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Summer is finally here. School is out for the summer and responsibilities seem to fall away, atleast for a moment, as the warmth of the season ignites a zest for being outdoors, for lazy days spent by the lake or on the river, icy drinks and ice cream cones.

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The Sullivan Catskills is the premier region for visitors who are looking for a relaxing getaway, or even an exciting new adventure. With our region being the birthplace of the legendary 1969 Woodstock Festival, we inevitably thrive off arts and culture. Whether its performing arts, art exhibitions, museums or historical sights, the Sullivan Catskills offers a rich tapestry of experiences that celebrate creativity and heritage. This summer, be sure to explore the vibrant music scene, visit renowned galleries, or take a step back in time at our captivating historical landmarks.

For any outdoor adventures you're seeking to embark on this summer, look no further than the Sullivan Catskills. Beyond our many hiking and biking trails, water enthusiasts can enjoy kayaking or rafting along the Delaware River or even opt for some riverfront camping. After a day of outdoor activities, why not explore the local craft beverage scene? Follow along the Good Taste Artisanal Beverage Trail on our website for a wide variety of locally crafted beverages including breweries, distilleries, cideries and wineries. Whatever your tastebuds desire, you're in for a relaxing and flavorful experience.

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the bagel inspires a festival

by Autumn Schanil



Lines of people wait their turn to purchase Monticello Bagel Bakery's delicious assortment of bagels while others attempt to help string bagels down Bagel Boulevard to create the longest chain on record.

Stories abound about how bagels came to be, but we do know that they can be traced back to the Jewish communities of Poland, and before that Germany and Central Europe. Originally a type of bread roll, bagels are now one of the most popular items in the United States with more than 2 million bagels sold in the US each day.

And “The Bagel Capital” is right here in the Catskills. In 2013 the New York State Assembly and Senate officially decreed Monticello, NY as The Bagel Capital - whether it's of the US, the world, or simply the state - it doesn't seem to matter, it's a destination for bagels, especially in August.

As the site of the original prototype of a 1968 U.S. patent-holding bagel-making machine that could make up to 600 bagels an hour, as well as the Monticello Bagel Bakery which is a local landmark and third-generation family business that makes an average of 25,000 bagels a week, Monticello is now also the site for the annual Bagel Festival.

From attempting to break records with the longest bagel chain, to a bagel triathlon, and plenty of bagels to sample and eat, the Bagel Festival is a unique and quirky festival of fun.

This year the festival will be held on Sunday, August 11 from 9am-4pm on Bagel Boulevard, otherwise known as Broadway in Monticello. It's sure to be a hole lot of fun!

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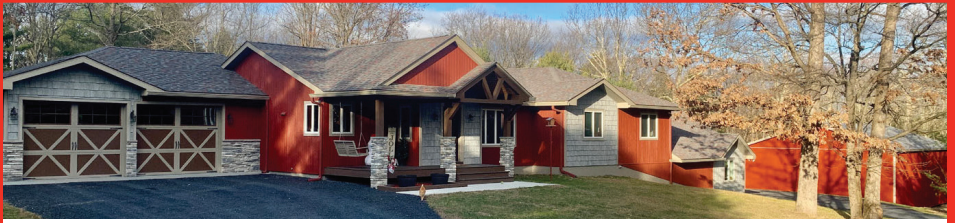
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sticky fingers and where to get them

We've been waiting all winter and spring for this, often driving by our favorite places looking for the open sign hanging in the door or glowing red in the window. We've been holding back buying our familiar pints or cartons at the store in anticipation of cups and cones.

It's finally ice cream season in the Catskills, so bring on the rainbow sprinkles, delicious flavors, the it's-melting-too-fast, and the sticky fingers.

Inspired by the happiness ice cream bringings (along with the sticky fingers) is

Sticky Fingers Delectables in Kauneonga Lake, a petite ice cream shop tucked away by the water with bold, unique flavors and a mission for joy.

"Sticky Fingers was originally founded and opened in 2014," said now Owner and Proprietor James Loney. "I bought the business from the previous owners a little while after I bought my house in Smallwood back in 2017."

James had been working for Williams & Sonoma for years, and was looking for a return to a less stressful and bucolic way of life, along with the desire to bring happiness to people through food.

“My family comes from dairy farms in Ontario, Canada,” stated James, “and thinking back to my childhood I felt a similar feeling each time I came to visit the Catskills. It felt like a second home.”

So when James bought the ice cream shop, he quickly got to work making it into a “happiness factory.” All the ice creams are made by Jane’s Ice Cream of Kingston using some of the best hormone-free milk from New York State cows, along with natural and local ingredients for their flavors. You can get a cup or cone with classic favorites like Vanilla, Strawberry, Chocolate, and Mint Chip, give your tastebuds a zing with the Cappuccino Kahlua Calypso, Salted Caramel Pretzel, and Cinnamon Crumb Cake, or branch out and try flavors that are unique, delightful, and delicate like the Apricot Orange Blossom or Lavender. Top them with sprinkles

of your choice, crushed walnuts, or the home-made hot fudge and whipped cream made by James himself.

The smooth and completely dairy-free sorbets are also made by Jane’s of Kingston with simple de-seeded and de-fibred whole fruits.

With cup or cone in hand you can

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What will you have - cup or cone? Home-made hot fudge or whipped cream? Whatever you fancy, James Loney will happily accomodate, gently pouring fudge over your flavor of choice before you head out to sit beneath the trees or by the lakeside.

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head outside to sit on the back patio, either under the old barn roof by the White Lake Brook or the tables with umbrellas where the kids can play, feeling time slow down and still as you listen to the water flowing behind you.

“This building was originally a gristmill powered by these waters coming out of the lake,” James explained. “The White Lake Brook travels for nearly 50 miles before it empties into the Delaware.”

And James didn’t stop there, he decided to work on something for the colder season too, creating soups and stews that were such a hit, people now wait for their season just like they wait

for the season of ice cream.

“The soups and stews are completely my creative outlet,” he said. “You can get them hot, or you can take them home frozen to eat whenever you choose.”

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The dam area features picnic tables and grills along with fishing access, with a DEC fishing license required of course.

But mostly, Lake Superior

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A designated swimming area with a sandy beach on Lake Superior is there for your safety, alongside colorful paddleboats available to rent for a fun afternoon on the water.

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CALENDAR

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Wednesday, July 17

Justin Hayward with special guest Mike Dawes at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, 8:00pm. Having chalked up over fifty years at the peak of the music and entertainment industry, Justin Hayward's voice has been heard the world over. Known principally as the vocalist, lead guitarist and composer for the Moody Blues, his is an enduring talent that has helped to define the times in which he worked.

Thursday, July 18

Santana & Counting Crows at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, 7:00pm. Santana is an American Latin/Chicano blues and rock band formed in San Francisco in 1966 by Mexican-born guitarist Carlos Santana. The band has undergone various recording and performing line-ups in its history, with Santana being the only consistent member.

Sunday, July 21

The HAPPENING continues at Hurleyville Arts Centre with a special, ticketed performance of Sam Sadigursky's SOLOMON DIARIES at 3:00 pm. Sam Sadigursky is a member of the Philip Glass Ensemble, has released 11 albums and tours with musicians such as David Byrne, Bruce Hornsby and Tom Jones. The immersive SOLOMON DIARIES is a series of 3-albums written by Sadigursky inspired by the Borscht Belt. The music blends klezmer, jazz, American folk, and Middle Eastern rhythms in a "compelling musical remembrance of a bygone era." Tickets for the SOLOMON DIARIES are on sale now. This HAPPENING is free and open to all, except for the performance, which is a ticketed event.

Wednesday, July 24

Train & REO Speedwagon with Yacht Rock Revue at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, 6:25pm. Train is an American pop rock band from San Francisco which was formed in 1993. Since 2021, the band consists of Pat Monahan,

Taylor Locke, Hector Maldonado, Jerry Becker, Matt Musty, Sakai Smith, and Nikita Houston.

Friday, July 26

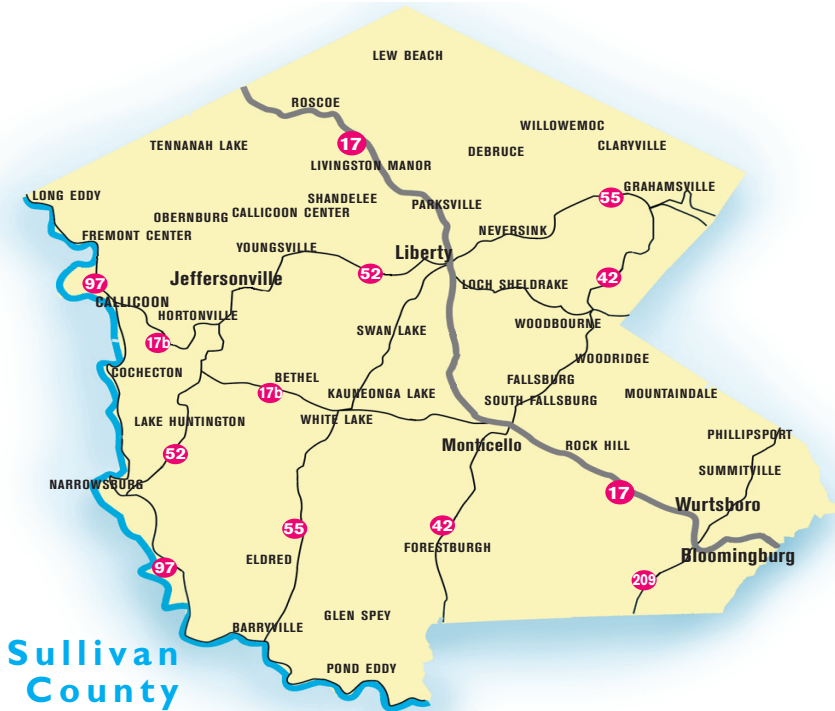
Limp Bizkit with special guests BONES, Eddy Baker & Xavier Wulf, N8NOFACE, Corey Feldman and Host/ MC Riff Raff at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, 6:30pm. Limp Bizkit is an American nu metal/rap metal/rap rock band from Jacksonville, Florida. Their lineup consists of Fred Durst (lead vocals), Sam Rivers (bass, backing vocals), John Otto (drums, percussion), DJ Lethal (turntables), and Wes Borland (guitars, vocals)

Saturday, July 27

Callicoon Country Fair! 10:00am – 5:00pm. Round up your posse and head on over to the Callicoon Country Fair! This Hamlet-wide event is fun for the whole family! Come to Callicoon for a day full of LIVE Music, Local Artisans, Art, Food, Kid's Games, Pony Rides, Balloon Arts, Bouncy House, Dunk Tank, Lawn Games, and so much more! Artisan Market features local vendors offering locally made artisan goods, crafts and jewelry –as well as antiques, art, food and more.

Hozier with special guest Allison Russell at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, 8:00pm. Andrew John Hozier-Byrne known professionally





as Hozier is an Irish musician, singer and songwriter. His music primarily draws from folk, soul, and blues, often using religious and literary themes and a political or social justice stance.

Saturday, August 10

Joel Hill Sawmill, a water-powered, Civil War Era sawmill, and Cleveland Museum, which houses late 19th Century vintage tools and (mostly) operational industrial machinery, will be open for tours. Come see a demonstration to see how logs are cut into lumber by the water powered 36" saw blade. Located at 736 Duck Harbor Road, Equinunk, PA., tours begin at 10am and 1pm. For more information, call Greg 570-798-2420.

Sunday, August 11

The 2024 Bagel Festival! Come out to Broadway in Monticello, NY on Sunday, August 11, 2024 at 9am for an even BIGGER and BETTER 2024 Bagel Festival! This year will be filled with even more music, food, games, shopping, and more! Plus the incredible Car Show! Don't miss it!

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Friday, August 16

Lynard Skynyrd & ZZ Top with special guest The Outlaws at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, 6:30pm. As Lynyrd Skynyrd celebrates the 50th anniversary of the band's critically acclaimed debut album they resonate as deeply with their multi-generational fan base today as when they first emerged out of Jacksonville, Florida in 1973.

Saturday, October 26

Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest fundraiser for Alzheimer's care, support and research. This inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease. Registration opens: 9 a.m. This will be located at Benedict Farm Park, 1675 NY-17K, Montgomery.

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