15 p.m.
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Livingston Manor - Cornerstone Community Church, 2 Groovine Road. Sunday School for all 10:10 am. Worship Service



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
 Past Exalted Ruler Brian Bock (right) presents the gavel of authority to new Exalted Ruler Jim Gerrard II at a ceremony on March 23rd. The Monticello Elks Lodge has 337 members.

Monticello Elks Install New Officers

MONTICELLO — PER Mike Brennan, Brian Johnson and PER Brian Bock. Presiding over the ceremony was Past State President Phil Conaty. The following awards were announced by outgoing Exalted Ruler Brian Bock: The Elk of the Year is Hope Bock and the Officer of the Year is Trustee Jen Petersen. Past State Vice President Pete Scannell was recognized for outstanding service. The Monticello Lodge supports local veterans, scouts, Little League and the Homeless Federation, as well as providing coats and gloves to elementary school children.

11:00 am Sundays. Various Community Bible Studies during the week. Call Pastor Paul at 201-396-6395 for information or prayer.

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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.
Kenoza Lake - Old Taylor Rd across from fire dept. Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Pastor Joycalynn Jordan and Joseph (Bud) LeConey, CLM, 845-313-1204.
Liberty - 170 N. Main St. Sunday

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Barryville - 3405 Route 97, Barryville. Worship 9 am. 557-6216.bumccorprate@gmail.com, www.Facebook.com/BUMCNY.
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God has always been very faithful to provide for our needs. From the time He put our broken family back together to this very day, He has never let us down. One of the first things we learned when we became followers of Jesus in 1986 was to honor the Lord with our giving, and He has blessed us in return.

God's blessings upon us were not just monetary. He provided us with six or seven cars for a number of years. They may not have lasted forever, but whenever one of those gifts was ready to die, someone else came along and offered us their old car.

Throughout our lives, God has provided what we needed when we needed it. When we had trouble paying our taxes a few times, God always stirred someone's heart to offer us the money we needed to pay them.

When my husband had a heart attack at a time when we didn't have health insurance, one of the hospitals canceled the \$35,000 debt when we couldn't get other help. While he was out of work for a couple months, the Lord provided for us through others' giving and a church fund raiser.

When we were moving out of our old mobile home to put up a new house, I feared we wouldn't be able to afford the mortgage. But the Lord was so faithful to arrange a conversation with a bank employee at just the right time. By mistake the woman quoted me a much lower interest rate, and because I agreed to that and the conversation was recorded, the bank had to honor it. Our mortgage on the new house was only \$4 more per month than what we'd paid before.

When it was nearing time for my husband to retire because of a knee injury, we weren't sure how we

could possibly live on Social Security. But again, God came through for us. He was able to get a nice settlement through Workmen's Comp because of the knee, and we were surprised by a letter from his company that came after he signed up for SS benefits.

Years earlier when the company had switched to a 401K for the employees, what was already in their retirement funds continued to multiply over the years. We weren't even aware of this. The company decided at that time to dissolve these benefits and each one was given what was in their accounts. We were shocked at how much the Lord provided through this.

So we continue to believe God for His great faithfulness to always provide for us. I shared with you last June that the Lord opened a door for me to publish a devotional book I'd written years ago. I needed to raise the funds to get it published, and was amazed at how much people were willing to give, even some I didn't know.

I had raised all but the last \$1,000 I needed, and had no idea where the rest would come from since there was no one left to ask. But God, of course, and He did not disappoint. The last \$1,000 came to me anonymously, and I was able to get my first book published.

So if you're interested in reading it, Life Observations: Lessons from Daily Living is available in either print or eBook on Amazon and Barnes & Noble. I thank the Lord for bringing this dream to reality.

Hope Ministries is a Christian counseling center, and we are here to help. If you would like to speak confidentially with someone, give us a call at 845-482-5300.



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HAWLEY-MILLS NUPTIALS SUN.

GRACE MARY HAWLEY BRIDE OF CHAS. E. MILLS IN EVENING CEREMONY HERE.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hawley of Lookout, PA. Announce the marriage of their daughter, Grace Mary, to Charles Edson, son of Dr. and Mrs. George R. Mills of Callicoon. The double ring ceremony was performed Sunday, March 27, 1955 at 8 pm in the Callicoon Methodist Church by Rev. Earl Buchele, the pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Evans were the attendants. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Only members of the immediate families were present.

The bride was attired in a flecked beige tweed suit with avocado green accessories and a corsage of yellow carnations. The matron of honor wore a shadow blue suit with black accessories and a yellow carnation corsage.

Following the ceremony the members of the immediate families attended a candlelight supper in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mills. The couple left immediately on a wedding trip to New York City and environs.

The beautiful 3-tiered wedding cake was made and decorated by Mrs. Rubin Keesler, a sister of the bride.

Mrs. Mills is a graduate of the Hancock Central High School and the Binghamton City Hospital School of Nursing and is on the staff of Callicoon Hospital. The bridegroom is a partner in the Mills & Evans Chevrolet sales and service business here. He is a graduate of Delaware Valley Central School. He attended Union College at Schenectady and is a graduate of the Spartan Aviation School at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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Showing my age

I was talking with my friend Paul about luggage when I told him I needed to get a new valise.

"You're going to Greece?"
"No, I need a valise."
"Why do you need Vaseline for your luggage?"

"Not Vaseline. A valise. I gotta get a new valise."
He had no idea what I was talking about.

It was just the latest reminder that I have crossed the aging Rubicon. And in saying that I have crossed the Rubicon I'm again showing my age. I use words and phrases that have long left the vocabulary who learn about life watching TikTok while my age group watches the power of gravity.

We've become the baby drooper generation.

I long ago crossed over from a mature male to an aging man. Look, the average American male lives 73.5 years, which means I turned the corner on middle age more than a quarter of a century ago.

I watch the History Channel and notice I was around during most of its history shows.

This isn't just a mental thing with me.

I'm also feeling the signs.

When I squat to pick up something, I sound like a bowl of Rice Krispies. I start feeling around to make sure I haven't left any piece of me on the floor.

One of these days I'm gonna snap, crackle, and pop my way out of existence.

The sounds I make trying to get out of bed would scare a bear.

Since I started writing this column I've had to go to the bathroom four times.

I've noticed some other, less subtle changes in my life.

When I talk about "those kids," I'm not referring to teenagers, but people in their 30s.

I look at the obituaries and think, they were so young. And now I try to find out what they died from, just to see if I might have any symptoms.

I remember when classic was current and retro was now.

When Chuck Taylors weren't fab but simply functional. When wearing white sneakers was considered wild.

When Madonna was considered wild. Now it's back to being a sign of respect. "Ah, she's like the Madonna!"

When a high channel was 13 and when there wasn't anything on television late at night. Just a test pattern.

When shorts were short.

When you patched holes in jeans. And they weren't jeans. They were dungarees.

I remember when people referred to Paul McCartney as the cute Beatle. Now he's known as one of the alive ones.

My granddaughter Catherine listens to the Beatles. Okay, that is one of the best things about growing old, sharing your love of music with your grandkids. I told her that I have one of their early 45s (which again redefines my advanced age, since they don't press too many new 45s).

"What's a 45?"

"A record."

"You mean an album?"

"No, it's like an album, but smaller. But with a bigger hole in the middle. And it has only one song on each side, and I played it on my Victrola."

"Your what?"

"Record player. I played it on my record player. But you had to use a plastic yellow ... I don't know what they called it ... but it was a plastic yellow piece that you put in the middle of the 45 to keep it on the Victrola, I mean the record player."

"Why was it yellow?"

I told her I'd explain all about 45s another time, but that PopPop was going on a trip and that I had to go online to buy a new valise.

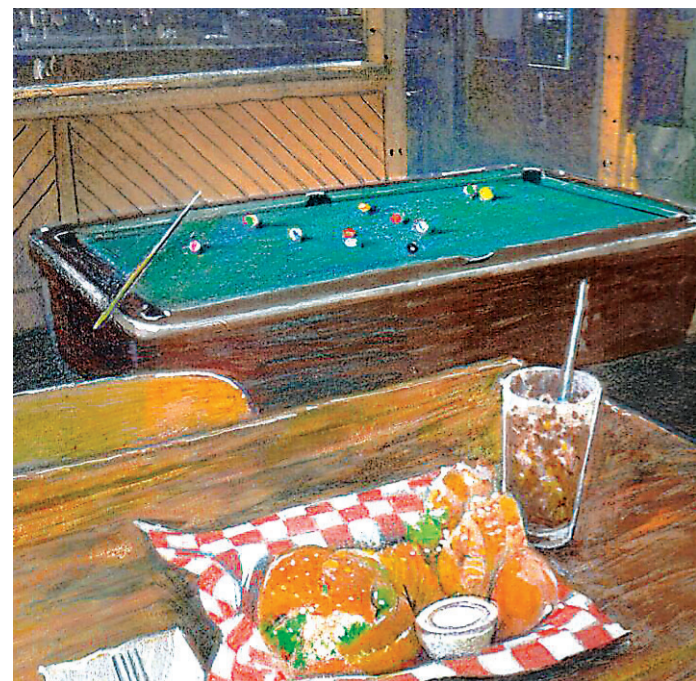
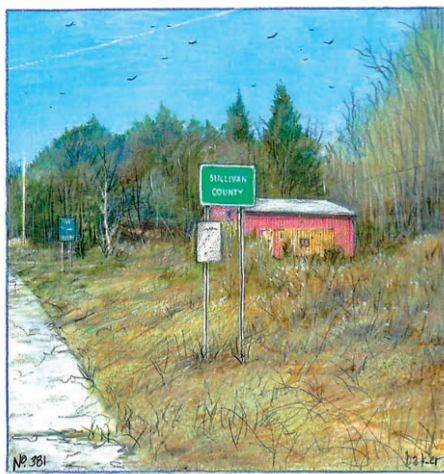
"You're going on a trip with the police?"

"Yeah, as soon as I finish going to the bathroom. Again."

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Where are we? No. 382

Where are we this week? (drawing at right) If you know, please email editor@sc-democrat.com by 5 p.m. next Wednesday, April 17. Please include your name and mailing address with your entry, and your phone number. This edition of "Where are we?" was a popular one! Jordan Fedun knew that it was a view of the Sullivan County/Ulster County line by West End Auto in Woodbourne. We wish everyone the best of luck this week!



Taking down Tobacco across Sullivan County

LIBERTY — Sullivan County students joined schools across the United States in participating in National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week March 18-24 and Take Down Tobacco National Day of Action

on April 1. Students from Liberty, Robert J. Kaiser and Eldred Middle Schools competed in poster contests, created inhaler tubes and learned about vaping and e-cigarettes from the CATCH My Breath youth vaping prevention program led by Sullivan 180.

This year, Sullivan County middle school students

competed in classroom poster contests expressing the theme "Vaping's Not Our Thing." On her poster, one Robert J. Kaiser Middle School 6th-grade student wrote:

"Warning! Vaping is BAD for you! Vaping even 'just a little' can get you addicted and once you get addicted, you can't stop. Vaping can

affect you in many, many, many ways. It can affect your relationships, your education, and other things."

48 students at Kaiser Middle School recently graduated from CATCH My Breath and the program is currently in progress at Liberty Middle School. Call Nicole at 295-2684 for info.

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Your child needs to be 4 years old for Pre-Kindergarten and 5 years old for Kindergarten by December 1, 2024.

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EDITORIAL

What's aHead post-reStart

With the replacement for the Sullivan Head Start program beginning their watch over the youth's education, which was stripped from them along with their regular routines, there is a great hope of reclaiming what was lost and getting the children's lives back on track.

Overcoming a great deal of obstacles, county officials have worked with countless others to reinstate this much-needed service in Woodbourne and Monticello.

Restarting the school is just one of the many notable successes in the push for a better county on many fronts. The access to healthier food is always looking

"So much is hanging on this. [The students'] parents need just as much."

to be expanded on, the resurrections of the vapid and empty storefronts on several of our main streets is continuously seeing promise and the overall health and protection from illegal substances are at the pinnacle of our law enforcement's attention.

To see Head Start's replacement begin to get their feet in the door is the break so many have been waiting for in the fight to sustain the education for the youth who utilized Head Start's facilities. So much is hanging on this. The students need this break. Their parents need just as much. The options and education that the now dissolved Sullivan County Head Start provided were much more important to the present and future functions of our society than just learning. It was about providing structure.

Imagine if your school or work, with a day's warning, ceased to operate. If it is all you know, then having to let go of what once was is quite difficult. To make it worse, that was really all these children knew of outside of home. Head Start was their space – a space that was ripped away from them. Once again, however, there is hope.

We are optimistic that the essential provided to so many children and their families will be instated and their working families of our county – and employees who provide the service, an now get back to work.



The Best of Nellie

Reprinted from April 11, 1957

I was going through an old desk the other day when I ran across a little poem written by our youngest son sometime while he was in High School. I read it over several times and found it much to think about. For that reason I would like to share it with all of you—N.C.S.

WELL MEASURED

I know a little man
Who's not so very odd,
Tho' Measurement's his name
And Measurement's his God!

He scurries on his measured way;
Spending his carefully measured day,
Measuring things in every way...

And when a new man moves to town,
He measures to see if he's white or brown;
And whether he earns any more
Than the man who lives next door.

He smugly thinks: "There's nothing on earth
That I can't measure to find its worth!"

Some day he'll pass from the common sod;
His love measured by the love of God.
And when the measuring is done,
Will this narrow-minded man be one
To pass into heaven, measure-less place,
Spending his time at a measure-less pace?

Think well on this if you should be
A prejudiced, measuring man like he!

SEND US A LETTER

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VINCENT KURZROCK | DEMOCRAT

Cozy goodnight

As the Sun bids farewell for its journey to the other side of the Earth, it shines a valiant showing of colors as if to convey "see you tomorrow morning" in the only way it knows how. This past Monday, it had a close encounter with its colder, rocky counterpart, a rarity that will not

be experienced from the United States again until at least 2044, as predicted by NASA. However this will reportedly not be visible from New York. No matter what the Sun may be doing, it will always continue to fascinate and amaze us.

Goodbye George

LIFELINES

KATHY WERNER

(I'm interrupting my Lake Placid travelogue to memorialize my dear dog George who crossed the Rainbow Bridge last week.)

George came into our lives unexpectedly, adopted with his sister Gracie after their original owner chose to give them up.

These two were the whole package, two small poodle mixes that entered our home and our hearts immediately. We said we would "try them on" for a weekend back in 2011, but it was clear that we were ready for more pups after Penny and Farthing, our first two dogs, had died. Born in 2008, George and Gracie were young when we brought them home.

One of the first things George and Gracie did after finding their forever home was to chew apart the hassock of my wing chair. Despite my attempts to mend it, it was eventually damaged beyond repair, though the pups enjoyed pulling out the stuffing for a while.

Of course, all was forgiven because they were so adorable. And we were very lenient dog parents, letting them up on the furniture and beds and not crating them when we had to step out. Because in spite of the mischief they often got themselves into, one look into George's big dark eyes and all was forgiven.

The two of them were partners in crime, but it took us a while to figure out that George was the instigator of their escapades. He was slick, the Eddie Haskell of dogs.

He would take up his post on the back of the couch and keep track of



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My loves—Gracie (left) and the always innocent George, sitting on the chair they eventually destroyed.

the goings-on in the neighborhood, barking whenever another dog dared to walk on our lawn.

George was a fussy eater, except when Gracie was ready to help herself to his food. He would stand guard over his bowl while Gracie inhaled her dinner but wouldn't eat till she came over to see if he would share. The answer was always no.

But George's pickiness over food was legendary. He would never accept a dog treat from any store. One sniff and he'd move on. For this reason, he kept his slim physique while sister Gracie grew quite zaftig with age.

Giving them baths was quite the experience. Since they were small, the kitchen sink was the perfect spot for a scrub, and after wrapping

them in a towel, both would wriggle out of our grasp and begin a wild chase all over the house. They got nuts, running up and down the stairs, jumping on furniture, generally acting crazy. It was a hoot.

George had hidden talents as well. One day, a mouse got into the den and was hiding under the couch, though we didn't realize it. George stood by the sofa and wouldn't move. When the mouse attempted his escape, George quickly dispatched the rodent. Boom! George, mouser extraordinaire.

What George loved most of all was to run. We'd take him in the fields or on the trail, remove his leash, and let him take off. Even a few months ago, he could run faster than we could and if left to his own devices would try to find a cat to antagonize.

When we lost Gracie last year, George got quieter and as he aged, he spent more and more time napping on the couch. He began having trouble walking and his health declined.

Now that George has crossed the Rainbow Bridge, I'm sure that he and Gracie have reunited and are having a romp. George, ever the rascal, is no doubt looking for a cat to aggravate. Thank you, George, for all the love and excitement you and Gracie brought into our lives. We love and miss you both.

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

Cream of Asparagus soup

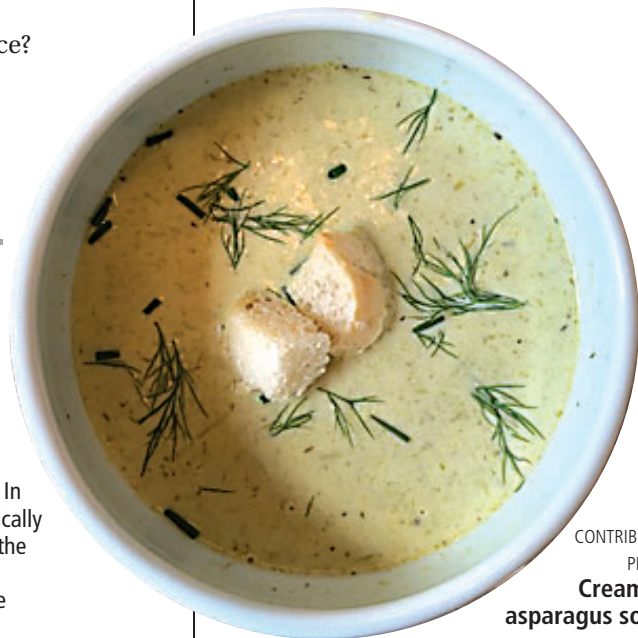
COOKING IN THE COUNTRY

CLAIRE BURNS

making this, but it is essentially fool proof.

You will need
2 tbsp. butter
2 cloves garlic
2 lb. asparagus, ends trimmed then cut into 1 inch pieces
kosher salt
fresh ground black pepper
2 cups low sodium chicken broth
1/2 cup heavy cream, fresh
chopped chives and dill for garnish.
(P.S. you're going to want to double this recipe, trust me)

Begin by taking your chopped garlic and placing it into your melted butter in a heavy pot. Stir the garlic for only about a minute. You do not want it to burn or brown as it will alter the flavor. Next, add your asparagus and season with salt and pepper and cook for about 5 minutes. Be very careful to not over-salt. Salt enhances flavor but there is butter, stock, and it can be easy to get carried away. You can always add more, but you can't take away. Next, add your broth and simmer, covered, until asparagus is very tender, but still green, 10 to 15 minutes. The next step is VERY important.



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Cream of asparagus soup.

1. Do not overcrowd your blender and 2. Do not put boiling hot soup into your blender- there will be no way for the steam to escape and it will essentially explode on you. (I might have learned this the hard way). With an immersion or regular blender, puree the soup once it has cooled down. Return it all back to the pot and stir in your cream. If you'd like it less creamy, feel free to add more broth and less cream. Then, warm over low heat and taste for additional seasoning. I garnished with fresh herbs from my garden and made homemade croutons simply by cutting bread into cubes and seasoning with olive oil, cayenne pepper, herbs de province, and kosher salt, and placed in the oven at 350 for 10 minutes. I ended up quadrupling this batch to give to my parents for lunches (I should be winning favorite child award any day now) and I am excited to eat this for lunch for a few days. Enjoy the seasonal foods that are all around us and I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.

CLAIRE BURNS 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 Grandma Nellie. Claire can be reached at cmh08343@gmail.com.

Widening Rt 17 won't work

To the editor:
Widening Rt 17 just won't work--what the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) needs to do is to go back to the drawing board and rethink the Rt 17 proposal entirely. According to the Associated Press, March 2024 broke global heat records for the tenth month in a row, with air and ocean temperatures hitting an all-time high. Making the highway wider will bring more traffic. And more traffic is more climate pollution.

In the face of this crisis and after New York adopted the most progressive climate laws in the country, the Department of Transportation needs to get with the program. But DOT has not done the necessary climate analysis or thought about this project through a climate lens. We need a 'fix it first' mentality to address

the real problems like potholes and emergency lanes. We need a plan for Rt 17 that provides accessible transportation while reducing climate pollution from cars and trucks. We don't need a billion-dollar boondoggle to build extra lanes which will invite more traffic.

When the Sullivan County Democrat published Mark Mitchell's letter standing with Catskill Mountainkeeper and Third Act's call for the DOT to rethink Rt 17 on April 9th, 2024, and readers shared it online, commenters came out in droves to support this position. Sullivan County residents know it, and people who care for our air, water, and communities know it--widening won't work.

Ramsay Adams
Hurleyville



April Fool's. we just wanted to make sure everyone was paying attention to the scenic. And we are happy to report you were. This is a Blue Jay.

It's called the Blue Jay

To the editor:
Page 6A today (4/9) shows a bird I have known all my life but have never called a blue cardinal. What happened to the blue jay? Why this name?

"Blue" Jay Kasofsky
Woodridge

HEALTH BRIEF

SMALLWOOD-MONGAUP VALLEY

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Leroy Cordero Floyd III, MD.

Garnet Health Expands Hospitalist Services

MIDDLETOWN — Garnet Health Doctors has increased its hospitalist team to 46 providers, who care for inpatients at Garnet Health Medical Center and Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills. Hospitalists are board-certified internists and family practitioners whose core expertise is the care and safety of hospitalized patients. They work with other specialists to guide all major aspects of treatment during a patient's hospital stay, from admission to discharge.

Hospitalists at Garnet Health are experts in managing the complexities of inpatient care. They are adept at coordinating treatment plans, working with multidisciplinary teams and navigating the intricacies of the hospital environment.

"A hospitalist is a crucial member of a patient's care team," remarked Leroy Cordero Floyd III, MD, Garnet Health's chief clinical transformation officer. "The addition of 12 hospitalists across our health system allows patients faster access to the same high-quality care. With more hospitalists on staff 24 hours every day, they are more easily accessible, ensuring all patients have the best possible experience in our hospitals."

Hospitalists specialize in managing the day-to-day care of hospitalized patients. They facilitate collaboration and communication with all care team members within the hospital, respond to emergencies, are there when questions arise, and are a key component in preparing patients for discharge and their return to their primary care provider.

To learn more about Garnet Health's hospitalist services, visit garnethealth.org/hospitalist-program.

April 12 – The glorious sun-splashed weekend which led up to our partial eclipse this past Monday was of course but a feint of hand by the fickle weather god. Damp and cold have returned and it's back to stoking the wood stove most evenings to keep things dry and cozy inside. All the same the awareness grows in early morning and later evening that each day is gaining length and strength at the rate of two or three minutes each circadian cycle. Soon it will be May, then June when the days begin to shorten again.

As the sun ducked behind the moon the other day, I was pushing geranium seedlings down into a row of orange clay pots. Minutes before maximum partial totality was achieved a large bank of dense grey cloud slunk into place from the west, settling over the exact spot in the sky where the celestial goings-on were going on. Grey-blue

light bathed my garden; the temperature fell off; it was quite wondrous, really. The next time a total solar eclipse will visit these parts will be in the year 2399—375 years hence!—a year which will surely come along without you or me around to witness it and marvel at our smallness and the greatness of a cosmos wheeling and dealing beyond our ken.

One has to wonder where Sullivan and Bethel will be in 2399. Be assured it will be a transformed and much warmer and wetter landscape. By then (and likely long beforehand) most of the Florida peninsula will have sunk beneath the waves of the Atlantic and much of the American West and South will resemble the Mojave Desert. Such things will happen if we don't stop climate change, sure as night follows day and June follows May. Who knows about New York State in 2399. Millions of people may covet

Fetch a Sketch

RANDOM THOUGHTS

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As a baby boomer there were many gadgets and toys that were designed to keep us busy. We had things like the Slinky, Silly Putty and the skateboard. But on July 12th, 1960, for the low price of \$2.99, we were able to enter a new realm of entertaining ourselves. For that price many of us were lucky enough to get an Etch A Sketch. In that year alone they sold 600,000 of them and it began making many of us delight in using the new device to create images.

Now let us go into the history of the Etch A Sketch. It was invented in the late 1950s by Andre Cassagnes who was an electrician. He named the toy the L'Ecran Magique which translates into "the magic screen." It was introduced at the International Toy Fair in Nuremberg, Germany. In 1959 a big United States company, the Ohio Art Company, examined it but had no interest in the toy at that time. However, when they saw the toy a second time they decided to take a chance on the product. They renamed it Etch A Sketch. It became the most popular drawing device in the United States. The Ohio Art Company brought the toy out for the Christmas season in 1960 and supported it with a major television advertising campaign.

The design of the original Etch A Sketch had a safety problem that caused the consumers union to file a petition against it. The Etch A Sketch had a plate glass screen which was easily broken and a danger to children. The Food and Drug administration in 1969 announced that the toy had to be redesigned, replacing the glass plate with plastic.

The Etch A Sketch turned out to be a cash cow for the Ohio Art Company. According to toy research experts, more than one hundred million have been sold since its introduction in 1960. Some people decided to try to use it to create professional works of art. One artist named Nicole Falzone also known as the "Monet of the Magic Screen," made detailed portraits of celebrities like Jim Carrey, Stevie Wonder and Bill Gates. The secret to creating these long-lasting drawings is to drill holes in the back of the casing and drain the Etch A Sketch of its aluminum powder so that the image cannot be erased.

The design of the Etch A Sketch seems remarkably simple, but it takes a while to master it. There are two knobs on the lower corners of the frame. Twisting the knobs moves the stylus displacing aluminum powder on the back of the screen leaving its solid line.

The result is an image that emerges as you create. The left knob shifts the stylus horizontally while the right one moves it vertically. They control how you can create intriguing designs, geometric shapes or whimsical doodles. If you make a mistake and want to start over, just shake it causing the aluminum powder to resettle and wiping your creation away and readying the screen for new adventures.

In 1988 the Etch A Sketch earned a place in the National Toy Hall of Fame. It got a big boost when it was featured in the 1995 Disney film "Toy Story." Although it appears for only 12 seconds in the film, it was enough to give it a significant sales boost. In fact, the movie increased the demand, requiring the production line to work overtime. However, the company experienced severe financial trouble from canceled orders and various copycat knockoffs. It was reaching a point where the company might go bankrupt. They were thrown a lifeline when "Toy Story 2" brought the Etch A Sketch back to life again in a scene that lasted 45 seconds. The exposure again from Pixar resulted in sales increasing by 20% and ensuring the survival of the "Magic Screen."

Every generation discovers the fun you can have with an Etch A Sketch. It seems to be able to last "to infinity and beyond."

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

a high-floor condo in Buffalo overlooking the coast of Lake Erie whose pebbly shores run down to pineapple, banana, and rum plantations. New York City will live on behind and tower above her intricate Netherlands-like dyke system.

And here, inland, in Bethel? We can't predict with quite so much plausibility. We can, however, say that some of the decisions we make in 2024 will lastingly impact whatever changed landscape exists here then. Right now the NYS Legislature is considering

a new law (S7791/A8386), the 'Faith-Based Affordable Housing Act.' This law will allow developers to eviscerate all local zoning and environmental laws and throw up multi-family housing units of 30-50 domiciles per acre while completely sidestepping environmental regulations and all local zoning codes and regulations. Per the proposed law, NYS municipalities (think: BETHEL) would be REQUIRED to approve housing applications within 60 days of developers'

filing paperwork. This is a preposterous proposal masquerading as a proposed law. We The People have the tools to ensure the habitability of Bethel in 2074 or 2399, and that tool is our voice, yours and mine, folks. Smallwood's own SmART (Smallwood Aware Residents Team) is helping organize opposition to the bill. I recommend you visit SmART's Facebook webpage to learn more and sign a petition opposing this astounding legislative proposal. We must defeat it.

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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.

Saturday, April 13

Kiwanis Club of Middletown, NY to Host a Fabulous Tricky Tray Fundraiser. It will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 391 Mt. Hope Road, Middletown. Doors open at 5:00 PM, calling begins at 6:00 PM. The \$10 admission includes first sheet of 25 chances. Additional sheets available. In addition to many beautiful baskets there will be a special table with special gifts and a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds will benefit the Kiwanis Scholarship program and other child-oriented community projects.

Sunday, April 14

Woodbourne Firehouse is hosting a French Toast Breakfast from 7 a.m. until Noon. Cost for adults is \$12 and children 6 years old and younger will cost \$6. Eat in or take-out. Menu includes french toast, eggs, sausage and home fries. Located at 355 NY-52, Woodbourne.
Learn about foraging for mushrooms from mycologist Luke Sarrantonio, of Mycophilic, on the beautiful trails of the Ashokan Center. Morels may be fruiting, and as the temperatures warm, other varieties will make their appearance. Check in at the upper parking lot at 2 p.m., rain or shine, dressed for the weather. All ages welcome (under 18 accompanied by adult). No dogs allowed. Sliding scale admission \$10-\$30 per person. Please register in advance: <https://ashokancenter.org/product/spring-explorations-mushroom-ecology-2024/>. Located at 477 Beaverkill Rd, Olivebridge.
Bethel Woods Center for the Performing Arts is hosting the third annual Youth Poetry Festival starting at 2 p.m. Come enjoy a day full of poetry and live music. Located at 200 Hurd Rd, Bethel.

Tuesday, April 16

The Community Garden Club of Liberty will hold its monthly meeting at 1:00 p.m. at Radio Station WJFF located on State Route 52 in Liberty. Following the regular business meeting, members will have a tour of the Station and learn of its operations and history. Refreshments will be served.

Radio Catskill presents Tiny Porch Concert

LIBERTY — Radio Catskill is thrilled to announce the "Tiny Porch Concert" on Saturday, April 13, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. As part of its Spring Fund Drive, Radio Catskill presents this lively event on the front porch of their studios, located at 2758 NY-52 in Liberty, NY, and promises a day filled with exceptional local music, complimentary beer from Catskill Brewery, and wood-fired pizza for purchase from Upcycle Brews and Bites.
The "Tiny Porch Concert" showcases the immense talent within the community and provides a platform for local musicians to share their artistry. Attendees will enjoy a diverse lineup of performers, ranging from folk and blues to rock and indie, featuring Cliff Westfall, Kali Seastrand,

Shane Rennison, Will Sellenraad, Van Manakas, Robert Tellefsen, Little Sparrow, and more. The full list of performers is available on wjrfradio.org.
"The Tiny Porch Concert brings the spirit of our public radio station to life," said Tim Bruno, Radio Catskill General Manager. "It's a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, support local talent, and enjoy a memorable day of entertainment and free beer!
Admission to the "Tiny Porch Concert" is free and attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs. In addition to the outstanding musical performances, guests will have the opportunity to tour the Radio Catskill studios.



Safety pink t-shirts sporting a new 2024 design contributed by renowned graphic artist Eric J. Hinkley.

Volunteers Needed for April's Upper Delaware Litter Sweep

NARROWSBURG — Community clean-up teams are coming together and 350 commemorative t-shirts are ready for the 4th Annual Upper Delaware Litter Sweep!
The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) encourages individuals, students, groups, and businesses to help spring-clean landscapes in the 15 New York towns and Pennsylvania townships bordering along the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.
Safety pink t-shirts sporting a new 2024 design contributed by renowned graphic artist Eric J. Hinkley on the front, the UDC's Land-Water-People motto on the back, and the WJFF Radio Catskill 90.5FM media sponsor logo on the shoulder will identify Litter Sweep volunteers.
The UDC is supplying trash bags, gloves, grabbers, safety equipment, and instructions. The nonprofit

organization also handles event fundraising, permitting, and publicity.
The Council will connect interested people with designated Litter Leaders in Hancock, Fremont, Delaware, Cochetton, Tusten, Highland, Lumberland, Deepark, Manchester, Buckingham, Berlin, Damascus, Lackawaxen, Shohola, and Westfall.
Communities have been arranging clean-up dates and locations for as early as April 14 and as late as April 30, surrounding April 22 Earth Day.
Please contact UDC Administrative Support Stephanie Driscoll at (845) 252-3022 orstephanie@upperdelawarecouncil.org to volunteer. Goods and services are also welcome.
Find further details at www.upperdelawarecouncil.org or follow the Upper Delaware Council on Facebook, Instagram, or X platforms.

SUNY Sullivan to offer certified Food Manager training sessions in April

LOCH SHELDRAKE — SUNY Sullivan is offering an in-person Food Manager Training session and Certification Exam on April 23rd and April 25th. The course will be taught by a Certified ServSafe SUNY Sullivan Instructor and the certification is recognized through the National Restaurant Association. The cost is \$185 and will include the instructor-led training, the course textbook, and the proctored certification exam. Those who complete the course and exam will receive certification in food safety.
The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday April 23rd: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm (scheduled break 12:00pm - 12:30pm)
• ServSafe registration
• Material training provided by SUNY Sullivan ServSafe Certified Instructor
Thursday April 25th: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
• Material Review
• Exam (2-hour window for exam)
To register, go to https://sunsullivan_foodmanager.eventbrite.com.
For questions and more information, contact Justine Hoskin at jhoskin@sunsullivan.edu, or call 845-434-5750 ext. 4252.

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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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Friday, April 12 - 9 am - 3 pm, Saturday, April 13 - 9 am - 1 pm — Rummage Sale! Roscoe Presbyterian Church, 1955 Old Route 17, Roscoe, NY. Saturday is bag day. We are loaded with quality clothing and household items!
Saturday, April 27 - 11:30 am — Penny Social at Lake Huntington Presbyterian Church, County Route 116. Doors open 11:30; calling 12:30. Hot dogs and sauerkraut, potato chips

and beverages available to purchase. Cake & coffee served after calling. Donation \$1.00. Sponsored by the Ladies Aid.
Saturdays - Starting April 13 10 am - 2 pm — Changing Hands Thrift Shop - First Church of Monticello Presbyterian, 11 Jones St., Monticello, NY. Clothing and miscellaneous items, Bags \$5.00, plus other tagged items. For more information call 845-794-5783.

Volunteer to plant trees at the Van Scott Nature Reserve



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Delaware Highlands Conservatory.

UPPER DELAWARE RIVER — On Saturday, May 11 and/or Saturday, May 18 from 10am-4pm, join the Delaware Highlands Conservancy at the 144-acre Van Scott Nature Reserve in Beach Lake, PA. Together with the Wayne County Conservation District, Conservancy staff and volunteers will plant a total of 850 trees for the Keystone 10 Million Trees project.
Volunteers will learn how to plant trees as well as the important reasons they are being planted. Fifteen volunteers are requested for each day, and advance registration is required. Register at www.DelawareHighlands.org/ events or by contacting the Conservancy's Volunteer Coordinator Rachel Morrow at rachel@delawarehighlands.org or 570-226-3164 ext. 2.
Volunteers should be

prepared to walk at least a half mile on sloped terrain and should wear closed-toe shoes, clothing you are willing to get dirty, and bring a packed lunch. Work gloves and other tools will be provided.
The Delaware Highlands Conservancy works in partnership with landowners and communities to protect the natural heritage and quality of life of the Upper Delaware River region. The Conservancy's headquarters are located at the Van Scott Nature Reserve in Beach Lake, PA, with three miles of walking trails through woods, wildflower meadows, and wetlands, open to the public every day from sunrise to sunset. For more information, call 570-226-3164/845-583-1010 or visit www.DelawareHighlands.org.

Bold Gold Studios Grand Opening

LIBERTY — Bold Gold Media Group is excited to announce a BOLD expansion, geared toward content creators and influencers with the Grand Opening of Bold Gold Studios, a brand-new state-of-the-art audio and video podcast and recording studio located in the newly renovated historic Liberty Theater, on Main Street in Liberty. In addition to providing interested podcasters and content creators a place to make their audio and video magic, this studio will also serve as a satellite Radio Studio for Bold Gold Media's four local broadcast radio stations: Thunder 102, 98.3 WSUL, 95.9 VOS-FM, and Catskills News Talk 92.5 & 94.9. Bold Gold Studios will also be available for lease opportunities, and offers brand new professional audio and video recording gear, with experts available to help you record, produce, and even market your branded multi-media podcast or A/V productions.

The Grand Opening of Bold Gold Studios will be celebrated on Friday, April 19th with a live broadcast of Ciliberto & Friends featuring Paul Ciliberto & Special Guests from 6-9AM followed by a Ribbon Cutting and Open House at 11AM with the Sullivan County Chamber of

Commerce and the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce.
"We are grateful to Bruce Davidson at the Liberty Theater for partnering with Bold Gold Media to create and manage this state-of-the-art studio in his historic building. This studio will extend Bold Gold Media's reach in Sullivan & the Catskills, and serve as a new professional space for audio and video content creators." Dawn Ciorciari, General Manager, Bold Gold Media, NY
"The Davidson family is excited to partner with experts at Bold Gold Media on this state-of-the-art recording studio in the Liberty Theater building. This studio will allow much needed local access to the arts community. I would like to thank everyone from Bold Gold Media for making this happen for our community. The Liberty Theater project, and this Studio, is all part of the renaissance going on in the Village of Liberty." Bruce Davidson, Liberty Theater.
For more information about Audio and Podcast Services at Bold Gold Studios visit boldgoldstudios.com or contact, Dawn Ciorciari, General Manager, Bold Gold NY, 845-794-9898 ext. 102, dciorciari@boldgoldmedia.com.

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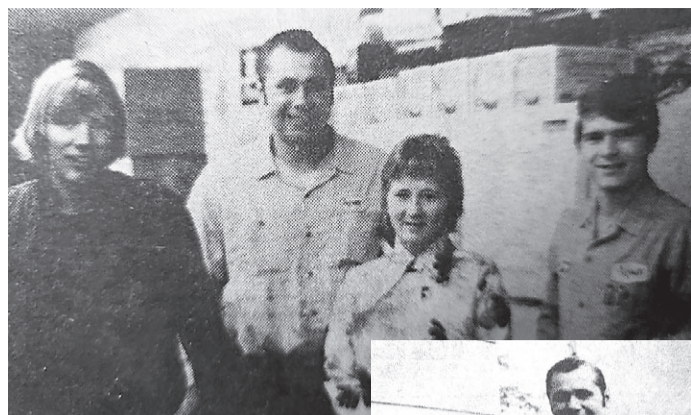
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So I got a call on Tuesday from one of my father's past employees from way back in the 70's, Chris (Crista) Ward. Back then the Liberty Agway store was more into selling power equipment, appliances and snowmobiles than it was selling plants, but that all changed in the 80's as lawn and garden products started to dominate spring sales. Here are two pictures from an article written in the Catskill Shopper November 8th, 1972. The first is my mom, dad and I and the second is some of the staff at Liberty Agway in 1972, from left to right, Gordon Bedel, my Dad Jim Sr., Christa Ward and Jerry Black. Chris called not just to reminisce about the past, but she had a problem with something eating her daffodils. Daffodils are the one spring bulb that deer and rabbits will leave alone, but woodchucks will eat if the opportunity presents itself. She was thinking the

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Old photos of Jim Boxberger with family members.

same thing as she had seen a woodchuck nearby in recent days, she just wanted to get a second opinion to confirm her suspicions. As we chatted about the old days, I told her I had this article in

my office at work. She will be very surprised to see this picture on Friday I'm sure. Now back to my regularly scheduled column. Now even though the snow is gone and the fields are clear, my bird feeder is hosting more flights than JFK airport. The reason is that there are just more birds in the area right now and food is still scarce this early in the season. Migratory birds are heading north and need to fuel up for the trip, while others are just back in the area for the summer season. Feeding the birds can be fun, relaxing and educational if you have small children or grandchildren like me. The type of seed you use can determine the type of birds you will get. Black Oil Sunflower seed has the broadest appeal and will even attract wild turkeys and deer. Millet appeals to small birds like chickadees and finches and



April 12 - I hope everybody enjoyed the Eclipse! Eyes on Main St. Optometry (located at 4895 State Route 52 - on Main Street in Jeffersonville) is collecting used eclipse glasses and donating them to an organization that will reuse them around the globe for future eclipse events! You can drop off your gently used eclipse glasses at their office during their normal business hours. FMI: 845-482-2425. The First Presbyterian Church in Jeffersonville is hosting their Annual Chicken BBQ Saturday, May 11th from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. or until sold

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out. Yummy strawberry shortcake for dessert! Eat In or takeout - donation \$15 and purchasing tickets in advance strongly recommended. For tickets call Kathy at 845-482-4504 or Ruth at 845-701-3884. The Callicoon Fire Department is hosting their Annual Car Show May 19th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Delaware Youth Center (located at 8 Creamery Rd, Callicoon). Cars, trucks and

bikes are welcome. A \$10 entry fee and donations are accepted, with thanks. Prizes, music, 50-50's, raffles and food. Awards: "People's Choice," Top 10 and "Best of Show". Vendors wanted -\$20 per spot. Please no food vendors. Call 845-887-4233. No alcohol & No pets (except Service dogs). Bring your family and friends out to support one of our volunteer

Fire Departments! Something I read on Facebook. Please donate your unwanted clothes to nursing homes before you donate to Goodwill. (or you can split up the items between both) Some folks do not have family members who provide clothing, and they do not have the money or physical abilities to buy their own clothing. This way they do not have to wear the same things, until they are worn. The hummingbirds should be arriving soon! For your hummingbird feeders: 1 cup of water to ¼ cup of pure

Safflower seed is the favorite seed of Cardinals. Birds also need a source for fresh water nearby, so if you don't have a birdbath use a saucer from a flowerpot that you can fill with water and place out for the birds. Hummingbirds don't eat seed, they eat fruit flies and nectar. They haven't arrived here yet but they should be in the area around May 1st, so now is the time to be ready for them. Besides hummingbird feeders, you can plant hummingbird friendly plants to attract them and most of the plants that hummingbirds like, butterflies like too. Flowers with long throats are prized by Hummingbirds and butterflies so that they do not have to compete with other pollinators for the nectar. Certain perennials can be planted outside now but you should wait till mid-May for annual flowers as we will probably still have frost up till then. We have already had plenty

of April showers, so now let's see all the flowers. Lastly, I want to mention the No Mow May campaign that is going on again this year, so tune those lawnmowers up but keep them in the garage until Memorial Day Weekend. And the other is a tip from a customer that found a use for an old refrigerator that doesn't work anymore. He has an old fridge in the corner of his shed that he uses to store liquid lawn and garden chemicals, fertilizers, etc. The insulation of the fridge keeps the liquids from freezing when the temps drop below zero so that the liquids do not freeze and get ruined. He kept a min/max thermometer in there the first winter just to see how cold it would get just to make sure the ideas would work. Now all the chemicals are stored outside of the house. Pretty good idea and a great way to recycle.

sugar and replace every other day. I do not put one up at my house anymore, last time I did a bear visited and ripped some of the siding on the side of the house.... Stop by any of the Western Sullivan Public Library Branches to get your annual seed starting kits. They will have seeds, soil, and egg cartons. Take what you need or donate seeds for their Seed Library. This is a perfect opportunity to try your hand at growing your favorite flower or vegetable! Questions? Email wspplprograms@rcsls.org.

Also, they are now accepting book donations at the Jeffersonville Branch during open hours in preparation for their August Firehouse Book Sale! Please make sure your donated books are clean, readable, and in overall good condition. They do not take dictionaries, encyclopedias, textbooks, or magazines. If you have any specific questions, please call (845)482-4350. Enjoy the sunshine and warmer weather - hope it is finally here. Please let me know if you have any news to share!

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 Friday, April 26, 2024-7:00AM-6:00PM
 Saturday, April 27, 2024-8:00AM-4:00PM

All material must be delivered to the Town Garage on Wahl Road. Dumpsters will be designated for:

1. Appliances and scrap metal (washers, dryers, stoves, water heaters, and pipe.)
2. Construction and demolition debris and bulky waste, NO Contractors, (furniture, mattresses, carpets)
3. ABSOLUTELY NO TIRES
4. No refrigerators, air conditioners or propane tanks, No TV'S, monitors, laptops, or computers. No fluorescent bulbs, all types and sizes.
5. No recyclables. Recyclables may be taken to any recycling station at no charge.

Pipe must be cut 4 feet or less in length. No fuel tanks or oil drums, only empty cans of paint. No brush, yard waste, bags of leaves, stumps or rocks. No household garbage or commercial waste of any kind. No commercial dumping by business or contractors.

Note: Each household must have or pick up a resident's card from the Town Clerks office. The card must be presented at time of dumping. One pickup truck or the equivalent per household. This limit will be strictly enforced.

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On April 26, 1849, the first boat crossed over the newly built wire rope suspension aqueduct on the Delaware River designed by John A. Roebling for the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company.

Hundreds of onlookers had gathered at Lackawaxen and at Minisink Ford for the occasion, some no doubt expecting—perhaps even hoping—to see the aqueduct collapse under the weight of the coal laden boat.

“There was some apprehension in the crowds on hand when the first boat went across as to whether the bridge would stay up or not,” wrote Manville B. Wakefield in “Coal Boats to Tidewater.” “After all, reasoned the expectant spectators, the water by itself weighed a great deal, let alone a loaded boat too. Great cheers went up when the boat arrived safely on the New York side.”

Roebling was born in Prussia, on June 12, 1806, and grew up in a world of private tutors, learning the music of Bach and the poetry of Goethe. According to some sources, he built a model of a suspension bridge when he was just nine years old that bore a striking resemblance to what would be his most famous work, the Brooklyn Bridge. He gained

admission to the prestigious engineering program at the Royal Polytechnic Institute in Berlin, where he studied languages and philosophy as well as architecture, bridge construction and hydraulics. He graduated in 1826, and went to work for the state, as was the requirement at that time, serving three years building roads in Westphalia.

Roebling wanted to build bridges, big bridges, and there was little work of that kind in his native land, so he and his brother, along with a parcel of friends and acquaintances, immigrated to America in 1831. They purchased a large tract of land, and established the community of Saxonburg, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where inexplicably, Roebling, the aspiring bridge builder, began to farm.

Tilling the fields did not satisfy his ambitions for long, and he grew increasingly restless, finally returning to engineering in 1837, the same year his wife gave birth to their first child, a son they named Washington Augustus.

Before long, John A. Roebling had begun manufacturing wire rope for use in the suspension bridges he proposed to build. In 1844, he won a contract to replace

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Celebrating the first crossing



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Roebling's Delaware Aqueduct, the oldest wire rope suspension structure in the U.S.

a wooden canal aqueduct across the Allegheny River with his suspended trough design. This first wire rope suspension bridge in America encompassed seven spans of 163 feet each.

Roebling had completed a few other projects by the time the directors of the D&H Canal contacted him in 1846 to ask for a proposal to build two aqueducts at the point where the 108 mile long waterway crossed from Pennsylvania into New York. Roebling was no stranger to the canal company, nor was his wire rope an unknown

commodity. Two years earlier, the canal had begun purchasing the woven wire to replace the fiber ropes on the planes of the gravity railroad.

Still, there was some discussion required before they decided to award the aqueduct contract to Roebling instead of opting for wooden aqueducts, which would have been considerably cheaper in initial cost.

“At its meeting on December 28, 1846 the board appointed a committee to review the two aqueduct proposals,” writes Larry

Lowenthal in his 1997 book, “From the Coal Fields to the Hudson,” “On the next day, (John) Wurts wrote to (Russel) Lord telling him to be ready for a trip to Pittsburgh to examine a suspension aqueduct Roebling had built for the Pennsylvania Canal. A week later, the committee presented a report tentatively favoring the suspension bridge. It compared a wooden aqueduct on stone piers, which was expected to last 36 years, versus the wire supported aqueduct, which was assumed a life expectancy of 60 years. With interest compounded, the wire was calculated to save over \$55,000 in its 60 year duration—provided the estimate of time that each will last is correct, that the wire is imperishable, never to be replaced, which the Committee must confess they have much doubt of.”

Both the Delaware and the Lackawaxen Aqueducts were completed in time for the 1849 shipping season, and the canal company commissioned Roebling to construct two more structures, one over the Neversink River at Cuddebackville and one at High Falls, in Ulster County. Both were finished in time for the 1850 canal season.

Although the other three aqueducts are long gone now, the Delaware Aqueduct has survived to this day, known to most now simply as the Roebling Bridge, and on Saturday, April 27, there will be a public celebration of the 175th anniversary of the first crossing, hosted by the Delaware & Hudson Transportation Heritage Council.

Tickets for the event are now on sale at \$25 per person, which includes a 10 a.m. guided walking tour of the Delaware Aqueduct, followed by a program at The New Inn at Lackawaxen, 188 Scenic Drive, with a buffet lunch, a canal music sing-along, a commemorative program, exhibits, and historical remarks by this columnist, your Sullivan County Historian, as well as D&HHC President Bill Merchant, and Professor Paul C. King. To reserve by the April 19 deadline, contact D&HHC Secretary Laurie Ramie at laurie@upperdelawarecouncil.org or (845) 252-3022.

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SUNY Sullivan holds total Eclipse party

STORY AND PHOTOS BY VINCENT KURZROCK

On Monday, April 8, SUNY Sullivan hosted a total solar eclipse viewing party, inviting covered eyes to peer up at the sky in unison.

Joining students were enthusiastic members of the Catskills Astronomy Club, who were present to provide insightful answers to inquiries about the remarkable occurrence taking place.

The club's very own John Kocijanski generously brought along solar-filtered telescopes, allowing attendees to observe the rare phe-

nomenon safely and with clarity.

"[The event is] beautiful," said Kocijanski, "Glad everyone is having a good time."

To further enhance their experience, eclipse glasses were distributed to eager students who expressed interest in witnessing this momentous event for themselves.

As a gesture of inclusivity and accessibility, these glasses were also made readily available upon request to all participants.

In order to provide a detailed and accurate safe view of celestial bodies, an additional telescope was meticu-



lously positioned to project a high-definition image of the beaming sun and darkened moon onto a white board for observation and analysis.

At right: Even through cloud cover, this cosmic event still peered back at eager watchers.

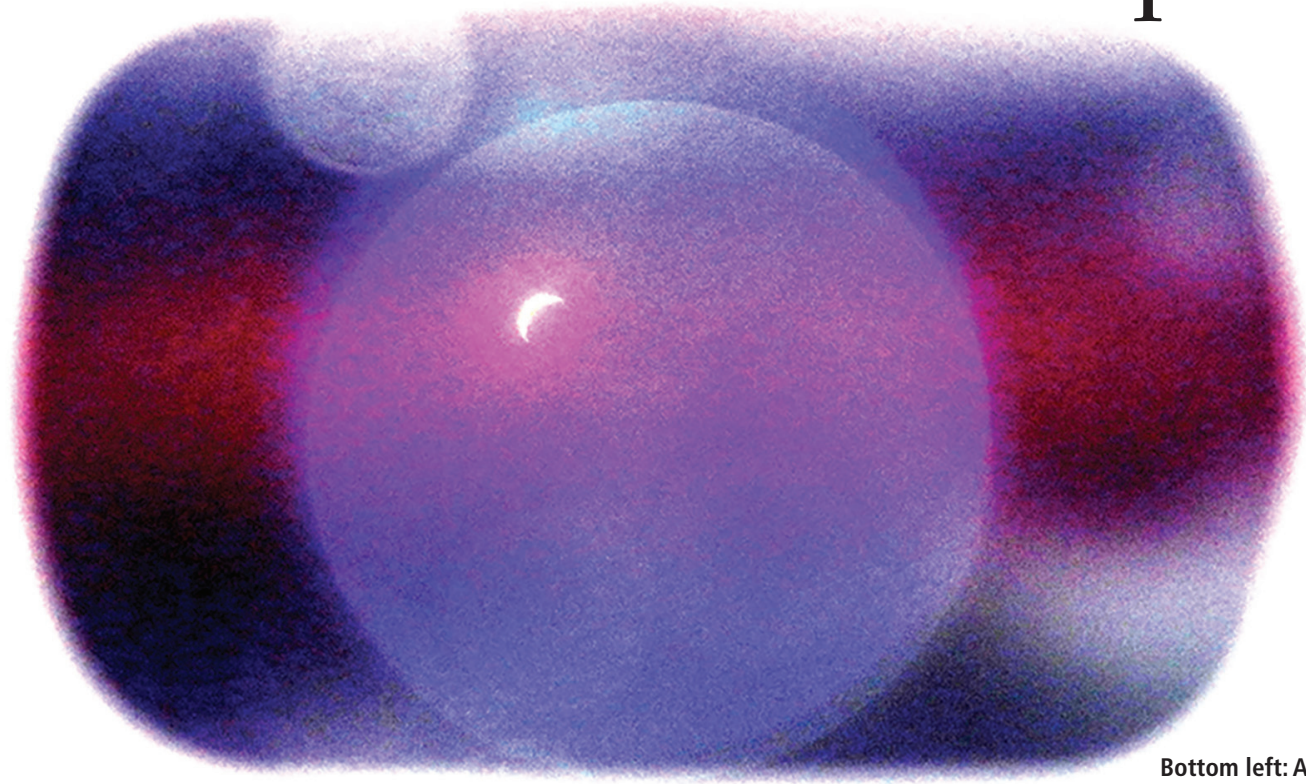
At left: A rare spectacle? Check. Does it deal with Astronomy? Of course! It's no surprise members of the Catskills Astronomers Club such as John Kocijanski and Sarah Dittmar are there offering telescopes for viewing.



Celestial movements captured in Callicoon

STORY AND PHOTOS BY DEREK KIRK

The total solar eclipse that graced North America on Monday inspired many around the country and in the hamlet of Callicoon to participate in the cosmic event.



Bottom left: As the Moon slowly overtook its counterpart, Dr. Gene Burns, left, set up his telescope and invited fellow spectator Rachel Peters to catch a glimpse of the eclipse.

Below: Save the photos and the memories, as the next total solar eclipse in North America is expected to happen again in 2044, according to NASA. From left are spectators Dr. Gene Burns, Sarah Banks and Alex.

Above: The cloudy weather on Monday afternoon obscured the phenomenon in the hamlet of Callicoon slightly, but still allowed for a spectacle of epic proportions.



Patricia Popolillo

April 3, 1958 ~ April 9, 2024

Patricia Ann Popolillo, 66, of Lake Huntington, passed away after a short battle with cancer. She was a fighter until her last breath. She has joined her beloved parents in their eternal home.

Patti enjoyed many things. Among these was her deep love of the lake where she spent her teen years, and later made a beautiful home with her family. Another favorite was her yearly family vacations to Wildwood, N.J. where she loved to dip her feet in the ocean.

She is predeceased by her parents Ann (Queenie) Ritz and George Ritz. Patti is survived by her loving husband, Mike of 42 years and her twin sons Michael (Alesha) and Brian (Amanda). Her four grandchildren Jayden, Tyler, Jordan and Ava were her pride and joy. Her strength and humor will live on in their legacy. She is also survived by her brother George Jr. (Patty) and her sister Kathy (Glenn), along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be held on Friday, April 12, 2024 from 5 to 8 PM at Stewart-Murphy Funeral Home, 34 Upper Main Street, Callicoon, New York. The Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church Route 52 in Lake Huntington, New York 12752. Father Wency Rodrigues will officiate. Burial will be in the Callicoon Cemetery, 399 Seminary Road Callicoon.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741 for further research on Merkel Cell Carcinoma.

For further information or to leave a condolence please visit stewartmurphyfh.com 845-887-4900.



Wilhelmina Setren

Monticello High School alumnus of the Class of 1954

Wilhelmina B. Setren, 87, a near lifelong resident of Monticello, NY, passed away after a lengthy illness at the Care Center at Sunset Lake in Liberty, NY. The family would like to extend our gratitude to all mom's caregivers at the Care Center for their many kindnesses. Wilhelmina, affectionately known as Willy or Mina, the eldest of three children, was born on February 25, 1937, to Margaret Helen (nee Taggart), and Gustave Kraft in Monticello, NY. Willy spent her early childhood in Brooklyn, NY, and enjoyed frequent trips to visit her maternal grandmother on the family farm in Bethel, before she and her parents relocated to Monticello.

Willy excelled at school, where she was well loved by her classmates, and subsequently maintained lifelong friendships with several. Following her graduation from Monticello High School in 1954, she helped organize class reunions. Willy also worked as an operator for the former New York Telephone Company prior to her marriage on November 18, 1954, to the love of her life, David Setren.

Willy, and her loving "Davie" raised three children at their South Woods homestead, Robert, Louis, and Deborah. A special bond among the parents, children, and neighbors in this area continues. Once her children were grown, Willy returned to work at Jamesway in Monticello, where she enjoyed her position and friendships with her coworkers until the store closed. After Davie's passing, Willy returned to the First Church of Monticello-Presbyterian, where she served as a member of the Session, and on the Ladies Aid Society. She truly treasured her "Church Family," many of whom predeceased her, and she will now join them for "coffee hour."

Willy is survived by her sister, Ellen Horvath of Monticello, son Robert of North Pole, AK, son Louis and wife Julie of Roscoe, NY, and daughter Debbie Bonilla of Monticello, as well as her four grandchildren, Jason Newell (Katherine Wilkinson), Jessica Singleton (Thomas), Joshua Setren (Oedhel), Mary Setren, and one step-granddaughter, Heather Mustavs. She is also survived by four great-grandchildren, Jack, Abriellah, Annahlise, and Jahmir. She further leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, all of whom she dearly loved. Willy was predeceased by her parents, her husband David, her brother, August C. "Butch" Kraft, brother-in-law, Joe Horvath, and daughter-in-law, Diane Linda Setren.

Visitation was held on Thursday, April 11, from 5:00 to 8:00pm at the VanInwegen-Kenny Funeral Home, 401 Broadway in Monticello. Her funeral service will be held on Friday, April 12 at 11:00am at the funeral home with Rev. David Coon officiating. Interment to follow at the Messenger Cemetery, Southwoods Drive in Monticello.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, JDRE, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of the VanInwegen-Kenny, Inc. Funeral Home of Monticello, NY; for additional information or to send an online condolence, please visit www.kennyfuneralhome.com.



Clarence Wolcott

July 28, 1949 ~ April 6, 2024

Clarence "Terry" Wolcott, a lifelong resident of Livingston Manor, passed peacefully in the presence of his wife Terry (Sedlacek) Wolcott at Garnet Health in Middletown, NY on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

Terry as most knew him was born on July 28, 1949 on Jacktown Hill to Pearl Wolcott. He attended Livingston Manor Central School where he met Terry Sedlacek, his high school sweetheart, and eventual wife and mother to his two children Brian Wolcott and Cory Wolcott Dame.

Terry was a stellar athlete, tearing it up on the gridiron, in track and field - throwing discus and shotput, on the basketball courts, and on the baseball field (in some seasons simultaneously). He was always proud of his athletic abilities, especially in football, and often told stories of his games including mentioning the names of other rivals that he would face (if he hurt you on the football field, we assure you he felt bad about it, eventually!). After graduating, Terry enlisted in the Air Force where he worked on Jet Engines. But all work and no play made Terry a grumpy boy! He picked up a golf club and never looked back! He and his golf partners won numerous tournaments, including two SC-Democrat Golf Tournaments over the years.

Terry is survived by his wife of 52 years, Terry (Sedlacek), their children Cory and her son Lucas Dame; Son, Brian and his wife Stacie (Young) Wolcott and their two boys, Jonathan and Joseph; as well as his younger sister Robin Soules (husband, Bruce Soules) and many nieces and nephews, both by blood and by heart.

Terry enjoyed the company of friends, on the golf course and off including those he made along his UPS Routes in Delaware County. His grandkids were the highlight of his days, and he delighted in watching them compete in hockey, football and band. He and Mrs. T had fun visiting with friends near and far, taking cruises, and hosting friends for cards.

A celebration of Terry's life will commence on Friday, April 12th at Colonial Bryant Funeral Home, 29 Pearl Street, Livingston Manor. Visiting Hours will be from 2-4 pm and again from 7-9 pm at the funeral home. Friends and family are invited to a reception in between at the Arnold House (4:30-6:30).

In lieu of flowers, Terry would have liked you to consider donating to: A Single Bite (asinglebite.com), as Foster Supply Hospitality met him and Mrs. T with great generosity in some of the most difficult health events he faced, nurturing not only their bellies, but their hearts.

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Arrangements under the care of Colonial-Bryant Funeral Home, for further information call 845-439-4333 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com.



Kristine McMenemy

February 2, 1974 ~ April 5, 2024

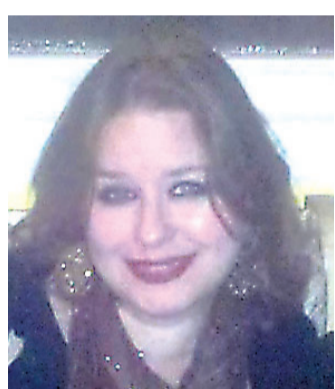
Kristine Marie McMenemy passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends, in North Branch, NY on April 5, 2024. Kris fought valiantly against Bulbar ALS. She was 50 years old. Born on February 2, 1974 to Theodore and Estelle Furstman in Astoria Queens. Kristine lived most of her life in New York City, but to Kristine, North Branch was her home.

Kristine worked for Cornell as an administrative assistant, in insurance, and customer service throughout her life. She was a skilled jewelry artisan, who created one-of-a-kind magnificent pieces for all to enjoy.

Krissi had a passion for animals and made a practice of rescuing them. Kris loved spending time outdoors (especially on the river) and always loved ending her day around the fire pit or on the porch laughing and enjoying her family and friends. Kristine had a loving and welcoming heart and accepted and loved everyone. With her bright and vibrant personality Krissi never met a stranger.

Krissi is survived by her son Tyler Bernitt and his wife Mandy, mother Estelle Burawa, uncle Alexander Burawa, spouse Marc McMenemy, sister Jacqueline Biscardi, sister Terry Busardo-Bolduc and her husband Doc, brother Theodore Furstman and his wife JoAnne, brother Frankie Furstman, nephew Robert Biscardi among her numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles and her beloved extended family including TJ Johnson and his wife Stefanie, Peter Norton, Peter Armstrong, Tracey Tesseman-Santos among so many others.

Memorial contributions can be made to the ALS Foundation. To send condolences please visit stewartmurphyfh.com.



Spring into action: Give blood or platelets with the Red Cross

SULLIVAN COUNTY — During National Volunteer Month in April, the American Red Cross asks donors to help protect the blood supply by making and keeping blood or platelet donation appointments in the weeks ahead. Donors of all blood types – especially type O blood donors and those giving platelets – are needed now to keep the blood supply strong enough to support critical patient care this spring.

The Red Cross depends on thousands of volunteer blood donors to collect about 12,000 blood donations every single day. With no substitute for blood and no way to manufacture it, volunteer donors are essential in transfusion care. Blood drives and donation centers also depend on the generosity and valuable time of those who make it possible for the Red Cross to help people in need.

Spring into action – book a time to give lifesaving blood or platelets now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. Those who come to give April 8-28 will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice, plus be automatically entered to win a \$7,000 gift card. There will be two lucky winners. See RedCrossBlood.org/Spring for details.

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- Fallsburg 4/26: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Quality Work Life Building (QWL), Quality Work Life Building (QWL), 186 Riverside Drive
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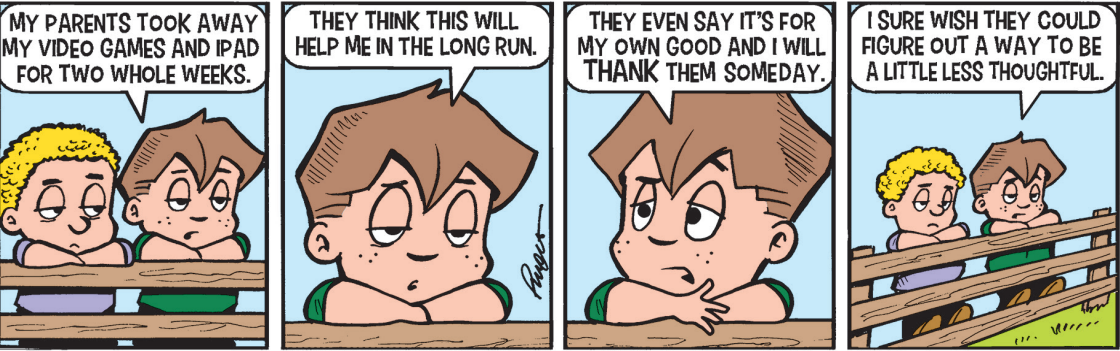
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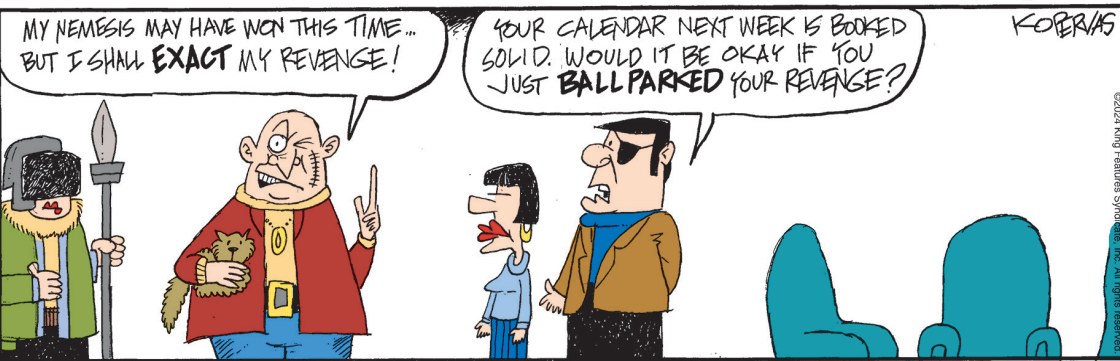
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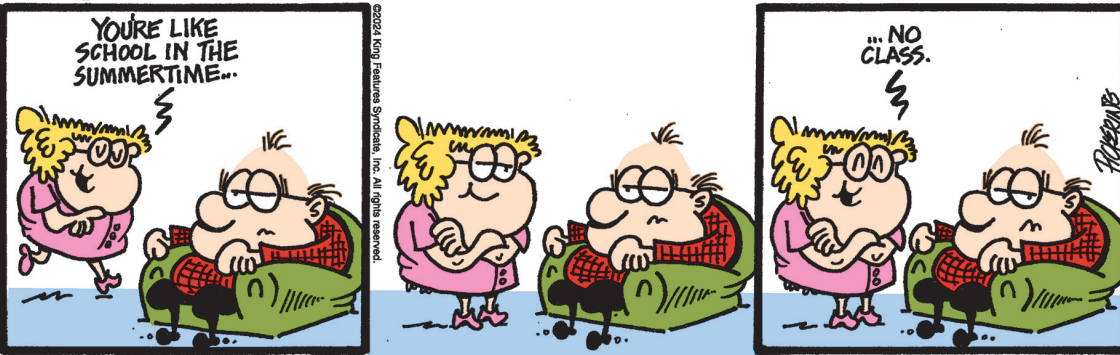
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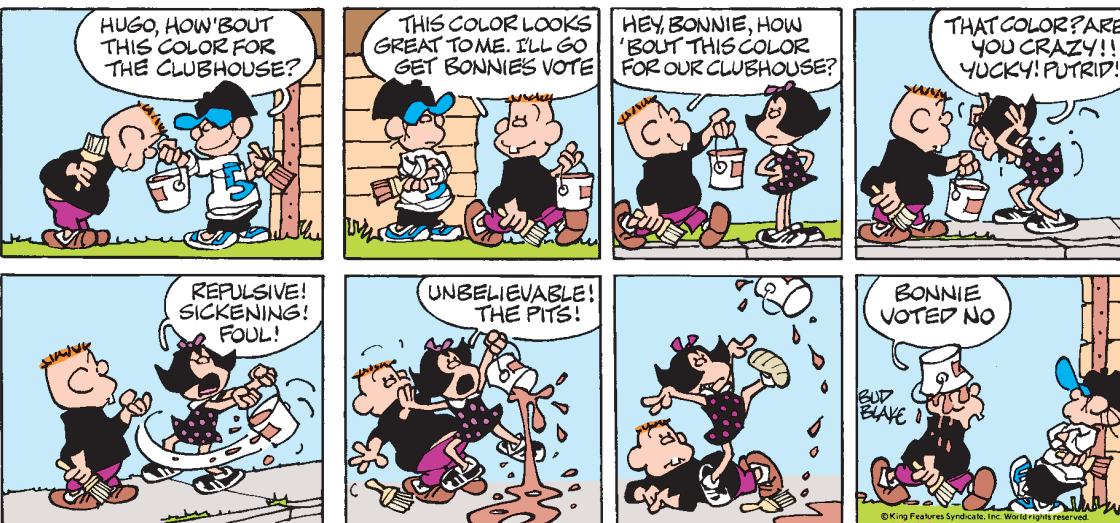
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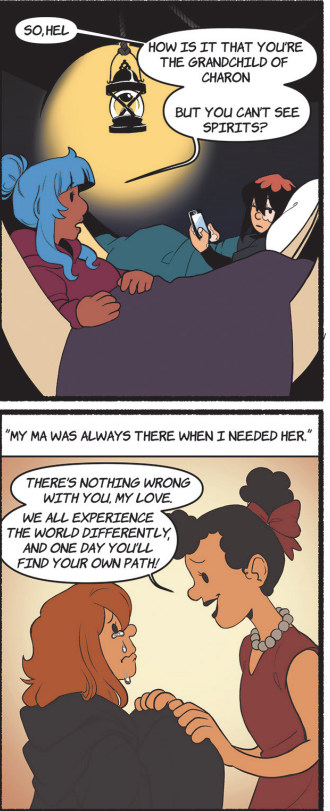


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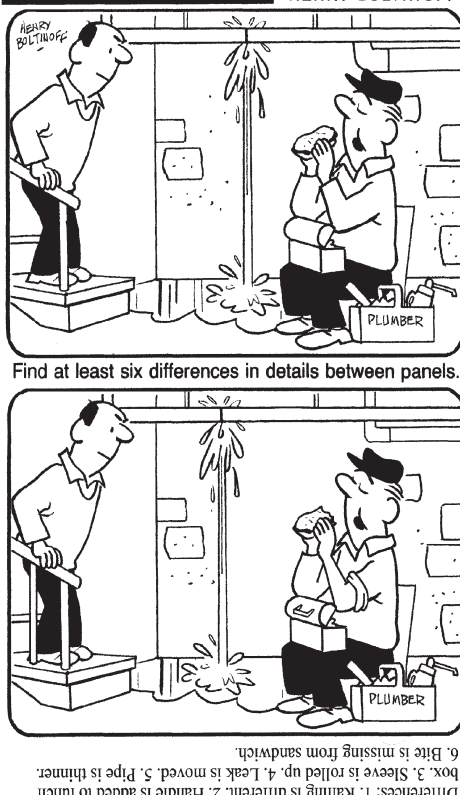


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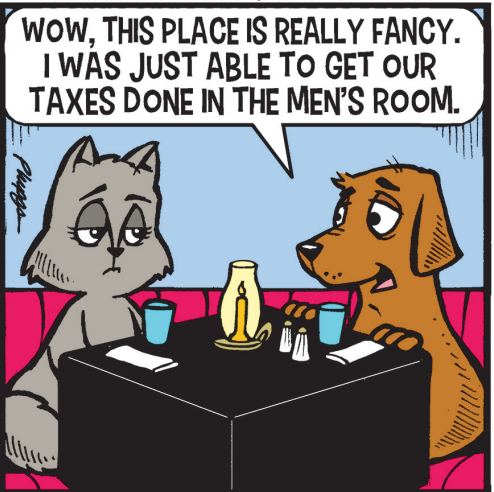
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Clue: Z equals R

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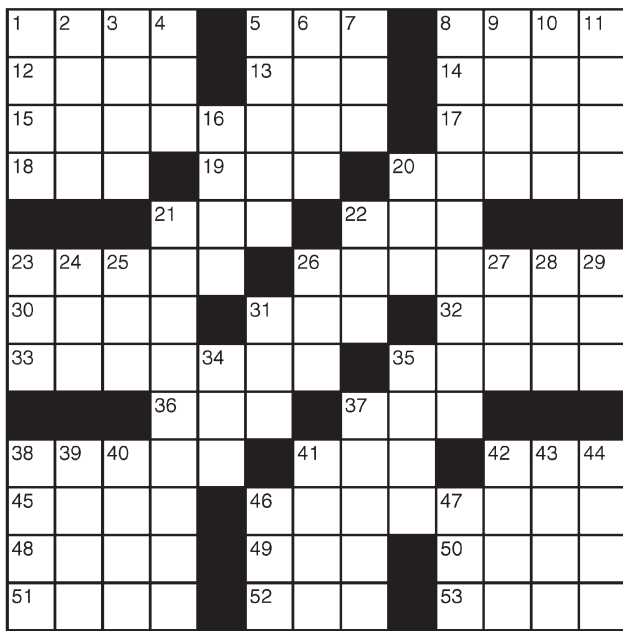
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Flair
- 5 Enterprise letters
- 8 Stuffing herb
- 12 Taunt
- 13 Aussie hopper
- 14 Hockey legend Phil, to fans
- 15 Home of the Packers
- 17 Compared to
- 18 Congeal
- 19 Sturdy tree
- 20 Spassky's game
- 21 — -Manuel Miranda
- 22 Huge
- 23 Bottom
- 26 Fear-stricken
- 30 "E Pluribus —"
- 31 Blue hue
- 32 Lighten
- 33 Arty area
- 35 Hinder
- 36 Sailor
- 37 Soda container
- 38 Norwegian inlet
- 41 "It's c-c-cold!"
- 42 Right angle
- 45 Actress Russo
- 46 Chinese brew
- 48 Diminutive suffix



- 49 Mosquito barrier
- 50 Cupid's alias
- 51 Thames town
- 52 Multipurpose truck
- 53 Compass point
- Job" actor
- 9 Tennis champ Arthur
- 10 Transcript stats
- 11 Eternities
- 16 Dark film genre
- 20 Spy org.
- 21 Color named for a fruit
- 22 Journalist Nellie
- 23 Gist
- 24 Year in Spain
- 25 "Gee, ya think?"
- 26 Alias abbr.
- 27 Yoga pad
- 28 Jargon suffix
- 29 Aachen article
- 31 Bro or sis
- 34 '60s chic
- 35 Challenge
- 37 El Greco's birthplace
- 38 Gratis
- 39 Joan of rock
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- 41 Author Harte
- 42 To be, in Toulon
- 43 Some July babies
- 44 Endure
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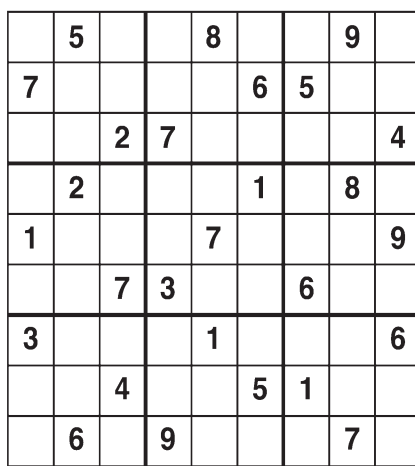
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- 1 Omelet needs
- 2 Old Italian money
- 3 Help a crook
- 4 Born abroad?
- 5 City-related
- 6 Drench
- 7 Sauce source
- 8 "The Italian

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from PLATE to REACT in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

PLATE

REACT

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: The island of Ibiza belongs with which European country?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of flamingos called?
3. MOVIES: What is the name of the island terrorized by a shark in "Jaws"?
4. U.S. STATES: Which state capital has the highest elevation in the United States?
5. ANATOMY: Where is the corpus colosum located?
6. LITERATURE: Who wrote the children's book "Where the Wild Things Are"?
7. TELEVISION: Which 1970s TV show had a spinoff hit with "Laverne & Shirley"?
8. MATH: How many sides does a dodecagon have?
9. ASTRONOMY: Which one of the planets in our solar system has the Great Red Spot?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president ended the military draft?

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- Answers
1. Spain
 2. A flamboyance.
 3. Amity Island.
 4. Santa Fe, New Mexico.
 5. In the brain. It connects the two hemispheres of the brain.
 6. Maurice Sendak.
 7. "Happy Days."
 8. 12.
 9. Jupiter.
 10. Richard Nixon.

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Today's Word

1. Recur.
2. Misdad.
3. Subtle.
4. Invade.

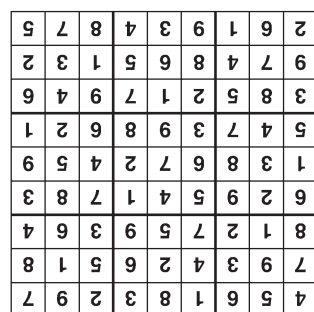
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Answer

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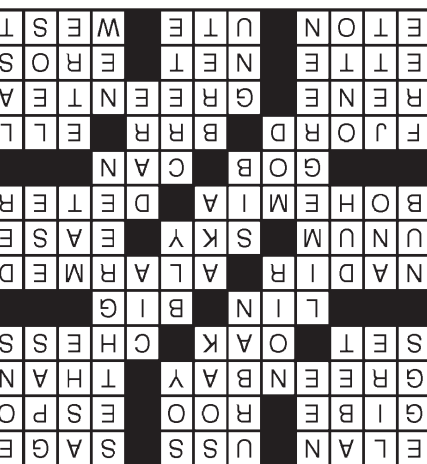
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WORD LADDER



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Cryptoquip
 Answer
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Sullivan 180 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge



Healthiest Fire Department Challenge

Leaderboard Status as of 4/9/2024



22
Monticello
196 Points



29
Roscoe-Rockland
168 Points



13
Kauneonga Lake
167 Points

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Ending the first full week of April, Monticello increased their lead to 28 points, increasing their total to 196. Roscoe-Rockland is still holding on to second place with 168, followed closely by Kauneonga Lake with 167. Departments throughout Sullivan County are still compiling points and making healthy choices. Rock Hill Fire Department got the ultimate view of what this challenge is all about from the Red Hill Fire Tower!

The trout opening day of April 1 is not what it used to be. Driving around Sullivan County on the opening day of trout season and checking out many trout streams, it was very disappointing not to see many anglers out trout fishing.

Years ago, you would have seen trout fishermen all over the county on the opening day of trout fishing. Fishermen looked forward to getting out fishing, especially after the long winter. Many anglers looked forward to April 1, it was always the start of the fishing season for the whole year.

The NY DEC decided to give anglers the opportunity to fish for trout year-round, and they extended the trout season that normally closed in November. The new regulation would allow anglers to fish for trout the entire year but had to release trout immediately when caught. From April 1 to November, trout anglers could keep their catch.

Many anglers believe trout should be protected, especially during their spawning ritual time. Now the opening day of the trout fishing season is not exciting anymore, it's just another day to go trout fishing.

The NY DEC did the same thing to bass fishing. For many years the bass fishing season opened on the third Saturday

SPORTSMAN OUTDOORS

JACK DANCAK

Trout opener not what it used to be!

of June and ended at the end of November. DEC decided to give bass anglers the opportunity to fish for bass year-round. Anglers could fish for bass after November but had to release their catch immediately, this is called "Catch and Release" fishing.

The sad part is anglers could now fish for bass in the spring when they are spawning. Bass are now being pulled off their nest where they were protecting their eggs or young fry. It is a shame that now the potential spawn of hundreds of bass is being destroyed.

Bass anglers looked forward to the bass opener in June, now it is just another day to go bass fishing.

Man Fined for Shooting a Bald Eagle!

A Western Pennsylvania man was sentenced in federal court for the fatal shooting of a mature bald eagle in Washington County, Pa.

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lated facility. He also was ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine, and \$9,800 restitution to the Pennsylvania Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Council.

An eyewitness had alerted local police to the shooting

after seeing an eagle fall from the sky onto a field and then watching a white SUV being driven away at a high rate of speed. State Game Warden Seth Mesoras stated that a camera at a nearby business captured a distant image of the vehicle and license plate number.

JACK DANCAK 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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Bulldogs eclipse Yellowjackets in comeback fashion

Sullivan West third baseman Liam Bernas drove in catcher Jacob Hubert with the eventual game-winning RBI single in the 8th and recorded two hits overall.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ALEX KIELAR

JEFFERSONVILLE — For each team's first game of the 2024 season, the Eldred Yellowjackets took the Sullivan West Bulldogs on Monday. It was a home game for the Yellowjackets, but it was moved to be played at Lions Field in Jeffersonville due to field conditions. On Total Solar Eclipse Day, the game was moved to 11 a.m. with the Bulldogs ultimately eclipsing Eldred, 4-3, in eight

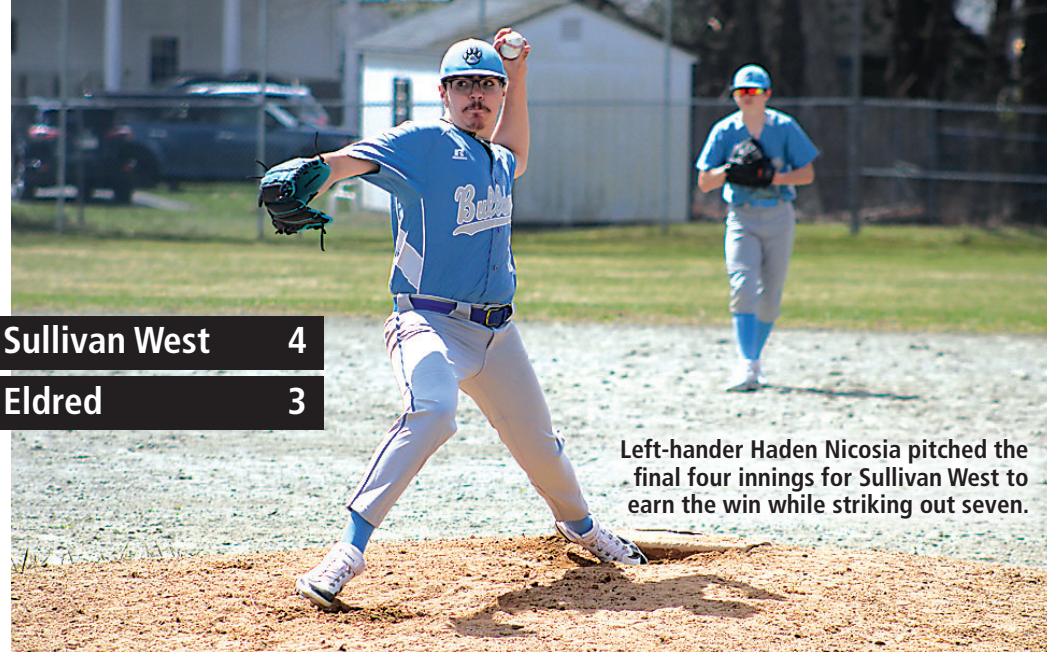
innings. Each team traded runs in the first inning, with Sullivan West shortstop Evan Ebert scoring on a wild pitch in the top half and Eldred shortstop Mason Tice following suit in the bottom of the frame, scoring with the bases loaded. After neither team scored in the second inning, Eldred snagged their first lead of the game in the third. Josh Warming, the starter in the game for the Yellowjackets, helped himself out. Warming

got on base via a double before coming around to score on an error by Bulldogs' catcher Jacob Hubert who overthrew third on a pickoff attempt.

Neither team scored in the fourth or fifth inning before Sullivan West tied the game back up in the sixth inning. Second baseman Adam Ernst got on base to start the frame and one batter later, center fielder Alec Hubert drove him in on an RBI single.

The Bulldogs had a chance to take the lead as Jacob Hubert singled and the pair pulled off the double steal of second and third. However, the next two batters went down on strikes – pitcher Haden Nicosia looking and third baseman Liam Bernas swinging.

Eldred took the lead back in the bottom of the sixth as center fielder Joseph Card reached base to begin the inning on an error by Ernst.



Sullivan West	4
Eldred	3

Left-hander Haden Nicosia pitched the final four innings for Sullivan West to earn the win while striking out seven.

After stealing second, Card wound up stealing third and racing home as the throw by Hubert sailed into the outfield.

Warming came out onto

the mound in the seventh to try and shut the door on the Bulldogs. However, Sullivan West did not go down quietly as left fielder Austin Nystrom began the inning with an infield single to second. Nystrom stole second and third before a passed ball scored him. The Bulldogs failed to score the rest of the inning and needed a clean bottom half to force extras.

Nicosia toed the rubber in the bottom half of the seventh and struck out the side, the only baserunner reaching via an error by Bernas. Sullivan West had the middle of the lineup coming up in the eighth inning and took advantage against new pitcher Tice.

Jacob Hubert, the cleanup hitter, was up second in the inning and was hit by a pitch to reach first with one out. With two outs, Bernas ripped a single to left field to score Hubert who hobbled around third on his way home. Although Hubert seemed in pain, he remained in the game to catch for Nicosia in

the bottom half.

Head Coach Ty Ebert noted after the game that Hubert was fine.

"He's a tough kid," Coach Ebert said.

Warming led off the bottom of the inning and started things off with a single. He would steal second and third to put the Yellowjackets in prime position to tie the game back up. But first baseman James Dayermind and Card both struck out swinging before catcher Mason McKerrell flew out to center fielder Alec Hubert, who squeezed it to end the game.

"We gotta put the ball in play more," Coach Ebert said. "It ended up working out in the end and it's nice to be on the winning end of that."

"The bats were okay, but the pitching was really good," said Eldred Coach Joshua Santoro. "Josh [Warming] had a hell of a game and Tice finished us. But in extras, we just couldn't get that run to tie the ballgame up."

GAME NOTES

For Eldred, Warming recorded two hits and left fielder Austin Spannos had one hit. On the mound, Warming struck out the side in the first two innings and struck out two batters in each of his remaining innings as he ended the game with 16 strikeouts in seven innings.

Coach Santoro noted that Warming's stuff looked great.

"His fastball was electric," he said. "He used the curveball when he needed to and he was throwing strikes."

For Sullivan West, both Nystrom and Bernas led the Bulldogs with two hits apiece while Evan Ebert and Jacob Hubert had a hit each. Brandon Haass started the game on the mound and pitched the first four innings while striking out six. Nicosia pitched the other four innings and struck out seven while surrendering just one unearned run.



In the losing effort, Eldred starter Josh Warming struck out 16 Bulldogs in seven innings.

Lady Wildcats open season with home loss to Burke

STORY AND PHOTO BY JOSEPH MCDOAL

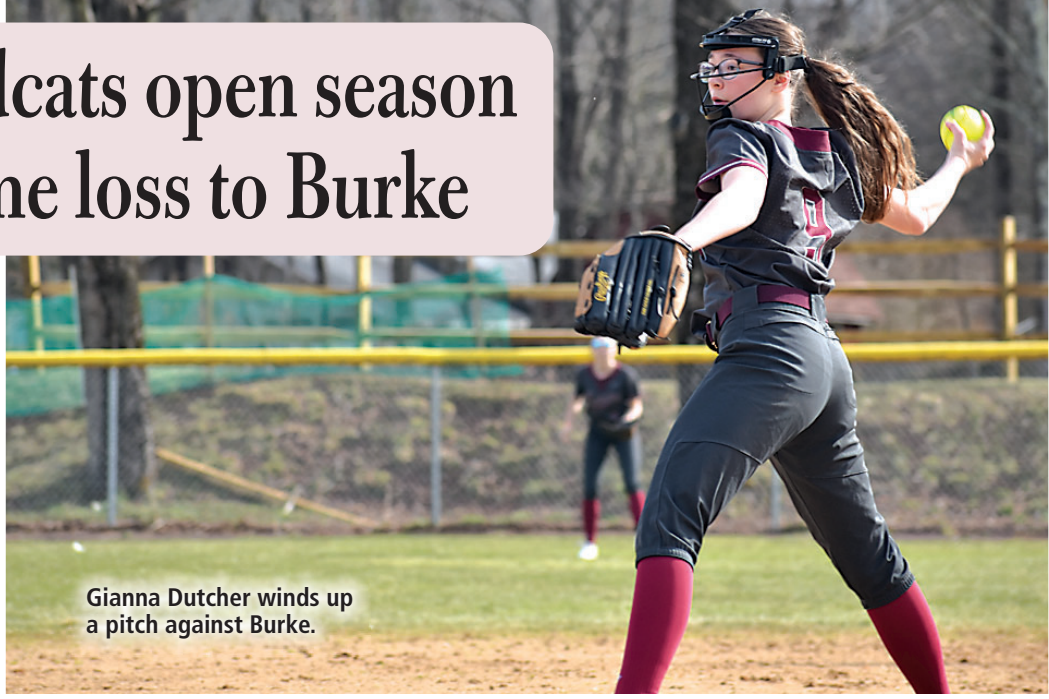
LIVINGSTON MANOR — After an early rainout and spring break, the Lady Wildcats were finally able to kick off the spring season on Tuesday afternoon as they hosted Burke Catholic in a non-league matchup. Livingston Manor showed their youth and inexperience at the varsity level as Burke cruised to a 13-0 win.

"We are a very young team of 8th to 10th graders," LM Coach Nick Wyss said. "We lost a few seniors and had some upper classmen not return."

Livingston Manor's defense held strong in the first inning, stranding a runner after a double play and a tag at the plate to get out of the inning.

Zaylee Cox led the Lady Wildcats off with a walk, stealing second and third but was stranded as Burke's pitcher settled in to strike out the next three batters.

Burke got their offense



Gianna Dutcher winds up a pitch against Burke.

going in the second inning, plating six runs, including a bases-clearing double.

Livingston Manor earned a walk in the second, but struck out three times, stranding the runner at first.

Burke added an insurance run in the third after two walks and a few stolen bases.

In the fourth inning, the visitors added an additional four runs to take an 11-0 lead, while the Lady Wildcats continued to struggle at the plate.

In the top of the fifth, Burke

added their final two runs of the afternoon before closing the door in the home half of the inning for the shutout victory.

"I'm looking forward to some of our 8th and 9th graders blossoming more, and we've got some good senior leaders," Coach Wyss said. "Once we get the nerves out and get into a groove we'll do much better."

The Lady Wildcats visited Grahamsville on Wednesday afternoon to take on the Lady Bears in a non-league

matchup.

Another tough task against a tough school proved to be too much for Livingston Manor, who fell 15-0 to Tri-Valley.

Jenna Carmody led the Bears offensively, going 2-2 with a triple, four RBIs and three runs scored.

Jenna Carmody and Avery Carrier combined for a no-hitter on the mound while Kelsey Ryder, Alexandra Potosek and Gianna Dutcher pitched for Livingston Manor.

Sullivan Sports Review

Liberty pitcher tosses no-hitter!

LIBERTY — The Liberty Lady RedHawks earned their second win in as many days this week after hosting Fallsburg on Wednesday and winning 16-1. Angie Wheeler toed the rubber for the RedHawks, striking out 10 in five innings and not allowing a hit.

The RedHawks put together a 14-hit game with Aaliyah Williams going 2-2 with a triple, walk, two RBIs and three runs scored. Arianna Wilson went 2-3 with two RBIs and three runs scored. Quinn Allen and Angie Wheeler had four hits and six runs scored between them. Nevaeh Davis and Aubrey Botsford also had two hits apiece in the winning effort.

On Tuesday, Liberty defeated Monticello 7-3. Angie Wheeler pitched that game as well, striking out 10 and allowing just three hits in the win.

High School (cont.) Softball

Tri-Valley defeated Eldred 5-4 in a non-league contest on Tuesday afternoon. Jenna Carmody threw a complete game with 12 strikeouts while only allowing two hits. Emily Rusin went 3-4

with an RBI and Avery Carrier went 2-4 with two RBIs. Eldred's Sydney Furler went 1-3 with a run scored and a stolen base. Rayanna Quintana went 1-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Chloe Warming had five strikeouts for Eldred.

Baseball

Tri-Valley hosted Seward on Wednesday afternoon, losing a close matchup 11-9. Tri-Valley's Colin Monell went 3-4 with three RBIs and Austin Swett went 2-3 with two doubles and two RBIs.

Track and Field

It was a breezy rainy day on Wednesday as Tri-Valley, Monticello and Burke competed in their first meet of the spring. The Monticello boys had a strong showing, defeating Tri-Valley 115-25 and Burke 93-47. Between Tri-Valley and Burke, it was the Eagles who finished with a 92-45 victory. The girls had a similar result as Monticello defeated Tri-Valley 89-49 and Burke 78-61. Burke defeated Tri-Valley 83-49.

Attention varsity coaches

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