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The Holidays are a time for colorful flower arrangements, gifts of wellness, traditions old and new, and time spent gathered together.

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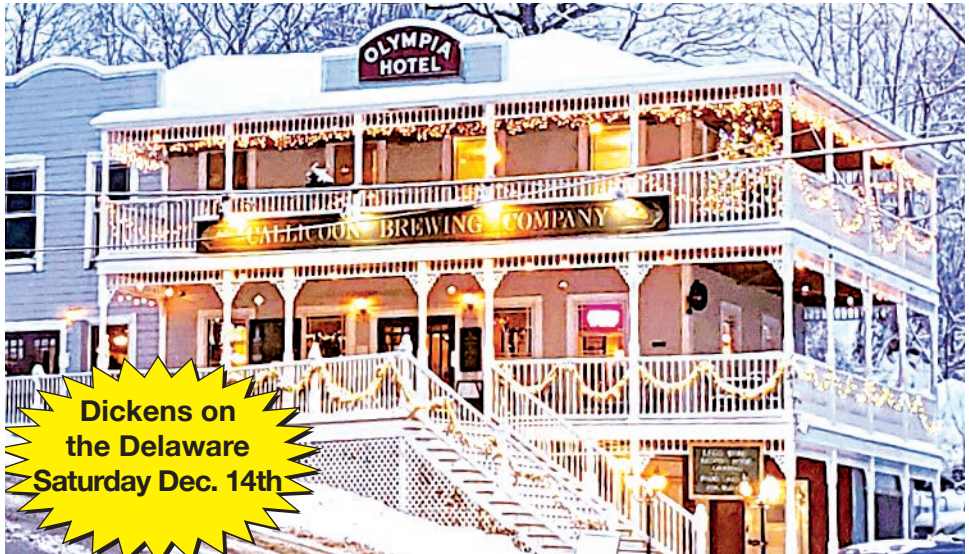
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December begins with our 2024 Annual Meeting and Cocktail Party at Bethel Woods Center for the arts on Thursday, December 5th to 5:30-8:30pm. This special evening celebrates the remarkable achievements of the past year, including visitor spending soaring to an impressive \$969 million. It's an honor to recognize our local business champions who make the Sullivan Catskills such a vibrant, thriving destination. Join us for Catskill-icious food, drinks, and live music in this beautiful setting—it's the perfect night for community leaders, local business owners, and supporters of our beloved region to connect and celebrate together. It's truly an event you won't want to miss!

Then, on December 7th we will be hosting our beloved Annual Holiday Marketplace from 11am-4pm at the Liberty Mall, where you'll be able to find unique gifts, all carrying the heart and creativity of the Catskills. Supporting local vendors while finding the perfect holiday gift—what could be better? Join us for a day of seasonal festivities, music, delicious food and of course- photos with Santa!

Our dining scene adds even more warmth to the season, with local chefs crafting menus that embrace the flavors of winter. Imagine gathering around a table at one of our cozy inns or restaurants, enjoying comforting, locally inspired dishes that celebrate the harvest. For those planning a holiday getaway, our welcoming lodges provide a perfect retreat where you can relax fireside and savor the Sullivan Catskills' peaceful beauty.

Winter in the Sullivan Catskills also means endless outdoor adventure! Bundle up and explore snowy trails, take in breathtaking mountain views, or simply enjoy the stillness of a winter landscape.



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herbal passions

story and photos by Autumn Schanil

Emmanuelle Barry's love for herbs and wildflowers began when she was a young girl growing up in Paris, France, spending summers in the countryside with

her grandmother, surrounded by wild plants like linden, lemon verbena, chamomile and nettles.

Emmanuelle's mother also inspired her love of plants, through

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her own love of lavender, filling their home and kitchen with its scent.

“I can still smell that lavender,” she said with a smile, “and my grandmother was always making tea. I would follow her, learning how to collect the plants, so from a young age I always loved it, I loved nature.”

When Emmanuelle and her husband lived in Provence, France for a year, she spent a lot of time in the lavender fields there, as well as visiting world-famous

perfumeries. It was there that her commitment towards wellness became a passion.

“A few years ago I decided I would go back to what I really loved,” she stated. “I went to an amazing herbal school, the David Winston Centre for Herbal Studies, and became a clinical herbalist. David Winston is a wonderful herbalist and very well known in the herbal community.”

Emmanuelle began working one-on-one with people and their doctors, doing care studies.

“When they have issues I work with their doctor, and with



Tinctures, soaps, body butters, face creams and more, line the shelves in a beautifully curated fashion at Emmanuelle’s Skin Care & Wellness shop in Livingston Manor.

them, to see if we can help with herbs,” she explained, “with herbal plants, herbal medicine, to see if we can help with their imbalances or their issues.

And then I started to do skin care.”

For quite some time, Emmanuelle was simply experimenting in skincare because she loved it. She was making things for herself and for friends, and had wonderful results.

“So I started to do my skin care and, well, it just took off from there. Emmanuelle’s Skin Care & Wellness

was born,” she beamed. “It’s all organic, it’s all pure. I source my ingredients very carefully. For example, rose I source from Bulgaria. Lavender, thyme and rosemary I source from France. I’m very specific, and you have to be really, because it’s a big world in organic skin care and not everything that says organic, is truly organic.”

Emmanuelle now creates face creams, body butters, face serums, perfumes, tinctures, soaps and more, and it’s all available in her shop in Livingston Manor, which celebrated its

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The smell of dried herbs, flowers, and lavender bundles permeate your senses.

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one year anniversary in July.

All of her products are handcrafted in small batches, and she takes pride in working with all of the herbs and plants herself. Most of the lavender bundles that you see displayed throughout her

store, is lavender from her own garden, harvested by her own hands.

And when you walk into the shop and meet Emmanuelle, you can feel the love and vibrant energy that is put into everything she does.

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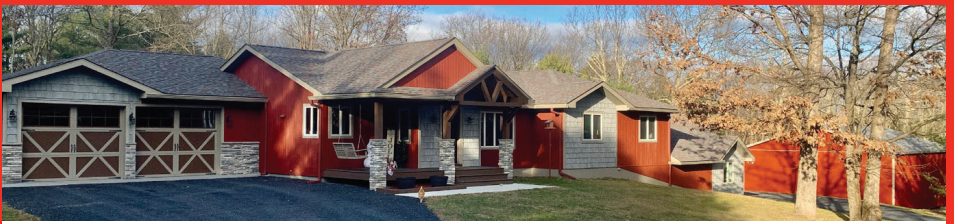
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a gift of flowers, plus



Filling the void left behind with the closing of Hillside Greenhouses, friends and now co-owners of Liberty Blooms, Jean Dermer and Tami Van Leuven teamed up with Floral Designer and friend, Joseph Topolski to officially open shop, offering floral arrangements to not only their home area of Liberty, but to the wider Sullivan County...and they're flourishing.

story and photos
by Autumn Scharil

"Tami and I, floristry wasn't our thing, it was Joseph's," Jean said with a laugh, "but knowing and understanding business, we wanted to make this happen. We wanted a beautiful space that he could continue doing what he does, which is exquisite work.

Attending school for Floristry and later
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Attending school for Floristry and later working for Hillside, Joseph has been a florist for more than 40 years, made apparent in the stunning floral displays that surround you as you walk through the door of their shop on Main Street.

Along with the season floral arrangements, there are also dish gardens and plants, as well as gifts and sweet treats, for any occasion.

“Coming into this, we already had a customer base, but it’s been such a pleasure to have new people walking in and discovering us every day,” said Joseph.

Offering one-of-a-kind arrangements with blushing fresh flowers, they specialize in creative floral designs, bouquets, gift baskets and more. Although you can order online or call the shop, there’s nothing quite like walking in, being greeted by smiling faces, and seeing the artistry of their floral designs. Whether you’re sending an arrangement for delivery, picking up, or ordering for out-of-town through their Teleflora network, each piece is unique, timely, and elegant.

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a trail to unique refreshments

story and photos by Autumn Schanil

Nestled in a pocket of trees, amongst lavender fields, maple, and hops, stands Two Farms Brewing, a collaboration of passions between friends. Recently opened, it's already become a woodland destination for their small batches of meticulously crafted brews inspired by the ingredients that surround them.

Brewer Mike Bruestle and wife Shana have been friends with Kent Findley and Erika Malmgreen of Winterton Farms in Bloomingburg for more than a decade, and when Mike and Shana decided to move up to Sullivan County full-time, a collaboration between them all began.

"Kent and Erika have this wonderful farm and land. They grow amazing





products and make their own maple syrup. They do incredible things here, so after a little coaxing from them,” Mike smiled, “we decided to start this project together, to build a brewery on the farm. We decided to take my hobby to the next level.”

Mike has been brewing beer for about 15 years, first starting out in a small 10 gallon pot in Shana’s apartment in Astoria.

“The first time, it came out terrible,” he laughed. “The second time a little bit better. Each time it got better to the point where I was brewing my beer and I was bottling my product to give out to friends, and I got great reviews.”

Each year Shana and Mike would host a party at their house for Oktoberfest with

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friends and family, and Mike would, of course, brew the beer.

“I told him that this is like hosting that party,” Shana said looking around at the crowd of people with beers in hand, “just everyday.”

You can find traditional style beers at Two Farms Brewing, but you’ll also find brews that are unique in ingredient and flavor. Most recently brewed was a Lavender Peach Wheat Beer inspired by

the farm, which completely sold out in a weekend, as well as their unique take on a cider.

If you’re not in the mood for an alcoholic beverage they also have a Lavender Kombucha.

“We’ve all talked and dreamed about this for a while,” said Mike, “now we’re living it.”

So take a trip whether close or far, enjoy a Two Farms brew, sit by the fire, shop some products from Winterton Farms, and enjoy the season in the Catskills.



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Frozen Jr. the Musical at the Arnold Packer Hughes Auditorium, Monticello High School, Monticello at 7p.m., tickets sold at the door, students & senior citizens \$4, adults \$6, children under 5 are free.

Saturday, November 16

Woodridge Senior Club Penny Social Woodridge Village Hall, 2 Dairyland Road, Woodridge, NY 12789 Door opens 2:00 PM. Calling starts at 4:00 PM. Refreshments will be available for sale. All new items, 50/50 and more.

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Shepherd's Pantry is having a Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser from 3:30 -6:00 in Faith Hall at the Reformed Presbyterian Church, 6 Mattison Road in White Lake, across from Bethel Medical Center. Tickets are \$15 and include a complete meal of pasta fagioli, salad, lasagna, bread, beverage, and dessert. You may eat in or take out. For advance tickets, call 845-791-0460. All proceeds benefit Shepherd's Pantry.

Grahamsville Reformed Church is inviting you to dinner. One the menu: roast pork, stuffing, mashed potatoes, veggies, sauerkraut, salad, bread, cake and drinks. 4 PM until sold out. State Rte 55, Grahamsville, NY 12740 The cost for both adults and children is \$15. Eat in or take out available. Thank you for your support and fellowship, it is truly appreciated, and God Bless you all!

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Sunday, November 17

Claryville Fire Department invites you to All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast. 8AM until 12Pm. Adults - \$13, senior citizens - \$11, Children 5-11 - \$5 and under 5 - free. Located at 1500 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725. Call 845-985-7270.

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Rafter's Tavern invites you to Open mike at 3p.m. every Sunday. 28 Upper Main St, Callicoon.

Monday, November 18

WSPL Computer/Technical Support @ 1:00pm. Sign up for a 25-minute in-person session at the Tusten-Cochecton Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library or virtual session for troubleshooting, advice, and questions, along with assistance with library services like Kanopy, Ancestry, and more. Schedule your appointment by visiting the library calendar at wsplonline.org.

Narrowsburg Knitters meets every Monday at the Tusten-Cochecton Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Learn how to knit, bring a project that you're working on, and share ideas and your latest projects! More information at WSPLonline.org.

Tuesday, November 19

Tech Educational Series: Zoom for the Holidays @ 12:00 via Zoom or In-Person at the Jeffersonville Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library: For those who want to connect to family, friends, and loved ones during the holiday, join this fun





interactive session. Learn some great tips and techniques for creating a fun Zoom experience if you are a Zoom host or participant.

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Callicoon Book Club will meet on Tuesday, November 19th at 5pm at the Delaware Free Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library. This month's discussion will be about *The House of Broken Angels* by Luis Alberto Urrea, which is available to Western Sullivan Public Library patrons as a hardcopy, ebook, or audiobook. More information and registration at WSPLonline.org.

Wednesday, November 20

a blood drive in the highschool cafeteria. The address of the high school is 6604 Route 52, Lake Huntington, NY, 12752. All donors will receive two pairs of holiday socks as a thank you. Visit RedCrossBlood.org to sign up or call 1-800 RED CROSS. Please come out and donate!

Friday, November 22

Storytime at the Western Sullivan Public Library will be meeting on Friday, November 22nd from 10:15-

11:30am at the Delaware Free Branch in Callicoon. This program is for children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers, and will incorporate music, literacy activities, crafts and plenty of open play. More information at WSPLonline.org.

DIY Club will meet at the Western Sullivan Public Library on Friday, November 22nd from 4 to 5pm at the Delaware Free Branch in Callicoon. Participants will get to make cardboard turkeys and other fun Thanksgiving crafts to take home. This program is intended for ages 6 and up, and registration is required. More information at WSPLonline.org

Saturday, November 23

Board Game Day will take place on Saturday, November 23rd from 10am to 1pm at the Jeffersonville Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library. Participants can play classic games like UNO, chess, checkers, Cranium, Scrabble, and Trivia Pursuit, or bring their own games to play and share with others. Registration and more information at WSPLonline.org.

Sunday, November 24

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Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Dinner at The Homestead Restaurant and Lounge. Leave the cooking to our world-class chefs while you sit back and enjoy the elegant feast and premium cocktails with your family and friends. Thanksgiving Dinner includes your choice of starter, entrée (sides included) and dessert, with appetizers available for an additional charge.*Accepting reservations starting at 4 p.m.*\$68 per person (excluding tax + tip) | Reservations required

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Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner from 12 to 3 PM at Lumberland Town Hall, located at 1054 Proctor Rd, Glen Spey, NY. Dine in or take out; reservations are recommended. Dinner includes salad, turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, stuffing, a dinner roll, and dessert. Please preorder your meal by contacting Kezia Labuda at 845-672-3896.

Sunday, December 1

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Saturday, December 7

Holiday Market at the Liberty Mall, 15 Sullivan Ave. 11AM-4PM. Shop unique products and hand-crafted items from our community during the holiday

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Tuesday, December 24

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