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Schumer announces Protecting Healthcare and Lowering Costs Act

STORY AND PHOTO BY VINCENT KURZROCK

HARRIS, SULLIVAN COUNTY — "Our healthcare providers are under attack." This was the message that U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer told Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills staff and Sullivan County officials Thursday afternoon as he announced new legislation to make healthcare more affordable and reverse GOP cuts. This announced bill, which Schumer calls the Protecting Healthcare and Lowering Costs Act, aims to restore the recent Medicaid cuts and make permanent tax credits that help multiple families in affording health insurance under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), credits that Schumer noted are set to expire at the end of 2025. "Today is all about the impending impacts of Medicaid cuts on our region and the communities that we serve and the people we care for: our patients," CEO and President of Garnet Health as well as one of the event's speakers, Jonathan Schiller,

told attendees. "When patients can't afford to pay for their care, hospitals have to make up the difference." Schumer stated that the changes are needed to avoid what he described as significant local impacts. There has been reduced services from Garnet Health including its outpatient diabetes program in Sullivan County as well as laying off staff, citing lower reimbursements from Medicaid. Schumer also brought up the Center for Discovery, which also relies on Medicaid for much of its funding. "These are wonderful people with developmental and intellectual disabilities and the Center for Discovery does such an amazing job. [The cuts] are devastating and sad," stated Schumer. "They are also going to cut SNAP feeding the hungry. Why could they take food out of the mouths of hungry children? They just think there's government waste. SNAP has virtually no waste. This hospital has virtually no

waste." Schumer stated that Sullivan County has one of New York's highest Medicaid enrollment rates: roughly 37% of residents. He cited this as one of the reasons the county would be sensitive to funding changes. He said that without additional support, rural hospitals could see longer wait times, further care reductions and higher costs. "How does this affect patient care? That's the bottom line here. The bottom line is that these Medicaid cuts will impact us tremendously," said Pam Murphy, the Chief Medical Officer at Garnet Health. "Think about your coverages [being] reduced, your enrollment lost, it is either because you lose eligibility or you face new ... requirements that you can't do. These often lead to really hard choices." Schumer's bill is planned to be introduced when Congress returns after Labor Day. In the meantime, Schumer encouraged resi-



U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer announced his new bill that aims to restore cuts to Medicaid on Thursday at Garnet hospital in Harris. Behind him from left are Center for Discovery CEO Terry Hamlin, Chief Medical Officer of Garnet Health Pamela Murphy, Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills CEO Jerry Dunlavey and Garnet Health CEO and President Jonathan Schiller.

dents to share their experiences with federal representatives, urging that protecting rural healthcare access is essential to both community health and the stability of local budgets.

"If these Medicaid cuts happened the way that Washington designed, that's almost \$15 million we will lose as a district and that is unconscionable. We can't survive like that," stated As-

semblymember Paula Kay. "I work with Garnet (Health Medical Center) all the time to help our community and members. We cannot support anything that is going to hurt Medicaid dollars."

Tri-Valley student unveils 'The Blessing Bags Project' to help the homeless

STORY AND PHOTO BY MATTHEW ALBECK

MONTICELLO — Sullivan County Treasurer Intern and Tri-Valley student Chris Prousalis presented a new project called The Blessing Bags Project to the Legislature on Thursday, August 14. The project will see Prousalis and his fellow Tri-Valley peers collecting bags of resources and delivering them to the Federation for the Homeless, a social services organization in Monticello. Fifteen-year-old Prousalis said, "This project is simple yet powerful... I've put collection boxes all around the county—the Grahamsville Deli, Grahamsville Post Office, Neversink Town Hall, and probably the most accessible to everyone here, the Government Center and Treasurer's Office." Prousalis said he's collecting donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and health supplies, and will be donating them to the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless, "to help people who are experiencing homelessness. These bags are more than just supplies, they represent our compassion, dignity, and it shows a message that our community really cares." Prousalis said he and his fellow students at Tri-Valley Volunteer Club will be assembling the bags and delivering them to Federation for the Homeless Director Kathy Kreiter and also volunteering at the Federation. He concluded, "I'd like to



Sullivan County Treasurer Intern Chris Prousalis presents The Blessing Bags Project to the Sullivan County Legislature.

invite the entire community, including everyone here, to participate either through donating, volunteering, or connecting us with local businesses, and spreading the word about this project. I've already collected a lot of donations, and I'm very thankful for everyone that's donated today." He said that he plans to

organize four field trips throughout the school year and is shooting for the first one to happen in late September. Legislator Chair Nadia Rajsz said, "This is such a great idea for somebody so young to start. Kudos to you, thank you for doing this." The end of Prousalis's presentation was met with a

hearty applause from legislators and the audience who were moved by the initiative of this promising young student. County Treasurer Nancy Buck praised the efforts of her intern: "I'm so proud of all our interns, and Chris, he's been working so hard, and this is a pet project for him, and I'm proud of him at his age that he came up with it. And my office is more than happy to help him." Prousalis said he got the idea while on a civics class field trip: "We took a field trip to the Federation for the Homeless to volunteer, and when I was there, I saw it can be a lot for the workers there to maintain everything, so I thought it would be a good idea to create The Blessing Bags Project to help them out." He pitched the idea to Director Kreiter, who thought it was wonderful. Prousalis said he has been collecting necessary items like toothbrushes and toothpaste, "anything to help with the quality of life, anything to give a helping hand to those experiencing homelessness." Prousalis is also the founder of the Tri-Valley Volunteer Club, a creation that came about when he learned that many seniors at Tri-Valley were struggling to meet their 25 hours of required volunteering. As he looks to the future, Prousalis said he hopes to, "continue helping the homeless, helping students graduate, and creating more connection in our community."

Sullivan County sales tax collections lag behind statewide growth

BY SEAN KUHN

SULLIVAN COUNTY — Sullivan County's local sales tax collections fell 2.9% in the first half of 2025, bucking a statewide trend of growth, according to a July 30 report from New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. While overall collections across New York increased 3.7%—totaling \$11.9 billion from January through June—Sullivan was one of only eight counties to see a year-over-year decline. The Comptroller's report attributed the statewide gains to factors like New York City's continued economic recovery, strong regional growth in places like the Southern Tier, and a rebound in in-person consumer activity. But the reasons for Sullivan's dip are more localized, Treasurer Nancy Buck told the Sullivan County Democrat. Buck said the county's pandemic-era gains from online shopping have receded as residents return to brick-and-mortar stores—often outside county lines. "When people were shopping online during COVID, the point-of-delivery meant that tax revenue stayed here," she explained. "Now they're going to Middletown or other areas with more retail, and those sales tax dollars go to those counties." According to Buck, Sullivan collected \$39 million in local sales tax through the first half of this year, down from \$41 million in the same period of 2024—a difference

of \$2.4 million. While some sectors saw modest growth, others posted notable declines. A county sales report comparing the 12 months ending February 28, 2025, to the previous year shows the largest drop came from gas stations, down 9% (\$13.5 million). Building material and supplies dealers—the county's single largest sales tax category—also fell 3.3% (\$11.6 million). Hardware wholesalers, clothing retailers, and wired telecommunications also posted significant declines. Still, some sectors grew. Electric power generation and distribution rose 18.6% (\$7.7 million), while traveler accommodations and grocery sales were up 4.8% and 2.5%, respectively. Buck said that despite the recent drop, building materials remain a major driver of county revenue, boosted by both local construction and higher national prices. "We've got lots of construction happening here, and the cost of materials has skyrocketed," she said. Looking ahead, Buck urged caution. The county budgeted \$80 million in sales tax revenue for 2025, the same target as last year, and she does not expect to exceed it. "We have to be careful during budget season," she said. "I've been telling legislators for two years that I thought we'd see a slowdown, and we're there now. I hope we hit our target, but there will be no overage."

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Neversink sets public hearing to potentially override tax cap if necessary; Coombe raises concerns with state action



Town Bookkeeper Patricia Gold recommended that the Town Board hold a public hearing on overriding a 2% tax cap.

tion from Town Bookkeeper Patricia Gold at Wednesday night's meeting.

Gold said the move is precautionary, noting that the board could rescind it if the final budget stays within the cap.

"However, it is definitely a possibility that we do go over," Gold stated, calling it a proactive measure to avoid last-minute pressure. Town Clerk Staci Conjura recalled that last year the board was "kind of pushing for time" when faced with the same issue.

Councilperson Rick Coombe stressed that the state's delayed release of healthcare prices, an expense that makes up roughly 25% of the town's budget, complicates the process.

"If the state can't provide an accurate price in a timely manner before the town's

budget is due, then we have a problem," stated Coombe. He added that the numbers last year didn't arrive until mid-December, weeks after the budget deadline.

"That should be something that should be in the press all the time," Coombe said. "Your largest expense, you're not even going to know about until after your budget is due."

He called it unacceptable for the state to expect municipalities to stay under the cap without providing timely guidance.

Town Supervisor Chris Mathews agreed that Coombe's points were "well-said," as Coombe stressed the importance of "turning the spotlight" on the issue.

As for the override, Coombe suggested the board could also wait and call a special meeting if needed, but said he was comfortable moving forward either way.

Councilpersons Scott Grey and Nicole Gorr both voiced that they were on board with the plan.

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- TUESDAY, AUGUST 19**
 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.
 Liberty Central School District Board of Education Regular/Business Meeting, 6 p.m., HS Media

- Center, 125 Buckley Street, Liberty.
- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20**
 Village of Monticello, Village Board, Meeting, 6 p.m., 2 Pleasant St., Monticello.
 Town of Delaware, Planning Board, Meeting, 7 p.m., 104 Main St., Hortonville.
 Kauneonga Lake Fire District, Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., Kauneonga Lake Firehouse, 3574 NYS Route 55, Kauneonga Lake.
 Neversink River Watershed Meeting, 6 p.m., through Zoom.

- THURSDAY, AUGUST 21**
 Town of Rockland, Town Board, Meeting, 7 p.m., 95 Main St., Livingston Manor.
 Village of Liberty, Village Board, Meeting, 7 p.m., 167 North Main St., Liberty.
 Narrowsburg Fire District, Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., Narrowsburg Firehouse, 203 Bridge St., Narrowsburg.
 Town of Callicoon, Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 19 Legion St., Jeffersonville.
 Hankins-Fremont Fire District, Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., Hankins-Fremont Firehouse, 20 Newman Hill Rd., Hankins.
 Monticello CSD District Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Located in the Robert J. Kaiser Middle School Library.
 Village of Monticello Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting at 6 p.m., at the Village Hall Meeting Room, 2nd Floor.
 Neversink Fire District, Fire Commissioners Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 7486 State Rte 55, Neversink.
 Town of Mamakating, Zoning Board of Appeals, Public Hearing, 7 p.m., 2948 Route 209, Wurtsboro.
 Tri-Valley CSD Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level.
 Village of Monticello Zoning Board of Appeals, 6 p.m. at the Village Hall Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor.
 Grover M. Hermann Hospital Auxiliary, Meeting, 4 p.m., 8881 State Route 97, Callicoon.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY VINCENT KURZROCK

NEVERSINK — The Neversink Town Board plans to hold a public hearing on September 10 at 7:15 p.m. to consider a possible override of the state's 2% tax cap, following a recommenda-



Councilperson Rick Coombe felt the state's delayed release of the healthcare costs complicated matters.

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a concrete pour. The closure is dependent on weather and resources. A backup date of Thursday, August 21 has been selected. During the closure, flaggers will be at either end of the bridge to allow emergency vehicles to pass through, if necessary. Pedestrians and bicyclists will also have access to the bridge during the closure.



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POLICE NOTES

Three wounded in shooting outside of Nelly's Sports Bar on Broadway

MONTICELLO – At 1:38 A.M. Monday morning, August 18, Village of Monticello Police responded to a 911 report of shots fired outside of Nelly's Sports Bar located at 456 Broadway. Two males sustained gunshot wounds to their right shoulders and another male sustained a graze wound to an arm. One of the victims who was shot in the shoulder was able to drive himself to the Monticello Police Station where emergency care was initiated in the station lobby by Monticello Police Dispatcher Danielle Cassidy, who is also an EMT. Two Medevacs were requested but due to weather conditions they were declined. Two of the victims were then transported by ambulance to Garnet Health Medical Center-Middletown in serious condition. A preliminary investigation at this time shows that there were multiple shooters involved, who were located in a lot on the side of the bar and fired towards the sidewalk along

Broadway, where all three victims were standing.

Village of Monticello Police were assisted at the scene by New York State Police, Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and Town of Fallsburg Police. Also assisting was Empress EMS, Town of Bethel Vol. EMS, Town of Tusten Vol. EMS, Hatzalah Catskills EMS, Senior Care EMS and Monticello Fire Department. Anyone with information of this incident can call Monticello Police in confidence at 845-794-4422.

Fallsburg Police announce arrest of hate crime suspect

FALLSBURG — The Town of Fallsburg Police department arrested a 27-year-old Callicoon man and charged him with reckless endangerment in the first degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree, menacing in the second degree as a hate crime, stalking in the third degree as a hate crime, all felonies; reckless driving, criminal possession of a controlled substance and unlawfully fleeing an officer, all misdemeanors. Arrested was Sheldon Schmitz. It is alleged that Schmitz while armed with a machete went on an antisemitic-based tirade threatening

residents at the South Fallsburg Mobil Gas Station. When officers arrived on scene, Schmitz got in his vehicle and fled, leading officers on a pursuit that traveled through Fallsburg and into the Town of Thompson. After Schmitz narrowly missed multiple pedestrians who were walking on the shoulder, collided with an uninvolved vehicle and a police car, his vehicle became disabled in a ditch on Anawana Lake Road. He was taken into custody by Fallsburg Police without further incident. Schmitz was arraigned in front of Town of Mamakating Judge Honorable Kelson and was remanded to Sullivan County Jail without bail. He is due back in Fallsburg Justice Court at a later date. The Fallsburg Police were assisted in the investigation by the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office, New York State Police, Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and the Monticello Police Department. Criminal charges are merely allegations that a defendant has committed violations of the criminal law, and as such they are not evidence of guilt. All defendants have a presumption of innocence and are entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the burden of the State of New York to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Neversink Historian hard at work with hidden town history

STORY AND PHOTO
BY VINCENT KURZROCK

NEVERSINK — From Revolutionary War raids to the founding of neighboring towns, Neversink's earliest chapters are coming into sharper focus thanks to the work of Town Historian Roger Edwards.

In an update to Supervisor Chris Mathews and the Town Board at Wednesday evening's meeting, Edwards outlined months of research aimed at re-establishing the community's historical records, particularly surrounding the 1778 Graham Massacre at Chestnut Creek. The project is part of preparations for the 2026 National Semiquincentennial, celebrating 250 years since America's founding.

"Many accounts of the massacre have been written over the years, often with conflicting details," Edwards said. "I've compared each version side by side to determine what's possible and what's not."

So far, the only universally



Town Historian of Neversink Roger Edwards presented information he discovered about the history of the Town of Neversink to the town board.

agreed fact is that an attack occurred at the confluence of the Pepacton Stream and Chestnut Creek, when a force of Native Americans and Tories sympathetic to the British ambushed colonial troops led by Acting Lt. John Graham. Edwards

is continuing to investigate the causes of the raid, the transformation of once-friendly Native groups into wartime adversaries, and the events that brought the violence to an end.

Edwards has also worked with the Time and the Val-

leys Museum to prepare historic sites for the anniversary, including the Graham Monument in Neversink and the Palen Tannery site in Claryville. With approval from Mathews, needed repairs at the monument—including a reinforced flag-

pole base and new flag—were completed by Joe Bagley and Ernie Degastonguay.

Beyond the massacre, Edwards' research has uncovered key documents, including the 1798 state law creating the Town of Neversink, as well as legislative acts that later established the Towns of Rockland and Fallsburg. Copies of each have been added to the town's permanent records.

The historian has also compiled extensive files on the town's first settlers, including Henry Reynolds, Neversink's first supervisor, and John Hall, its first permanent resident. Military muster rolls, colonial correspondence, including letters from Gov. George Clinton and Gen. George Washington, and lists of 18th-century residents are now part of the town's archives.

"I've been very busy the first half of 2025," Edwards said. "And I'm looking forward to more fun during the rest of the year."

Thanking Edwards for the report, Mathews noted that

as soon as Edwards came on board, some of their first debates consisted of how many people actually died in the Battle of Chestnut Woods.

Edwards recalled that the colonel on the site the day after the massacre stated "all soldiers were present and accounted for except for three". He also noted that the state (of New York) goes by that number, believing it to be the average.

Mathews also questioned if three could be considered a massacre which Edwards confirmed was the truth.

"There's quite a few problems that developed in researching this because there's so much that has never been reported. There's so many conditions surrounding this whole thing," noted Edwards. "That's what has taken me so long in trying to weed out all of this [information] and trying to put it together in a form that is recognizable. My impressions is that there were real heroes in that massacre."

Governor Hochul tours & cuts ribbon at NY's first children's specialty hospital

ROCKHILL — Governor Kathy Hochul joined Center for Discovery staff and residents for a ceremonial ribbon cutting of the new Children's Specialty Hospital in Rock Hill on August 11.

This innovative facility is dedicated to providing specialized short-term inpatient care to children and adolescents with complex disabilities, such as autism. Developed over the past decade by The Center for Discovery's (TCFD) multidisciplinary team in close collaboration with the NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), this facility introduces a new care model that focuses on proactive treatments to reduce the need for long-term residential placements.

"Spending time with the children, families and staff at The Center for Discovery's Children's Specialty

Hospital is an important reminder of just how important investments in our healthcare system are," Governor Hochul said.

The Children's Specialty Hospital project was made possible through a \$48 million low-interest loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Rural Development's Community Facilities Program, that U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer helped secure, as well as a \$4 million investment from Empire State Development. The project also received critical support from the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), the NYS Department of Health (DOH) and the Dormitory Authority of the State of NY (DASNY).

The Center for Discovery CEO Dr Terry Hamlin said, "We are deeply honored to welcome Governor Hochul to

The Center for Discovery and our new Children's Specialty Hospital—where hope meets innovation for New York's most medically complex children. Here, world-class care, pioneering research, and comprehensive family support are transforming lives and setting a new standard for how we serve children with autism and complex conditions."

The Specialty Hospital is designed for children ages five to 21 who meet OPWDD's eligibility criteria and require medical care, in addition to supporting their developmental disabilities. The Children's Specialty Hospital will provide inpatient treatment and conduct comprehensive medical, behavioral and clinical assessments over a maximum of six months. Through a collaborative approach, this program is designed to help children and adolescents thrive at home, in school and remain integrated in the community.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Assemblymember Paula Kay, left, joins Governor Kathy Hochul, center, and Center for Discovery CEO Dr. Terry Hamlin for a ribbon cutting at the Center for Discovery's new children's hospital in Rock Hill that takes an "innovative" approach to providing care for people with developmental disabilities.

Designed with both medical and therapeutic needs in mind, the new facility where the Children's Specialty Hospital is located includes classrooms, a health clinic, sensory rooms, a therapeutic gym for physical and occupational therapies, a café and a training kitchen. The 15-acre campus also offers outdoor walking trails, healing gardens, and a Food is Medicine greenhouse, all

supporting TCFD's holistic approach to care.

After completing short-term treatment at the Hospital, patients will return home with a specialized care plan that includes training for families, caregivers and school districts. TCFD's team of experts will continue to support families as they build on the progress made during their child's stay.

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Developmental Disabilities Commissioner Willow Baer said, "Finding treatment in the appropriate setting can be difficult for children with developmental disabilities who also have complex medical needs. This new option for integrated care is a positive step towards health equity and we thank Governor Hochul for her continued investment in the lives of all New Yorkers."

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Empowering seniors, supporting caregivers: What Sullivan County Office for the Aging has to offer

STORY AND PHOTO
BY LISE-ANNE DEOUL
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The Sullivan County Office for the Aging at the Government Center in Monticello.

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- WISE classes (Wellness Initiative for Senior Education)

Programs are supported by grants from the NYS Department of Health. The Caregiver Resource Center is a partnership between CCE Sullivan, Sullivan County Office for the Aging, and the Alzheimer's Association.

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The Cooperage Project and Tusten Social join forces to expand free senior programming in the Upper Delaware Region

NARROWSBURG — Two community nonprofits, The Cooperage Project and Tusten Social, are teaming up to strengthen and expand social offerings for local seniors. United by a shared commitment to serving the region's seniors and youth—this partnership is delivering free programming across the area.

for civic connection through inclusive programming. Recognizing the need for more consistent senior engagement, the two organizations have begun coordinating their senior offerings—ensuring that older adults (60+) in the region now have a weekly opportunity for connection, enrichment, and fun.



Aly Spaciano selling produce from the Mobile Market at the Senior Gathering.

Cooperage's Senior Gatherings on the second and fourth Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at The Cooperage in Honesdale. Both programs are free and require no RSVP. Sage Sessions and Senior Gatherings offer a wide range of light, uplifting local interest programming—from storytelling to live music, wellness workshops, and visits from The Cooperage's Northern Poconos Mobile Farm Market.

Sage Sessions include lunch and Senior Gatherings offer light fare and both include coffee and refreshments. "By simply coordinating our calendars and programming, we're able to dramatically increase access and impact for the communities we serve," said Amanda Masters from The Cooperage Project. "This model grew out of what we learned during COVID, when we pivoted from home-delivered meals to small in-person gatherings. Now, with this new collaboration, we're scaling those efforts to meet growing demand."



Volunteers of the Cooperage welcome guests to their July 31st Senior Gathering on Hummingbirds.

Cooperage's initiatives are also sustained by grants from the William E Chatlos Foundation and AllOne Charities. And efforts are underway to make participation even easier and more inclusive through shared communications, cross-promotion, and programs that build upon one another rather than repeat. The partnership has also proven a perfect match for The Cooperage Project's Northern Poconos Mobile Farm Market, which is now a regular feature of both or-

ganizations' senior events—bringing fresh, affordable, locally grown food directly to where people gather. "Ultimately, this is a pilot for a bigger idea," added Greta Knutzen of Tusten Social. "We believe this kind of coordination can serve as a regional anchor for even more wraparound services—whether that's visits from health workers, Office for the Aging resources, or skill-building sessions on everything from estate planning to digital literacy."

Looking ahead, The Cooperage Project and Tusten Social hope to apply the same cooperative model to youth programming, building out regular, teen-centered offerings in tandem with one another to ensure young people have consistent, safe, and joyful spaces to grow. If you have any ideas for programming, would like to be added to the mailing list, or to get involved, email hello@tustensocial.org or ally@thecooperageproject.org.

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EDITORIAL

The spirit of Woodstock

This past week was the 56th anniversary of the original Woodstock Music and Art Fair, held right here in Bethel. The lasting legacy of this world-famous music festival can still be felt, but we fear its message of “peace and love” is slipping away.

The event held in 1969 was a symbol of peaceful co-existence, bringing together a large crowd of young people who shared a desire for social change and a rejection of war and conflict.

The movement of the 1960’s brought about change and a societal awareness to the impacts of war and other social justice issues such as segregation.

“In that time of conflict and uncertainty, three days of peace and music seemed to be just what a divided nation needed,” writes Bethel Woods, home of the site of Woodstock. “What began on a stage in the middle of a small New York farm field ended on the world stage.”

Today’s Gen Z seem to be making similar strides in bringing about change and awareness on myriad issues to the world’s stage. Regardless of one’s stance on these issues, one can’t deny that the younger generation is motivated and outspoken.

While the message may seem trite, it does feel true that we are more divided than ever. Let the message of Woodstock’s “peace and unity” move into your own life.

Start small—talk with your neighbor; talk with a young person in your life. When you open up dialogue you have the opportunity to broaden your own beliefs and perspectives and make way for more understanding.

Now is a great time to visit the Museum at Bethel Woods. The curated exhibits take a step back in time and allow you to learn more about the decade and its significance, not only on society but also on music.

The “spirit of Woodstock” is a powerful reminder of a time when a generation sought to create a more peaceful, loving and unified world through music, art and a shared experience.



The Best of Nellie

Reprinted from August 2, 1962

To the Editor of the Sullivan County Democrat,
Dear Sir,

I have just recently come across a contract which you made some thirty-seven years ago and I wish to commend you on the splendid way in which you have carried out, to the letter, that contract.

If you recall the contract was between one Nellie C. Stevens and one Fred Stabbert in which you promised “to love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health.” Well, Sir, I am happy to be a witness to the fact that you have done all these things and more.

I believe that I, too, made the same promises and to the best of my knowledge I have kept those promises. I surely hope that you feel that I did.

There were other phrases in that contract – something about, “for richer, for poorer.” Well, we had those poorer times, didn’t we Sir? But they were not bad because through it all we had each other. And then we were blessed with a family. Children, as we all know, bring worries and cares, but the joy and love they bring more than compensates for all the rest. We have been especially blessed by having the opportunity of seeing those children grow up, and become fine adults. We have had the great pleasure of adding to our family two other splendid adults, a daughter-in-law and a son-in-law.

And then, dear Sir, as if this were not enough riches we had had the added delight of welcoming into the family nine grandchildren. It has, indeed, been a rich and full thirty-seven years.

And as that contract began with the words, “Dearly Beloved” so I would end this missive. Dearly Beloved, for all your love and devotion, I thank you.

—N.C.S



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Oh, deer!

A white-tailed deer fawn grazes in the summer grass, its spotted coat providing camouflage in the open field. Young deer like this one are often seen close to roadsides waiting for their mother to return, a

reminder to stay alert while traveling through the county. Their quiet presence is a gentle part of the Sullivan County landscape.

So long, squatters

INSIDE OUT

JEANNE SAGER

How do you get a squatter out of your backyard?

If that particular squatter is listed on the Fortune 500 list of America’s largest companies, you have a few options.

You could start by calling ... over ... and over ... and over again.

The company might roll a truck to your neighborhood a good week after their line crashed into your backyard after a lightning storm took down a giant tree – and all the utility lines running in the air across your yard with it.

The second-largest cable company in the U.S. might then tell you that they don’t have any earthly idea of how to remove their wires. You may be tempted to suggest they call the electric company to find out how they did it with their own wires several days prior. You’ll probably bite your tongue. Probably.

This company with \$55 billion in

revenue might say they’ll be back in 48 hours, then move it by 48 hours, then a week, and then go radio silent. You’ll wonder if the company that runs broadband, cable, internet, mobile, and news services in 41 states has a way to return a phone call.

Days will pass by.

Then weeks.

And then after more than a month has passed by with a giant cable wire taking up space in your backyard, you’ll break down and try option two.

You’ll send an email to State Senator Peter Oberacker’s office with a simple question: Do you think you could help?

Within a day, the company with shares trading at \$267.80 on the Nasdaq will discover it has phones they can use to call a customer.

Within two days, they’ll put the heads of their best engineers together and figure out how to both remove their wires from your yard and string them from one pole to another above your yard and into the neighbor’s.

That same week you will pay the broadband bill that managed to arrive right on time and at the same rate as usual.

You’ll also mow a lawn that finally, for the first time in more than a month, is squatter free.

(Thank you to the staff at Senator Peter Oberacker’s office for your help!)

JEANNE SAGER turns her job as a freelance reporter/photographer and life as a county native “Inside Out” each week on these pages. Keep an eye out for her state-award winning column every Tuesday here and at www.jeannesagerphotography.com.

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August 14 — Summer’s coming to a close, and I hope many of you had the chance to visit the Grahamsville Little World’s Fair last week. I was blown away by the dedication and talent of the local kids—everything from animals and garden entries to artwork showed just how much time and effort they put into their projects. Their hard work and skill truly stood out and deserve some applause!

Here are some events happening in our communities and beyond:

Ready for some line dancing? April Michelle of Dancin’ & Dreamin’ LLC will be at the Lake Huntington Hall (Delaware Valley Opera) on Thursday, August 28, 6:45 p.m. -8:45 p.m., \$8 per person and the End of Summer Hoedown with April Michelle on Sunday, August 24, 1:00-3:00, \$10 per person. Visit her new website for more information about her offerings. <https://dancindreaminllc.com/>

You’re O-Fish-Ally Invited! Join Us for the 2025 Lake Gala — “Lake It ‘Til You Make It” on Saturday, August 23,

2025 at 6:00 p.m. at The Club at the Villa Roma, 356 Villa Roma Road, Callicoon, NY 12723.

Get ready to make a splash at the Lake Huntington Lake Association’s annual gala — a fun-tastic night of fun, fundraising, and lake-loving laughs! Held at the beautiful Villa Roma resort, this year’s theme is “Lake It ‘Til You Make It,” and we’re pulling out all the stops. Evening Highlights Include: Lake-Themed Trivia with prizes, games, 50/50 Raffle and more. Please email lhnylakeassociation@gmail.com for more information. Purchase tickets here <https://shorturl.at/NFnJu>

The Sullivan West Central School District invites all families and community members to join us for Strategic Planning Night on Thursday, August 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Sullivan West Elementary. This is a great opportunity to connect with district leaders, review progress on our Strategic Plan, collaborate on goals for Year 4, and discuss our key pillars: Student Experience, Human Capital,

and Community Connection. Dinner will be provided, and your input is essential in shaping the future of our schools. Please RSVP to Christina Kautz at ext. 3000 or via email at kautzchr@swcsd.org.

The Diehl Homestead Farm will host their Fall Festival on October 11 from Noon – 5 p.m. located at 93 Diehl Road, Callicoon, NY. There will be lots of family fun with free admission. Bounce house, hayrides, music, food and more! Vendors, please call 845-796-8867 for more information.

Please be advised, the first day of school for Sullivan West is Thursday, September 4, 2025. Have a great year Bulldogs!

If you have a local business that would like to be spotlighted in an upcoming column, please get in touch! Please email jennpowelldesigns.com with any news, events, and happenings. You can also find me online at <https://rustic-road.com/>.

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The Democrat welcomes letters to the editor. We ask that they be no longer than 300 words, typewritten or neatly printed, and include the author’s signature, address and a phone number for possible verification questions. With the obvious exception of the signature, this policy also applies to email. Letters longer than 300 words will be cut, rewritten by the author, or considered for inclusion in the “Coun-

terpoint: A View From a Reader” column – at our discretion. In addition, the Democrat will not accept letters written specifically about a local newspaper article other than those printed in the Democrat. Thank-you letters of any sort are considered paid advertisements. Please send your letters following the above guidelines to: editor@sc-democrat.com.

August 18 — Leaves are slowly changing as we begin to bid farewell to Summer and welcome the gorgeous Fall colors. That means school supplies and First Day outfits are on the horizon. Reunions, scholarship events, and family and community need events are in force to move us into the season.

The Monticello High School Class of 1985 is holding its 40th Reunion with an open invitation for all 1980's graduates on Saturday, September 20th at Holiday Mountain starting at 5 p.m. The event is an informal gathering with

food and beverages available for purchase. Mark your calendar and join in the fun organized by Sheri Cutler Leventoff, Julie Lieber Ardito and Larry Valentia.

The Sullivan Central Rotary Club presents "Neighbors Feeding Neighbors." This food drive event to benefit United Way of Sullivan County will hold the main event on Saturday, September 20 at the Town of Thompson Town Hall from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. In addition, Food Collection Boxes will be set up to drop off items prior to the main event from August 25 through Septem-

ber 19 at Liberty Dollar Tree, White Sulphur Dollar General, Rock Hill Pharmacy, Platinum Leaf, D.A. Brian Conaty's Office, Sullivan County Clerk Russell Reeves Office, Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck's - County Treasurers Office, Children's Home in Liberty, and Berson Associates in Monticello. Non-perishable items such as canned veggies and fruit, pasta, tuna, soups, jarred tomato sauce, shelf staple milk, and baby foods are sought to help feed our neighbors in need. This project is the start of a legacy project within the community with more information to come. For more information, please contact Co-Chairs Dawn Roemer and Alyssa Wolk at sullivancentralrotaryclub@gmail.com.

Calling all high school seniors: Applications for the 2026 Most Valuable Student scholarship contest are now open! The Elks National Foundation will award 500 scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the competition, ranging from \$4,000 to \$30,000 over four years. No relation to the Elks is necessary to apply. With this scholarship, students gain more than just financial

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'Reunions, scholarship events, and family and community need events are in force to move us into the season.'

The Monticello Fire House will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on August 21st from 1pm-6pm. To register go to RedCrossBlood.org. Walk-ins are also welcome.

The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre will be holding its Culture Festival on August 23 from Noon - 4pm. Culture is the heartbeat of the arts. It brings us together, tells our stories, and celebrates who

we are. Join in and celebrate with an end of summer festival celebrating culture filled with a wonderful array of delicious foods, outstanding vendors, bounce houses, cultural performances and more!

Mark your calendar for a Meet & Greet with Hayden Carnell on August 21, from 5 p.m. -7 p.m. at Dos Gatos Cantina in the Alder Hotel at Resorts World. Stop by and get updated on everything happening at the Town of Thompson Highway Department and support Hayden in his bid for re-election.

The 5th annual International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil will be held on August 26 at 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Sullivan County Courthouse, Monticello.

International Overdose Awareness Day is the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, to remember without stigma those who have lost their lives, and to acknowledge the grief of the families and friends left behind. This annual event shines light on the importance of recognizing and remembering those who are and have suffered with the disease of addiction resulting in overdoses and deaths.

Community members are invited to attend and open their hearts as families share stories of loved ones who lost their battle with substance use; remember those who

have passed and celebrate those in recovery; meet organizations and learn about resources created to face this crisis head-on; and participate in a candlelight vigil as the sun sets, accompanied by bagpipes against the backdrop of the Sullivan County Courthouse, lit purple to symbolize overdose awareness.

The International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil is presented by a community of organizations working together to end the opioid epidemic in Sullivan County. For more information, please contact Lindsay Wheat, Sullivan 180 Outreach Program Manager, at Lindsay@Sullivan180.org.

Happy Birthday to Corrinne Dunlap (8/19), Kenya Snowden (8/20), Lisa Failla, Kevin Giroux, Susan Horton, Maryjean Carroll, Lisa Layman, Todd Grodin (8/21), Rhonda Kaufman Golub (8/22), Gloria Gulotta, Isabel Lopez, Teofilo Newsuan (8/23), Mike Friedman, Ramona Gray (8/24), Kelly Keesler, Kayla Stacchini, Christy Poli, Billie Jean McGinnis, Fouad Kerendian, Danielle Goodstein (8/25).

Get out there and enjoy what is left of summer! And, just in case I really don't "Know It All," please keep me in the know by emailing me at LoriJames.SCDemocrat@gmail.com.

RAMONA'S RAMBLINGS

RAMONA JAN

More of whatever from Catherine

If you read my last week's column (and I know you did), then you may recall how I spoke of the influence my longtime friend, Catherine, has had on me. She has two college degrees, one in fine art, the other a doctorate in psychology. As a preference to her latest advice, she has instructed me to inform you, dear readers, that she is a very liberal minded person, and for decades has made suggestions, most of which I have taken. Here is her latest, and I quote:

"I just heard that there's a call out for ICE agents. That's a job you haven't had, yet. They are hiring anyone up to 75 years-old! You could make 100k+ for a few years, and then quit! It's a \$50,000 signing bonus!!! No college degree! It's not only kicking in doors, there are jobs like being in a surveillance van. If 50k is the bonus, do they not pay you the rest of the year? Hahahaha! Or just get the bonus and leave. You would get it easy. You could be the brains behind the operations, and wear cool bulletproof stuff. You could make bulletproof pants out of Kevlar fabric. This had potential!"

There's a lot to unpack here. Let's start with the overuse of exclamation points. Yes, \$50K is lots of money, but is it deserving of a triple play?

More importantly, Catherine mentions that working for ICE is a job I haven't had, yet. True. As explained last week, because of Catherine I have landed many unusual jobs that I call predicaments including Private Detective, NYC Geisha, and Scabby. A scabby is someone who risks his or her life by crossing a picket line during a strike. I did this when I became part of the professional wait staff at The Pierre Hotel in '85. I had no waitressing experience, and thankfully, the stint did not last long.

I love that Catherine points out working for ICE is "not only kicking in doors" even though that's probably what I'd like to do. Not to capture people, but just for the sake of kicking in doors. But she's right, at my age, surveillance or "brains of the operation" is a better choice.

My response, "I love the idea of sitting in a van with a cup of coffee and either chatting with other agents

or snoozing during surveillance. What are the requirements? How should my resume read aside from the detective work I've already done?"

"Gee, [I] don't know. [Just] be under 75? One ad I saw said, defend your culture... You could do this. You can schmooze them no matter the requirements."

And so I asked AI, and got this: The basic requirements are:

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I'm concerned about the vision test. I hope I can wear glasses. Without them, I am legally blind. I wonder: If my eyeglasses were swiped off my face during some kind of scuffle, would that count as poor vision? And what exactly does the physical fitness test entail? I'm not sure I'll pass.

And what does it mean, "Ability to legally carry a firearm?" According to AI, I cannot have any felony convictions or domestic violence misdemeanor convictions. Check! I also cannot have a restraining/protection order involving threats or harassment nor can I be a fugitive from justice, addicted to controlled substances, adjudicated as mentally ill or committed to a mental institution. Plus, I must be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident. All check! I tell Catherine, "I think I'll be uncomfortable in a bulletproof vest and pants made of Kevlar, whatever that is."

Her final words, "Not if you make them yourself. You can make them very flowy. Not too tight. Remember how we used to wear our clothes in the 80s?" Stay tuned for next week's The Catherine Code: Dressing for success and more.

RAMONA JAN is the Founder and Director of Yarnslingers, a storytelling group that tells tales both fantastic and true. She is also the roving historian for Callicoon, NY and is often seen giving tours around town. You can email her at callicoonwalkingtours@gmail.com.

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Woodstock Anniversary at Bethel Woods: A Looking Glass into Past, Present, and Future

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY MATTHEW ALBECK

From the looking glass of a photographer's lens, a sound engineer's ears, and a percussionist's rhythms, Bethel Woods celebrated the anniversary of Woodstock Aquarian Exposition with the imagery, sounds and syncopations of three artists that made history 56 years ago on Max Yasgur's dairy farm. The celebration on Wednesday, August 13, consisted of a slideshow by photographer Elliot Landy, the screening of a documentary film about soundman Bill Hanley, and a musical performance by percussionist Juma Sultan, who played with Jimi Hendrix at Woodstock on August 18, 1969.

Photographer Elliot Landy

"Woodstock was an example of a perfect moment in time," said Photographer Elliot Landy, who presented a slideshow of photographs from the iconic three-day festival. His images of luminaries Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, and Richie Havens performing at Woodstock are infamous, and his experiments with infrared photography produced unique and explosively colorful portraits of Bob Dylan and Ornette Coleman.

"For me it was just about getting a beautiful photograph," said Landy. "I was always interested in composition and the feeling that came out of the picture. Art is something harmonious and beautiful, that was my primary concern." Landy said when fans praise his photography skills, he tells them, "I'm not a great photographer, I'm a great editor."

Landy shared a story about covering a Jimi Hendrix concert prior to Woodstock: he had packed up all of his cameras, telling himself, "I'll photograph Hendrix another day." He was walking out of the venue with his gear when he heard Hendrix play his first notes and was instantly mesmerized; he immediately returned to experience the transcendent guitar playing. Landy was not only in awe of Hendrix's music, but also struck by the artist's kindness; he said, "Jimi Hendrix was a very sweet man."

Soundman Bill Hanley

Director John Kane presented a film screening of his "Last Seat in the House," a documentary about soundman Bill Hanley, who revolutionized live sound engineering at a time when electric instruments began producing decibels that the equipment could not handle. Before becoming the biggest name in the country for equipment and live mixing, Bill and his brother Terry started a television repair and audio engineering company called Hanley Sound, which provided sound equipment for local dances, community events and theatre out of a two-car garage.

Bill Hanley always had

a unique talent for sound engineering. As a kid growing up in Medford, Massachusetts, he would often fix the neighbor's television set when a tube failed. When he attended church, he noticed that the acoustics were so bad that the podium speaker's words were often unintelligible. He also noticed a discrepancy between the quality of recorded music and that of the organ at the Bal-a-Rue, a skating rink he frequented. Hanley said, "There was a big difference in the way the organ sounded on the organ sound system, and they used to play records and they sounded horrible over the public address system."

Hanley and his crew provided live sound for the local church, the skating rink,

The concert was a peaceful event, and much credit can be given to the driving force behind the weekend's sonic energies: Bill Hanley and Hanley Sound.

Juma Sultan

Juma Sultan and his Aboriginal Music Society band brought a pulsing and intense musical performance to Bethel Woods Market Shed as a crimson red sun pierced the sky as it set upon the Catskill mountains. Sultan's ensemble, which featured percussion, flute, keyboards, electric guitar, drumset, saxophone and vocals, was elevated by the presence of Master Drummer Kofi Donkor and Guitarist, Percussionist, and Vocalist Daniel "Natoga" Ben Zebulon, who performed



Photographer Elliot Landy presented a slideshow of photography from the Woodstock era.



Juma Sultan and the Aboriginal Music Society band fill the air with pulsing rhythms.

and in 1960, they provided equipment and sound engineering for the Newport Jazz Festival. Hanley distinguished himself as a necessary fixture to Festival Producer George Wein through his superior equipment, dedication to his craft, and high-quality sound engineering that was integral to the festival's success. Wein said, "Bill really introduced big sound systems which elevated the listening capabilities of the Newport Jazz Festival. He moved it up several notches." Hanley was diligent in his quest for producing consistent sound throughout the venue and became famous for "walking the wall," surveying every inch of the space to ensure that sound was consistent for every audience member.

Hanley Sound's name exploded when it subsequently provided sound for the Beatles at Shea Stadium in 1965, and in 1969, Bill and his company did sound for the Denver Pop Festival and also a festival in upstate New York that would prove to be a legendary event.

Hanley provided a huge and high quality sound system for Woodstock that was crucial to its excellent sound. Despite a last minute venue change, punishing Catskills weather, and musical acts arriving late by helicopter, Hanley and his crew rallied through the myriad of challenges and provided stellar sound for musicians onstage and also the audience of 460,000 festivalgoers.

with Richie Havens during his iconic opening set at Woodstock. Famously, Havens came offstage after his performance only to find out that no other musicians had arrived yet due to the massive traffic jam, so Havens walked back onstage and improvised his now-legendary song "Freedom."

Sultan's music combined African rhythms, big band jazz, and soul music, and the audience revelled in the music's trance-inducing sounds. The performance was penetrated by energetic solos from the saxophone, keyboards, and especially the electric guitar, which brought the room to a pinnacle of auditory ecstasy.

The Ember Sessions

The day of celebrations wound down with "The Ember Sessions, Part 2- A New Generation for Peace," an intimate concert by young acoustic songwriters Joe Colwell, Lace and Lee, and Kyle Hancharick, produced by Artist in Residence Peter Negroponte. The musicians performed before a campfire and a small audience at The Campground at Bethel Woods, a cozy setting amidst a field of basic tent accommodations and 11 two-bedroom luxury glamping cabins. There were s'mores to be enjoyed and the soothing acoustic sounds from the next generation of songwriters brought reflection and tranquility to the atmosphere.

The campfire experience

was elevated not only by the musical performances but also by the excellent sound quality provided by the Bethel Woods sound crew. Sound Engineer Sam Quick said he checked every spot in the venue to make sure the sonic composition was rich and balanced. In essence, Quick was carrying on the tradition of Bill Hanley, as he "walked the wall," ensuring that every nook and cranny of the listening space was drenched in high fidelity.

And so the day of commemorating Woodstock's 56th Anniversary came to a



Sound Engineer Bill Hanley is the subject of a documentary about his work at Woodstock and beyond.



close, with a community of artists brought together in honoring the past, present, and future, of a universal message: Peace, Love, and Music.

Juma Sultan and the Aboriginal Music Society band performed at Bethel Woods on Wednesday.

DEATHS

Elma Vernooy Sherman
May 25, 1935 – August 14, 2025

Elma Vernooy Sherman born on May 25, 1935, died on August 14, 2025. She was 90 years old. She was predeceased by Oscar L. Sherman and they would have been married 67 years on September 21, 2025. Predeceased by her father who was Harry L. Vernooy and mother Grace Hodge Vernooy and a brother Walter Vernooy and sister-in-law Betty Vernooy.

Elma is survived by her daughter Cynthia Sherman Burkle and husband Craig (Burkie) Burkle of Narrowsburg; grandson Brett Burkle and wife Pepsine Burkle; granddaughter Kristina Burkle and fiancé Joseph Crespo; great-grandsons Treacy Hillegas and Takoda Crespo of Narrowsburg; Alaric Burkle of Monticello; and Joseph Crespo, Jr. and great-granddaughter Hazel Crespo of Fosterdale, NY.

She went to a one-room schoolhouse in Wawarsink from 1st to 8th grade and then attended Ellenville High School where she graduated in 1953. Right out of high school she went to work with the Home National Bank, and the name changed in 1956 to Ellenville National Bank, as a proofer. She worked parttime for the US Postal Service as a clerk for a few short months in 1983. Worked for George Burkle Insurance from 1989 to 1994 as a CSR in the Narrowsburg Office.

She belonged to many organizations the Yulan Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary as a Treasurer and also helped out with the Yulan Clam Bake every September, Penn York Snow Seekers Treasurer (snow mobile club), C.B. Club – Penn York Treasurer, Bakers Dollies Shuffleboard Club from 2010 to present until she was unable to push pucks down the shuffleboard, and the Highland Senior Center playing mexican dominos and Bingo.

Her favorite things were butterflies, hummingbirds, gardening and her favorite flower was a peony.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2025 from 2-4pm and 7-9pm, and Friday, August 22, 2025 from 10-11am at the Harrison Rasmussen Funeral Home of Barryville, NY 12719. Funeral Service will be held on Friday, August 22, 2025 in the funeral home.

Donations may be made to Yulan Fire Department, 216 Airport Road, Yulan, NY 12792, or the Highland Ambulance Service, PO Box 215, Yulan, NY 12792.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Harrison Rasmussen Funeral Home of Barryville, NY, 3412 SR97, Barryville, NY 12719. 845 557-8010.



Elma Sherman

August 18 – A bouquet of special belated birthday wishes to Rose Bogaert. Birthday wishes to Gloria Romano, Shea Fox, Asher Rhulen, Elle Calka, Christine and Tony Lubniewski, Linda Berkowitz, Akka Pratt, Hope Roche, Shane Colbert, Elleny Gable, and Peter Maraj.

Happy anniversary to the Margulies, the Eichas, the Scheinfelds, Danielle Gaebel and Jennifer Bitetto, Myra and John, and Beth and Nick Frangipane.

Bethel Departments, Parks & Rec, newsletter, meeting minutes: town-ofbethelny.us or 845-583-4350.

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Shop 'in2retro' and 'Laughing Ladies Antiques' on 17B and Kauneonga's 'Industry' before the season ends.

Local metal welder-sculptor, Zac Shavrick, has won the HV Film Fest Firefly Breakout artist award! Zak will teach at the 'ZacMax Pop Up Welding Class' at Parksville's New Memories on August 24 at 10-2p.m. 845-701-7825.

Attend the Hortonville Volunteer Fire Department Field Day and Parade on August 23 from 12-9 p.m. Join the Roscoe Beer Summer Fest, also scheduled for that day from 11-4p.m. 'The Ramblers', Stacy, Steve and Diane, perform at Honesdale's Runaway Train on Saturday night.

Arts & Culture: Bethel Council of the Arts at KL Artspace! Members showcase.

Bethel Woods (bethelwoodscenter.org): Museum visits, programs, and concerts. August 21: Horizon Stage- 'Tyler Hubbard', 7:30p.m. 22: 'Bonnie Raitt' with 'Jimmie Vaughan' & the 'Tilt-A-Whirl Band', 7:30p.m. 25: 'Neil Young' and the 'Chrome Hearts', 7:30p.m.

Borscht Belt Historical Markers Trail- (borschtbelthistoricalmarkerproject.org): 23-24: Woodbourne, 9p.m.

Callicoon Movie Theater (thecallicoontheater.com): 21: 'Werner Herzog's Theater of Thought', 7:30p.m.

BRIEF

Register for Fall Dance at The Janice Center

JEFFERSONVILLE – Registration is open for our Fall Dance Session which includes Ballet, Hip Hop and Lyrical. Most classes are held during the week at 4 and 5pm.

Lyrical and advanced Hip Hop are held on Saturdays. Registration forms can be found in the registration section of The Janice Center website at www.janicecenter.com.

The Janice Center dance program is the largest in Sullivan County with an average of 100 dancers each session. The emphasis is on camaraderie, teamwork and self-expression, not competition and expensive costumes.

Classes are open to ages 4 and up and begins August 30.

For more information call 845-482-3324 or text 845-423-8028.

Neversink native Sean W. Bagan writes his first novel

NEVERSINK – When the box arrived containing the proof copy of his first novel, a moment five years in the making, Sean W. Bagan propped up his cell phone and began recording.

The video shows Bagan, a French teacher at Cranford High School in Union County, fighting back tears as he cuts the tape, pulls open the flaps, and takes out the proof. Sweeping his hand over the cover and turning it toward the camera, he finally breaks down.

"That's my book," Bagan says in the clip posted to Instagram and shared by many of his current and former students. "Oh my goodness. It feels very surreal."

In "On Ravens & Riddles: From the Shelves of the Noktern," Bagan, 33, takes readers inside a post-apocalyptic world where most of the survivors are half-human and half-animal. The story revolves around a bookish teen who becomes an unlikely hero.

Bagan conceived the idea as a child and finally began writing during the pandemic. When finding a literary agent proved difficult, he decided to self-publish on Amazon. He hired reviewers to give editorial feedback and a professional artist to design the cover art.

Bagan's supervisor and fellow teachers surprised him with a certificate just before the May 1 publication date, and today his students welcomed him to class with cupcakes and macarons to celebrate his achievement. They also signed a copy of the book, giving their teacher a keepsake—like a school yearbook—to remember the moment.

In this Q&A, Bagan talks about the book, the

overwhelming support he's received, and what it's like to self-publish in 2025.

How did you develop such a passion for reading?

"Like my main character, Gideon, my passion for reading started with my mom. Growing up, she used to read to me and my brother before bed. Our first dive into fantasy was Harry Potter. She would put on different voices for each character and did full theatrical productions to make the story come to life for us. From there, I couldn't stop consuming literature: "Eragon," "The Maze Runner," "The Hunger Games," "Six of Crows." The list just kept growing."

After reading so many books throughout your life, what inspired you to write your own?

"I'd had the outline of this story in my head since I was 10 years old, but I never had the time or agency to bring it to life. I kept waiting, hoping someone else would write something close enough. Then the pandemic lockdown happened and suddenly I had the ability to write."

By the time the world opened up, the bones of the book were there. I knew I had to see it through.

What is your book about and what makes it such a unique story?

"The story is deeply character-driven. I worked hard to make sure every character sparks a real emotional response, whether you love them, hate them, or feel everything in between."

"At its core, the book follows the classic hero's journey. Gideon, a shy, bookish boy, doesn't fit the mold of a "champion," but it's his love of stories and imagination that make him exactly what the world needs. It's about



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Sean W. Bagan

learning to embrace who you are, even when you're not what others expect."

"But what truly sets the book apart is the world built within. Long ago, a cataclysm known as the Great End devastated humanity, wiping away the old world and giving rise to something entirely new. From the ashes, new species of humanoid emerged. "On Ravens & Riddles" focuses on the Avians, a collection of skybound tribes who fly through the air with the same wild freedom they bring to their lives."

What is the Noktern?

"When building my world, I wanted to weave in real places wherever I could. The Noktern is inspired by the Svalbard Global Seed Vault in Norway, a secure facility that stores a wide variety of plant seeds. It's a safeguard against natural or man-made disasters, ensuring that the world's agricultural biodiversity can be restored after a crisis. Remote and mysterious, it felt like the perfect place to house the Owls, the tribe that wants to

rebuild civilization after the Great End".

What was the process of getting published?

"It took five years of writing, revising, querying agents, facing rejections, deciding to self-publish, and learning every step along the way. I used the freelance platform Fiverr to hire reviewers and a professional artist to design the cover. By the time I held the first copy in my hands, it was overwhelming in the best way. You can see that in the video. It wasn't just a book, it was years of work, hope, and resilience, all made real. I'll never forget that feeling."

What's it like being a teacher and now an author?

"I'm very fortunate to have an amazing community of students, parents, and co-workers in my school. While I didn't really share much during the writing process, my students have been some of my biggest supporters now that the book is out. It has been incredible to have them support me and be proud of this moment in my life, and I'm so grateful for them every day."

Where can readers get your book?

"You can find the book on Amazon! I'm hopeful it will make its way into local bookstores and maybe even bigger retailers like Barnes & Noble one day. That would be a dream come true."

"I'm thrilled to say there are two more books already in the works for this series. I am hopeful to get the second book, "On Hawks & Harpies," out by early next year! Beyond that, the world is wide open – Bengalan Cats, Aligaidan Crocs, lost continents across the sea. There's so much more to discover, and I can't wait to see where the journey leads."

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CAS (catskillartspace.org): Five ongoing exhibits through 2027. Arlene Shechet's exhibit closes on August 23.

DH Conservancy (delawarehighlands.org)/VSN Reserve: 23: 'The Pollinator Pathway: Bee On It', 10a.m.

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Wilkinson and Nancy Wells exhibitions run until September 14th.

DVO Arts Nest: 19: Open Mic at 6pm. 24: 'End of Summer Hoedown', 1p.m. Marie Rauso Gallery exhibit through

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Eldred Preserve-Homestead Restaurant (theeldredpreserve.com): Thursdays at 5:30p.m.: 'Smokehouse Supper & Song' BBQ. Farm Arts Collective (farmartscollective.org): 'Flower Cut & Design' workshop on August 23 at 9-11a.m.

Forestburgh Playhouse (FBplayhouse.org): On

stage through August 24: 'Head Over Heels'. Tavern-Until August 23: 'It's So Easy': The Linda Ronstadt Cabaret'.

HarmonyInTheWoods.org: 22: 'Tyler Reese Tritt'. 23: 'Driftwood'. Both shows at 6p.m.

HPAC-Tango Café (hpcny.org): August 22: 'Tanfis IV Live Premiere' remix at 7:30 p.m. 23: Movies on the Lawn- 'Sonic 3' at 9 p.m. Aly's Mat Pilates-Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Tango: weekend food and music.

JEMS: 23: 'Little Sparrow' performs at Jeffersonville's Backyard Park at 7:30p.m.

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****REQUIREMENTS:****

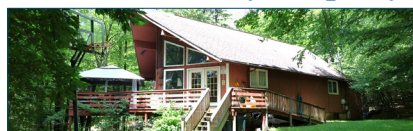
- Strong writing skills with an engaging style
- Knowledge of various high school sports, i.e. baseball, softball, track
- Ability to meet deadlines and work collaboratively
- Previous writing experience preferred but not required

CONTACT:
 Crystal Tweed, Sports Editor
sports@sc-democrat.com
 845-887-5200

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LEGAL NOTICE MAMAKATING LIBRARY

Notice is hereby given that Town of Mamakating residents who are registered voters living within the Pine Bush, Monticello or Minisink Valley school districts will cast ballots on one proposition and elect two members of the Board of Trustees.

Proposition:

The trustees of the Mamakating Library shall be authorized to increase the tax levy in the amount of \$34,700 in 2026.

Election:

Voters will be asked to elect two members of the Board of Trustees for a four year term of office; petitions submitted by Pamela Mann & Chelsea Roth
 Voting will take place on Tuesday, August 19th from 3:00 to 8:00pm at the Mamakating Library, 128 Sullivan Street, Wurtsboro, New York.

Absentee ballot applications may be requested in person at the Mamakating Library, by phone at 845-888-8004, or by email at mam@rls.org. Absentee ballots must be received by the close of voting on August 19th.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the Mamakating Library
 Barbara Semonite, Election Secretary

135450

LEGAL NOTICE LOCATIONS STOW MINI STORAGE 118 JEFFERSON STREET MONTICELLO, NY 12701

SELF STORAGE 116 EAST BROADWAY MONTICELLO, NY 12701

SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE UNITS FOR AUCTION AUGUST 22, 2025 AT NOON

UNIT # E129 MARION ITZKOFF SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 AT NOON

UNIT # 0852 AVA SANDERSEN UNIT # 0539 BROOKE DORO

UNIT # 1007 DELORES BRANCH UNIT # 0830 ARIEL HUTCHINSON

UNIT # 0552 MELINDA GUZMAN UNIT # 753 DWIGHT GIBSON

UNIT # 0510 RYAN DONALD SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

UNIT # 0540 BOBBIE JO HAMILTON

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AMOUNT DUE BY SALE DATE. SALE DATES AUGUST 22 TH 2025 AT 12 NOON, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 AT NOON, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 135514

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION Name of limited liability company (LLC): Kenoza Hall Holding, LLC

Date of filing articles of organization with secretary of state: May 6, 2025 County in which office of LLC is to be located: Sullivan

The secretary of state has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is: 161 Varga Road, Grahamsville, New York 12740

Purpose of business of LLC: any lawful purpose. The term of the LLC is perpetual. 134822

LEGAL NOTICE Old Route 17 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 24, 2025. Office Location: Sullivan County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 1595 Old Route 17 Roscoe, NY 12776. No specific date of dissolution in addition to the events of dissolution set forth by law.

Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. 135205

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION Name of limited liability company (LLC): Wild Berry Hill, LLC

Date of filing articles of organization with secretary of state: May 15, 2025 County in which

office of LLC is to be located: Sullivan The secretary of state has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is: 161 Varga Road, Grahamsville, New York 12740

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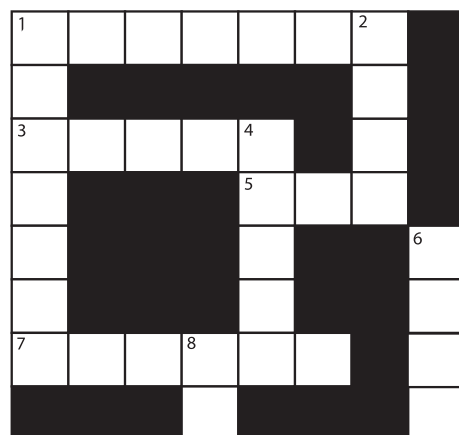
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Date of filing articles of organization with secretary of state: May 15, 2025 County in which

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Wooded areas
3. Water area in desert
5. Conjunction to connect words
7. A well-lit sky

DOWN

1. Sweet-smelling blooms
2. Granular material at the shore
4. Enjoy completely
6. Body of water
8. "The Ocean State" (abbr.)

Answers:
 Across: 1. Forests 3. Oasis 5. And 7. Starty
 Down: 1. Flowers 2. Sand 4. Savor 6. Lake 8. RI



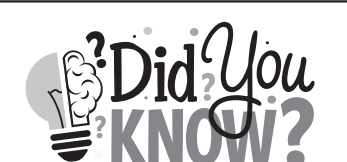
Nature FACT:

This outdoor activity involves climbing rocky terrain using hands and feet.

Answer: Rock scrambling



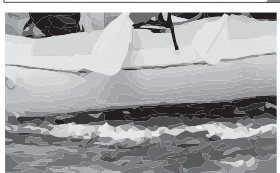
English: Adventure
Spanish: Aventura
Italian: Avventura
French: Aventure
German: Abenteuer



Recreational vehicles can be great ways to travel and see the countryside. People can stop and go as they please along the way.



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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Ice

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1680: Pueblo Indians capture Sante Fe from the Spanish.

1911: The Mona Lisa is stolen by Vincenzo Peruggia, a Louvre employee.

1959: U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower signs an executive order proclaiming Hawaii the 50th state.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

TOWN OF FORESTBURGH

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, STATE OF NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Forestburgh, Sullivan County, New York will receive sealed bids for the following:

Bid 1, Brand new 15KW minimum standby generator fully installed and functional for select electrical circuits at the Town Hall located at 332 King Road Forestburgh NY 12777.

Bid 2, Brand new 24KW minimum standby Generator fully installed and functional for select electrical circuits at the Highway Department located at 1401 Sackett Lake Rd Forestburgh NY 12777

Bids will be received at the Town Clerk's Office, 332 King Road, Forestburgh, New York 12777, until 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at which date and hour all bids will be opened publicly.

Bid specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the above address and all bids are subject to the terms and conditions set forth. All bids must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked. The Town Board reserves the right to reject or refuse any and all bids.

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Forestburgh.

Dated: August 14, 2025

Teresa Collins,
Town Clerk

135668

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Monticello Housing Authority - Legal Services

to:

The Monticello Housing Authority (MHA) is seeking proposals from qualified attorneys or law firms to enter into a contract for legal services. Services may include but are not limited to Housing Choice Vouchers, public housing and HUD-related matters, landlord-tenant law, procurement, contracts, employment, fair housing, governance, and representation in administrative or judicial proceedings. Interested parties may request a copy of the RFP by contacting the Monticello Housing Authority at (845) 794-6855 or via email at info@monticelloha.org. Proposals must be received no later than September 11, 2025 at 12 noon.

MHA is an equal opportunity employer. Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to submit proposals.

135694

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 250-60(D) of the Town of Lumberland Zoning Law, that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Lumberland will hold a public hearing on the 25th day of August, 2025 at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as practicable, in the Town of Lumberland Municipal Building Meeting Room, 1054 Proctor Road, Glen Spey, New York 12737.

This hearing is for consideration of the application of ANN PATRONE

at properties owned by ANN PATRONE located at 2088 New York State Route 97, Pond Eddy, New York 12770, and more specifically described as Section 28, Block 1, Lot 24 on the Tax Map of the Town of Lumberland. The applicant is seeking an area variance to allow for a shed to be constructed in the front yard setback of the existing single-family residence.

A copy of the proposed site development plan is on file in the Office of the Building Official for the Town of Lumberland, 1054 Proctor Road, Glen Spey, New York, for inspection and review.

All interested parties, and all other persons will be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard in respect to the application. Persons may appear in person, by attorney, or through a representative.

Written communication in relation to the above hearing and application may be mailed or filed with the Town of Lumberland Zoning Board of Appeals, Town of Lumberland Municipal Building, 1054 Proctor Road, Glen Spey, New York 12737, or at the Public Hearing. All Communications should be marked with the name of the applicant and the date of the hearing.

Dated: July 28, 2025

Town of Lumberland

Zoning Board of Appeals

Daniel Edzenga, Chairperson

135449

LEGAL NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The name of the Limited Liability Company (the "Company") is JADD LEAF REAL ESTATE LLC; the date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State was March 30, 2025; the County in New York in which the office of the Company is 41 North Shore Road,

Rock Hill, New York, 12775; the Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process may be served and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him to counsel for the Company, Kalter, Kaplan, Zeiger & Forman, 6166 State Route 42, P.O. Box 30, Woodbourne, New York, 12788; the duration of the Company is perpetual; the business purpose of the

Company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York. 134821

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of 238 Main Street Hurleyville LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 7/18/2025. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Man-

The Dime Bank employees graduate from PA Bankers Schools of Banking



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

L to Rt: PA Bankers Advanced School: Kelsey M. Harrison, Jennifer A. Tagle, and Amy M. Caggiano

HONESDALE, PA – The Dime Bank is proud to announce that five of its dedicated employees have successfully graduated from the Pennsylvania Bankers Association's Schools of Banking, marking a significant milestone in their professional development and commitment to excellence in the banking industry.

Kelsey M. Harrison, Jennifer A. Tagle, and Amy M. Caggiano graduated from the PA Bankers Advanced School of Banking, an in-

tensive, three-year program that prepares rising leaders for management positions in the financial services industry. This achievement reflects their dedication to advancing their expertise and contributing to the continued success of The Dime Bank.

In addition, Hannah A. Chase and Austin M. Millon completed the PA Bankers School of Banking, a comprehensive one-year program designed to provide a strong foundation in core

banking principles. Millon graduated with honors, a distinction awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional academic performance and leadership throughout the program.

"We are incredibly proud of our team members for their hard work and commitment to professional growth," said President and Chief Executive Officer Peter Bochnovich. "Their accomplishments reflect not only their individual talents but also our bank's ongoing investment in developing future leaders in banking."

The PA Bankers Association's Schools of Banking are recognized statewide for their rigorous curriculum and emphasis on real-world application, leadership, and innovation in financial services.



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SSNY shall mail process to Managing Member, 238 Main Street Hurleyville LLC: c/o VSS, 390 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 135189

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of 5 Cole Street LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 7/18/2025. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Man-

LEGAL NOTICES

aging Member, 5 Cole Street LLC, c/o VSS, 390 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 135188

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of ERNESTINE STUDIOS LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/10/25. Office in Sullivan County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 43 TREYZ HILL RD LIVING-

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STON MANOR, NY, 12758. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 134816

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Mother N Son LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/12/25. Office location: Sullivan County Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: PO Box 293, Yulan NY 12792. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 134815

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, a Special Board of Education Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School's Lower Level Collaboration Center. It is anticipated that an Executive Session will be held at 5:30 p.m., prior to the Regular Board of Education Meeting. This Board of Education Meeting shall be held at the time and place stated herein.

Samantha Damms

Tri-Valley Central School District Clerk

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A retrospect of happenings in the daily lives of the people of Sullivan County.

130 YEARS AGO - 1895

The Town of Fremont probably furnishes as many lawsuits as all the other towns in the county together. The Seventh Day Adventists have moved from Monticello to Wurtsboro where they will pitch their tent and try to convert the people into the belief that Saturday and not Sunday is the day of rest.

The creamery here is now making an average of two thousand pounds of butter a week - about six hundred pounds less than at this time last year.

Dr. Wooley, one of Brooklyn's ablest medical men who is summering at Liberty at Ye Lancashire Inn, came very close to losing his life by accidentally taking a dose of poison. He had that day purchased a bottle of oxalic acid with which to clean his hat. The doctor takes chloride ammonia as medicine. The bottles containing these drugs were sitting side by side and he took five grains of acid. Realizing his mistake he rushed to Dr. Witcomb where a stomach pump was applied.

The Port Jervis and Monticello Railroad contemplates extending its line from Summitville to Kingston, providing the right of way is given.

John Kamer, the merchant tailor from Monticello, has set up his shop in J.C. Abplanalp's building, where he also has living rooms for himself and his wife.

120 YEARS AGO - 1905

Twelve members of the First Battery Rough Riders, under command of Lieut. Louis Wendel Jr., left New York last Wednesday for Jeffersonville, arriving here on Saturday evening before supper. They covered 140 miles on arrival at the Eagle Hotel, where they were saluted with the stars and stripes and a volley of cannon crackers that hung fire.

Births - A son was born to Edward Kohler and wife, and a daughter to Frank Dillmuth and wife on Sunday.

Callicoon Depot has had several cases of typhoid fever due, it is said, to opening the streets for the water system just completed there.

George M. Beebe last week sold the Mansion House at Monticello to a company composed of Andrew Dunbar, John Watson and George Smith, who bought it to keep it from falling into the hands of outside parties who would be considered undesirable residents and who were negotiating for the hotel.

The Monticello Driving Park Association will hold its opening meeting on Saturday. The half mile track is one of the finest, and many fast horses are booked for the event. The new grandstand, recently completed, will hold a thousand people, and nothing necessary to accommodate man and beast has been overlooked.

Miss Nell C. Barringer of Jeff has on exhibition in Bernhardt's tonsorial parlor (barber shop) an oil painting 3 x 5 feet entitled "In Love's Pathway." The picture represents a maiden standing at a gateway about to be opened by cupid. Miss Barringer says the subject is entirely original and values it at \$1,000.

110 YEARS AGO - 1915

The Board of Education of the Jeffersonville Union Free School has postponed organizing permanently pending the determination of the consolidation appeal. The temporary organization, however, has outlined a plan under which the school would be conducted next year, if the order of consolidation were set aside. The Board finds that it can maintain a select high school for its own resident pupils with four teachers, one of which would teach vocational agriculture, and could by such an organization save the taxpayers at least \$600 a year or about \$1 on each \$100 of valuation.

George Wolfe, a former

Callicoon boy, is climbing right up the ladder of success and honor in the customs service in New York. He just received another advancement to the position of special deputy appraiser.

Charles H. Lang Jr., who was arrested at Narrowsburg Monday on a charge of larceny while on his honeymoon and taken back to New York, waived examination in the Jeffersonville Market Court Tuesday and was held in \$1,000 bail. His sister, Miss Carrie Lang, appeared against him.

A son was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Eggler of Swiss Hill.

Edward "Gunboat" Smith, the well-known heavy-weight pugilist and his wife, are stopping at Obernburg, in the Town of Fremont, where he worked on the Mosher farm before he entered the Navy and took up fistic art.

Otto Hillig, the moving picture photographer, missed a rare opportunity to secure a highly interesting film on Tuesday morning up at the creamery. While Abie Turetzky was inside the creamery, his old horse either for want of exercise or something to drink or a bath, walked around the building and out into the creamery pond into some 5 feet of water, where it calmly rested. Abie was compelled to strip off his clothing, swim out to the wagon and drive the horse out through the willows, which lashed his barelegs, while Fred Schadt and Bill Scheidell, the creamery men, shed tears over the moving picture from life.

Rex, a 3-year-old Scotch collie, has the distinction of being the only dog in the world who plays the piano, according to his master. This musical canine and his master, Prof. Peter Bachenberg, are stopping at Ed. C. Neiger's in Kenoza Lake and will play together at the "Farm Folks" entertainment.

100 YEARS AGO - 1925

Plans are now working toward the early completion of the lake dam in Jeffersonville. The company is offering for sale building lots around the proposed lake, to provide the required amount of money to finish the dam.

Edwin F. Manny has sold his blacksmith shop and business and his residence adjoining the shop in this village to Charles M. Peterson, late of the state motor vehicle inspectors. Mr. Manny will now turn his attention to hotel keeping, having bought the hotel of John P. Durr at Youngsville.

Morris Raner, notorious auto theft ring leader and jail breaker who first came into the limelight here when Sgt. Hopkins of the Monticello state troopers' headquarters arrested him for having two stolen cars in his possession on July 25, 1923, in Ferndale, and who with George Barchi, is wanted for the murder of policeman Edward Dollard, escaped from Sullivan County Jail by sawing the bars of their cells October 28, 1923, has been captured by the Detroit police and will be returned here.

Charles M. Peterson and Miss Emily C. Scheidell were married Wednesday, August 12, in St. John's Episcopal Church parsonage at Cornwall. Mrs. Florence Wilson attended the bride and Sgt. Lawrence Hoban of the state motor vehicle bureau acted as best man.

The Ku Klux Klan held an open air meeting Monday night on the Schmidt field midway between here and Youngsville. A large cross, lighted by electricity, was displayed.

90 YEARS AGO - 1935

The Kellams Bridge over the Delaware River just above Hankins has been closed by the Interstate Bridge Commission who, after investigating, found the bridge to be unsafe for travel. This is causing a great deal of inconvenience to the people on the Pennsylvania

GLANCING BACK ...A LOOK AT YESTERYEAR



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Summer Haying

This photo contributed by Ginny Davis is from August 1938, showing the haying season at the Fred Sanford/Robert Hildyard Hillcrest Farm in Ferndale. Ginny's grandmother, Mazie Hildyard, stands in front of the wagon with Fred Sanford at right. The haywagon's passengers are not identified. Haying was hot, hard work then, using pitchforks to gather the cut hay and load it for the horse teams to pull to the barn where the hay was stored for the winter. This farm was located on Lt. Brender Highway, where some of the old maple trees that once lined the road are still visible. The farmhouse is long gone, but the barn remains at Ginny's mother's childhood home (Marguerite Hildyard Brown).

side of the river.

The Beaver Brook Casino, at one time one of the finest popular resorts in that section, was destroyed by a fire of unknown origin early last Thursday.

Sheriff Walter J. Flynn and deputy Francis V. Huff, with State Troopers Metcalf and Leins, raided the Edgemere Casino at Kenoza Lake Friday night and confiscated a gambling device. Benjamin Wolitzky of Brooklyn was arrested and taken before Justice Fred A. Hust of Kenoza Lake, who fined him \$15, after he pleaded guilty to gambling in a public place and "outraging public decency."

Arthur Wagner, son of Adolph Wagner of North Branch and Madeline Hartz of Hortonville were married July 28 at Hurleyville.

The sixth annual reunion of the Eltz-Gabel families was held on the Charles Gabel farm at Lava on Sunday, August 4. After all had arrived a bountiful picnic was enjoyed.

The famous bearded baseball team, the original House of David, will play in Jeffersonville under the powerful flood lights furnished by the New York Company. They will oppose the Jeffersonville team.

Elmer Hahn of Callicoon Center fell from a load of hay recently and sustained injuries necessitating his removal to the Callicoon Hospital.

80 YEARS AGO - 1945

Miss Evelyn Weber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Weber, left on Monday to take a position as dietitian at the University of Chicago.

Rev. Aaron Tolfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kronngel of this village, writes that he met our Jesse Abel in France - the first time they had ever met, that is, long enough to get acquainted as Mr. Tolfield did not make his home here. He is an Army chaplain and Jesse is a pharmacist's mate.

John Demar of Kenoza Lake, who has been in at the Benson Nursing Home in Liberty for some time, is in very poor condition following three strokes during the past week. He was 90 years old on August 7 and a native of this community.

The executive committee of Sullivan County Farm Bureau has hired Herbert W. Clark of Saratoga as County Agriculture Agent. He will start his new position on September 1st. He succeeds James Q. Foster.

William Stratton, in failing health the past few months, died at his home in Jeff Au-

gust 8, at the age of 76.

Everyone knows that mayonnaise and soap products are scarce, and it makes the storekeepers smile up their sleeves when outsiders come in and ask for these things and feign that they don't know they are scarce. The "hicks" are not all in the country. A lot of them come from the city.

70 YEARS AGO - 1955

The "Old Firehouse" property at the corner of Broadway and Prince Street, opposite the post office in Monticello, was sold at public auction for \$51,000. The high bidder was Jack Morantz, proprietor of Jack's Meat Market.

A surprise farewell party was tendered to the Sy Sattinger family August 7, at the Lake Jefferson Hotel. Entirely unknown to them approximately 75 of their close friends and neighbors arranged the entire affair. A sumptuous meal with good music, sprinkled with flowery toasts, made the evening a gala occasion. A beautiful inscribed silver fruit bowl was presented to the Sattingers by the assemblage.

St. Lucy's Church in Cochection was the scene of a beautiful summer wedding on Saturday, August 5th, when Miss Mary Leah Schult of that parish and Arnold J. Koenig of Glendale, L.I., were united in holy matrimony by the Rev. Leonard Kelly, O.F.M., at eleven a.m.

Little Joey Wolf blasted a home run, a double and single to lead his team in a tight game against Callicoon 4-2 on August 3. His pitching was also great, giving up only two hits.

Polio vaccine has recently been released to complete the school vaccination program which was started last spring.

The summer ROTC Artillery Camp closed Friday, August 5, and Jay Epstein, son of Dr. Max Epstein of this village returned home after six weeks of intensive training at Fort Sill, the Artillery and Guided Missile Center.

Rev. Cassian J. Kirk, O.F.M. of St. Joseph's Seminary, informs us of some interesting weather facts concerning the recent hot spell, as observed from the Seminary weather station at Callicoon. It shows a trifle over an inch of rain fell in July 1955; and that during that month, on 16 days the temperature was 90 degrees or more.

The auction sponsored by the Jeffersonville Unit of the Liberty-Loomis Hospital Auxiliary, held at the firehouse, was a gratifying success, giving the unit over

\$300 for its treasury.

June Ebert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ebert of North Branch, received a highest honor diploma in secretarial science at the graduate exercises of Albany Business College on June 29.

60 YEARS AGO - 1965

In strong unity of action, all major Northeast dairy cooperatives have joined together in a request for emergency price relief for drought-afflicted dairy farmers. The groups are asking for an increase of 44 cents a hundred-weight in the price of fluid milk under three federal milk marketing orders.

The Mills Bros., a three ring circus, is coming to Callicoon for afternoon and evening performances under the big top on Friday. The circus is being sponsored here by the Callicoon Kiwanis Club.

Prices at area markets: chuck steak, 45¢ lb.; baby food, 9¢ a jar; cream cheese, 3 oz. pkg., 9¢; ham, 45¢ a lb.; peaches, 11¢ a pound; canning jars, 12 quart jars, \$1.37; and lids, 2 dozen for 31 cents.

One guest is dead and two are missing as a result of an early morning fire at the Prospect Inn near Parksville. More than 150 firemen answered the call. County equipment was moved to the site of the fire to begin the task of searching the wreckage for the missing guests.

50 YEARS AGO - 1975

Dr. Sherwood Tucker of Honesdale, Pa., has announced plans to resume the dental practice of the late Dr. Arnold Bennett and will relocate in Callicoon and Narrowsburg within two weeks.

The play "1776," co-sponsored by the Bicentennial Commissions of the Towns of Delaware and Tusten, will be presented at DVCS September 5 and 6 and at Narrowsburg Central School September 9 and 10. Richard Bjorklund of Callicoon has designed the posters and programs and will appear as a courier in the presentation. Willard Slausenberg, who has directed many Broadway plays in his position as music director of DVCS, will direct the play.

The Seventh Annual Horse show, sponsored by the Callicoon Center Fire Dept., was held Sunday, August 10th, at the Firemen's Field. Kim Turner was named Reserve Champion with Heather Beldon being named Equitation Champion.

Nancy Karen Baim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Baim of Youngsville, became the bride of James L. Kester on July 18 at a ceremony performed at the Hamburg Presbyterian Church. The couple will live in Hamburg.

Sharon Lee Bertholf and Gary Lee Kortright were married August 9 in St. Peter's R.C. Church, Liberty. A wedding reception followed at the Woodbourne Fire Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bertholf of Liberty and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Kortright of Neversink are the parents of the bridal couple.

The Amber Lake Road, near Livingston Manor, suffered considerable damage by flooding as water escaped from a collapsed dam at Lincoln Farm Camp.

Morgan's Rifle Corps, a recreated regiment from the American Revolutionary War, will stage an encampment at Fort Delaware on Sunday, August 24.

40 YEARS AGO - 1985

Every tent of the Hudson-Delaware Council remained standing throughout the winds of Hurricane Bob which swept through the 75th anniversary National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia. Hundreds of tents fell like dominos, said Tom Miller Jr. of Woodbourne. Eighty boys of the Hudson-Delaware Council spent ten days at the Jamboree which was visited by Mrs. Nancy Reagan.

James W. and Claire Renison celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on July 16 with about 75 relatives and friends in attendance at their home. Included in the guests were two bridesmaids, Linda Evron of California and Janice DePace of Harris.

A proposal to build a \$1 million dollar building to house the county Cooperative Extension Service passed one of its first hurdles Monday as the Sullivan County Board of Supervisors agreed to issue bonds for the cost of construction.

Laurie Stabbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stabbert of Callicoon, became the bride of Richard Sanford on August 3, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Glen Joseph in Stamford. Mr. Sanford is the president of the Catskill Mountain Publishing Corporation in Margaretville, which publishes four weekly newspapers.

Charlie Levine and Debbie Kantowitz planned to get married on August 18. But Levine, a competitor in the Sullivan County Democrat's Match-Play, Better-Ball Golf Tournament, which he deems to be "one of the best tournaments in the area," found that the 18th was the date of the scheduled tournament. After hectic phone calls and much planning, the couple were married August 3 with 275 people attending the Sunday afternoon wedding at the firemen's pavilion in Rock Hill. The article relaying this information contained a paragraph at the end of the story with "for those planning to get married, next year's Democrat Tourney will be August 15, 16 and 17." PS. - Charlie and his partner, Charlie Johnston, were beaten in the first round of the championship flight and were again knocked off in the 1st Flight, opening round by Jack Jordan and Richard Farquar.

30 YEARS AGO - 1995

A Sullivan County Chapter of the Sons of Italy was instituted last weekend at the Villa Roma Country Club. It will be named for Major Marie Rossi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rossi. She was the first woman pilot to lose her life during the Gulf War when she flew into an unlighted tower and was killed. The Order of Sons of Italy of America was organized 100 years ago.

Amanda Short of Liberty is heading for Norwich where she will compete in the Miss New York State Teenage Pageant. She won the Sullivan County title and is the daughter of Cindy and Donald Short.

Melissa Garcia, a uniformed police officer at the Fallsburg Police Department, was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant. She is an excellent police officer and she was just now given the position. She earned it," said Police Chief Brent Lawrence.

"Build it and they will come," was carved into a piece of rock at the Woodstock Festival site by John Purcell and Harold Bush of California during a summer visit last year. They returned to be a part of the unofficial 26th reunion and were pleased to see that their message was still there. By the weekend at least one large water tank had been dropped off at the site as well as a few porta-johns for the expected faithful who still come each year to celebrate the 1969 event.

20 YEARS AGO - 2005

Four generations of the Calkin family recently got together, celebrating the arrival of the fourth generation. Great-grandmother Terry Calkin of Youngsville, Jennifer Johnston and Debbie Hubbert shared a moment together with little Riley Katherine Johnston, Jennifer's daughter. Jennifer and her mother, Debbie, live locally as well.

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COMING UP

In this space: special free listings of events to occur in the next few days. In the Early Bird Edition: notices for Tuesday through to the following Friday inclusive. In the Weekender Edition: notices for Friday through to the following Tuesday inclusive.

We must receive information on events to be listed in this section at the Callicoon editorial offices no later than noon Friday for Tuesday's Earlybird Democrat and noon Wednesday for Friday's Weekender Democrat.

Email Calendar@sc-democrat.com to submit an event.

Tuesday, August 19

16 Annual Poetry Festival hosted by the Liberty Music and Arts Center on September 20. If interested, 2 or 3 poems should be submitted via snail mail before August 26. Please call Marilyn for details at 845-292-6628.

Water Use/Resource Management UDC Committee Monthly Meeting at 6:30pm in the UDC Office, 211 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg. Zoom option available. Open to the public. For more information call 845-252-3011.

Body Care: Nail Art at the EBCPL, Monticello from 2-3pm for ages 12-17. For more information call 845-794-4660.

Community Garden Club of Liberty will hold its monthly meeting at the Liberty Public Library, Main St. The program will be on Keystone Native Plants. Refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome.

Wednesday, August 20

Books and Brews: Sci-Fi Book Discussion sponsored by the EBCPL, Monticello from 6:30-7:30pm at The Brew in Rock Hill. This month's pick: Parable of the Sower by Octavia E. Butler. For more information call 845-794-4660.

Hope Alive 845 5th Anniversary Celebration from 12-6pm, 5 Prince Street, Monticello. Public invited. For more information call 845-866-0442.

The Professional Women of Sullivan County, PWSC, will be meeting at Casa Mia. Networking at 6pm, Speaker at 6:30pm, Dinner Meeting at 7pm. RSVP to Secretary Amy Colon at: acolon@sunysullivan.edu or President Janet Carey at jcarey1789@aol.com.

Thursday, August 21

Conservation Conversations -FREE Virtual Event on how you can protect your land from 5:30-6:30pm hosted by Delaware Highlands Conservancy. Zoom meeting details provided after registration. For more information call 570-226-3164/845-583-1010 or visit www.delawarehighlands.org/.

Felting with Buck Brook Alpacas at the WSPL, Jeffersonville Branch at 5pm. All supplies will be provided. Please register as space is limited. Email wsplprograms@rcls.org with any questions.

4th Annual Summer Garden Party at the outdoor year-round sculpture garden in Narrowsburg from 4-6pm. The event is at 52 2nd Avenue in the Flats and will introduce three new works by local artists. Contact: Naomi Teppich 570-229-3708 naomiteppich@gmail.com or Cass Collins 946-734-0226 casscollins@gmail.com. Rain date is August 24.

4th Annual BowWO&W Dog Walk presented by Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance from 5:30-7:30pm on the 1.1-mile Tunnel Bypass segment of the Trail. For more information visit the event at Facebook.com/SullivanOandW or call 845-428-9175.

Blood Donation Opportunity sponsored by the Red Cross at the Monticello Firehouse, 23 Richardson Avenue, Monticello from 1-6pm. For more information call 1-800-Red-Cross.

Friday, August 22

Jewelry Sale / Thrift Shop at the First Presbyterian Church, 81 S. Main Street, Liberty on August 23 from 10am-2pm. Items include Spring/Summer clothing, shoes, sandals, children's clothes, blankets, sheets, linens, towels, kitchen items, pots, pans, small appliances. Also glassware, pet items, CD's VCR tapes, frames, pictures, baby items, cookbooks, craft items, lots of yarn, knick knacks, typewriter, bed frames metal, much more!

16 Annual Poetry Festival hosted by the Liberty Music and Arts Center

DECADES: Looking back

FROM PAGE 5B

10 YEARS AGO - 2015

Former South Fallsburg residents Walter and Melinda Karel recently celebrated their golden anniversary aboard the General Jackson Showboat on a trip to Nashville, Tenn. They were married June 11, 1955 in Monticello.

A 78-year-old man was killed Friday when his plane crashed in an open field on Shore Road in White Sulphur Springs' Firemen's Park. John F. Raftery of Woodridge was killed on impact when he crashed his 1975 Cessna.

The Sullivan County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) had an unusual application on Tuesday: somebody who wants to pay taxes. The Gerry Foundation, represented by Jonathan Drapkin, was looking to formalize its payment of taxes – even though it could take advantage of its tax-exempt status as a not-for-profit organization. According to Drapkin, the move formalized the foundation's desire to keep the affected municipalities whole while still being treated as a tax-exempt entity. For years, the foundation has been paying taxes for its Bethel Woods Center for the Arts to the county, Town of Bethel, Monticello Central School and also for a small portion of its property which is in the Sullivan West School District.

Past District 3 Commander Al Etkin had the opportunity to meet National Commander Thomas Cadmus at a recent American Legion Conference.

Monticello Police K-9 "Rocco" was retired on August 13 after 6½ years of dedicated service with the Village of Monticello Police Department. Rocco is a 9 year-old German shepherd. Rocco was formally trained for his patrol service duties and illegal narcotics scent detection through the New York State Police Canine training program at Cooperstown.

The week of Sunday, August 9 was filled with great highs and deep lows. Learning, on the 9th, of Grace Johansen's passing was certainly the lowest point of the week. It was because of Grace that [Narrowsburg] enjoys a library and the Tusten Historical Society.—Narrowsburg correspondent

DEATHS: Valentine "Val" Hessinger, a retired teacher for Delaware Valley and Jeffersonville Central School Districts, died August 14, 2015. He was a 70-year member of the Callicoon Center Fire Department... Charles "Buck" E. McAdams of Liberty, a retired miner, "sandhog" with Local # 147 in New York City, died August 16, 2015. He was the son of the late Charlie J. and Ruby Gorr McAdams... Joseph John Jarfas died August 15, 2015. He moved to the United States in 1961. Joe was an avid genealogist and records historian. He used his knowledge of German, English and Hungarian to provide document translation for other researchers. He had many friends across the globe through his internet research.

DAMASCUS, PA – Farm Arts Collective will host a flower pick and design workshop on Saturday August 23. The day begins at 9am with coffee at the new Agri-Cultural Center on Willow Wisp Organic Farm followed by a led tour by flower farmers and Farm Arts leaders, Tannis Kowalchuk and Jess Beveridge.

Attendees will visit the 3 different annual flower fields and learn best practices in growing cut flowers, hear about flower trends, and see the new Willow Wisp varieties.

Each participant will select and cut their own flowers from an acre of over 35 varieties of annuals and perennials. The workshop group will then return to the barn for an arranging session with instructions on flower design choices that consider color, shape, texture, and stem placement to build a



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Portrait of group with their flowers that they cut during workshop.

dynamic and gorgeous arrangement. Participants will take home their flower design.

Participants are asked to bring their own vase and clippers (clippers will be provided if needed). This event is rain or shine. The cost of class (including flowers) is \$45. Register online at www.farmartscollective.org/.

Farm Arts Collective Agri-Cultural Center is located at 38 Hickory Lane, Damascus, PA 18415.

Delaware Highlands Conservancy hosts

"Pollinator Pathway: BEE On It!" Program

August 23

BEACH LAKE, PA – Thousands of people across the country have joined forces to create the Pollinator Pathway, a grassroots movement focused on protecting and restoring habitat for bees, birds, butterflies, moths, and other pollinating insects. On Saturday, August 23 from 10am-12pm at the Van Scott Nature Reserve in Beach Lake, join the Delaware Highlands Conservancy to learn how you can be part of this important effort to help reverse declines in bird and pollinator populations.

The program will cover the threats pollinators face and some easy steps you can take to help support them in your yard and your community. We will explore some of the most common bee and butterfly species you are likely to see around our region and then take a walk through the

meadows at the Van Scott Nature Reserve to look for them.

Space is limited for the program and advance registration is required. Event fee is \$5 for Conservancy members and \$10 for non-members. This program is intended for ages high school to adult.

This event will include a sit-down discussion as well as a walk-and-talk component on the Van Scott Nature Reserve's trails to view pollinator meadows and wildlife activity. Please wear closed-toe shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. Be prepared to walk approx. 1.5 miles on uneven terrain.

For program details and to register, please visit www.DelawareHighlands.org/events or call Education and Volunteer Coordinator Rachel Morrow at 570-226-3164 ext. 2.

on September 20. If interested, 2 or 3 poems should be submitted via snail mail before August 26. Please call Marilyn for details at 845-292-6628.

Ongoing

TWENTY-SIX - Art of the Alphabet Exhibition running through August 23 at the Wayne County Arts Alliance Gallery, 959 Main St., Honesdale. For more information visit www.waynecountyartsalliance.org. **Waitress** at Shadowland Stages through August 24, 157 Canal Street, Ellenville. For information call 845-647-5511. **New Exhibitions at DVAA** featuring Melissa Wilkinson and Nancy Wells through September 14. Located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg. For more information call 845-252-7576.

SCENIC SUBMISSIONS WANTED!

Have you always loved seeing what scenic photo is featured on The Democrat's opinions page each week?

Ever thought that last photo you took from your hike would just be perfect for our paper this week?

We want to see Sullivan County's Seasonal scenic views through your eyes!

Sullivan County is full of incredible views and hidden gems, we're sure every local knows a few.

Send us your **seasonally appropriate** scenic photo submissions for consideration and we just may use it in our Tuesday or Friday editions.

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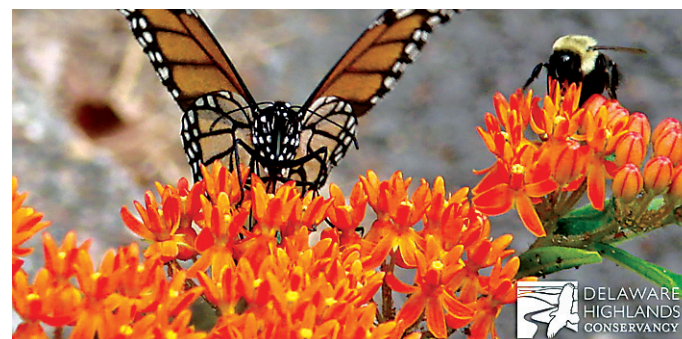
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Upper Delaware Scavenger Hunt offers prizes through August 31



DELAWARE HIGHLANDS CONSERVANCY

NARROWSBURG – There is still plenty of time to join the 2025 Upper Delaware Scavenger Hunt along the NYS Route 97 Upper Delaware Scenic Byway through August 31.

Have fun, learn more about the region, and compete for three grand prize packages valued at up to \$1,200 from Kokopelli Kayak, Big Agnes Camping, and Kittatinny Canoes, as well as participation prizes from local business sponsors including Fogwood & Fig, The Tusten Cup, Katery to Go, The Kitchen Table Café, BVH Sports Bar, Foundry42, The Outpost, Port Provisions, NeverLost Adventures, and Cochetcon Fire Station.

At this half-way point of the contest, players may begin their adventure at any location of the 34 challenges that explore histor-

ical landmarks, beautiful valley views, and smalltown charm of the byway communities. They range from hikes into the woods and engaging with historic markers to answering fun riddles and taking photos at memorable sites.

The contest is open to the public and free to join. Visit www.udsb.net/scavenger-hunt to download the Locatify App and install the Upper Delaware Scavenger Hunt Challenge to any cell phone.

Challenges are based in the byway's member municipalities of Village of Hancock, Towns of Delaware, Cochetcon, Tusten, Highland, Lumberland and Deerpark and City of Port Jervis.

For more information on the coordinating UDSB organization, please visit www.UDSB.net, email info@UDSB.net.

Little Pines Music Program begins Fall Session at Whispering Pines Community Center

BEACH LAKE, PA – Whispering Pines Community Center is excited to announce the new Little Pines Music, a joyful and engaging music program designed for infants through age 5 accompanied by a caregiver.

The six-week fall session begins Wednesday, October 8, and continues for the following five Wednesdays at the center located at 7 Milanville Road, Beach Lake.

Led by a classically trained musician and educator, Little Pines Music offers a nurturing environment where young children and their caregivers can explore rhythm, melody, movement, and connection

through music.

The program fosters developmental growth and bonding through playful musical experiences.

A suggested donation of \$75 covers the full six-week session. Limited scholarships are available upon request, ensuring accessibility for all families.

Registration is open through September 30 at whisperingpines.info. For more information, please call 570-729-7011 or email whisperingpines@susumc.org.

Join us this fall to make music, make memories, and make connections!



STREAMSIDE

JUDY VAN PUT

*Low Flows, Angler Woes,
Finishing the Rod*

Our rivers, streams, and tributaries are all showing the effects of the past few weeks of limited moisture - despite a spate of rainy days in June and July, the NYC DEP website showed that the NYC reservoirs have receded from their over-100% capacity earlier this year to about 87% capacity. The "dry spell" is confirmed by their records over the past three months: the amount of precipitation we have received in June, July and now August are all below the average "historical" levels.

For example, in June we received a total of 3.66 inches of rain compared to the historical average of 4.6 inches; during July 4.19 inches were received compared to the average of 4.57 and during this month of August only 0.41 inches of rain fell as compared to the historical average of 2.08 inches of rain. Our apple trees are showing signs of water and heat stress, with lower branches dying out and leaves dropping off early.

A drive along the Beaverkill and Willowemoc showed such a dramatic drop in volume, even in the tributaries on both streams, over the past few days. The Beaverkill at Cooks Falls hit the 80-degree temperature mark twice, last Tuesday and Thursday - and according to the USGS website, water temperatures at that location never dropped below 70 degrees all week.



Those who wish to fish should try some of the many ponds, lakes and reservoirs in the area, and wait until cooler weather and rain replenish our free-flowing streams. There is no sport in fishing our local streams during these hot, dry days of summer! Even in the unlikely case where an angler does catch a trout, the stress of being hooked, even if released, can result in fish mortality.

However, the tailwaters of the East and West Branches of the Delaware have been a popular destination; hatches include the light-colored typical summer flies, Light Cahills and Sulphurs, the tiny Blue-Winged Olives and various Caddis, some Tricos in the mornings, and occasional Isonychias in the afternoons. Word has it that those who



A Willowemoc Wild Brook Trout, jewel of the Catskills. Note the white leading edge of the flame orange fins, the bright red and yellow spots and wormy vermiculations across its back and dorsal fin.

PHOTO BY JUDY VAN PUT

fish with tiny At left: The beautiful blonde Friendship Rod custom-built bamboo rod by John Apgar has two doing well, tips.

even into the evenings. And it is a refreshing change when thermometers rise above 80 degrees to step into cooling waters in the low to mid-50s and cast to rising fish!

A couple of weeks ago Streamside featured part one of a "crash course" description on how to build a bamboo fly rod. John Apgar, Steward of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center's Rod Shop, generously provided the commentary and instruction. John runs the rod-building classes at the Museum, and had recently completed teaching a rod-building class. Here are the final steps in constructing a rod:

We left off describing how

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the six strips of bamboo for the butt section are planed: the bamboo is run through a machine that has a straight tapered groove of 60 degrees in it, and you must plane two sides (referred to as the test side) of each strip (the non-enamel side) in the planing form, which you set up for the taper you are building, until no more bamboo comes off either side. Rough out the tip sections on the butt side, then you flip the planing form over and reset that side to your tip dimensions, and repeat the process again until no remaining bamboo comes off any of the six pieces.

The strips are then laid out, and glue is spread on all the

Preserve the past, cast into the future: Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum launches fundraiser to save archives

LIVINGSTON MANOR - The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum (CFFCM), one of the nation's foremost institutions preserving the history, culture and conservation of American fly fishing, has launched an emergency fundraising campaign titled "60 Days. \$60K. Save the Archive." This urgent effort aims to raise \$60,000 in just 60 days to replace the Center's failing HVAC systems—essential to preserving its priceless historical collections.

"This is about protecting history—not just cooling rooms," said Anthony J. Magardino, President of the CFFCM. "We have an obligation to safeguard the legacy

of fly fishing, and these materials—flies, rods, journals, photographs—are irreplaceable."

The CFFCM houses more than 50,000 artifacts, and is among the most comprehensive collections in the country, including irreplaceable items such as flies tied by Theodore Gordon, the "Father of American dry fly fishing," handwritten letters and original tackle from Lee and Joan Wulff, the Ed Van Put collection documenting stream ecology and fly tying, rare rods and early photographs of Catskill stream restoration efforts.

Without functioning climate control, fluctuations in humidity and temperature

pose an immediate risk to the collection's fragile items—paper, silk thread, feather, and bamboo—many of which date back more than a century.

CFFCM is asking supporters to make a direct donation at www.cffcm.squarespace.com/60k-in-60-days.

You can also enter a special drawing to win a one-of-a-kind bamboo fly rod handcrafted by renowned rodmaker Masaki Takemoto, and participate in an online auction of gear, books, artwork and exclusive experiences.

Every dollar raised will directly fund the installation of efficient climate control systems to protect the museum's irreplaceable collection and

ensure public access to it for years to come.

Since 1983, the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum has served as a leading voice for the preservation of fly fishing's cultural and environmental legacy. Situated on a 35-acre campus along the Willowemoc Creek in Livingston Manor, the Center provides educational programs, rodmaking and fly tying demonstrations, conservation initiatives, and is home to the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame.

"Fly fishing is more than a pastime—it's a tradition that spans generations," Magardino said. "This is our moment to protect that tradition."

Summer Turkey Sighting Survey 2025

SULLIVAN COUNTY - While you are out exploring NY's beautiful August landscapes, be sure to keep an eye out for wild turkeys and report your observations to the DEC.

Since 1996, the DEC has conducted the Summer Wild Turkey Sighting Survey to track wild turkey productivity (the proportion of young of the year to adult hens) across

the state. This index allows the DEC to gauge reproductive success and predict future turkey populations and harvest opportunities. Turkey reproductive success in NY, as measured by this survey, is consistently higher than southeastern and many midwestern states, but remains lower than it was in the early 2000s. However, in 2024, statewide turkey reproductive success was highest estimated in over 15 years, likely because of favorable spring weather. You can view

turkey productivity estimates from past years on the Fall Turkey Harvest and Productivity Dashboard.

How to participate in this community science opportunity:

- Keep an eye out for wild turkeys as you're out and about during the month of August.
- When you observe a flock, record the number of adult females, adult males, and poults (young of the year) that you see.
- When you're at a com-

puter or on your smartphone, submit your observation online.

- Make an attempt to report the same flock only once.
- Observing and counting wildlife can be challenging. Only report flocks when you're confident you observed the entire group. Partial flock observations can bias the estimates of reproductive success. Using binoculars can greatly improve the odds you're able to observe an entire flock.

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Fallsburg CSD is accepting Wall of Coaching Distinction Nominations

FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District has announced that it is accepting nominations for the Wall of Coaching Distinction. Unlike the Hall of Fame, the Wall of Coaching Distinction exclusively honors athletic coaches who have made a lasting impact on the Fallsburg community.

To be considered, candidates must have served as a coach in the Fallsburg Central School District for a minimum of five years. Nominees will be evaluated based on their coaching accomplishments, contributions to the district, and their demonstration of high standards in effective coaching, leadership, ethical conduct, and moral character.

Additional information and the nomination form are available online at www.fallsburgcsd.net/district/wall_of_coaching_distinction. Required application materials include:

- At least three letters of recommendation (one from the nominator and two from individuals familiar with the nominee's qualifications).
 - Supporting materials such as newspaper clippings, magazine articles, or other relevant documents.
- The submission deadline is Tuesday, September 30. For questions about the nomination process, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 845-434-6800, ext. 1215 or ikatz@fallsburgcsd.net.

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SUNY Sullivan Basketball Camp: Learn skills and drills on the court

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CRYSTAL TWEED

LOCH SHELDRAKE – Last week SUNY Sullivan Athletic Department hosted their

annual Boys and Girls Basketball Camp. Students from around the county attend the four day camp during the summer to develop fundamental skills of the game,

work on drills and build team strategies.

Coach Rick Swillinger is in his first year of running the camp. Swillinger joined as the head coach for the men's basketball program just last year. He said, "I'm loving it! We've got a nice number of kids both young and old. They're very enthusiastic and good listeners. There's some good talent here."

The camp which is open to children ages 7-17 attracted a host of students from the area as well as a few students that were in town visiting family. The morning began with an extensive warm-up of running, stretching and a mixed bag of coordination drills. Tai Plenty, Kaleb Maldonado and Tyler McCray are all students in the Rock-

Cyrus Kean, a student at Sullivan West, dribbles around cones, in one of the coordination drills taught at the camp last week.

At left: Coach Rick Swillinger demonstrates the importance of a good defensive stance.

land Central School District [combined Manor/Roscoe] and are all hoping to improve their skills for the upcoming basketball season.

Bo Mueller, a recent graduate of the Tri-Valley School District, volunteered at the camp this year. Mueller will attend SUNY Sullivan this fall and shared how he hopes to make it as a walk-on. "I think my chances are pretty good," he said.



While attending the camp students also learned how to better communicate on the



Emma Diehl lays it in during a layup drill. First team to 10 wins!

court, ball and court awareness, and how to effectively play the sport as a team.



Bat Girls clench A League title in two games

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| Bat Girls | 16 |
| L & B Tack | 15 |

STORY AND PHOTO BY CRYSTAL TWEED

MONGAUP VALLEY – Splitting a three-game series 1 to 1 leaves too much to chance and the Bat Girls didn't want to take any. They took the series in two games over L & B Tack last Tuesday evening. It was a very close, hard-fought battle in every inning.

Alycia Bellido of the Bat Girls cracked a double on the opening hit of the game and slid into second base easily eluding the defense. Her teammate Kat Kehlenbeck, tapped a line drive into right field that was quickly recovered by L&B's Holli D'Angelo. The stands were packed that night with family and friends. Players from other teams attended to support their fellow athletes.

But on the field, it was a war of the wills and in the



A league champs left to right: Top: Kat Kehlenbeck, Jess Kavleski, Connie Beach, Samantha Cohn, Alex Stant, Jenna Carmody, Alycia Bellido, Jordan Carmody, Stephanie Orr Bottom: Nicole Beach, Baby Ivy Feeney, Amanda Feeney, Nicole Kothe, Lindsey Rau, Alaina Gaughan

end Bat Girls came away with a slim 16-15 win over L & B. Both teams traded hit for hit at the plate and showed strong defense in the field. Key players in the victory for the Bat Girls were Jenna Carmody, Nicole Kothe, Alycia Bellido and Kat Kehlenbeck. Lindsey Rau, Alex Stant and Alaina Gaughan played effec-

tively all season.

You can't deny the dedication of these athletes. Many of them are mothers, working full-time, and trying to juggle their other responsibilities on top of managing their softball team's schedule. The Sullivan County Women's Softball League season begins in May and runs through August.

Sullivan County Women's Softball League: We Care Bears control final innings to secure B League Title

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| We Care Bears | 17 |
| Callicoon Pantry | 11 |

STORY AND PHOTO BY ROB VAN HARLINGEN

MONGAUP VALLEY – The B league Championship series went 3 games with the final header played Wednesday night at Collins Park. We Care Bears took home the title over the Callicoon Pantry with a score of 17-11.

The game started later than scheduled due to the rain, and the first few innings were played in somewhat soggy conditions.

Less than ideal field conditions didn't seem to affect either team. Both squads fought hard and played well, as one would expect in a championship title game. We Care Bears made sure to capitalize on the momentum they gained from winning the previous night's game and came out swinging.

Up and down the line up, they drove line drives that found the gaps and, in many cases, made it all the way to the wall, allowing their base runners to make it around and pile on the runs.

The Pantry women played hard, but they couldn't match the firepower of the Bears. Callicoon let an early lead slip away and by the third inning they were playing from behind.

The lead grew as the innings moved forward and the Bears dampened the Pantry's hopes of mounting any comeback. Jenna Given played very well for the Pantry getting 4 hits and 3 RBIs.

The Bears were led by Becca Scherer who had a home run, a

triple and 4 RBIs. Carlie Bassney also shined with a complete game, batting for a triple and 4 RBIs while striking out 4 from the mound.

The Bears showed great attitude all season, never missing an opportunity to have some fun, while also playing quality softball. Their hard work played off this season, by bringing home the B league title.



Brenda Reinshagen, Carlie Bassney, Christa Reinshagen, Jaclyn Kimmes, Jayden Siegler, Audrey Rodrigues, Patricia Ellmayer, Melissa Porter, Renee Thornton, Ashley Rios, Rebecca Scherer, Krysta Kelly, Lori Kimmes, Jacquelyn Maree, Serene Owens, Roberta Degrote, Makayla Rupprecht, Charley Yaun, Cassandra Velazquez, Melissa Degrote. The Bears were coached by Rick Reinshagen and Adam Bassney.

Step back in time during a vintage baseball game

BEACH LAKE, PA - Come one, come all! The National Park Service and the Zane Grey's West Society cordially invite the public to a nineteenth century baseball exhibition featuring the Flemington Club of Neshannock and the Elizabeth Resolutes.

The free game will be held on Saturday, August 23 at Veteran's Memorial Park in Lackawaxen, PA, with the first pitch being hurled at 12:00p.m. Take a glimpse into the past as these vintage baseball teams play according to the 1864 and 1870 rules in honor of Zane Grey.

Why a vintage baseball game in Lackawaxen? Before author Zane Grey began his famed

writing career, he attended the University of Pennsylvania on a baseball scholarship where he studied dentistry. Grey's passion and talent for baseball would lead him to play for the Orange Athletic Club in New Jersey after graduating college.

Even though Grey's minor league baseball career was short lived, his time on the field and love for the game would lead him to write books such as The Red Headed Outfielder, The Short Stop and The Young Pitcher.

Be sure to stop by and say hello to members of the Zane Grey's West Society throughout the game to learn more about Zane Grey and to pick up a free Zane Grey baseball

trading card.

Join the fun and pitch a ball at the catcher's target or take part in photo opportunities with the vintage baseball teams and a costumed interpreter wearing a replica of Zane Grey's University of Pennsylvania baseball uniform. Children and adults are encouraged to wear their favorite baseball or softball jerseys to show their team spirit. Baseball themed crafts will also be available for children courtesy of Lackawaxen Township from 12:00p.m-2:00p.m.

Throughout the exhibition, show your support for the Wallenpaupack Area Little League at their concession



The Elizabeth Resolutes and the Mountain Athletic Club teams dress in nineteenth-century baseball uniforms at the 2024 vintage exhibition.

stand where they will be serving popcorn, walking tacos, assorted candy, chips, cold drinks, and ice cream served in a souvenir helmet.

Patrons are strongly encouraged to bring a lawn chair as seating is not available at the ballfield. Free parking will be located at the Veteran's Memorial Park lot at 109 Scenic Drive, or just across the street

at the Lackawaxen Fire Hall. Parking for individuals with disabilities will be designated at the Veteran's Memorial Park lot.

The Zane Grey Museum is just around the corner located at 135 Scenic Drive in Lackawaxen and will be open for visitation before and after the game from 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

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