



IDA gives final OK for new resort

By DAVID HULSE

MONTICELLO, NY — Meeting on April 20, members of the Sullivan County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) approved tax abatement assistance for the Amytra LLC resort project at the former Eldred Preserve, which is identified as The Homestead in an updated cost-benefit analysis prepared by Shepstone Management Co.

The unanimous decision came about five minutes into the meeting, without board discussion, following a brief recap of the project history by IDA attorney Walter Garigliano.

The \$12 million project includes reconstruction and equipping of a new restaurant motel facility, to include approximately 3,064 square feet of event space, approximately 6,953 square-feet of office space and approximately 29,536 square-feet of accommodation spaces. Construction is to be completed this year, and the new facility, creating some 24 new jobs, will open in 2019.

Three limited liability corporations are involved in the project, all of them owned by Daniel and Joan Silna of Carlstadt, NJ.

All told, IDA assistance will provide some \$2.5 million in state, county and local tax abatements on a schedule running through 2038. These include \$600,000 in state and county sales taxes, \$120,000 in mortgage tax abatements and \$1,777,860 in real property tax abatements.

There will be a five-year 100% tax abatement against new improvements. However, Amytra will make payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) on the assessed property value prior to demolition, which was \$1.2 million. Following the first five years, its new value will be assessed

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The ponds, some walking bridges, a shed and a coal boulder that once marked the beginning of the Eldred Preserve Restaurant entranceway are about all that remain following demolition for the Amytra LLC Homestead Project. The Sullivan County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) met on April 20 and took a final vote on IDA assistance for the project.

Man sentenced for DUI deaths

MILFORD, PA — Thomas James Howey Jr., of Easton, was sentenced to a period of six to 20 years in state prison on April 20 for his role in a one-vehicle DUI crash that occurred in Greentown in 2015 and killed three men. Howey had pled guilty on February 2 to the charges of homicide by vehicle while driving under the influence and related charges.

According to Pike County District Attorney Ray Tonkin, on November 29, 2015, Howey was driving a 2014 Ford F-150 pickup truck with three passengers, Barry Foose Jr., 46, Timothy Gerhard, 58, and Eric Dunbar 38. All three passengers were also from the Easton area.

The men had driven to a bar in Newfoundland, then to a local grocery store; they were headed back to Howey's hunting cabin while driving on Mozzette Road in Green-

town. While going around a curve, the vehicle crashed into two separate trees off the roadway. Foose, Gerhard and Dunbar were pronounced dead at the scene after emergency personnel had responded to the location. Howey was also injured in the crash and flown by helicopter to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

Through an investigation by the Pennsylvania State Police, which included an accident reconstruction of the scene, it was determined that Howey was travelling at approximately 70 mph at the time of the crash on a section of road where the posted speed limit was 30 mph. Testing of Howey's blood alcohol level showed a result of .14%, which is well over the legal limit of .08%.

District Attorney Ray Tonkin said, "While justice was served today, which appropriately included a lengthy

state prison sentence, my heart goes out to the victims' families who will be affected by this for the rest of their lives."

Family members for both Howey and the victims testified and provided statements to acting President Judge Gregory Chelak as a part of the sentencing hearing. Howey is currently in the Pike County Correctional Facility awaiting transfer to a state prison. As a part of the sentencing order, Chelak also directed Howey to pay \$5,000 under the Crime Victims Act. Howey's operating privileges will also be subject to suspension through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation because of his convictions.



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Foie gras friends

By FRITZ MAYER

FERNDALE, NY — As Hudson Valley Foie Gras (HVFG) appeals its battle with California to the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS), it has lined up 11 states, France, the Quebec Food Processing Council, the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association and the Cato Institute to file amicus briefs with the court.

HVFG wants the high court to overrule California’s ban on *foie gras*. The Golden State passed the ban in 2004, but it did not go into effect until 2012. The law was struck down as the result of a lawsuit in 2015 by a judge who ruled the ban improperly superseded the Poultry Products Inspections Act (PPIA) passed in the 1950s.

But that ruling was reversed in 2017 by a panel of judges on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. “Nothing in the federal law or its implementing regulations limits a state’s ability to regulate the types of poultry that may be sold for human consumption,” Judge Jacqueline Nguyen wrote. But the ban will not take effect until the appeals process is finished, and that is ongoing.

The brief from the Cato Institute sees the California law as having wide-ranging repercussions. It says, “The Ninth Circuit’s upholding of [the law] could undermine our national markets in food and decide ultimately whether all future meat production will be outlawed in America.”

The brief from the State of Missouri and 10 other states essentially makes the argument that lawmakers in California are out of control. It says, “Under the Constitution and federal statutes, California lacks power to regulate agriculture or commerce beyond its borders. But, despite the text and structure of federal law, California is enacting law after law governing other states’ economies. And no matter how many times California’s laws regulate other states, the Ninth Circuit refuses to enjoin these regulations and enforce federal law...”

The Republic of France says, “If the Ninth Circuit’s PPIA preemption opinion is allowed to stand, the sale of USDA-approved poultry (or meat) products that either are exported from France or other nations to the United States—or are produced here but are identical or substantially similar to French or other foreign-produced products—will be left vulnerable to the political whims of 50 different state governments....”

The Quebec Food Processing Council writes, “If, as the Ninth Circuit has now held, any state or local government can ban the sale of items covered by USDA regulations and the NAFTA, should the government of Canada and/or Canadian food producers proceed to negotiate trade agreements with individual states and local governments, rather than the federal government?” It adds, “The next product that California might choose to regulate could be chicken, beef, or pork....”

The U.S. Poultry & Egg Association writes, “This Court’s intervention is necessary to forestall pervasive disruptions and serious dislocations in the poultry and egg industry, which would prove injurious not only to employers and workers in that sector, but also to consumers nationwide. While on its face limited to *foie gras*, [the law] represents a nascent effort to upend the detailed regulatory code carefully wrought by Congress and the USDA over decades.”

Marcus Henley, vice president of Hudson Valley Foie Gras, says the company has a \$100 million economic impact in Sullivan County.

IN BRIEF

PA high tunnel law

HARRISBURG, PA — Pennsylvania farmers, who use high tunnels to grow fresh fruits and vegetables, will no longer face the burden of having to meet state regulations intended for commercial and residential development now that Gov. Tom Wolf has signed House Bill 1486. The new law, which was a priority issue for Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) in 2018, prevents municipalities from requiring farmers to submit storm-water management plans on high tunnel structures that meet the law’s commonsense and easily understood guidelines.

“This is a victory for farmers across the Commonwealth, who are helping to meet increased consumer demand for locally-grown fresh fruits and vegetables,” said PFB president Rick Ebert. “High-tunnel structures, which are also called hoop houses, clearly should not be required to meet the same regulatory standards as permanent commercial office buildings or housing developments.”

Bonacic supports firefighter recruitment

MONTICELLO, NY — State Sen. John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) encourages the public to take part in the RecruitNY open house weekend, which will take place on Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29. On those two days, firehouses across the state will open their doors to the public in an effort to increase membership in the volunteer fire service. This will be the eighth straight year of this recruitment initiative, a cornerstone of the Firemen’s Association of the State of New York’s (FASNY) ongoing recruitment campaign.

During the April 28-29 weekend, members of the public will be able to get a taste of what it means to be a volunteer firefighter. Across New York State, volunteer firefighters will be conducting firehouse tours, demonstrating firefighting techniques, and more, all to generate interest and appreciation for what members of the fire service do on a regular basis. Anyone interested in the possibility of joining the fire service will have the opportunity to speak with active volunteers, who can discuss what being a member of the fire service entails.

“The volunteer firefighters that protect and serve our communities are true heroes, and I have always been a strong supporter of FASNY and the work they do,” said Sen. Bonacic.

PA renewable energy

HARRISBURG, PA — Rep. Thomas Murt (R-Montgomery/Philadelphia) has co-sponsored legislation to help Pennsylvania transition to 100%renewable energy by 2050.

“The goal of this is to decrease greenhouse gases and, in relation, reduce the levels of air, water and land pollution in the Commonwealth,” Murt said.

House Bill 2132 would establish a Clean Energy Transition Task Force, a Clean Energy Center of Excellence, and a Council for Clean Energy Workforce Development to evaluate current pollution-related issues affecting the Commonwealth and its residents, while also working toward maximizing the environmental and economic benefits of developing Pennsylvania’s renewable energy industry.

A Clean Energy Center of Excellence would be established at an institution within the State System of Higher Education to conduct and sponsor research on renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.

The Clean Energy Transition Task Force would work toward the goal of using renewable energy throughout State government operations.

The Council for Clean Energy Workforce Development would identify the employment potential of the energy efficiency and renewable energy industry.

Human trafficking legislation passes NY Assembly

ALBANY, NY — Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie on April 24 announced the New York Assembly has passed a comprehensive package of legislation aimed at thwarting human trafficking and supporting victims of domestic violence and other crimes.

“The Assembly majority recognizes that crime touches the lives of not just its victims, but also their families and communities... we are committed to ensuring that all those affected have the protections... services and support they need to rebuild their lives.”

One measure would help protect and support victims of human trafficking and educate businesses and individuals regarding ways to recognize the signs of human trafficking.

Heastie said, “Too often, victims of sexual exploitation are treated as criminals and charged with crimes like loitering or prostitution. This legislation would ensure that victims of sex trafficking would not be required to provide samples to be included in the state criminal DNA identification database.”

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Constable debate continues in Tusten

By SUSAN WADE

NARROWSBURG, NY — They thought the issue of how to assess the public's interest in establishing an on-road constabulary had been settled last month. The town council had voted unanimously to pose the question as a referendum item on the November ballot.

Then legal counsel advised that this was not permissible, stating that to do so was to take an action for which the council has responsibility and remand it to the electorate.

So at the April meeting, the issue was reopened for debate over how best to determine the will of the people. Supervisor Carol Wingert suggested an exit poll at the time of the November election. Others thought that might be unworkable since the budget, with the costs of the constabulary included, would have to be voted upon prior to the exit poll. There was animated back-and-forth among the council members, with Brandi Merolla saying that the constabulary committee needs to do more research into the issue so that other considerations might be addressed. Jane Luchsinger noted that there are a lot of negative sentiments in the community regarding the program and asked that these be explored. Jill Padua agreed that a lot of information needed to be combed through. In the end, the council voted 4-1 to instruct the committee to gather additional information.

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on a pro-rated scale until the abatements expire in the 15th year of the agreement.

The application initially received some local criticism; as the level of property tax abatements was not initially disclosed, a complete exemption was widely assumed. Highland Councilman Jim Hanson spoke during IDA's public comment period. Hanson was very disappointed with IDA's handling of its announcement and the failure of any members to appear at the public hearing.

He said that while the Amytra proposal looked like a good project, he wondered about its impact, since Highland already has restaurants "hanging on by their fingernails."

Speaking of the Eldred Central School District's distressed financial situation, Hanson commented that "they're letting Kindergarten teachers go while you're stretching out these abatements for 15 years."

Some IDA members said privately that in the past, its members did routinely visit affected towns to explain the process. They admitted that the local notification process could have been handled better.

Silna reportedly has a net worth exceeding \$100 million. Asked whether IDA assistance was appropriate for applicants who apparently have independent means, IDA Member Ed Sykes Sr. said, "We want these projects to work. People who have demonstrated successful track records are the best candidates."

There was also vigorous discussion regarding how much the town should ask for a solar payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) from the proposed Delaware River Solar project. This item had been tabled for several months. Tony Ritter stated that much of the build-out of solar projects is funded by taxes and grants and that some towns are appropriating as much as 6% of the project's revenue. It was decided that the issue would be discussed at a recessed meeting on May 1, at which the town attorney and assessor will be present.

A public hearing was scheduled for May 8 at 6 p.m. to consider the consolidation of the Narrowsburg and the Lava fire departments. Art Hawker, captain of the Narrowsburg Fire District, made a presentation to the council outlining the benefits of consolidation, one of which would be one tax rate for all who would benefit from the protection.

It was noted that Supervisor Wingert would be honored at the Upper Delaware Council awards banquet on April 22 (see below), where she would receive the Community Service award for her ongoing service to the town, fundraising success and weather emergency coordination. Council members and those present from the public agreed that the honor was well deserved.

The Public Service Commission was scheduled to hold a public hearing at the Monticello Fire Department on



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Art Hawker, captain of the Narrowsburg Fire District, explains the proposal to combine the Narrowsburg and Lava fire districts.

April 25 to solicit input from the community on the March storm response. Wingert stressed the importance of providing testimony in either oral or written format.

Wingert also stated that an April 27 symposium on storm response at the Narrowsburg Union will address the March storms as well as previous storms. She initiated this work session so that first responders, utility companies and public officials could come together to assess what went well, what went wrong and what could be done to prevent such a situation again. She noted that after Hurricane Sandy fixes were promised and not delivered.

A community litter pluck day is scheduled for April 28 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. That same day, a drug take-back session is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The town clerk can be contacted for details on both programs.

Spring cleanup is scheduled for May 19 at the highway garage between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The council accepted with regret the resignation of Amy Lohman from the Tusten Youth Commission and thanked her for her years of service. A community yard sale benefiting the Youth Commission will take place on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, and a Kids Fun Day will be held on Memorial Day.

UDC honors valley efforts

By DAVID HULSE

BEACH LAKE, PA — It was a day of anniversaries as the Upper Delaware Council (UDC) held its annual awards banquet on April 22 at Central House Family Resort in Beach Lake.

There were so many anniversaries that Earth Day (also April 22) wasn't even mentioned. It was the 30th annual awards banquet, and UDC Chair Aaron Robinson drew applause from 115 persons in attendance when he offered them the opportunity to wish UDC a happy 30th birthday.

It was the 40th anniversary of the 1978 designation of the Upper Delaware as one of the rivers covered by the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act, now celebrating its 50th year. Keynote speaker and Northeast Regional National Park Service Director Gay Vietzke noted that after another 40 years, 2018 would be remembered as the date NPS finally won funding for a visitor center at the Zane Grey Museum in Lackawaxen.

"The fact that NPS has not had to acquire any land [to enforce compliance] demonstrates the success of the UDC and the River Management Plan," Vietzke said. Vietzke did not comment on the NPS funding shortfalls that twice threatened the council's existence last year, but Rep. John Faso (NY-19) was lauded as UDC's "dogged champion" in restoring withheld funding on those occasions, as well as his winning \$5 million to finally fund the Delaware River Basin Restoration Act.

Shohola's George J. Fluhr, who was also



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Those honored by the UDC on April 22 included, seated from left, Town of Tusten Supervisor Carol Ropke Wingert—Community Service Award; GIS mapping specialist Dr. Shannon Thol—Volunteer Award; George J. Fluhr of Shohola Township—Distinguished Service Award; Carol Ann MacMaster of the Equinunk Historical Society—Cultural Achievement Award; Sam Rowe of Hancock—Community Service Award; National Park Service (NPS) Biologist Jessica Newbern and former UDC Secretary Cindy Odell—Special Recognition Awards. Standing from left to right are NPS Ranger Sean McNeil, Cinthia Ibarra of Mt. Vernon, NY, and NPS Park Ranger Kevin Reish, co-recipients of the Robin M. Daniels Memorial Lifesaving Award; 2017 UDC Chairperson Jim Greier of the Town of Fremont—Oaken Gavel Award; and EMT Lou Pine with the Eldred American Legion Ambulance Service, another co-recipient of the Lifesaving Award. Missing from the group photo was U.S. Congressman John J. Faso, who received the Advocacy Award earlier in the ceremony; and Mary Belezair of Mt. Vernon, co-recipient of the Lifesaving Award, who were unable to attend.

honored, recounted the hard-won efforts to get people and agencies working together. "It took many years, many meetings, many dedicated public officials and many private citizens traveling to meetings all

over the 73-mile corridor for many years... I remember the disruptions, the threats, the guns, the hate and the fear that permeated the area for many years. It was the UDC that began the road to peace."

Discussion stifled at Eldred School Board meeting

By SUSAN WADE

ELDRED, NY — Superintendent Dr. John Morgano commenced the business aspect of the Eldred board meeting by noting the change in administration at the two Eldred schools. Virginia Keegan has assumed the principal's role at the Eldred Junior/Senior High School, while Scott Krebs has been installed as principal at the George Ross Mackenzie Elementary School. Morgano stated that he has full faith and confidence in Keegan and Krebs both as principals and as Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) coordinators. DASA coordinators are responsible for handling bullying incidents.

Prior to his current assignment, Krebs had been reassigned from his former position as high school principal to perform various administrative duties including grant writing for the district. He reported on several grants that had been secured in the past.

After the regular reports had been given, board president Carol Bliefernich stated that the public comment period was the time for the board to communicate to the best of their ability with the public and to hear the public's concerns.

When asked about Krebs' success in securing new cash for the district through grants by a member of the public, Bliefernich responded that "the board has no issues with the work that was done."

She also lauded the job done in securing grants by former superintendent Robert Dufour. During a second public comment session a resident stated, while making a plea for reinstatement of the pre-Kindergarten program, that the district had in the past only pursued grants for a half-day program while running a full-day program, which resulted in a loss of grant money available to the district of about \$60,000 annually for the past few years.

As they worked through the agenda, Board Member Allyson Wagner asked that four items be subject to further discussion. Bliefernich stated that this would only occur if the request was made in the form of a motion, which



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Principals Virginia Keegan and Scott Krebs have traded assignments. Keegan oversees the Eldred Junior/Senior High School and Krebs has been assigned to the George Ross Mackenzie Elementary School.

Wagner proposed. Two items involved compensation to be granted to two individuals who were assigned additional responsibilities. Wagner contended that the compensation might be better applied to programs that would directly benefit students. The other items involved the principals' appointments as DASA coordinators. None of the other board members would second the motion, so no further discussion was allowed on those items. The vote was then taken on the four items. Bliefernich, Amador Laput and Linda Bohs voted affirmatively and Wagner emphatically voted "no." Brian Siegel was not present at the meeting.

During the comment period that followed this vote, student government president Kim Gonzalez pointed out the inconsistency in allowing discussion from meeting to meeting. She noted that in past meetings, the board freely engaged in discussion, but in this instance it had been shut down. Her comment was acknowledged but not responded to.

District Treasurer Caleb Russell gave an update on

the 2018-19 budget preparation. A 3.04% tax increase is incorporated into the budget as well as the \$836,000 decrease in costs resulting from the eliminations in sports and other programs and positions announced the preceding month. These decreases are offset by about \$500,000 in other expenses, primarily for salaries and benefits, so overall expenditures will only decrease by \$300,000. Russell stated that the projected 2018-19 tax burden and expenditures were similar to those of the 2010-11 school year. He acknowledged that currently there are fewer residents sharing the tax burden. Student enrollment has declined by approximately 15% during this time period and is currently about 580.

The public will have an opportunity to hear from the candidates for the school board on May 3 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the high school, after which the board will vote on the budget.

The public vote on the budget and for the board candidates will be on Tuesday, May 15 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the high school.

ECS budget approved in unpublicized vote

By SUSAN WADE

ELDRED, NY — The district calendar stated that the Eldred school board would vote on the BOCES budget on April 17. By the end of the short meeting, a vote also had been taken to approve the budget on which voters will have their say on May 15.

The budget of \$16,848,150, of which \$10,429,023 is to come from property taxes, represents a 3.04% tax increase and is the same amount that had been discussed at the April 12 meeting, so the amount of the budget should be of no surprise to anyone. However, since only six members of the public were on hand, the opportunity for the public at large to offer comment was thwarted.

The vote was 3-1, with Carol Bliefernich, Amador Laput and Linda Bohs voting in the affirmative and Allyson Wagner voting against. Brian Siegel was not present at the meeting. Wagner joined the other board members when the vote was taken to put the budget on the ballot for the voters.

Before the vote was taken, Bliefernich allowed a mem-

ber of the public, Paul Clark, to comment. Clark stated that he is opposed to a budget that eliminates teachers in art and music but continues to fund the football team. He opposes a budget that eliminates some teachers, but that, in his opinion, does not eliminate the correct teachers. Clark further stated that he was a proponent of the public voting down this budget as presented, so that a second vote could be taken after the next school board election. He said that although having a second vote would cost a bit more money, the board has not in the past been averse to "throwing money around." He contended that after the board member vote, there will be "a better indication of which direction we want to go."

Wagner noted that the budget as presented contained some errors in numbers provided by BOCES and in coaching costs. She asked if this was the best budget they can present to the public.

There was also discussion about the availability of funds for capital repairs. Wagner questioned whether this budget sufficiently allowed for surprises in the long-term maintenance of the buildings and whether the five-year capital improvements plan had been updated. The

plan, which is mandated by the state, is in its fourth year of non-adherence.

Russell stated that, given that he's been on the job for only a few weeks, there are many matters that he will be researching in the future. Capital improvements and support services such as transportation, food service and maintenance will all be examined.

After the vote, Mike Paradisis, who is employed by Atlas Security and as such had served as the security officer at the elementary school, asked why he had suddenly been reassigned out of the district. He asked whether it resulted from his stating, during the public comment session of a previous meeting, that the district's security officers should be armed. Bliefernich advised him to take up the issue with Superintendent Morgano. As Paradisis continued to question the action, Bohs stated that the board does not speak about matters of personnel.

Voters will get an opportunity to hear from the four candidates for the school board on May 3 at 6:30 p.m. and to vote on May 15 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Both events will take place at the Junior-Senior High School.

Wayne's Victims Intervention Program to expand into Pike

HARRISBURG, PA — The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) has awarded a subcontract to the Victims Intervention Program (VIP) to expand its services to include Pike County effective July 1.

PCAR initiated a competitive application process for the provision of services in Pike County in early 2018. An evaluation of applications was conducted by PCAR's Independent Review Committee, which comprises five individuals representing diverse interests, cultures and backgrounds.

PCAR Chief Operating Officer Joyce Lukima said of Wayne County's Victims Intervention Program and its executive director, "VIP, under the current leadership of Michele Minor Wolf, has provided outstanding service to Wayne County residents for more than 30 years. VIP's high-standards for victim services, efficient fiscal management of resources and capacity to expand their community footprint to Pike County left a strong impression

on the review committee."

VIP services to Pike County will include: 24-hour crisis hotline; accompaniment to medical facilities, police investigations and court proceedings; crisis counseling; and individual advocacy.

"While we are located in the county seat of Wayne County, we are very aware of the barriers to accessing services in rural areas," Wolf said. "Over the years, we have developed many programs and projects to reduce those barriers to accessing services. Many of our services are now provided in the community, rather than our offices. If folks can't get to us, we go to them."

Volunteers needed

VIP, meanwhile, is looking for caring individuals with great listening skills to volunteer. VIP was founded in 1988 out of the need to have a domestic violence crisis center in the community. Thirty years later, VIP has grown

its services to not only include a 24-hour crisis hotline, but also counseling services, assistance with Protection from Abuse Orders, risk reduction programs and more.

VIP is grateful for the volunteers who have already joined the program in envisioning a world free of violence. Hotline volunteers, who staff the agency's 24-hour crisis hotline, are always in demand, however, there are multiple ways volunteers can donate their time. Going on trips to the recycling center, facility maintenance work, help with fundraisers and office work are all ways that volunteers can help while giving back to the community.

Join Victims' Intervention Program at the Honesdale Visitor Center, 32 Commercial St. in Honesdale, on Thursday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m. for a volunteer meet-and-greet event and learn what VIP is all about. Free group training dates begin this summer; evening training is a possibility. For more information contact Randi Bannon, special programs coordinator, at 570/253-4401.

Britain's oldest army unit headed for Barryville

BARRYVILLE, NY — The British are coming—again. Seriously, the British military is coming to the Upper Delaware River Valley.

Unlike 1779, there won't be any need to mount a defense this time. Members of the Honourable Artillery Company (HAC) will be coming in peace to celebrate their annual St. George's Day (England's patron saint) Dinner, according to HAC Lance Corporal and Barryville resident, Robert M. Robinson.

Those attending are members of the Honourable Artillery Company of North America (HAC/NA), ex-patriot veterans now living mostly in the U.S. and Canada. They have met annually for the past 38 years. Last year's dinner was held at the Thayer Hotel in West Point. Robinson is playing host this year and the gathering will be in Barryville at the Carriage House.

Robinson is a native of London, England, where the HAC was founded to de-

fend the city and aid in civil law enforcement. It has a long and storied history, ripe with tradition. The HAC dates its origins to a charter executed in 1537 by King Henry VIII. They are the British Army's oldest unit.

Then known as the Fraternity or Guild of Artillery of Longbows, Crossbows and Handguns, it helped prepare a defense against the anticipated invasion by the Spanish Armada in 1588 and helped quell the religious disturbances known as the Gordon Riots of June of 1780. Members of the HAC "Special Constabulary" still serve in London's police force. In 1900, HAC saw its first foreign service in the Boer War in South Africa. Since then its batteries served in both World Wars, and members served more recently in Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan.

HAC's active element within the company is now a Regiment of the Army Reserve. The courtesy prefix "Honourable" in the name "Honourable Artillery Com-

pany" was first used informally in 1685 and was officially confirmed by Queen Victoria in 1860.

"HAC was originally chartered 'for the better increase of the defense of this our realm and the maintenance of the science of artillery,'" said member Martin Barnes. Barnes, who now resides in North Carolina, explained that following that directive the HAC inactive branch now acts as a charity supporting the regiment. "Fundraising is a major activity." The regiment's Armoury House headquarters and five-acre Artillery Garden have survived for more than 350 years in the middle of London's business district. "It's been said that if those five acres were covered in gold sovereigns, the value would not equal the value of the property," he said.

The HAC properties offer a wide variety of event spaces for everything from conferences, meetings and awards dinners to summer and Christmas parties, as well

as wedding ceremonies and receptions. Artillery Garden is for rugby and football in the winter and cricket in the summer. It is also rented out for parties and events.

"Whilst St. George's Day is traditionally celebrated on April 23, we have to accommodate North American weather," Barnes said. Twenty to 25 guests are expected to attend the formal affair at the Carriage House on May 12. "There will be traditional music and a number of ceremonial toasts raised including those to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth (the Sovereign is the Captain General of the regiment) and to the United States of America," he said.

"Our gathering may go unnoticed by most, but I wanted to let my neighbors know that there will be some interesting people visiting our town that weekend," Robinson said.

For more on HAC's history, traditions and related London tourism, visit <https://www.hac.org.uk>.

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■ BACKGROUND BRIEFING

[The River Reporter feels that, with regard to various controversial issues, it is useful from time to time to present to the public facts about the history of those issues without arguing a specific position. Our aim is to improve the common base of information available for the public conversation about that topic. In such cases, we may provide "background briefings" such as this one on our editorial pages. We welcome further thoughtful input from our readers on the topic of gun control.]

A brief history of the NRA

According to the website of the National Rifle Association, the organization was formed by Union veterans Col. William C. Church and Gen. George Wingate in 1871 because they were concerned by the lack of marksmanship among union soldiers. The goal was to "promote and encourage rifle shooting on a scientific basis."

The NRA began to promote shooting sports in 1903, when the organization began to urge colleges and universities to create rifle clubs. By 1906, there were 200 boys in competing matches at the NRA's rifle range in Sea Girt, NJ.

The spate of gangster-related shootings during the Prohibition era led to the passage of the National Firearms Act of 1934 (NFA), the first federal gun control measure, which especially targeted machine guns like those used in the Valentine's Day Massacre. The president of the NRA at the time, Karl Frederick, testified during congressional hearings and said, "I have never believed in the general practice of carrying weapons. I seldom carry one. I do not believe in the general promiscuous toting of guns." The NRA supported passage of the NFA, and formed its Legislative Affairs Division after the passage of that act. NRA input was reflected in both the NFA and the Federal Firearms Act of 1938, in seeing to it that handguns and "sporting guns" were exempt from the language of those acts.

When President John Kennedy was killed in 1963, the shooter used an "Italian military surplus rifle purchased from an NRA mail-order advertisement." According to an article in *Time Magazine*, "NRA Executive Vice-President Franklin Orth agreed at a congressional hear-

ing that mail-order sales should be banned stating, 'We do think that any sane American, who calls himself an American, can object to placing into this bill the instrument which killed the president of the United States.'"

The NRA also supported the Mulford Act of 1967, which banned the carrying of loaded weapons in public because of activities of the Black Panther Party, which included a protest march to oppose gun control legislation.

Riots in 1967 and the assassinations of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968 prompted Congress to act. The NRA supported the Gun Control Act of 1968, which created a federal system of registering guns and gun dealers and, according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, established "new categories of firearms offenses, and prohibits the sale of firearms and ammunition to felons and certain other prohibited persons."

The abovementioned *Time Magazine* article (time.com/4431356/nra-gun-control-history) says, "A shift in the NRA's platform occurred when in 1971 the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, during a house raid, shot and paralyzed longtime NRA member Kenyon Ballew suspected of stockpiling illegal weapons. The NRA swiftly condemned the federal government."

In the 1970s, the NRA began to focus more on politics and established the Institute for Legislative Action, its lobbying arm, which was headed by a man named Harlon Carter. In 1976, the leadership in power at the time wanted to move the organization's headquarters from Ohio to Colorado and to build a \$30 million recreational facility in New Mexico. But members who wanted to put the emphasis on protecting their interpretation of the Second Amendment voted out the incumbents, and Carter became executive director.

In 1980, the NRA for the first time endorsed a candidate to become President of the United States, with their support going to Ronald Reagan. In 1991, staff lobbyist Wayne LaPierre was appointed executive vice president, and after Bill Clinton was elected president, the NRA organized against the Assault Weapons Ban (AWB). They were not successful in stopping the ban, but they were successful in convincing lawmakers to have it expire after 10 years, and in 2004, it did.

In 2016, the NRA endorsed Donald Trump to become president. It did so before Trump officially became the Republican candidate, and said its decision was due to Hilary Clinton's strong support of gun control legislation.

In the wake of the shootings in Parkland, FL at the Stoneman Douglas High School, several companies embarked on a boycott of the NRA, including car-rental companies, tech companies, airlines, trucking businesses and others.

But that also sparked a backlash, especially with the lieutenant governor of Georgia, who is also a candidate for governor, and who threatened to kill any tax breaks for Delta Airlines unless it changed its stance.

On April 20, a coalition of celebrities and Stoneman Douglass survivors announced the No Rifle Association (NoRa) initiative to publicize politicians who take money from the NRA and then block gun control laws.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What is the NRA?

The National Rifle Association (NRA) was first chartered in the State of New York on November 16, 1871 by **Army and Navy Journal** editor William Conant Church and Captain George Wood Wingate. Founded to advance rifle marksmanship, the modern NRA continues to teach firearm safety and competency. The organization also publishes several magazines and sponsors competitive marksmanship events and has a membership of 5 million as of 2013. The organization is led by a board of 76 elected members who are nominated by committee or by petition from the membership. The NRA is one of the top three most influential lobbying groups in Washington, D.C.

Mark Robinson recently joined the NRA. He is a black man, born and raised in Greensboro, NC and is currently going to University of North Carolina Greensboro to become a history professor. He works at a furniture manufacturing plant and went to the city council meeting in Greensboro. His comments have gone viral (Google or YouTube him) after his impassioned plea in favor of Second Amendment gun rights and against the talk of shutting down a local gun show where he intended to do research on the purchase of his first firearm.

Please turn off your fake news/media hype and turn on your brains. Our nation's removal of God from the public square is the main reason for the exponential increase in violence since the 1960s. Putting God back in His rightful place in the USA as well as improved mental health programs, more gun safety education, added security/surveillance and increased policing can protect us all better than just the removal of gun rights or any specific style rifle.

John "JP" Pasquale
Livingston Manor, NY

Missing the big picture on healthcare costs

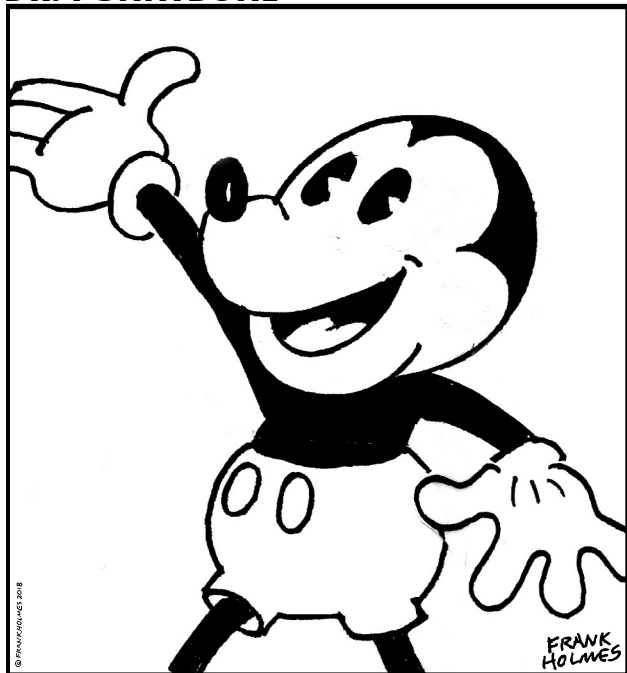
After reading the article by Susan Wade on health insurance expenses in the Eldred Central School District in your April 12 issue, I could not help but respond.

This article addresses the Eldred School District problems with health insurance costs, but you are totally missing the bigger story. The issues addressed in this article affect much more than just our Eldred School District, it affects almost everyone.

The article states that Eldred's healthcare cost went up 7.09%, 17.68% and 6.98% in the three prior years. If only those were the increase figures that I looked at with our own health insurance. Our healthcare insurance rates increased 57% when our policy renewed on December 1, 2017. Years ago, the powers-that-be were selling everyone on "affordable healthcare." The reality of how very unaffordable that healthcare really is can now be felt by

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DR. PUNNYBONE



Character Flaw

[THE RIVER REPORTER] welcomes letters on all subjects from its readers. They must be signed and include the correspondent's phone number. The correspondent's name and town will appear at the bottom of each letter; titles and affiliations will not, unless the correspondent is writing on behalf of a group.

Letters are printed at the discretion of the editor. It is requested they be limited to 300 words; longer letters may not be printed, or may be edited down to the appropriate length. No letters or My Views in excess of 600 words will be printed. Deadline is 1:00 p.m. on Monday.]

LETTERS

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almost every person affected by the legislation that was passed. With an increase of 57% in one year, how can anyone plan for a future when looking even five years down the road?

Year after year our rates have increased, and each time our coverage gets more limited. I have spoken to families with high deductibles to make insurance costs more affordable, but people can't use or are afraid to use those plans because healthcare costs are so out of control. One woman even told me she had a \$10,000 deductible each year for her family. How is this affordable healthcare?

You are missing the big story: the countless families in our area and well beyond that used to have insurance that was so much cheaper for far better plans. What happened to, "if you like your plan, you can keep it"? Because that did not happen. Health insurance and healthcare costs have become such a burden to so many families, along with college loan costs. What is really being done to fix any of it? People shouldn't be afraid to go to the doctors. They should be able to know upfront costs, and not get bills three months later for things not covered, having no idea at all when they make a simple office visit how it might end up being billed out in its entirety.

Thank you for your paper and your articles. I appreciate your platform.

Patti Martell

Glen Spey, NY

Illegal immigration and drugs

Almost never discussed in the highly politicized issue of illegal immigration is the role played by illegal drugs and the violence that issues from it. But the fact is that escaping from drug-war zones, in which bullets fly where children play, has been a major motivation for emigration to the U.S., and continues to be. The legalization of drugs would require serious consideration of how it were to be implemented. But a fraction of the billions spent each year on the "war" would pay for treatment centers, education, safe needle centers—which would save lives now lost to overdosing—and take some of the pressure off our borders.

According to a cheatsheet.com report, the U.S. spent \$213 trillion between 2008 and 2017 in the "war on drugs." Plus, for the 95,800 federal prisoners charged with drug-related crimes, the U.S. spends an average of \$30,620 per year per prisoner. In addition, the Libertarian Cato Institute estimates, "Taxing and regulating illicit drugs similarly to tobacco and alcohol could raise \$46.7 billion in tax revenue each year." The states that have legalized marijuana are already seeing that revenue.

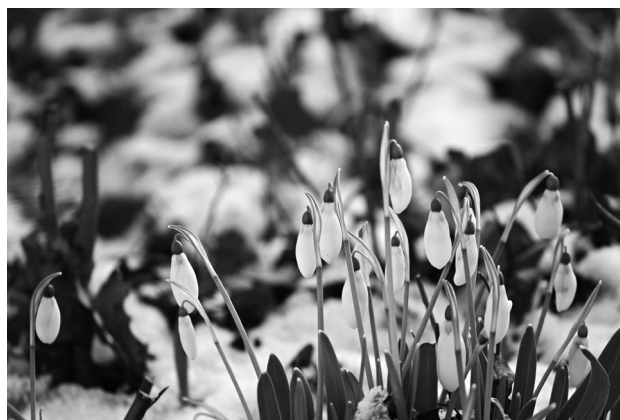
Perhaps the cost of the war on drugs would be justified if it significantly reduced drug abuse in this country, but it doesn't. After all, we, the U.S., are the customers for these drugs. But it's worse: the "war on drugs" not only throws money into a sewer, it creates the sewer. The child migrant crisis from Central America in 2014 was directly related to the crackdown on the cartels in Mexico, which the cartels dealt with by moving operations south to El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala.

We didn't learn enough from Prohibition.

For more see <https://elevationshealth.com/annual-cost-war-on-drugs/>; <https://tinyurl.com/y8gmczg7>; <https://cheatsheet.com>.

Roy Tedoff

Hortonville, NY



Haiku on the end of winter

Beneath a green rock
the serpent smiles.
Spring snowing like camellias.

Anthony Splendora
Milford, PA

We need Brian Flynn,
now more than ever

My name is Tony Cellini. I was honored to have served the Town of Thompson as an elected official for 38 years, and then as a town supervisor for 20 years until my retirement in 2013.

During those years, I had the opportunity to work with volunteer boards, as well as with elected officials from all levels of government. I have worked with conservatives and liberals, Democrats and Republicans, and people of nearly every race, religion and ethnicity. These were hard-working Americans, from laborers to professors, homemakers to homebuilders, rich and poor—with most somewhere in between. They all served with dignity and respect. They all were honorable.

We now have the opportunity to elect a Democrat to Congress in New York's 19th Congressional District that will represent all this and more. We have the opportunity to elect Brian Flynn.

Not once has Brian ever personally degraded an opponent. Never has he fostered fear or anger. Never has he acted as a demagogue or condoned violence. Never has he demeaned women. And never has he tolerated the impugning of a religious or ethnic group, nor the ridiculing of the handicapped.

I appeal to Democratic friends, voters and leaders: Do not let the disgraceful behavior of Republican President Donald Trump further damage the party of Lincoln and the character of America.

Elect Brian Flynn, who will finally bring dignity and respect back to Congress, something that all Americans want and need now.

Please join me in voting for Brian Flynn in the Democratic Primary on June 26, and he will lead us to victory in November.

Tony Cellini
Monticello, NY



■ VIEWS FROM THE TRAIN

By Tom Caska

Relentless spring

Relentless spring, we are joyful in your persistence as you battled for your time on earth over dreaded winter. You arrived early, over a month ago. The arctic beast still had its claws in deep, refusing to yield. Still you marched on against the interminable Old Man Winter.

Relentless spring, as the sun comes to your aid your flowers begin to spear through the wintery crust. Each blade of grass grows stronger, taller, greener, marching back the snow, melting its cold heart. Taking with it its shivery frost, until finally all that will remain is the water of life.

Here in the Upper Delaware Valley we thought the cold would never end. Day after day the skies were grey, sending flurries to remind us it was not done with us. Old Man Winter and his sick sense of humor had his way with us this year for sure. In what seems like a continent away, the lowlands of the Hudson Valley told a different tale. Peering through the slits of our eyes on the morning train we began to see flashes of color. What world had we been transported to? Here in this land were greens of daffodil and crocus, yellows of forsythia, spots of pink from flowering cherry trees. Here, robins were everywhere in a tug of war, pulling worms from the ground. All manner of birds hopped from branch to branch, dancing in delight. Small woodland creatures scurried about to replenish their dens from the long harsh season.

Our only bridge to this land is literally a bridge, the Moodna Viaduct. This iron railroad trestle stands high over the trees below, spanning the creek and the valley below. It sits in the north end of the Schunemunk Mountains; you first cross it after leaving the Salisbury Mill-Cornwall Metro-North station. Growing to an impossible 193 feet and 3,200 feet across, this is the highest and longest railroad bridge east of the Mississippi River. From our lofted perch we can spy like an eagle the buds on the tops of the trees beginning to form. Initially black, they will turn slowly red with the warmth of the sun. This is one of the wonderful signs that the relentless spring is finally winning the war.

Nature's clock is an amazing thing to observe as we travel one more year around our source of light, the sun. In the days to come it will warm our faces, bringing life back to our senses. In the quiet of our memories we can close our eyes to hear our sounds from warmer times past. Memories of children laughing, playing, a firefly on a warm summer night, camping under the stars, marshmallows on an open fire. Sounds of surf and cool ocean breezes will bring a smile to our faces again. Lazy days spent under a tree during a hot afternoon by the old fishing hole. Spending quality time with family and friends on a stoop, a porch, deck, or just a blanket, smelling fresh-cut grass.

Relentless spring, for now we will wait and watch as you march on to the next season, building layer upon layer of life as you go. A life we can only enjoy because of your true, unabating, incessant, unfaltering, tenacious self. Oh spring, we welcome you back with open arms. Nice to see you again.

■ OBITUARIES

LILLIAN A. WACHTER

Lillian A. Wachter, known affectionally as “Great” to her grandchildren, died on April 6, 2018, at her daughter’s home in Crystal River, FL, under the compassionate care of Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast. Lillian was born in Brooklyn, NY. She met and married her husband, Clifford, and they raised two daughters, enjoying summers in Barryville. After retirement from Chase Manhattan Bank, she moved to Barryville to be close to family. Lillian was a beloved sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt. She was a strong, spirited, beautiful and independent woman, who was forever 29. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

Lillian was predeceased by her loving husband, Clifford and her beloved daughter, Joanne Clouse, and her four brothers, Henry, Frank, John and Joseph Meyer and her two sisters, Catherine Warden and Madeline Walter.

Lillian is survived by her daughter, Carole Rudolph, and her husband Joseph; her son-in-law Herman Clouse; and five grandchildren, Laura and John Stuba, Regina and James Lynett, Lenora Lee Rudolph and James Ryan, Erik and Beth Clouse, and Jason and Rachel Clouse. She was great-grandmother to nine wonderful children, Michael and Tyler Stuba; Carolyn and Katherine Lynett; Drew, Kaylee and Khloe Clouse; and Donovan and Laurel Clouse. She is also survived by her favorite niece, Janet Warden, and many other caring nieces and nephews and friends both in New York and Florida.

There will be no visitation per her wishes. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12 noon at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church, Yulan, NY on June 2, 2018. Rev. Jocelyn Berkman will be the celebrant. Interment will follow at St. Anthony’s Cemetery, Eldred, NY. Memorial donations may be made to St. Anthony’s Catholic Church, 225 Beaverbrook Rd., Yulan, NY 12792 or Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast, PO Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464.

Arrangements are under the direction of Knight Auchmoody Funeral Home, 154 E. Main St., Poet Jervis, NY. For information, directions or to send a condolence note to the family visit knight-auchmoody.com.



JUDITH LESLIE ZIGMUND

Judith Leslie Zigmund, of White Sulphur Springs, NY, left this life on Saturday, April 14, 2018. She was 73.

Apart from being a single supermom, Judy was an art therapist professionally, a dragon at heart, expert potter and painter, masterful chef, prolific gardener, bird-watcher and humanitarian, who not only parented her own children but also provided support to scores of others throughout her life, professionally and personally. Judy’s family would like to thank the wonderful friends Judy had throughout her life, her communi-

WILLIAM WESLEY LANGHORST

William Wesley Langhorst passed away on April 18, 2018 at the NYS Veteran’s Home at Oxford, NY. He was 94.

Wes (Bill) was the son of William A. and Lizzie (Ropke) Langhorst. The family moved when he was 12 years old from Livingston, NJ to the then countryside of New Windsor, NY, near Newburgh, where he graduated from Cornwall Central High School. In addition to academic success, he was a standout in soccer and baseball. He served his country honorably on the European front during World War II as a gunner calculator in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946.

Upon discharge, he joined his parents in Binghamton, NY, where his father had joined Gus Langhorst’s Fish Market Company. Bill then resumed his studies at Cornell University, played on the Cornell soccer team, and in 1949 graduated from Cornell’s School of Engineering with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. After graduating, he enjoyed a 36-year career as a civil engineer with the NYS Department of Transportation, where he worked state-wide in New York State’s highway construction program.

He had a lifelong interest in all things mechanical, structural and technological. Bridge design was a particular favorite, as were the Yankees. He was an accomplished photographer, who had his own darkroom at an early age. He was also an avid outdoorsman, who loved to ski and fish. Wes was a faithful son who cared for his mother until her passing at the age of 99. He was predeceased by his father, William, and his best friend, Ronald Linderman. Ron’s family grieves and extends their many thanks to the wonderful staff at the NYS Veterans’ Home at Oxford for making Bill’s stay there comfortable over the past three years, with special thanks to the staff of the Oak Unit and the physical therapy department who attended him.

Friends are invited to call on May 5, 2018, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 90 Main St., Narrowsburg, NY. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. with Rev. Donald Beck officiating. Burial will follow at Lava Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Cornell University School of Engineering Class of 1949 Scholarship, 130 E. Seneca St., Suite 400, Ithaca, NY 14850. Online condolences can be made at www.rasmussenharrisonfh.com/contact.

Arrangements are made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 845/252-3901.

ty, and those who eased her pain in her final hours. She will be so deeply missed.

Ms. Zigmund is survived by her three children, Sean, Beth, and Terry; three grandchildren, Escher, Logan, and Tess; and children’s spouses John and Cheyenne.

A celebration of life will be held for Judy on Sunday, June 3, at her life-long home. Please contact Sean at 845/292-9126 for condolences and information.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Ramsay Funeral Home, for additional information call 845/292-7160.

■ COMMUNITY CURRICULUM

Diabetes management

HONESDALE, PA — Wayne Memorial Hospital will offer a three-session diabetes management course on May 2, 9 and 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. It will cover basics, menu planning, label reading, preventing problems, glucose monitoring and exercise benefits. The cost is \$50 and registration is required. One support person can come for free. Financial assistance is available. For more information call 570/253-8158.

The Paper Workshop returns

NARROWSBURG, NY — Back by popular demand, local abstract artist Melinda Wallach will return to expand upon the techniques that she taught us in her first Paper Workshop. Come and explore the endless possibilities of working with and decorating paper. The program will be held at the Tusten Town Hall basement in on Friday, April 27 at 2 p.m. All materials will be provided; therefore the program is limited to 15 participants and registration is required. For more information or to register visit www.WSPLonline.org or call 845/252-3360.

Eating your way to health

BETHEL, NY — Sullivan Renaissance and Sullivan180 will sponsor a talk by Dr. Joel Fuhrman, MD titled “Eating Your Way to Better Health” on Friday, April 27, at the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts at 4:30 p.m. Fuhrman is a renowned family physician and author who has appeared on “Dr. Oz,” “Good Morning America” and PBS. A reception and book signing will follow. For more information visit <http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org>.

Tai Chi/ Chi Kung Classes

MONTICELLO, NY — Sullivan BOCES will offer a Tai Chi/Chi Kung course on Wednesdays, May 2 through June 2, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the St. John Street Education Center. The course tuition is \$65.

Tai Chi/Chi Kung is a method of self-cultivation and an unsurpassed form of self-defense.

To register or for more information, call 845/295-4915 between 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. or visit scbores.org.

■ DEATH NOTICES

Ronald Valliere

Ronald Valliere of Equinunk, PA passed away suddenly on Friday morning, April 13, 2018 at home. He was 71.

A private memorial will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made in Ronnie’s memory to Read To Sydney, a non-profit organization that helps teach children to read, and also provides education about humane treatment of animals. www.readtosydney.org



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DIY reflexology

HONESDALE, PA — Join Caroline Verdi, reflexologist and owner of TSUBO Reflexology & Aromatherapy for her “Calm your life with Reflexology Techniques and Essential Oils” workshop on Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. at The Cooperage, 1030 Main St.

Reflexology is the practice of working certain points (reflexes) on the ears, hands and feet that coincide with all of your organs and body systems to assist the body in coming into balance on its own. It can lower blood pressure and increase circulation throughout your body. Verdi has studied reflexology at the Omega Institute of Holistic Studies and is certified by the American Reflexology Certification Board.

This workshop has a suggested donation of \$10 person. To reserve a spot email info@thecooperageproject.org or call 570/253-2020.

Managing arthritis in older adults

LIBERTY, NY — The public is invited to a web seminar on managing arthritis in older adults on Thursday, May 3. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)’s Caregiver Resource Center offers this free program from 1 to 2 p.m. at its Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd.

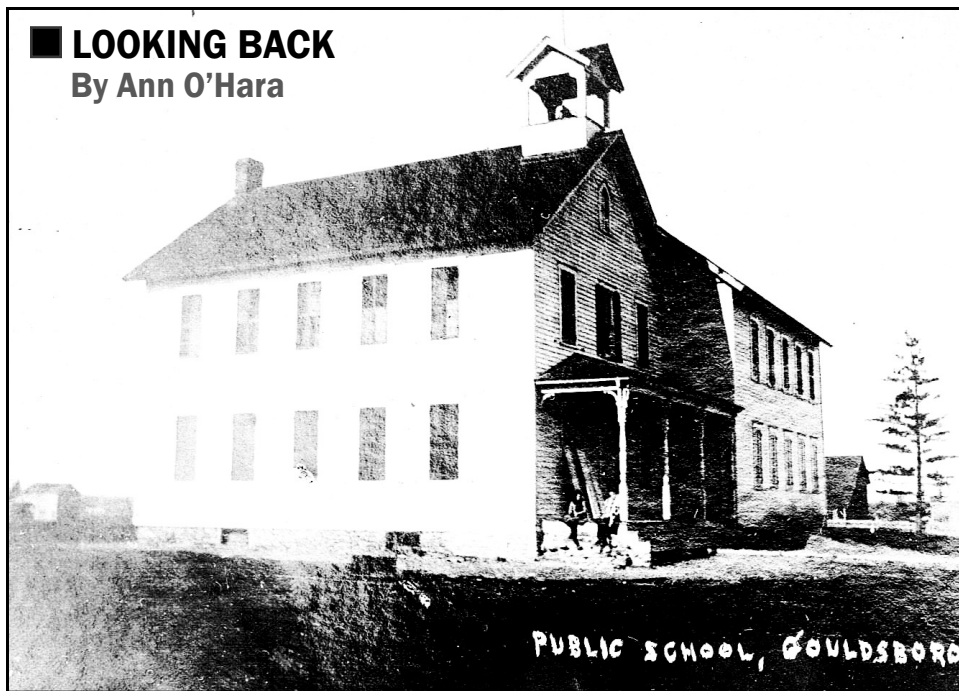
Participants will be able to recognize the symptoms and warning signs of arthritis, understand how arthritis is diagnosed and treated, identify ways of preventing arthritis, and learn tips for coping and support for sufferers and caregivers

Lakelyn Hogan presents this webinar, part of the Family Caregiver Support Series, sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care®, where Hogan is a gerontologist and caregiver advocate.

This seminar is free to the public and requires five pre-registered attendees to hold the class. Registration is required in advance by visiting www.sullivanccce.org, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or calling CCESC at 845/292-6180.

■ LOOKING BACK

By Ann O'Hara



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Gouldsboro, in Lehigh Township, Wayne County, was named for Jay Gould, infamous “robber baron” of the 19th century. Until the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad opened up the area, it was undeveloped, but with increased access, the acres of virgin hemlock attracted lumbermen and tanners, including in 1856 Jay Gould, who began his fortune by starting a tannery with a partner, Zadock Pratt, at Gouldsboro. In the same year I.L. Simons opened a large hotel. At one time, Gould and Pratt’s tannery was the largest in America.

Unfortunately, Gould was caught cheating his partner and was forced to buy out

Pratt, then caught again cheating a new partner. The tannery closed in 1861, but both the town of Gouldsboro and Jay Gould were by then well established. Lehigh Township was created in 1885, the last township in Wayne County. The first school in the township was held in a home in Gouldsboro about 1865, and by 1900 the town had a graded two-room school with two additional rooms added in 1902-03.

From the collection of the Wayne County Historical Society, 810 Main St., Honesdale. The museum and research library are open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

■ LAKE HUNTINGTON NEWS

By Eileen Hennessy

Cochecton was busy on Saturday with the Lake Huntington Fire Co. spaghetti dinner and the Lake Huntington Presbyterian Church penny social. Thank you to all who came out to make these events possible. When an organization puts on an event, it’s a lot of work. I personally would like to thank everyone who worked so hard.

I was not able to attend either event; my sister was up for the weekend, and we had a busy time. I drove a friend down to Kennedy Airport on Friday. As I was on the way back my sister was coming upstate, so we met in Middletown. We spent the night shopping and went out to dinner. We didn’t get home until midnight. On Saturday we went to Alissa Smith, the medium, to get our dreams analyzed. We learned a lot.

Sunday we went to my niece Lisa Conte’s bridal shower. It’s Sunday night, and I am tired; waking up tomorrow morning is not going to be fun.

On Saturday, July 14, there will be

a Turtle Trot 10k and 10k relay walk. Registration is at 6:30 a.m., and the run starts at 8 a.m. The start and finish will be at the Kenoza Lake Firehouse, and the entry fee is \$25 by June 30, \$30 on race day. Make checks payable to CFOS Doug Ackermann and Brenna Darling Memorial Fund; mail to April Ackermann, 322 Mueller Rd., Cocheton NY 12726. You can register online at catskillstiming.com. For information email farmerack@yahoo.com or phone 845/701-9054. T-shirts are guaranteed to the first 50 registered participants. There will be post-race refreshments for all participants, awards and raffle prizes.

Keep smiling and have a great week. Email me at leeniebeans@citlink.net or call 845/252-3568 if you have any news. You can always check me out at riverreporter.com in Community Living.

*Narrowsburg News
will return in two weeks*

■ ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

Sullivan Renaissance conference

BETHEL, NY — Sullivan Renaissance will hold its Spring Market & Annual Conference on Saturday, April 28 at the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. Conference doors will open at 9 a.m. and the program begins at 10 a.m. The Spring Market will open at 10:30 a.m.

The keynote speaker will be Peter Kageyama, presenting “Love Where You Live!” Kageyama is an internationally sought-after community development consultant and grassroots engagement strategist who will speak about bottom-up community development and the people who are making change happen. You can also learn about the work of Sullivan 180 to improve community health, and how you can get involved. You can hear about the municipal, garden and community projects participating in this year’s Renaissance program, and about other grants that are still available. Workshop topics will include building healthy places, gardening in deer country and yoga for everyone.

The event is free. Lunch will be provided for conference attendees. There will also be an opportunity for health screenings and a walk on the grounds of Bethel Woods. For more information visit www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

Designer handbag bingo

WAYMART, PA — Look at these fabulous purses! Win a handbag from designers such as Coach, Michael Kors, Kate Spade or Dooney & Bourke



when you play designer handbag bingo with the Wayne Memorial Hospital Auxiliary on Sunday, April 29 at 1 p.m. at the Salvation Army’s Camp Ladore Conference Center, 287 Owego Turnpike, Waymart. Doors open at 12 noon.

A \$30 fee at the door buys you 20 bingo games and chances for door prizes and other special deals. Advance tickets for \$25 can be purchased by calling 570/903-7120 or emailing Janice at pettina.toj@wmh.org.

Proceeds benefit the Auxiliary’s efforts to buy a new, state-of-the-art nurse-call system, which will be installed in the new building currently under construction. The building will house 50 private patient rooms. It’s expected to be completed and open for business in 2019.

The Wayne Memorial Hospital Auxiliary welcomes new members. Visit the Wayne Memorial Hospital Auxiliary on Facebook.

Pike/Wayne Envirothon

HAWLEY, PA — The 32nd annual Pike/Wayne Envirothon will be held Thursday, April 26, at the Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center. This one-day competition for high school students is designed to test their knowledge, skills and problem-solving capabilities regarding our earth’s natural resources.

This year, students from Canaan Christian Academy, Delaware Valley, Honesdale, Wallenpaupack and Western Wayne high schools will compete as hundreds of their peers from across the state take part in competitions in their areas. It all leads up to the 2018 Pennsylvania State Envirothon to be held at Susquehanna University and Camp Mount Luther on May 22 and 23.

Students prepare by using field guides to identify bird songs and tree species; by rubbing dampened soil between their fingers to determine its texture and consulting a soil survey for potential land uses; and by identifying organisms that live underwater in our streams and rivers to assess the health of local waterways.

Five-member teams compete by applying their knowledge and problem-solving skills in subject areas that include aquatic ecology and soils/land use, as well as a current issue, which this year is “Benefits of Grassland and Pastureland Management.” The Envirothon is coordinated by the Pike and Wayne County Conservation Districts. For more information call the Pike County Conservation District office at 570/226-8220 or the Wayne Conservation District at 570/253-0930.

Swapapalooza

HONESDALE, PA — On Thursday, May 3, SEEDS (Sustainable Energy Education & Development Support) will host its annual Swapapalooza fundraiser auction at The Cooperage, 1030 Main St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; festivities begin at 6. Dinner is available for purchase from Mustard Seed Café. Some of the gifts that have been donated to the auction so far include a fall foliage tour of Wayne County departing from Cherry Ridge Airport in a Cessna 210, a guided bird walk, an overnight stay at Lacawac Sanctuary and Ellen Silberlicht pottery.

In addition to the auction items, SEEDS will continue the Swapapalooza tradition. It’s a fast-paced recycling in which you bring in one item you no longer love, and swap it for another item for FREE! Past SWAP items included birdhouses, tools, jewelry, plants, exercise equipment and more.

RSVP to www.seedsgroup.net, or call 570/245-1256. For more information visit www.seedsgroup.net.

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Isabelle and Rozalyn Passante at last year's Skate against Cancer

Skate against cancer

FERNDALDE, NY — The Community Skate against Cancer will be held on Saturday, April 28 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Skaters World, 1234 Old Route 17. The admission and equipment rental fees will be waived and refreshments will be offered at a discount.

The event, organized and sponsored by Darrin Edelglass, owner of Skaters World; Kristin Young, community advocate; and other, anonymous donors is a fundraiser for Ride 2 Survive—Sullivan County. Donations will be collected for this non-profit that raises funds to help Sullivan County cancer patients with travel-to-treatment expenses. So far, the group has given out over \$110,000 to help over 600 cancer patients with transportation associated expenses. For more information visit ride2survive-sullivancounty.org or the Facebook page Ride2Survive-Sullivan County.

Liberty holds slogan contest

LIBERTY, NY — The Town of Liberty is inviting town and village of Liberty residents to create and submit their unique, original slogans designed to best represent the identity of Liberty. The town plans to use the winning slogan for its marketing and promotion.

Slogans should be a short, two- to eight-word catch phrases that focus on the Town of Liberty, its people and places. All entries must be received by Friday, June 15 at 4 p.m. The contest is not open to town elected officials and their immediate families. Details on submission rules can be found at www.townofliberty.org/contest.

First- second- and third-place prizes will be awarded, consisting of gift baskets filled with products donated from local Town of Liberty businesses.

Semi-finalists will be determined by a vote of the Liberty Town Board. Finalists will then be chosen by the public, with the final selection chosen by the town board. The winner will be announced in July.

Girl's Night Out Cinco de Mayo

PORT JERVIS, NY — The newly formed Historic Downtown Merchants Association of Port Jervis will launch its first event, Girls Night Out, on Cinco De Mayo (Saturday, May 5) from 5 to 9 p.m. Many downtown businesses are participating and will be offering amazing specials and events catering to women. Among the participating businesses will be Foundry 42 (live music, free Farmacy Beauty Masks, wine, maple syrup and cheese tastings and more); Upstate Row and Flourish Yoga (a clothing swap); Maricel's Attic Antiques (20% off everything in store); Polish Beauty Bar (refreshments and a drawing for a free facial and manicure); 108 Lotus Yoga (Lu-LaRoe clothing pop-up and nibbles); Fox and Hare Brewery (food specials, cocktail and "beertail" drink specials and Cino de Mayo-themed music); and the UpFront Art Gallery (sign up for an art raffle—\$100 value.)

4-H cleans up for Earth Day

RUTLEDGEDALE, PA — On Sunday, April 22, Earth Day, the Tri-Gal 4-H Club met at Rock Ridge Farm to complete its annual roadside clean-up project. Members, along with leaders, parents, family members and friends joined together to clean up Rutledgedale Road, Wescott Road and a portion of Galilee Road. The 4-H club reminds you to do your part by re-



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cycling plastic, paper, glass and metals. Throw the rest away at home, not on the road.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The River Reporter is calling for submissions for this year's Literary Gazette, to be published in July. The annual literary arts journal is filled with essays, stories, poems, and photographs.

The theme this year is "Birds."

From stalwart national icons, to the ungainly arctic waddlers, to the inconspicuous little beings bound by cages and newspapers, birds have long been the subject of human examination and literary wrangling—regarded as metaphors and ideals; as decorative nuisances and heralds of nature. In flight or on land, in your backyard or beyond, what images, what ideas, what feelings do birds conjure for you?

The Gazette accepts short fiction and essays up to 1,000 words, or poetry (any style) up to 40 lines (not including stanza breaks). Send up to four submissions as word documents to events@riverreporter.com with the subject "Literary Gazette submission," followed by the author's name. Email is preferred, but if you can't email, please call 845/252-7414 ext. 30. Submit poems as separate word documents and put complete contact information on each poem. Include a short (50 words or less) bio with your submission.



This year, we're also accepting photograph submissions to accompany the prose and poetry! Please send us your high-quality photographs of birds. Send up to four submissions (JPEGs preferred, at least 500 dpi, and at least 5" wide) to events@riverreporter.com with the subject "Literary Gazette photograph," followed by the photographer's name. Accepted submissions may be displayed in a public gallery (details to be announced)!

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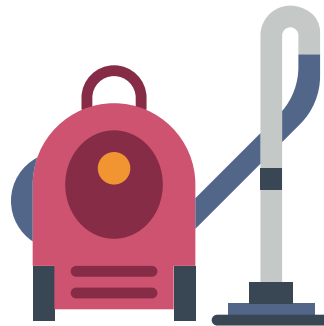
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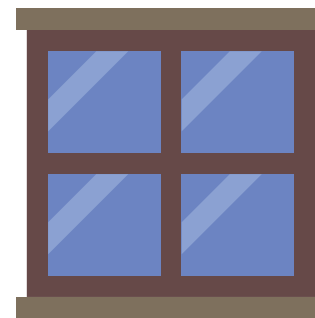
The awkward corners and crevices in a blender make it difficult (and a little dangerous) to wash by hand. Instead of struggling to slip a sponge under and around the blender blades, try this: Fill the blender one-third full with hot water, and add a few drops of dish soap. Turn on the blender and let it run for a while. The soapy water whirling around the blender will dislodge food particles that you could never have reached by hand.



Even vacuum cleaners can't always budge stubborn pet hair that clings to rug and carpet fibers. Next time you're cleaning the floors, here's a tip: Take a squeegee (the kind used for washing windows) and scrape it across the carpet. You will be surprised at how much hair it will pull out of the carpeting.



Add a few drops of essential oil to some baking soda, then sprinkle a few shakes across your mattress. Use your vacuum's tube attachment to sweep across the mattress a few times to remove the mixture, and you'll instantly have a better-smelling place to sleep at night.



Windex is our best friend for windows and mirrors right? But If you want to save some of your cleaning product, try a home-made solution! Mix equal parts white vinegar and warm water or add one teaspoon of mild dish-washing liquid to several gallons of water. But time your cleaning wisely: Sunshine will cause your windows to dry too quickly, leaving streaks.

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FOOD

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■ JUDE'S CULINARY JOURNEY

By Jude Waterston

Winter, then mud

When my sister, Janet, and I were in Mexico a couple months back, I heard her tell a Californian we had befriended that the season after winter in upstate New York is mud. It certainly seems an appropriate description as I am writing this in early April. Someone coined the phrase "April showers bring May flowers," and the saying is interpreted as upbeat and promising, as though we should forge forward with anticipation, while our footwear is sunk in sludge and caked with mud that seems to get into every crevice of boot and sneaker, and then drops, when hardened and dried, on the kitchen floor in tiny increments that crumble into fine brown dust when inadvertently stepped on. As March turned into April the weather was not only wet and grey, but the chill in the air wouldn't abate. I am longing for the days when we won't have to have the heat on in the house around the clock.

Thus, it came as a sweet surprise when I was heading toward the stairs of the front porch recently and happened to look down into my garden that abuts the house. There was a patch of bright green: my chives, standing a couple of inches tall in striking contrast to the dull earth. Then I noticed a half a dozen shoots of tulip-leaf clusters. Perhaps spring will eventually come my way, I thought. At the supermarket that day I saw neat bunches of asparagus, which have still not made an appearance at the local farmers' market, but which I know are due any day. I bought a bunch and brought them home to serve with pork chops.

These days, I have avidly embraced a way of cooking most vegetables: to oven-roast them at a high temperature. With the weather continuing to be blustery, I look forward to turning the oven to 425°, as the heat emanating from the stove warms the kitchen until it's toasty.

Every Thanksgiving, for years, I eschewed mashed potatoes and baked sweet-potato casseroles for recipes I developed using roasted root vegetables. I served honey and balsamic-glazed carrots and parsnips, or autumn vegetables with rosemary and thyme, drizzled lightly

with maple syrup. Now, in the last couple of years, I have turned to oven-roasting all kinds of vegetables, particularly those in the cruciferous family (whose flowers of four petals resemble a cross), such as cauliflower, Brussels sprouts and broccoli. In their simplest form, drizzled with good olive oil, sea or Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, their edges turn golden and crispy, their innards crunchy, and a depth of flavor develops that makes a steamed version pale.

With a little imagination, and the addition of a few ingredients (such as lemon zest, spices, or herbs) oven-roasted vegetables can be stupendous. To my roasted-vegetable repertoire, I have added green beans with lemon zest and caramelized, crispy shallots; asparagus with lemon zest and grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese; broccoli with any number of spices and herbs (most successfully with the spice company Penzeys' Turkish seasoning blend) and, finally, the latest concoction: cauliflower with spices culled mostly from India. I dry-roasted and then ground cumin, coriander, and fennel seeds; added a sprinkling of Hungarian paprika, salt, and pepper; and tossed the spices with the cauliflower and olive oil in a big bowl. Onto a rimmed jellyroll pan it was spread evenly, and in less than half an hour I had a most exotic vegetable side dish on the table.

Perhaps the oven-roasting method will be put on the back burner if the weather ever warms enough, but then again, I've been known to blast my oven for a beloved dish during a summer heat wave.



Oven roasted Brussels sprouts with toasted walnuts and maple syrup and butternut squash and shallots with rosemary.



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The first chives of the season brave the cold April weather.

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Foods of the Delaware Highlands

HAWLEY, PA — Join the Delaware Highlands Conservancy for our its Foods of the Delaware Highlands wine and food pairing dinner on Saturday, April 28 at Silver Birches Waterfront. This highly anticipated annual dinner is the Conservancy's primary benefit event, and your investment is integral to its success. The event will feature farm-to-fork cuisine prepared with locally grown and produced organic ingredients, paired with appropriate fine wines.

Exciting live and silent auctions will feature private chef-prepared dinners, outdoor adventures, "glamping" experiences and access to private clubs—a bevy of fun and exclusive activities highlighting the beauty and bounty of the Upper Delaware.

Tickets cost \$140 per person for the four-course meal, and the dinner sells out annually. Visit <https://delawarehighlands.org/events/foods-delaware-highlands-dinner>.



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Farm Bureau makes pantry donation

NEWFOUNDLAND, PA — Every year the Wayne/Pike Farm Bureau participates in the Farmers Care program with the help of students in the Western Wayne National Honor Society. This year, over \$2,000 worth of non-perishable food items were donated and split between Scranton's Ronald McDonald House and the Newfoundland Community Pantry. Seen at the pantry are Fran Drake, pantry volunteer, left; Matt Kelly of the Farm Bureau; and Gail Frey, pantry coordinator.

Wild Ramp Fest and Spring Fling Market

ROSCOE, NY — The Roscoe Beer Company's second annual Wild Ramp Fest and Spring Fling Market will take place on Saturday, May 5. The festival will highlight wild ramps, with several local farmers and vendors set up to sell ramps and other local products. There will also be local chefs



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showing off dishes featuring ramps. There will be live music, vendors, craft beer, food and featured chefs and farmers who will give presentations on finding, harvesting and enjoying wild ramps. Families can enjoy all the festivities as well as shopping from our areas farmers and crafters. For more information visit roscoebeercompany.com.

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Food

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Oven-roasted cauliflower with Indian spices

Serves 3 – 4

Ingredients

1 medium-large head cauliflower (about 1 pound), trimmed and cut into medium sized florets, equal in size

Extra virgin olive oil, to coat

½ teaspoon cumin seeds

½ teaspoon coriander seeds

¼ teaspoon fennel seeds

½ teaspoon paprika

½ teaspoon Kosher or sea salt

¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 small garlic clove, finely minced (optional)

Zest and juice of 1 lemon

Preheat the oven to 425°. In a large bowl, toss the cauliflower florets with extra-virgin olive oil. This will take a few tablespoons, as you want to coat the cauliflower well. Set aside. In a small non-stick skillet, place the cumin, coriander and fennel seeds. Heat the skillet to medium-low, and toast the seeds, shaking the pan occasionally until they release their aroma, about 2 minutes. Pour the seeds into a small bowl and let cool a few minutes, then crush them well in a mortar and pestle. Add them, along with the paprika, salt, pepper, and garlic (if using) to the bowl with the cauliflower and toss well to coat. Lay the cauliflower pieces on a large jellyroll or rimmed baking sheet, making sure they are in one



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layer and have a little space between pieces. Bake, turning once or twice, until lightly colored and tender, about 20 – 25 minutes. Remove the baking sheet from the oven and turn on the broiler. Add the lemon zest and juice, making sure to evenly coat cauliflower. Place the baking sheet under the broiler for about 1 minute, until cauliflower is a little charred and crisp. Serve immediately or at room temperature.

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The coming of the charging stations

By FRITZ MAYER

REGION — With the ascendance of electric vehicles, charging stations have been opening up in our area, providing an opportunity for locals and visitors to charge their vehicles in some nine locations in the region.

The Town of Bethel has become the proud owner of an electric vehicle, and on April 10, Bethel Supervisor Dan Sturm for the first time hooked up the vehicle to the town's charging station. It was a relatively stress-free experience, and Sturm is clearly pleased that his town has made this investment in clean energy.

The charging station is behind the town court and close to several restaurants on Kauneonga Lake. The general idea is that owners can visit one of the restaurants or other attractions in the town while their vehicle is charging. Sturm said that with this station a full charge can be attained in about two hours time, whereas plugging into a typical home outlet will charge a car in our four hours.

People who would like to use the station first need to get a specific card from the town. At the moment, no payment is required for charging up, but after six to eight months, the town will determine how much electricity has been used and institute an appropriate payment schedule. He said, "At most it will probably be a couple of dollars for a two-hour charge."

The town is a member of the state's Climate Smart Communities program, and the charging station adds points to that program. Further, because the town is a member of the Cleaner Greener program, it received a rebate of \$5,000 for the purchase of its electric car, and another \$5,000 off from NYSEDA, bringing the cost down to about \$17,100. The car is used by town employees for various tasks.

Businesses get into the act

But municipal governments are by no means the only entities getting into the charging station action. In Pennsylvania, it's the hospitality businesses that seem to have been the groundbreakers in this area, such as Woodloch Pines, The Settlers Inn and Hotel Fauchere (see sidebar page 17 for complete list). In New York, interestingly, two breweries and a distillery have stepped up. Only a couple of miles from the town court charging station in Bethel is another one at Catskill Distilling Company on Route 17B. And in the northern part of Sullivan County two



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On a chilly day in April, Town of Bethel supervisor Dan Sturm uses the town's new charging station for the first time, to charge the town's new electric vehicle.



breweries have adopted the innovation: Roscoe Beer Company in Roscoe, and Catskill Brewery in Livingston Manor.

Catskill Brewery is now Gold Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certified, and co-owner Ramsay Adams says it's the most sustainable brewery in the country. The charging station is part of that story.

He said that, being located just off of Route 17, the station has definitely brought people to the brewery who otherwise would not have known about it. "That's just a fact; it's part of the map. People show up and they're excited that the charger is at a brewery."

He said being located midway between Ithaca and New York City is helpful too.

As with many features in our region,

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the use of the charging station is seasonal, with more people using it during the summer than in the winter.

He said the people who use the charging station are a mix of visitors and local people. Adams said, "You see the same cars showing up. It's fun to drive your Tesla or any electric car to the brewery, have a beer, hang out."

Electric charging stations in the Upper Delaware region

New York

Bethel, Catskill Distillery, 2037 Rte. 17B

Forestburgh, Inn at Lake Joseph, 162 St. Josephs Rd.

Kauneonga Lake, town court, 3586 State Rte. 55

Kiamesha Lake, Thompson Town Hall, 4052 State Rte. 42

Livingston Manor, Catskill Brewery, 672 Old Route 17

Narrowsburg, The Narrowsburg Union, Erie Ave.

Rock Hill, Ramada Sullivan Event Center, 283 Rock Hill Dr.

Roscoe, Roscoe Beer Company, 145 Rockland Rd.

Pennsylvania

Hawley, Ledges Hotel, 120 Falls Ave.

Hawley, The Settler's Inn, 4 Main Ave.

Hawley, Woodloch Pines, 109 River Birch Ln.

Hawley, Cocoon Coffee House, Bellemonte Ave.

Matamoras, Hampton Inn, 122 Westfall Town Dr.

Milford, Hotel Fauchere, 401 Broad St.

Know of a charging station we missed? Let us know at copyeditor@riverreporter.com



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Up to 168 solar panels will be installed on this barn roof at Willow Wisp Organic Farm in Damascus, PA by the Clean Energy Co-op.

Clean energy at Willow Wisp

DAMASCUS, PA — In early April, the Clean Energy Co-op announced its next and largest community clean energy project to date: installing 50 kilowatts of solar photovoltaic (PV) at Willow Wisp Organic Farm. The co-op signed an agreement with Willow Wisp to finance up to 168 panels to go on its barn roof. The planned PV system will provide the farm with all of its current electricity needs, with the excess sold to PPL Electric Utilities for distribution to its other customers. Their first step is submission of a grant application to the USDA's Renewable Energy for America Program to provide about \$12,000, with the farm and co-op providing the remainder of the nearly \$95,000 cost of the project.

As it did in the case of its Anthill Farm PV project last year, the co-op will be raising the funds needed from its membership via a private preferred-share offering, so that it can then provide Willow Wisp with a long-term modest loan. More details about the co-op and its projects are available on its website at www.CleanEnergy.Coop.

Water war discussion at SUNY

LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY — Just as the 20th century has often been called "the century of oil," the 21st century has been dubbed by some, "the century of water." SUNY Sullivan will host an evening of discussion exploring the past and present issues surrounding water access in the U.S. and abroad on Monday, April 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Grossinger Dining Room. Light refreshments will be provided following the event.

Panelists include Wes Gillingham, co-founder of the Catskill Mountainkeeper, and several SUNY Sullivan faculty members: Amy Colon, history; Liza MacEntree, political science; Art Riegal, economics; and Anne Ruszkiewicz, geography. The panel will be moderated by SUNY Sullivan's faculty member for green building maintenance and management and sustainability initiatives director, Larry Reeger.

The panel is sponsored by the Division of Social Sciences, Sustainability, & Entrepreneurship. For more information, contact Dr. Susan Rogers at srogers@sunysullivan.edu or 845/434-5750, ext. 4402.



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Tour guide Ellen Enslin, Pike County Conservation District senior resource conservationist

Stormwater management field tour

LORDS VALLEY, PA — The Pike County Conservation District will host a free field tour on Tuesday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., of local sites that have successfully implemented Best Management Practices related to stormwater runoff and weather resiliency. The tour bus will leave from the Pike County Training Center, at 135 Pike County Blvd.

When water from rainfall or snowmelt flows across land, the resulting stormwater should be absorbed into the soil. However, when the land's surface is changed by the construction of buildings or parking lots, rain that falls on paved or hard surfaces such as roofs and driveways runs off much faster. In some cases it picks up pollutants before it enters local waterways, degrading the health of our streams, lakes and drinking water.

Tour sites include the Pike County Training Center, Delaware Valley High School and Elementary School, Airport Park, and Little Walker Road. Lunch will be provided. Some walking is required at each site. The tour is limited to 25 participants. To reserve your seat on the bus, email pikecd@pikepa.org or call 570/226-8220. Visit PikeConservation.org.

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New weekend marketplace in Honesdale

By IAN PUGH

HONESDALE, PA — The 6,600-square-foot space that used to house Gravity Alley is now filling another untapped niche for Honesdale as the Gravity Indoor Marketplace. Since its grand opening on April 7, the marketplace has featured a rotating array of vendors, offering for sale such goods as crafts, antiques, toys and jewelry.

“We have some anchor vendors that come every week, and then we have a turnover of vendors that come every other week,” says Jenny Young, proprietor of the marketplace and the adjacent Gravity Ice Cream. “So every time you walk in, you’re going to see something different. I didn’t want the customers to come in and say, ‘Oh, I’ve already been there; they have the same stuff.’ That’s not the case here.” Vendors have contacted Young by phone and Facebook; first-time vendors can set up shop for free in their introductory weekend.

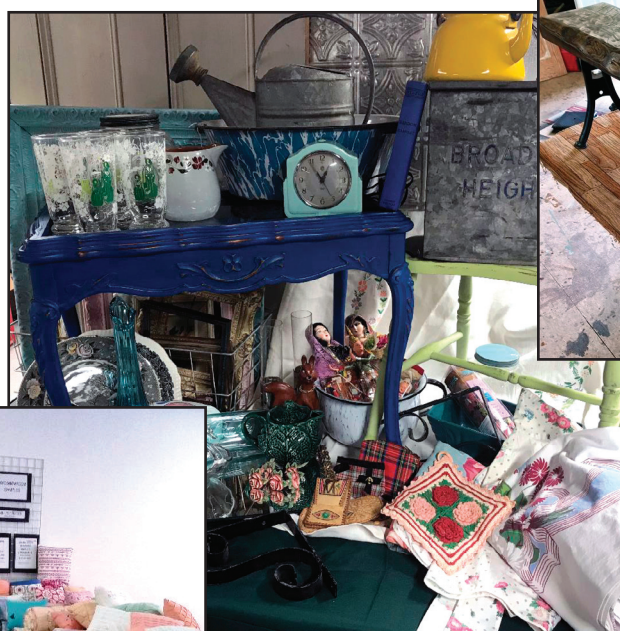
For Young, the building’s new purpose represents an old ambition. “A long time ago, I used to be a vendor,” she says. “When I was in high school and college, I sold dog bowls and flower pots, and I really liked the whole vending atmosphere—it was a lot of fun. And when we first bought the building 19 years ago, there was a grocery store in here, and I had the idea to put a marketplace in, but we ended up putting a bowling alley in... and we did that for 15 years, and we loved it. And so now, we made a [full] circle and decided to put the marketplace in. So it’s been an idea that’s been brewing for a long time; it just didn’t come to fruition [until now].” Young is looking at the summer as a trial run for the future of the marketplace; although its business hours are currently restricted to Saturdays and Sundays, customer and vendor interest may prompt her to extend them into the rest of the week.

Wares to be found at the venue include skin-care products, beef jerky, lawn ornaments, burning barrels and housewares—and while Young is always looking for more, she’s very happy with the balance and range that the marketplace already offers. “I really think that... the variety is pretty nice,” she says. “I try not to have



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The Gravity Indoor Marketplace opened on April 7.

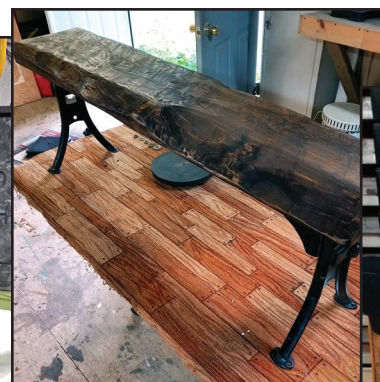


A wide variety of goods can be found for sale at the Gravity Indoor Marketplace.



more than four jewelry vendors, not more than four crafting vendors, because we want the customers to have

a wide variety of things to look at. So I think I have a little bit of everything. Of course we would like more



vendors—I probably have 30 coming in this week, [and] I can fit 40... I’d like everybody to want to come down and at least check it out, and/or come for your free first weekend, so you can see if it’s a place where you’d want to market your things... I’m pretty much open for anything. I could use a couple of dealers for refurbished furniture, because the last couple of weekends, the people with refurbished furniture sold out, which is really kind of fun to say. It’s really nice to see that the vendors are doing so well.”

Gravity Indoor Marketplace, located at 106 6th St. in Honesdale, is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit Gravity Indoor Marketplace’s Facebook page at <https://tinyurl.com/y7jot3a7> or call 570/253-0445.

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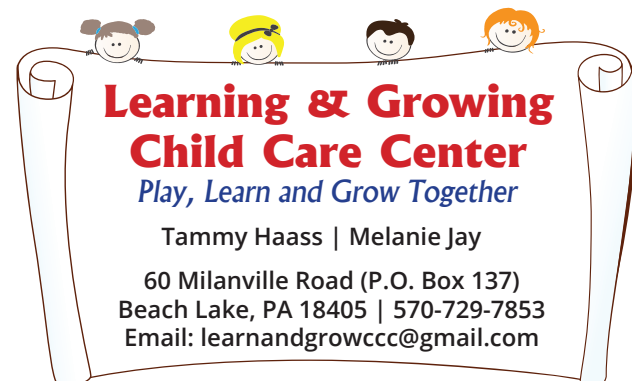
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Go fly a kite

LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY — SUNY Sullivan will host its annual Kite Festival on Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the campus green, with a multitude of events happening throughout the college. This festival is free and sponsored by SUNY Sullivan, in conjunction with the Sullivan County Visitors Association, WSUL/WVOS Radio and Thunder 102. Admission to the event and parking are free, and free kites will be available to the first 200 children.

This year's festival will include live music by Lion Zen, a variety of food vendors, activities for the kids including inflatables, and kite flying by professional and amateur kite fliers. Vendors selling arts and crafts, jewelry and other items will

be on hand.

Other events on campus that day include the annual Fisher Film Festival; an art show that will feature the works of SUNY Sullivan students, faculty and staff; and the "Help for Hunger" Honors Program fundraiser.

May 5 is also Accepted Student Day. Students who have been accepted to the college for the fall semester are invited for tours of campus, financial aid discussions, placement testing, opportunities to meet current students and more. Registration for Accepted Students Day, which begins at 10:30 a.m., is required. Call 845/434-5750, ext. 4287 or visit www.sunysullivan.edu/accepted.

String trio at the library

MONTICELLO, NY — Andrew Trombley, Akiko Hosoi and Nancy Wegrzyn will perform in a trio for string instruments at the E.B. Crawford Public Library, 479 Broadway, on Thursday, May 3 at 6 p.m.

Trombley, a native of Monticello, holds degrees from the Juilliard School and the Manhattan School of Music. He has held, among other prestigious positions, the position of Principal Bass of the Mostly Mozart Festival. His wife Akiko, born in Japan, is a violinist and also a graduate of Juilliard. She has worked with many distinguished pianists, including Norika Ogawa. The couple is actively involved in the Sullivan County non-profit Nesin Cultural Arts, which supports the Aspiring Young Musicians Program and the Summer Music Academy that provide financial aid to many of the students who participate.

Nancy Wegrzyn plays the viola and is currently the principal violist of the Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra. She is the department instructional lead teacher of the Monticello High School Performing Arts Department.

The program is free. For more information, call 845 794-4660.

Get Jedi training at Crawford

MONTICELLO, NY — May the fourth be with you as families from around the galaxy gather to celebrate Star Wars Day at the Ethelbert B. Crawford library, 479 Main St., from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4 for a night of Jedi and First Order training. Choose your side, create your light saber, then train as a Jedi or a Storm Trooper. Master mind control, practice your blaster and light saber skills, and share some yoda soda and wookiee cookies. This is a great event for families and children ages four-plus.

Space and materials are limited, so registration is required. Call 845/794-4660, ext. 5. For more information visit ebcpl.org.



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Sherrie Maricle

DV Jazz Festival

MATAMORAS, PA— This year's Delaware Valley (DV) Jazz Festival will be held at the Delaware Valley High School auditorium on Friday, May 4. The festival starts at 6.30 p.m.

Ensembles from several school districts in Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey are scheduled to participate alongside the DV High School and DV Middle School jazz bands under the direction of Joseph Borrell, and the Dingman-Delaware Middle School Jazz Band led by Ryan Curchoe.

The guest artist and chair of the panel of judges for this year's festival is Dr. Sherrie Maricle, noted jazz drummer, composer and band leader of the all-female DIVA Jazz Orchestra (<http://divajazz.com>).

Admission costs \$2, and the DV Music Department Booster Club will operate a concessions stand throughout the event. There will also be a photo booth (flashshackphotobooth.com) for students to commemorate the evening, and families and supporters can purchase Candy Grams to show their participating students some love.

Additional details regarding the Jazz Fest can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/events/147637649347816>.

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Lumberland Cultural Series features Irish music

GLEN SPEY, NY — The Town of Lumberland Cultural Series will present a program titled "Traditional Irish Folk Music" on Sunday, May 6 at 3 p.m. at the Lumberland Town Hall, 1054 Proctor Rd. It will feature music by The Parting Glass, and there will be a meet-the-artists reception following the concert. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets at the door cost \$10 adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. For more information call 845/856-6372. This program is made possible in part with funding from the Sullivan County Decentralization



The Parting Glass

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Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Jazzharmonic sextet comes to St. Andrews

SOUTH FALLSBURG, NY — On Saturday, May 5 at 8 p.m., Chamber Music at St. Andrew's offers a special WWI Centennial Tribute to James Reese Europe (1880-1919) and the Harlem Hellfighters. In 1918, Europe took his Harlem Hellfighters band to France as part of the Allied Expeditionary forces, introducing jazz to the continent.

The concert will examine and honor this almost forgotten superhero of American music, who also made huge contributions to African-American history, labor history, New York cultural history and music history.

The program will include music that influenced Europe: Joplin, Sousa, Victorian parlor music and music he wrote as a master bandleader for Irene and Vernon Castle. New arrangements are based on the recordings he made with his Harlem Hellfighters Band and vocalist Noble Sissle, upon his return from overseas. Those recording sessions took place just weeks before he was murdered by a member of his own band.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is located at 5277 Rte. 42. The concert is free, but



Photo by Mihyun Kang

The New York Jazzharmonic Trad-Jazz Sextet consists of Corey Wallace, trombone, left; Jay Sawyer, drums; Ron Wasserman, bass, leader; Joe Boga, trumpet; Billy Test, piano; and Jay Rattman, clarinet/alto sax.

reservations are required; email pcfriedman27@gmail.com (preferred) or call: 845/292-8967

This concert is made possible in part with funds from the 2018 Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by DVAA, and through the generosity of local businesses and individuals, as well as St. Andrew's Episcopal Mission. However, these sources do not cover all expenses. Donation checks can be made out to St. Andrew's Mission and sent to PO Box 55, Woodbourne, NY 12788. Contributions are tax-deductible.

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Matt Kanelos and David Driver star in “Standards & Classics & Starsky (No Hutch)”

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Starsky without Hutch

NARROWSBURG, NY — The second in the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) Tusten Theatre Spring Cultural Series will take place on Saturday, May 12 at 8 p.m., when DVAA presents the world premiere of “Standards & Classics & Starsky (No Hutch).” It stars Cohecton’s David Driver and features Dana Lyn and Matt Kanelos. The freewheeling multimedia performance riffs on Driver’s childhood obsession with the character of detective David Starsky from the 1970s TV show “Starsky & Hutch.”

The performances will take place at the Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge St. Tickets cost \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door; kids 12 and under are admitted free. Tickets can be purchased at 845/252-7272 or www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

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Hwang and Stuttman at CAS

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — Catskill Art Society (CAS) will present a two-person exhibition from New York-based artists Eunjung Hwang and Paula Stuttman at the CAS Art Center at 48 Main St. on Saturday, May 12. The exhibition will be on view Saturday, May 12 through Saturday, June 23. There will be an artists’ talk and opening reception on May 12 at 3 p.m., immediately followed by the opening reception from 4 to 6 p.m.

Hwang’s drawings explore images from dreams and infancy, creating a variety of characters rooted in her dreams and subconscious images. For Stuttman, image and language have a prickly relationship. They slip out of each other’s grasp in the struggle for meaning. The artist’s body of work positions words or phrases followed by connected drawings.

Funding for CAS is provided in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislation. For more information, please visit www.catskillartsociety.org.

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Acoustic Eidolon

Acoustic Eidolon provides ‘sumptuous feast’

DAMASCUS, PA — RiverFolk welcomes back the brilliant talents of Acoustic Eidolon on Friday, April 27 for a house concert (limited seating, reserve early) on River Road between Damascus and Callicoon. Showtime is 7 p.m., potluck at 6 p.m. The suggested donation is \$20.

Acoustic Eidolon, featuring Joe Scott on double neck guitar and Hannah Alkire on cello, are from Colorado and have graced stages throughout the U.S., Europe, Australia and Canada. Their signature “new acoustic” sound blends Celtic, Americana, world and flamenco musical influences, something that **Dirty Linen Magazine** praises as “a sumptuous musical feast.”

RiverFolk’s Jill Padua said, “From the first time I saw Acoustic Eidolon at The Northeast Regional Folk Alliance Conference (NERFA), they had won me over.

For detailed directions and reservations call 845/252-6783.

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“**Ceiling Oculus**” by Andrea Mantegna (c. 1469)

‘Up in the Air’

SHOHOLA, PA — If you’ve ever wished you could spread your wings and fly like a bird, attending the “Up in the Air” event at the Artists’ Market Community Center, 114 Richardson Ave. might be the next best thing.” The free event is sponsored by the Barryville Area Arts Association and is scheduled for May 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. It’s a celebration of clouds and kites, birds and balloons, and the feeling of being “in the wind.”

The work of local artists interpreting this theme will be displayed alongside work of the masters, such as Van Gogh’s “The Starry Night” and Titian’s “Bacchus and Ariadne.” The live music will also be related to flying kites, feeling free as the breeze, or flying like an eagle. The display will include information on the symbolic meanings of owls, peacocks, finches, pelicans and the Phoenix in Western and Eastern art.

Performers (singers, dancers, poets, performing artists) are invited to submit ideas for an open mic related to this theme to barryvilleareaarts@gmail.com for a chance to be included in the program.

This event and exhibit are made possible through a grant from the Barbara J. Buchanan Fund, administered by the Greater Pike Community Foundation. The combined exhibit will be on display through May 19.

Artists and craftspeople sought

HANCOCK, NY — The first Hancock Town Square event of the 2018 season will be the two-day Blues, Brews & BBQ Festival on May 26 and 27. Producers of unique handcrafted product (no third-party vendors) are sought for the event.

There will be two days of free live music with five bands, food, farm market, fun and games, a Saturday evening block party and more. Vendor registration costs \$25 for one day/\$45 for both days. The registration deadline is May 1. Vendors must provide their own tent, tables, chairs, etc. Vendor hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Interested vendors should email info@DestinationHancock.com with contact information and a brief description of your handmade product. For more information visit DestinationHancock.com.

Vendors sought for antique car show

ROCK HILL, NY — The Catskill Region Antique Automobile Club of America seeks vendors for its antique car show on Sunday, June 3 at The Sullivan Event Center (new location), 283 Rock Hill Dr. This car show is the longest-running and largest car show in Sullivan County. The gates will open at 9 a.m. Call 845/932-8923 or visit www.catskillregionaaca.org for more information. The club supports the community by using profits from the car show to help fund local BOCES scholarship programs, local food banks and other charitable causes. Vendors sought include crafts, auto and non-auto; food vendors not needed. For more information call Vicky at 845/932-8923.

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■ IN MY HUMBLE OPINION
By Jonathan Charles Fox

Like sands through the hourglass...

I'm almost afraid to say it, but it would appear that spring has sprung. Turns out that all we needed was a few consecutive days of sunshine, coupled with temps above freezing, to melt the mountains of snow. Right on cue, green shoots, desperate to make their way up and out, burst through the earth, thus heralding the change of seasons, and may I say... just in the nick of time. Even those of us (I mean you) who positively "live for winter" were fed up and rightfully so, since it lasted for (approximately) seven months. Now that the Wonder Dog and I have completed another (semi) successful trip around the sun, it's time to join the rest of you in the Upper Delaware River region, dig in our heels (and paws) and begin cleaning up in the aftermath of the series of storms that battered the countryside.

In-between raking and sweeping, I spied an online invitation to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Museum at Bethel Woods (June 2), which shook me to the core. "Wasn't it only yesterday that I attended the groundbreaking ceremony?" I asked the dog, who cocked her head and yawned. "Don't ask me," she snarled, "I wasn't even born yet." That yielded my answer: no, it was not just yesterday.

Like sands through the hourglass, the days, weeks and months give way to years—and I suspect that visits to the museum (www.bethelwoodscenter.org) will increase exponentially as the granddaddy of all anniversaries looms. That's right, the 1969 Woodstock Music Festival turns 50 next year. Of course, the spirit of Woodstock never really left, and just down the road from Bethel Woods, Yasgur Road Productions is gearing up for the 49th anniversary (www.yasgurroadreunion.com), which in turn will likely boost an entire year celebrating the dawning of the Age of Aquarius.

Without question, the spirit of both Max Yasgur and Roy Howard preside over the old homestead, and when I stopped by to celebrate Earth Day with Jeryl Abramson and Zack Howard, we chatted about the upcoming (August 11 to 13) shindig. With more than 25 bands lined up and a sure-to-be-memorable drum circle on the roster, it sounds like a don't-miss event, so I made my reservations to camp out that weekend with like-minded individuals before heading out to another anniversary party in Port Jervis.

"It can't be 10 years!" I said, running into Wendy Stuart, who has been a supporter of the UpFront Exhibition Space since its inception. "It only gets better every year!" said the socialite on everybody's party list. "UpFront is on fire!" she cried before veering off to chat with other well-wishers. I bumped into Facebook friend Jon Patrick McCarey, who was purchasing one of photographer Nancy Davis-Kessler's latest floral prints. "He's my biggest fan!" Davis-Kessler gushed. "How many photos have you bought over the years?" she asked McCarey, who grinned in response. "About 10, I think" he said. "But the best part has been making friends," Nancy enthusiastically agreed. "This place isn't just about great art and the people who make it," she said. "These people are like family."

Patrons Marylou and Bob Dietrich were quick to concur, excitedly showing me their latest acquisition: painter Anna Silberg's "The Red Umbrella," as "pyrographer" Todd C. Anderson looked on. Anderson's current exhibit at UpFront is a collection of wood panels "painted" with the use of a heat pen, which burns his designs into the



Thirteen year-old Carter Paterson, center, and his talented fellow members of the Young People's Chorus of New York City performed everything from Broadway to Mozart with incredible style at Bethel Woods last weekend.

TRR photos by Jonathan Charles Fox

wood, so his pieces are both hot and cool. Boasting the work of more than 30 artists at any given time, the gallery (www.upfrontexhibitionspace.com) is (IMHO) a must-see.

On Sunday, Bethel Woods (and galleries) were once again on my mind as I popped into the Event Gallery, where in collaboration with Shandele Music Festival, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts presented "P.L.A.Y. (Peace, Love, Arts, You) The Classics" featuring the Young People's Chorus (YPC) of New York City. They performed choral classics, spirituals, songs from Broadway and the works of master composers like Mozart, Ravel and Schumann. Under the (brilliant) guidance of artistic director Francisco Nuñez and associate director Elizabeth Nuñez, the "multicultural youth chorus performs a global array of festivals, cultural institutions and cities on four continents"—and now I know why.

The students, who range in age from eight to 18 are beyond talented. Their performance, which included beautifully executed choreography created by Jacquelyn Bird and stunning piano arrangements performed by Taisiya Pushkar, was inspiring in every detail. The kids spoke eloquently about the program and their participation in YPC, and the vocal prowess, poise and professionalism with which each and every student shone was simple, elegant and downright spectacular. The concert served as a kick-off for the 25th anniversary of Shandele Music Festival (www.shandele.org) and its Sunset Music Series, which begins on August 4 with an "Extraordinary Night of Broadway." With so many anniversaries on the horizon, my hope is to make the sands in the hourglass last a little longer this year. So are the days of our lives.



Jon Patrick McCarey celebrated the UpFront Exhibition Space 10th anniversary by purchasing one of Nancy Davis-Kessler's photographs at the reception last weekend. "He's my biggest fan!" gushed Davis-Kessler. "I think he's bought 10 over the years!"



Todd C. Anderson creates "pyrographic" paintings, using a heat pen to burn the images directly onto wood panels.



UpFront Exhibition Space patron Wendy Stuart has been supporting the gallery since it opened. "This place is on fire!" she declared while admiring the 10th anniversary exhibit, which showcases the work of more than 30 artists.

WHERE AND WHEN

Thu., Apr. 26

Callicoon Book Club
CALLICOON — The Western Supper Club & Inn hosts the Callicoon Book Club, 6-7pm. This month the group discusses John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath." Light fare provided. www.WSPLonline.org or 845/887-4040

Italian dinner
LIVINGSTON MANOR — Italian Dinner at the Masonic Lodge, 94 Main St., 4:30-7pm. Cost: \$10/adults, \$6/children. Take outs available. Benefits Sullivan-St. Tammany Chapter #298 Order of Eastern Star. 845/439-3102

Let's Play Mahjong
BETHANY — Mahjong every Thursday from 1-4pm at Bethany Public Library. Bring your own score card, or purchase one for \$10 fee. Beginners welcome. Information from librarian Kate at 570/253-4349

Mythology and Astronomy
PORT JERVIS — The Hub at the Port Jervis Free Library hosts "Explore the Night Sky," 6:30-8pm. Dr. Elinor Levy discusses constellations as they relate to Greco-Roman and North American Indigenous mythology. RSVP: 845/856-7313 ext. 5 or thehub@portjervislibrary.org

'Saving Money on Medicare'
PORT JERVIS — The Hub at Port Jervis Free Library hosts two free discussions about "Saving Money on Medicare," 10am and 2pm. Seating is limited. RSVP: 845/856-7313 ext. 5 or thehub@portjervislibrary.org.

Shakespeare on Film: 'Henry V'
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Paper Workshop
NARROWSBURG — Western Sullivan Public Library hosts a Paper Workshop with abstract artist Melinda Wallach in the Tusten Town Hall basement, 2pm. Come and explore the endless possibilities of working with and decorating paper. All materials will be provided therefore registration is required: www.WSPLonline.org or call 845/252-3360

Story time series
MONTICELLO — E. B. Crawford Library hosts its story time series for toddlers and preschoolers, Fridays at 11am. Rhymes, movements, crafts and more for children ages 2-5. ebcp1.org or 845/794-4660 ext. 5

Sat., Apr. 28
Bake Sale and Annual Litter Pluck
NARROWSBURG — The Narrowsburg Beautification Group hosts its annual litter pluck, 10am-2pm. Litter plucked along the Town of Tusten roads will be accepted at the parking lot in front of the Western Sullivan Public Library, where Girl Scout Troop 448 will also be hosting a bake sale. Free bags available at Tusten Town Hall after April 13. No household garbage accepted.

Community driver safety program
KAUNEONGA LAKE — The Sullivan County Office for the Aging presents community driver safety program at the Bethel Senior Center, 9am-4pm. Includes lecture, discussion, and video presentation. Cost: \$25/ persons over 50, \$35/under 50. Registration required: 877/910-7843

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Contra dance at The Cooperage
HONESDALE — Contra dance at The Cooperage, 7:30-10pm. Live music by Laura Courtright and Craig Gehrig. Beginners always welcome. Dancing lessons at 7:15pm for beginners. Suggested donation: \$10, kids under 15/free. 570/253-2020

Foods of the Delaware Highlands Dinner
HAWLEY — Delaware Highlands Conservancy hosts the 11th annual Foods of the Delaware Highlands Dinner at Silver Birches Waterfront. Wine tasting and silent auction 5:30pm, dinner 7pm. Cost: \$140. info@delawarehighlands.org or 570/226-3164

Indoor Flea Market & Bake Sale
HAWLEY — Hawley Fire Department hosts an indoor flea market and bake sale at the Hawley Fire House, 9am-3pm. Benefits Hawley Fire Dept. 570/290-1488 or 570/226-9820 or hawleyfd@ptd.net

Kiwanis Family Walk for Hunger
HURLEYVILLE — Monticello and Woodridge Kiwanis Clubs hosts a Walk for Hunger. Registration 9am at Hurleyville Arts Center, walk begins 10am at Hurleyville Rails to Trails. The fee is a donation of one or more non-perishable food items or a monetary contribution. Refreshments and drinks served. 845/434-8052.

Lumberland Heritage Day
GLEN SPEY — Lumberland Town Hall & Museum hosts Lumberland Heritage Day, 11am-1pm. Lecture, photos, memorabilia, artifacts and exhibits from around town and the region. Free. 845/856-6372

Met in HD: 'Massenet'
LOCH SHELDRAKE — As part of the Met in HD series, SUNY Sullivan hosts a simulcast performance of Cendrillon's "Massenet" at the Seelig Theater, 12:55pm. Broadcast live from the Metropolitan Opera. Cost: \$20, \$10/ children 13 and under and students w/valid ID. 845/434-5750 x 4472

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MILFORD — The Pike County Commissioners hosts the 22nd annual Pike County Children's Fishing Derby at Lily Pond, 8am-12noon. Stocking takes place at 7am (children are welcome to help). Participants must be accompanied by an adult, and Pennsylvania fishing rules and regulations apply. No fee, day-of registration. Prizes awarded by age group. 570/296-3569

Roast beef supper
NORTH BRANCH — North Branch Fire Department hosts its 76th annual Roast Beef Dinner, 4-8pm. Cost: \$14/adults, free/under 5.

Spring Ephemerals Walk
ROSCOE — The Outside Institute hosts a Spring Ephemerals Walk at Crystal Lake, 11am-1pm, led by Laura Silverman, founding naturalist at TOI. Sightings may include ramps, fiddleheads, toothwort, trout lilies, blue cohosh, jack-in-the-pulpit and trillium. Cost: \$25. Limited to 10. Details will be emailed directly to participants. tinyurl.com/yd5qdlnu

Spring Market and Annual Conference
BETHEL — Bethel Woods Center for the Arts hosts the Sullivan Renaissance Spring Market and Annual Conference. Conference doors open 9am, market opens 10:30am. Featuring author Peter Kageyama and the introduction of Sullivan 180, focusing on the health and well-being of Sullivan County. Register: info@sullivanrenaissance.org or 845/295-2445

Thomas Kennedy Local History Festivals
WHITE MILLS — The Dorflinger Factory Museum hosts the Thomas Kennedy Local History Festival, 9am-3pm. Dr. S. Robert Powell of the Carbondale Historical Society hosts a talk, "The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company Gravity Railroad: Five Configurations." Displays, books and items for sale by local historical societies. 570/253-5468 or email yannster@ptd.net

TriVersity's 'Prom'
MATAMORAS — The TriVersity Center for Gender & Sexual Diversity hosts "The Prom" at the Best Western Inn at Hunt's Landing, 7pm. All ages welcome. A night of celebration, music and dancing with a "Candyland" theme. Includes buffet dinner and desserts. Cost: \$55/adults, \$35/ students 14-21. udjblt.org

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Tusten Theatre Spring Cultural Series: 'E.'
NARROWSBURG — As part of its Spring Cultural Series, the Tusten Theatre presents Glen Spey playwright and actor Richard Hoehler's solo show, "E.," 8pm. A one-man play celebrating Hoehler's longtime mentor and friend Edith (E.) Spezial. Cost: \$20/advance, \$25/door, free/12 and under. 845/252-7272 or www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org

Sun., Apr. 29
'Buddhism, American Style'
BEACH LAKE — Upper Delaware Unitarian Universalist Fellowship hosts Tom Lisenbee, local poet and musician, for a program on the topic of "Buddhism, American Style" at Berlin Township Community Hall, 10:15am. Social time with refreshments follows this one-hour service. www.uduuf.org

Craft and Vendor event
WHITE LAKE — Vendor Boutique 845 hosts a Craft and Vendor event at the Duggan School to benefit the Alzheimer's Association, 10am-4pm. Craft vendors and direct sales, as well as raffles, a bake sale and pictures with Bob the Minion. facebook.com/groups/vendorboutique845

Fiddle Fest
NEVERSINK — Neversink Fire Hall hosts Fiddle Fest with pulled pork and rib barbecue, 2-6pm. Fundraiser for Sullivan County Pregnancy Support. Fiddle Fest entry fees: \$10/adults, \$1/students aged 6-18. BBQ costs: \$12/pulled pork dinner, \$14/rib dinner. Eat in or take out.

Tricky tray fundraiser
HAWLEY — Pennies from Heaven hosts a tricky tray fundraiser at the Dock on Wallenpaupack, 12noon-2:30pm, drawing at 3pm. Free admission. Cash bar available, door prizes and desserts during basket drawing. Regular tickets \$8 for a sheet of 25. Baskets valued higher than \$250 sold for \$1 and \$5 a chance. Value packs \$50. calebspennies18@gmail.com or www.calebspennies.org 845/985-2923

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COCHECTON CENTER — Henning's Local restaurant hosts "Mom's Movie Meatloaf Movie Monday," screening popular films about mothers. Dinner hours 5-10pm, movie begins 7pm. Offering a prix fixe meatloaf dinner in addition to the regular menu, and blue-plate specials at the bar. For movie schedule, visit henningslocal.com

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Tue., May 1

Democratic Primary candidate debate
SCRANTON — The League of Women Voters of Lackawanna County and the Political Science Department, The University of Scranton hosts a candidate debate for the Democratic Primary election of Pennsylvania Representative to the 112th district, held at the Moscovitz Theater, 7pm.

First aid certification class
HAWLEY — Lackawaxen EMS, an ASHI training facility, hosts a first aid certification class, 6:30pm. 570/685-4022

Photography club meeting
MILFORD — Pike Imaging Council hosts its free monthly photography club meeting at Belle Reve Senior Center, 6:30pm.

Wed., May 2

Diabetes management classes
HONESDALE — Wayne Memorial Hospital hosts Managing Diabetes classes, 1-3pm. Covers basics, menu planning, label reading, preventing problems, glucose monitoring and exercise benefits. Cost: \$50. Financial assistance available. Registration required by April 30: 570/253-8149

Preschool story time
BETHANY — Preschoolers enjoy story time and activities, every Wednesday, 10:30-11:15am at Bethany Public Library. 570/253-4349

Thu., May 3

A Taste of Fringe
SCRANTON — The Scranton Fringe Festival Board of Directors & Staff hosts "A Taste of Fringe," at POSH @ the Scranton Club, 6-8pm. An evening of unique live performances, hors d'oeuvres, complimentary libations and to help bring in the 2018 Scranton Fringe Festival (September 22-30). Cost: \$35. info@scrantonfringe.org

Republican Primary candidate debate
SCRANTON — The League of Women Voters of Lackawanna County and the Political Science Department, The University of Scranton hosts a candidate debate for the candidate debate for the Republican Primary election of the 8th U.S. Congressional District (encompassing Lackawanna, Wayne, Pike, Monroe, Luzerne Counties), held at the Moscovitz Theater, 7pm.

SEEDS Fundraiser and Swapapalooza
HONESDALE — Sustainable Energy Education and Development Support (SEEDS) hosts its annual fundraiser and Swapapalooza at The Cooperage, 6pm. Doors open 5:30pm. Dinner is available for purchase from Mustard Seed Café. RSVP: www.seedsgroup.net or 570/245-1256

Fri., May 4

Networking breakfast
NEVERSINK — The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce hosts the First Friday Networking Breakfast at Neversink Fire Department, 7:30-9am. Sponsored by Superior Building Supply. Please bring a non-perishable food item or trial size personal hygiene item for the local food pantry. Cost: \$20/advance registration for members, \$25/regular registration for members, \$30/future members. For advance price, RSVP by May 2nd, 4pm: 845/791-4200 or office@catskills.com

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Sat., May 5

AARP driver safety program
SOUTH FALLSBURG — The Sullivan County Office of Aging presents an AARP driver safety program at the South Fallsburg Senior Center. 9am-4pm, please arrive at 8:45am. Cost: \$20/AARP members, \$25/non-members. No walk-ins, registration required: 845/434-8922. Please call after 9am.

Art show reception - Lisa Hannick
LORDS VALLEY — The Gallery at Chant Realtors LV hosts a meet and greet reception for the work of Hemlock Farms artist Lisa Hannick, 5-7pm. Refreshments served. Exhibit runs during the months of May and June. 570/775-7337

Kite Festival
LOCH SHELDRAKE — SUNY Sullivan hosts its annual Kite Festival on the campus green, 10am. Free kites will be available to the first 200 children. Food vendors, activities for children, and live music by Lion Zen. 845/434-5750 x 4377

'Liberty Caliente!'
LIBERTY — Liberty Elks Lodge hosts "Liberty Caliente!," a WJFF dance party, 7-10pm. Music provided by WJFF personalities, Latin themed food and a cash bar. 50/50 and silent auction items, with proceeds to support the programming at WJFF Radio Catskill. Cost: \$20/advance, \$25/door. Dance workshop at 6pm, \$5 extra. 845/482-4141

Name Your Own Price Sale
DINGMANS FERRY — Dingmans Ferry United Methodist Church hosts a Name Your Own Price Yard Sale, 9am-1pm. Toys, household goods and small furniture items. A Family Ministry Fundraiser. Donations in saleable condition needed beginning April 28. www.dfumc.com or 570/828-2288

Spring penny social
YOUNGSVILLE — Youngsville Firehouse hosts a spring penny social sponsored by the Ladies Aid, 7pm. Doors open 6pm. \$1 donation. Prizes, raffles, 50/50 drawing. Refreshments: hot dogs, desserts, beverages. Benefits St. Francis Church of Youngsville.

Sun., May 6

'Sax and Stories'
HURLEYVILLE — The Sullivan County Historical Society hosts "Sax and Stories: A Memorable Afternoon with a Concord Alum," 2-3pm. A free musical performance featuring renowned local saxophonist Larry Ravdin, who will also share some of his personal stories of life in the time of the historic Catskill resorts of Sullivan County. www.scnyhistory.org or call 845-434-8044

Traditional Irish Folk Music
GLEN SPEY — As part of the Town of Lumberland Cultural Series, Lumberland Town Hall presents a traditional Irish folk music concert, featuring the Parting Glass, 3pm. Meet the Artist reception to follow the concert. Cost: \$10, \$5/children 12 and under. 845/856-6372

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Thu., May 10

'Dirty Laundry: It All Comes Out in the Wash'
MONTICELLO — The E.B. Crawford Library hosts "Dirty Laundry: It All Comes Out in the Wash," a one-man show starring Jonathan Charles Fox, 6pm. 845/794-4660

Let's Play Mahjong
BETHANY — Mahjong every Thursday from 1-4pm at Bethany Public Library. Bring your own score card, or purchase one for \$10 fee. Beginners welcome. Information from librarian Kate at 570/253-4349

Retirement Planning with Charitable Trusts'
HARRIS — Catskill Regional Medical Center hosts "Retirement Planning with Charitable Trusts: Saving for yourself while giving to others," 3-4:30pm. A panel discussion will be conducted. Refreshments served. Limited seating available. 845/794-3300 x2104 or justus@ghvh.org

Fri., May 11

Art reception: 'Artwork as Collection/Collection as Artwork'
NARROWSBURG — Delaware Valley Arts Alliance hosts an opening reception for "Artwork as Collection/Collection as Artwork" in the Loft Gallery, 7-9pm. Showcasing nine visual artists and one poet whose work is informed by collecting as practice and as form. Exhibit runs through June 2. delawarevalleyartsalliance.org or 845/252-7576

Art reception: 'In Afternoon Light'
NARROWSBURG — Delaware Valley Arts Alliance hosts an opening reception for "In Afternoon Light," an exhibition of still life and waterscape photographs by Beth Baylin, in its Alliance Gallery, 7-9pm. Show runs through June 2. delawarevalleyartsalliance.org or 845/252-7576

Old Time Fiddlers spring performance
DAMASCUS — The Old Time Fiddlers will hold their Annual Spring Performance at Unity Grange Hall, 8pm. Doors open at 7:30pm. Refreshments available, door prizes. Cost: \$9.

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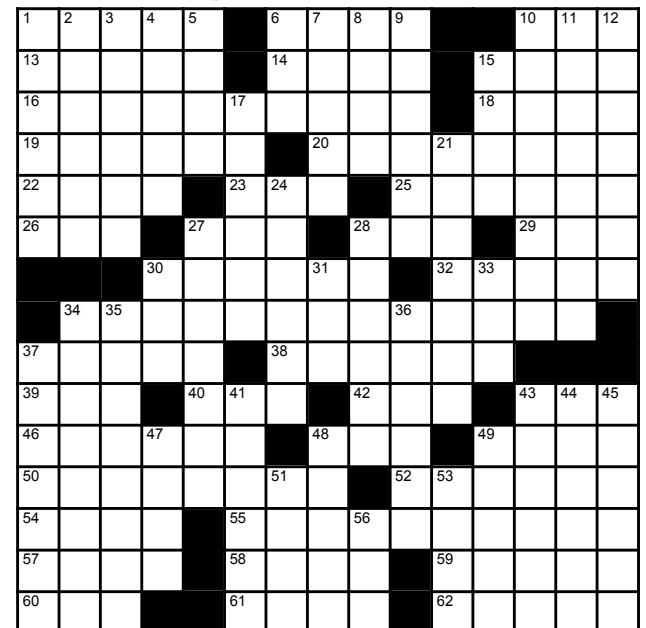
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1. Tom Ford became its Creative Director in 1994
6. Sandbox item
10. ____-IV (psychiatrist's reference book)
13. Huge, in poetry
14. Not stuffy
15. John ____ of the 1990s Milwaukee Brewers
16. 1993 Super Bowl MVP
18. Actor Sharif
19. Obsession
20. Daffy Duck's creator
22. Z ____ zebra
23. Prefix with system
25. Home of Gannon Univ.
26. GPS suggestion
27. Batting instructor Charley who appears in the 1983 movie "Max Dugan Returns"
28. Foreign policy grp.
29. Relaxation location
30. Somewhat
32. Justine who retired from tennis in 2008 while ranked #1
34. "The Angelic Doctor"
37. Like some cheddar
38. Online music mart
39. Hanoi holiday
40. Make a choice
42. Suffix with magnet or robot
43. Qty.
46. 2001 French film nominated for five Oscars
48. UN agcy. awarded the 1969 Nobel Peace Prize
49. Love overseas
50. The voice of Buzz Lightyear in the "Toy Story" movies
52. In a weak way
54. "My, my, old chap!"
55. What the wordplay-loving wives of 16-, 20-, 34- and 50-Across might call their husbands?
57. Number of wives of Enrique VIII

58. Give ____ of approval
 59. "This is only ____"
 60. Bygone daily MTV series, informally
 61. Degr. for counselors
 62. Law school class
- ### DOWN
1. Make good progress
 2. Ferment
 3. Icky thing to a kid
 4. 1993 Aerosmith hit
 5. "Cause ____ free as a bird now" (Lynyrd Skynyrd lyric)
 6. Afgh. neighbor
 7. "We ____ please"
 8. "Dies ____" (Latin hymn)
 9. Cats with tufted ears
 10. Barry Humphries, when he's performing
 11. "Immediately recognizable" dogs due to their wrinkles, according to the American Kennel Club
 12. Ginger's friend on "Gilligan's Island"
 15. Rock's Jon Bon ____ Symphony"
 17. The Supremes' ____ Symphony"
 21. Bunker and others
 24. Does the job
 27. Kerosene
 28. Vicks brand
 30. ____ favor
 31. Long. partner
 33. USN rank
 34. 1668 comedy by Moliere
 35. Form of intimidation
 36. 7 UP, in old ads
 37. One favoring a strong, centralized government
 41. "The Taking of ____ 1 2 3" (2009 remake)
 43. More plentiful
 44. More than bother
 45. Some motel visits
 47. "Betcha can't eat just one" chips
 48. Behind
 49. Baritone Pasquale
 51. Years and years
 53. "____ the end of my rope!"
 56. QB stats

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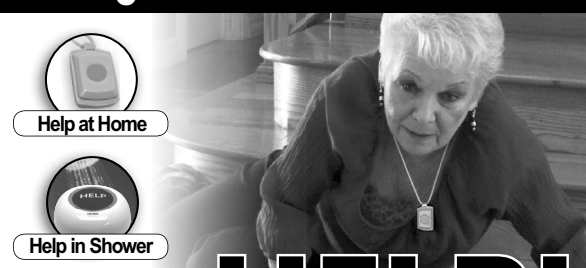
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BUDGET HEARING AND
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Eldred Central School District will hold a Budget Hearing at the EldredJunior/ Senior High School, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, New York, in said district on Thursday, May 3rd, 2018 at 7:00 pm (Prevailing time) for the purpose

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of discussion of the expenditure of funds and the budgeting thereof proposed by the Board of Education for the school year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. **NOTICE IS GIVEN** pursuant to Section 1716 of the Education Law, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money, which may be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, and the Real Property Tax Exemption Report will be annexed to any budget of which it forms a part and may

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be obtained by any resident in the District at the District Office, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, New York, and at each of the two following school buildings in the District: The George Ross Mackenzie Elementary School, Glen Spey, NY, and the EldredJunior/Senior High School Grades 7-12, Eldred, NY, during the fourteen days immediately preceding the annual budget vote and election, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. prevailing time, other than a

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Saturday(by appointment only), Sunday, or a holiday, together with the text of any resolution to be presented to the voters and will be available on the District website. A copy of the detailed statement of estimated expenditures will also be made available at the Budget Hearing to be held **May 3rd, 2018.**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Annual Vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2018-19 school year and the election of members of the Board of Education and any other business that may legally come before this meeting will take place on May 15, 2018, between the hours of 11:00 amand 9:00 pm prevailing time, at the EldredJunior/Senior High School, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, New York

NOTICE IS GIVEN: that the following persons have submitted nominating petitions to fill onefive-year term on the Board of Education effective July 1, 2018 and expiring on June 30, 2023, vacated by the expired terms of Linda Bohs. Joana Dutcher Scott Hallock Peter D. Carmeci, Sr. John Tice

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the following proposition will appear on the ballot:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 Shall the following resolution be approved? The annual budget of the Eldred Central School District for the fiscal year 2018-2019 is hereby adopted and the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the School District is hereby authorized to expendinguring the 2018-2019 school year \$16,848,150.00and to levy the necessary tax thereof.

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education of the Eldred Central School District, Sullivan County, be authorized to make the expenditures shown in the budget presented by the Board of Education for the 2018-19 school year.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 Shall the following resolution be approved? That the Board of Education of the Eldred Central School District is hereby authorized to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$14,790.00 and to pay over such monies to the Board of Trustees of the Sunshine Hall Free Library.

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RESOLVED: that the Board of Education of the Eldred Central School District, Sullivan County, be authorized to make the expenditures shown in the budget presented by the Board of Education for the 2018-19 school year.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to section 2014 of the Education Law, Personal Registration of voters is required, and no person shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and Election to be held on May 15, 2018, whose name does not appear on the register of the District or who does not register as hereinafter provided, except a person who is otherwise qualified to vote and is registered under the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law. The times and place of registration are set forth below, and any person shall be entitled to have that person's name placed upon such register, that person is known or proven to the satisfaction of personally registering, to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared.

The District Clerk shall prepare a register for said Annual Meeting and Election which shall include all persons who shall have presented themselves personally for registration for any annual budget vote and election or special district meeting or election and who shall have voted at any Annual or Special Meeting or Election conducted at any time during the 2014; 2015, 2016 and 2017 calendar years.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that Personal Registration may be achieved on any day, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Eldred Central School District Office, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, New York up until Thursday, May 10, 2018.

NOTICE IS GIVEN: that the register of the district, so prepared, will be filed in the office of the School District Clerk at the Eldred CSD District Office, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, N.Y., where the same shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election, weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., prevailing time. Said

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register will be open for inspection at the EldredJunior/ Senior High School, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, N.Y. during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the District Clerk shallbe at the Annual Meeting and Election on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at the EldredJunior/Senior High School, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, N.Y., between the hours of 11:00 am and 9:00 pm, prevailing time, where and when the Annual Meeting and Election will be held for the purpose of preparing a register of the school district for meetings or elections held subsequent to such Annual Meeting and Election.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that applications for Absentee Ballots may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than Monday, May 7th, 2018 at 3:00 p.m., prevailing time. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than Monday, May 14th, 2018 at 3:00 p.m., prevailing time. Absentee Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. prevailing time on May 15, 2018.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2018-a of the Education Law, qualified voters who meet the criteria for "permanently disabled" and are so certified by the Sullivan County Board of Elections and/or Orange County Board of Elections, will receive paper ballots by mail. A list of all persons to whom Absentee Ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting and Election, weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, and such list will also be posted at the polling place at the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education.

Dated: April 17, 2018
Eldred Central School District
Eldred, New York
Lisa Sibirtzeff, District Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Sullivan at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 12th of April 2018 duly adopted on said day, a Local Law 1 of 2018 a true and correct copy of the original thereof, and of the whole thereof as follows: LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2018

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND AND RESTATE LOCAL LAW 3 of 2016

ESTABLISHING A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM IN THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

Be it enacted by the legislature of the County of Sullivan as follows:

The Code of the County of Sullivan is hereby amended by replacing Local Law No. 3 of 2016 with an amended and restated law entitled "Energize NY Benefit Financing Program," to read as follows:

ARTICLE I

§1. Legislative findings, intent and purpose, authority.

A. It is the policy of both the County of Sullivan and the State of New York to achieve energy efficiency and renewable energy goals, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, mitigate the effect of global climate change, and advance a clean energy economy. The County of Sullivan legislature finds that it can fulfill this policy by providing property assessed clean energy financing to property owners for the

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installation of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency measures. This chapter establishes a program that will allow the Energy Improvement Corporation ("EIC"), a local development corporation, acting on behalf of the County of Sullivan, pursuant to an amended and restated municipal agreement to be entered into between the County of Sullivan and EIC pursuant to Article 5-G of the New York General Municipal Law (the "Municipal Agreement"), to make funds available to qualified property owners that will be repaid by such property owners through charges on the real properties benefited by such funds, thereby fulfilling the purposes of this chapter and fulfilling an important public purpose.

B. The County of Sullivan is authorized to implement this Energize NY Benefit Financing Program pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law and Article 5-L of the New York General Municipal Law.

§2. Title. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Energize NY Benefit Financing Program Law of the County of Sullivan". §3. Definitions For purposes of this chapter, and unless otherwise expressly stated or unless the context requires, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Authority - The New York

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State Energy Research and Development Authority, as defined by subdivision two of section eighteen hundred fifty-one of the Public Authorities Law, or its successor.

EIC - The Energy Improvement Corporation, a local development corporation, duly organized under section fourteen hundred eleven of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, authorized here by on behalf of the County of Sullivan to implement the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program by providing funds to Qualified Property Owners (as defined in this chapter) and providing for repayment of such funds from monies collected by the Sullivan County Treasurer, as tax collecting officer as a charge to be levied on the real property and collected in the same manner and same form as the real property taxes.

Energy Audit - A formal evaluation or "assessment" of the energy consumption of a permanent building or structural improvement to real property, conducted by a contractor certified by the Authority, or certified by a certifying entity approved by the Authority, for the purpose of identifying appropriate energy efficiency improvements that could be made to the property. Energy Efficiency Improvement - Any renovation or retrofitting of a building to reduce energy

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL PURSUANT TO REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §506

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ASSESSOR OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND, County of Sullivan has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year, which will be filed on or before May 1, 2018. A copy will be available with the Town Clerk in the Town Hall, Eldred, New York where it may be seen and examined by any interested person until the fourth Tuesday of May. The assessor will be in attendance with the Tentative Assessment Roll at her office located at 4 Proctor Road, Eldred, New York on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm; Thursday, May 10th between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm and Saturday, May 12th between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm by appointment only.

THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW WILL MEET on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 between the hours of 11:00 am and 1:00 pm and from 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm at the Eldred Town Hall, in said town, to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments, on the written application by any person believing himself to be aggrieved. A publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available at the assessor's office or online @ www.tax.ny.gov

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Dated this 16th day of April 2018.
LORRY KING, NYSCAA
SOLE ASSESSOR

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET, ANNUAL

MEETING, SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND VOTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of the Sullivan West Central School District, Sullivan County, New York that a Public Hearing on the Budget at the High School in said School District, Lake Huntington, New York, on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 6:30 PM, for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2018-2019 School Year.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for School District purposes during the 2018-2019 school year (the Budget), exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, commencing May 1, 2018 except Saturday, Sunday or holidays at each of the District's schoolhouses and at the Administrative Offices.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that in accordance with §495 of the N.Y. Real Property Tax Law, that the District shall prepare a Real Property Tax "Exemption Report" which will show how much of the assessed value on the final assessment roll (utilized for the school tax levy) is exempt from taxation by the School District. This exemption report will list every type of exemption granted and will show: (1) the cumulative impact of each type of exemption; (2) the cumulative amount expected to be received as payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTS), or other payments, from recipients of each type of exemption; (3) the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. This Exemption Report will be posted on the District's website and on District bulletin boards utilized for posting public notices. The Exemption Report will be annexed to any preliminary District budget, and will become part of the final budget.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual Meeting, Election of Members of the Board of Education and Vote on the Budget, will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 between the hours of 12:00 PM and 9:00 PM, prevailing time, at the polling places hereinafter listed, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

To elect three members to the Board of Education, for three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2018 and expiring on June 30, 2021, due to the expiration of the terms of Lucas Arzilli, Rachel Brey and Ralph G. Huggler, Sr.

To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for School District purposes for the 2018-2019 School Year (the Budget).

Shall the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Sullivan West Central School District (the "District") be authorized to appropriate the balance remaining in the District's 2008 Capital Reserve Fund, in the amount of \$858,248, plus interest, and to thereby close out the 2008 Capital Reserve Fund, and shall the Board be authorized to utilize these funds to: (1) replace the roof on the 1961 addition to the District's Elementary School in Jeffersonville; and (2) replace temperature controls throughout the Elementary School, thereby supplementing appropriations from the 2008 Capital Reserve Fund that previously were authorized by the District's voters for these purposes pursuant to the adoption of separate ballot propositions in 2012 and 2015, respectively?

Shall the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Sullivan West Central School District (the "District") be authorized, in accordance with Section 2014 of the New York Education Law, to implement a system of continuous voter registration, for the purpose of registering qualified voters to vote in District meetings and elections: (a) during the hours for enrollment of children for a school term; and (b) during specified hours of the school day, as shall be determined by the District, at the office of



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the District Clerk and Business Office; and (c) to abolish the Board of Registration at a cost savings to the District? NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the polling places for the purposes of voting at the Annual School District Election and Vote on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, shall be as follows: Election District #1 - Polling Place at the Delaware Youth Center - for those who reside within the boundaries of the former Delaware Valley Central School District Election District #2 - Polling Place at the Sullivan West Elementary School - for those who reside within the boundaries of the former Jeffersonville-Youngsville Central School District Election District #3 - Polling Place at the Tusten-Cochecton Library - for those who reside within the boundaries of the former Narrowsburg Central School District NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District, by no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day preceding the School District Election, Monday, April 16, 2018. Vacancies on the Board of Education are considered separate, specific offices and a separate petition is required to nominate a candidate to each separate office. The nominating petition must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; shall describe at least the length of the term of office and contain the name of the incumbent; must state the name and residence address of each signer; and must state the name and residence address of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained at the Office of the School District Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular business hours, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. When picking up petitions, you must indicate which position you are running for: Lucas Arzilli, Rachel Brey or Ralph G. Huggler, Sr. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that personal registration of voters is required pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law. If a voter has heretofore registered to vote with the School District and has voted

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at an annual or special school district meeting within the last four calendar years, s/he is eligible to vote at this Election and Vote to be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. If a voter is currently registered to vote with the Sullivan County Board of Elections, s/he is also eligible to vote in this election and vote. All other persons who wish to vote must register with the Board of Registration. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Registration will meet at the Administration Office at each of the polling places, on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 and Wednesday, May 9, 2018 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, prevailing time, for the purpose of preparing the register of the School District for the Election and Vote to be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such Register if he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Register of voters so prepared shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the District, Sullivan West Elementary, 33 Schoolhouse Road, Jeffersonville, NY, where the same shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District on each of the five days prior to the day set for the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, except Saturday and Sunday, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM, prevailing time. Said Register will be open for inspection at the polling place on the date of the Election and Vote, on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots for the School District Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk. The application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election, if the ballot will be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the Office of the District Clerk between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM until the day of the Election and Vote. Absentee ballots must

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be received by the District Clerk at the Sullivan West Elementary, 33 Schoolhouse Road, Jeffersonville, NY by no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on the date of the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, Tuesday, May 15, 2018. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized to amend the Notice of the Public Hearing on the Budget and Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, from time to time, as in her discretion, such amendment may be required. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District Clerk shall cause the Notice set forth above to be published once each week for four (4) weeks within the seven (7) weeks preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, the first such notice to be published at least 45-days prior to the Election and Vote, in accordance with Section 2004 of the Education Law. Date: March 26, 2018 By Order of the Board of Education Sullivan West Central School Margaret L. Luty, District Clerk

Notice Of Completion Of Tentative Assessment Roll Notice is hereby given that the assessor of the Town of Tusten, County of Sullivan has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy will be left with Crystal Weston, Town Clerk 210 Bridge Street Narrowsburg, New York after May 1, 2018, where it may be seen and examined by any interested person until the fourth Tuesday in May. The assessor will be in attendance with the tentative assessment roll at the Tusten Town Hall 210 Bridge Street Narrowsburg New York on the following dates and times: Friday May 4, 2018 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM Monday May 7, 2018 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM Friday May 11, 2018 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM Friday May 18, 2018 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM Saturday May 12, 2018 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY Please call (845 252 7146 Ext 6) to make an appointment. The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Tuesday May 22, 2018 between the hours of: 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM at the Tusten

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Town Hall in said Town to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments on the written application of any person believing himself to be aggrieved. Please call for an appointment at 845 252 7146 Ext 6. Appeals are limited to 10 minutes each. Dated this 20th day of April 2018. Ken Baim, Sole Assessor dim

Notice Of Formation Of A Limited Liability Company Full House Renovation LLC art of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/22/2018. Office located in Orange County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 29 Maples Lane, NY 10940. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice Of Formation Of A Limited Liability Company SULLIVAN COUNTY MARINE & BOAT STORAGE, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/27/2018. Office in Sullivan Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1040 NYS Highway 17B, Mongaup Valley, NY 12762, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice Of Formation Of A Limited Liability Company Krzykowski Construction LLC. Filed 11/27/17. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: Alexander Almonte Esq., 119 Washington Ave., Ste 101, Albany, NY 12210. Registered Agent: Corporate Filings Of New York, 90 State St Ste 700 Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: General.

Notice Of Formation Of A Limited Liability Company 2 Madeline LLC. Filed 3/13/18. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: Po Box 720, Monticello, NY 12701. Purpose: General.

Notice Of Formation Of A Limited Liability Company 380 FRASER RD LLC. Filed 4/13/18. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 380 Fraser Rd, Kiamesha Lake, NY 12751. Purpose: General.

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Notice Of Formation Of A Limited Liability Company Gotham Mountain, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/26/2018. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to c/o Daniel M. Hartman, 800 Third Ave., 11th Fl., NY, NY 10022. General Purpose.

Notice Of Formation Of A Limited Liability Company High Falls Agriculture, LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 11/14/17. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY design agent of LLC upon whom process may be served & mail to 33 Irving Pl New York, NY 10003 General Purpose

Notice Of Formation Of A Limited Liability Company Hope & Oak LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/18/2018. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Po Box 964, South Fallsburg, NY 12779. General Purpose.

Notice Of Formation Of A Limited Liability Company Liquid Digital Solutions LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/14/2017. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Cynthia J Millar, Po Box 1259, Livingston Manor, NY 12758. General Purpose.

Notice Of Formation Of A Limited Liability Company NY Farmington Iii, LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 4/2/18. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY design agent of LLC upon whom process may be served & mail to P.O. Box 390 Callicoon, NY 12723 General Purpose

Notice Of Formation Of A Limited Liability Company NY Chemung Ii, LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 4/2/18. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY design agent of LLC upon whom process may be served & mail to P.O. Box 390 Callicoon, NY 12723 General Purpose

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Notice Of Formation Of A Limited Liability Company SCHAAF LAKE HOUSE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/27/2018. Office in Sullivan Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 545 Wickstone Place, Milton, GA 30004-0935. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 48 DeVonage Dr., Highland Lake, NY 12743.

Notice Of Formation Of A Limited Liability Company The name of the limited liability company is: 203 Scranton Realty LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State's office on : March 13, 2018. The County in which the Office is to be located : Sullivan. The New York Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is : TALAL HIDAIS, P.O. Box 642, Monticello, NY 12701 Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice Of Formation Of A Limited Liability Company The name of the limited liability company is: Protectiflex, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State's office on: 3/28/2018.

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The County in which the Office is to be located: Sullivan. The New York Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: P.O. Box 10, Cary NC 27512.

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Name: MAZEL ON DEL LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/16/2018. 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: THE LLC P.O. BOX 225, WOODBOURNE, NY 12788. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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170 Park Place LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/20/17. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 270 Madison Ave, Ste 1203, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company

Redesign LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 4/11/18. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 270 Madison Ave, Ste 1203, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice Of Formation Of A Limited Liability Company

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company 170 Park Place Investors LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/20/17. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 270 Madison Ave, Ste 1203, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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170 Park Place Developers LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY)

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on 12/20/17. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 270 Madison Ave, Ste 1203, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Please take notice that the Planning Board of the Town of Highland will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Section 190 of the Town of Highland Code, on the application of John Cambio for a lot improvement/subdivision for property identified as Town of Highland Section 2., Block 9, Lot 4. Said hearing will be held on the 2nd day of May 2018 at the Eldred Town Hall, Proctor Road, Eldred, NY at 7:00 O'clock PM, at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

By order of the Highland Planning Board
PO Box 98
Eldred, NY 12732

Please take notice that the Planning Board of the Town of Highland will hold a recessed Public Hearing pursuant to Section 190 of the Town of Highland Code, on the application of Millennium Pipeline Company, LLC for a Natural Gas Compressor Station for property identified as Town of Highland Section 2, Block 1, Lot 6. Said hearing will be held on the 2nd day of May 2018 at the Eldred Town Hall, Proctor Road, Eldred, NY at 7:00 O'clock PM, at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

By order of the Highland Planning Board
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Tusten, shall meet and conduct a public hearing on May 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Tusten Town Hall, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, New York 12764 for the purpose of considering the extension of the Narrowsburg Fire District in the area currently known and identified as the Tusten Fire Protection District, that being within portions of the Town of Tusten, as such territory is more fully described in the resolution adopted on October

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1, 1945 establishing such fire protection district. That the estimated rate per thousand of dollars of assessed valuation, based on the aggregate assessed valuation of taxable real of the proposed extension of the fire district within the Town of Tusten shown in the latest completed final assessment roll, projected to be assessed, levied and collected for purposes of the proposed district for the first fiscal year of its operation is \$1.96 which rate was computed by dividing the anticipated levy within such district extension by the 2018 assessed taxable valuation of the proposed district extension within the Town of Tusten. The Town Board of the Town of Tusten will consider such proposal and hear all persons interested in the same at such time and place.

DATED: Tusten, New York
By Order of the Town Board of the Tusten, New York
April 10, 2018

NOTICE
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN
Proposals for the following will be received by the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Central Services at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York 12701, (845) 807-0515, until 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 16, 2018: Request for Interest for Indigent Burial Services (RFI-18-20) Specifications may be obtained from the Director at the above address.
Dated: April 27, 2018

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COUNTY OF SULLIVAN
Sealed bids for the following will be received by the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Central Services at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York 12701, (845) 807-0515, until 1:00 P.M. on Friday, May 11th, 2018 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.
1. Cleveland Convection Steamer for the Sullivan County Adult Care Center (B-18-41)
Bid Forms, including specifications, may be obtained from the Director at the above address, and all bids are subject to the terms and conditions therein set forth.
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Bulldogs Skin Wildcats 14-2

By TED WADDELL

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — The gods that govern high school varsity baseball called it a day.

On Wednesday, April 18, the game between the home team Wildcats of Livingston Manor and the Sullivan West Bulldogs drew to a close after six innings once the visitors racked up a 14-2 lead.

This year, the governing bodies that rule high school baseball in the state decided to adopt a “10 Run Rule,” which calls for a scheduled seven-inning contest to draw to a close if one of the two teams amasses a lead of 10 or more runs over the other; according to theory, that will avoid a dominant team from running up an embarrassingly high score.

The recently adopted scholastic baseball rule states that games will be ended after five innings (or four-and-a-half if the home team is ahead), with the presumption that it will also help save pitchers’ arms, a move that follows lower pitch counts mandated by a state rule of last year.

This 2018 addition to the rules of high school baseball is in some quarters a bit controversial, in that traditionalists view pulling the plug on blowouts as also eliminating the possibility of high octane dramatic come-from-behind rallies to save the day.

The rule was adopted by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA), the Mid-Hudson Athletic League (MHAL) and the Orange County Interscholastic Athletic Association (OCIAA).

The “10 Run Rule” is also referred to as the mercy rule, the slaughter rule, or the skunk rule.

Okay, now back to the game.

It was played in weather that a lot of folks would think perfect for football as the fans bundled up in blankets, scarves and down jackets.

But the boys of summer, in this case chilly early spring, soldiered on, seeming not to mind the cold, windy afternoon. At least not too much.

Manor (1-1) is led by senior captain Josh Evans and went through a series of three pitchers on Wednesday: Evans, Joe Gleason and Vin Marchesa.

“Our bats were very slow coming out of the gun... we didn’t make great plays in the field,” said Evans.

Manor’s Garrett Shaver posted a solo hit and one RBI.

“We just couldn’t get on top of [Bulldogs’ pitcher Bryce] Reimer today,” said Wildcats coach Jeff Loeffler.

The Bulldogs (2-1) stacked the deck three times in the sixth frame on the way to sending eight runners across the plate in what proved to be the final inning.

James DeAveiro posted 3 hits and 4 RBI’s, Collin Hauschild had 3 hits plus 3 runs, while Luke Ellison racked up 2 hits and crossed the plate twice for Sullivan West.

“I was very happy with Reimer’s performance today, he was at the top of his game... we had good quality at bats against a very fine team... we ran the bases well, and were able to get those runners home,” said Bulldogs top dog Bill Kirk.

Sullivan West is captained by four seniors: Collin Hauschild, Alex Schwalb, Brandon “Booboo” Dailey and Shane Hubert.

Reimer’s take on the new season and the win?

“I think we’ll do good things this year... it’s a young



Out at home: Sullivan West’s winning hurler Bryce Reimer tags out Manor’s Peter Pagan at the plate, as teammate first baseman Brandon Dailey closes in on the action.

“I got the outs for the team...”
— Bulldog pitcher Bryce Reimer



Swing time: Manor’s starting pitcher Josh Evans at bat.

team, but we have a senior staff leading them... I got the outs for the team today.”

For more photos, visit www.riverreporter.com.

Correction

The correct attribution for the photos in last week’s sports column, both in print and online, is “TRR photos by Ted Waddell.”



High steppin’: Sullivan West’s Collin Hauschild eludes a low pitch.



Lucky strike: Veteran home-plate umpire Harvey Levine calls ‘em like he sees ‘em.



Wildcat unwinds: Manor’s Peter Pagan at the plate

Registration open for Sojourn

The Sullivan County Bee Keepers will hold their Annual Beekeeping Seminar on May 5, 2018 at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Bldg. 69 Ferndale Loomis Road Liberty N.Y.

Registration is at 9.30 A.M.

The program runs from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

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WEST TRENTON, NJ — Interested paddlers are invited to register for the 24th annual Delaware River Sojourn taking place June 15 to 23.

The Delaware River Sojourn combines the experiences of guided paddling excursions with interpretive programs, camping and camaraderie. Participants can sign up for the entire trip or for the day(s) of their choice; all skill levels are welcome.

This year's theme is "Still Wild After All These Years," celebrating the 50th anniversary of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Over 60 miles of the Main Stem Delaware River will be paddled in 2018, split into daily trips ranging from nine to 13 miles. The sojourn will also paddle a section of the Lackawaxen River on June 18, and sections of the Crosswicks and Watson creeks, two New Jersey tidal tributaries, on June 23.

Registration fees in 2018 are \$80 per day for adults and \$50 per day for children (ages 15 and under). There is an additional one-time insurance fee of \$5 per person for this American Canoe Association (ACA)-sanctioned event, except for current ACA members. Fees cover the guided river trip, single or tandem kayak rental (with paddle and life jacket), shuttle transportation, educational programs, most meals, a souvenir T-shirt, and option-



File image

al overnight camping sites. Participants may bring their own river-worthy boat, but note that neither aluminum nor wooden canoes are recommended.

Registration details, itinerary overview, sojourn partners and sojourn guidelines are available at <https://delawareriversojourn.com/>. Sojourners can register online using Paypal. Registration-related questions and first-time paddler discount availability inquiries should be directed to Dejay Branch at 646/205-2724 or info@riversojourn.com.

NWF and FUDR gather resource managers

HANCOCK, NY — The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) will partner with the Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR) for a first-time event bringing together elected officials, state agency personnel and outdoor enthusiasts to support an enhanced effort to protect and restore the Delaware River. High-level resource managers and river advocates will participate in a short, guided trip on the river to experience the

beauty of this important, regional natural resource and its impact on the local recreational economy.

Speakers will be at river's edge at Hancock Fireman's Park, Park Street. The event will start at 11 a.m. Participants will include Collin O'Mara, president and CEO, National Wildlife Federation; Jeff Skelding, executive director, Friends of the Upper Delaware River; Kathy Moser, deputy commissioner Natural Resources, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; Jennifer Garigliano, chief of staff, New York City Department of Environmental Protection; and more.

That evening, FUDR will hold its annual One Bug banquet, which kicks off its weekend-long One Bug Tournament fundraiser. For more information visit www.fudr.org or www.nwf.org.

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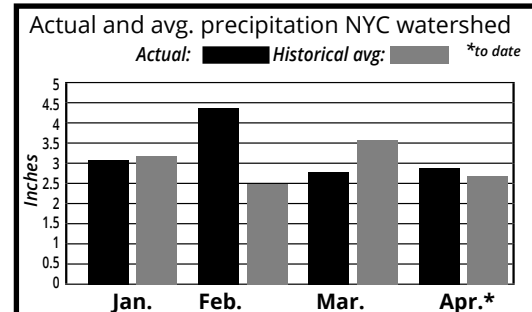
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RIVER TALK

By Scott Rando

Hearable herps

April is usually the month when you can count on hearing the first frogs of spring. Sometimes, they start in late March, but this has been a colder spring than usual. Even though there was a light coating of snow on the forest floor this morning, there have been a lot of singing frogs heard during a mild period around the 13th and 14th; the temperature came close to 80° on the 14th. You only need temperatures of 50° or so for the first frog species to emerge and start singing.

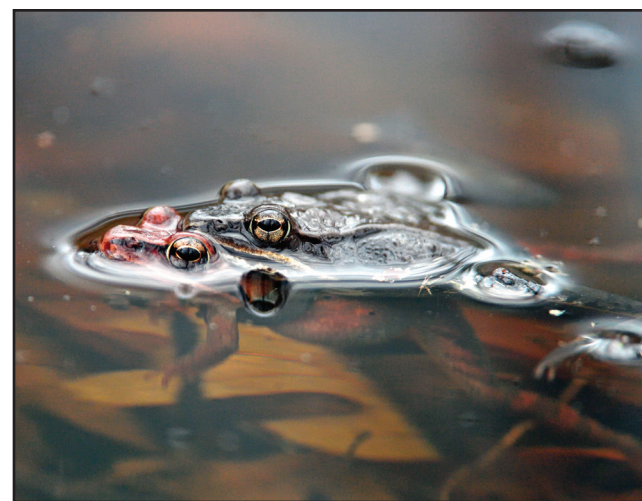
One of the most common frog species first heard is the spring peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer*). A spring peeper makes a singular tweeting sound that resembles a bird peeping every second or so. Where there is one spring peeper, there are usually many; when the males are calling at once, it is a chorus. The sound of spring peepers in a wetland can carry for 100 yards or more. They may be easily heard, but they are difficult to see. They are only one inch long and blend in well with their surroundings. A few individuals may be found out of the water, next to the wetlands; otherwise they are hidden at the bases of vegetation near the edge of the water. A few pair may be spotted in the water in amplexus (coupled). The spring peeper can be found in almost any wetland environment, including ditches that have standing water. The ditches may dry out during the summer, but they need only a few weeks for the eggs to hatch and the tadpoles to develop into froglets, when they can leave the pond.

Another singer heard around the same time is the wood frog (*Lithobates sylvaticus*). These frogs are not as widespread as spring peepers; they are found in vernal ponds. Like the spring peeper, the males start calling soon after the pond ice starts thawing, and it's not uncommon



Spring peepers are the most commonly heard of the early spring frogs heard as they will take advantage of almost any wetland. They are hard to see but easy to hear when calling. These frogs have an "X" or a cross pattern on the middle of the back, hence the "crucifer" notation in the species designator in their scientific name. This individual has that marking but it is faint.

to see calling males sitting on a left-over ice shelf next to open water. The call of a male wood frog resembles a quack, and several calling at once will sound like a flock of ducks. Wood frogs will stop calling if they spot movement along their pond, but if you stay still for a few minutes, they will soon resume calling. Wood frogs tend to breed in a short period of time; in a couple of weeks, they have completed breeding and have dispersed from the pond. After breeding, wood frogs move to forest habitats away from water. A silent pond and light-colored egg masses will tell you that breeding is over for that pond.



TRR photos by Scott Rando

Two wood frogs are in amplexus; the male is above the female with his forelegs locked together. They will remain so coupled until the female deposits her eggs, usually on an under branch or other object, next to egg masses of other wood frogs. Color phases of wood frogs can be dark brown to a light tan, with the lighter colors seen during the summer when they are out of the water.

The young will likewise disperse from the pond as soon as they develop into frogs; a few may cover long distances across the forest floor and find new breeding areas away from their natal pond.

Spring is the renewal of life in the wild as birds are heard calling, woodpeckers increase their drumming, and for the wetlands, the sounds of the frogs calling for mates to start anew the cycle of life. To hear a single spring peeper and a pond full of wood frogs, visit this column at www.riverreporter.com.



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24 Hr. Locations

Fallsburg Police
19 Railroad Plaza, 434-4422

Liberty Police
159 North Main Street, 292-4422

Monticello Police
2 Pleasant Street, 794-4422

Dept. of Family Services
Robert Travis Building
16 Community Lane
Liberty, NY
8-5 pm Mon-Fri ONLY

April 28th ONLY

Riverside Remedies
39 Lower Main Street, Callicoon
10am-1pm

Jefferson Pharmacy
4892 Main Street, Jeffersonville
10am-1pm

Tusten Town Hall
210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg
10am-1pm

Sponsored by Sullivan County Rural Health
Network & Prescription Drug Task Force,
Sullivan County Sheriff, Liberty Police, Fallsburg
Police, Monticello Police and Catholic Charities
Community Services of Orange/Sullivan

The purpose of this day is to provide a venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs, old vitamins, and/or veterinary meds. For more information call the locations listed or Public Health at 845-513-2222.



No needles or liquids will be accepted.

According to New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, most people take medicines only for the reasons their doctors prescribe them. However, an estimated 20 percent of people in the United States (48 million people ages 12 and older) have used prescription drugs for non-medical reasons. This is prescription drug abuse. It is a serious and growing problem. According to Partnership for a Drug Free America, studies show that each day, approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time. If you know of someone who is addicted to prescription drugs call Public Health Addiction Referral Line 866-832-5575 or Catholic Charities in Monticello at 845-794-8080.