



# Study on opioid use in Sullivan County

By FRITZ MAYER

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY — It's well-known that Sullivan County, like most other counties in the U.S., continues to suffer through an opioid addiction crisis. Researchers at the Rockefeller Institute of Government decided to focus a study on the county, to shed some light on the impacts that the national epidemic is having on rural communities. They called the report "Stories from Sullivan" ([tinyurl.com/ya2qtdw3](http://tinyurl.com/ya2qtdw3).)

While there is not a lot new for people who have studied the issue, there are interesting points made throughout the report, such as whether or not addicts who ingest the powerful opioid fentanyl realize what they're getting. The report says, "Although most people who are exposed to fentanyl are unaware that it was used to cut heroin, there is some anecdotal evidence to suggest that others actively seek the drug. When we asked folks in Sullivan County about whether people know they are being sold fentanyl, one retired probation officer told us that some people go looking for it. When a death occurs, rather than alert people to avoid a particular dealer, it signifies to buyers the drug's potential potency. 'If it does kill somebody they run down the road and get more,' he explained."

The report cites numerous studies, including one that suggests that the impacts on rural communities differ from those on urban communities. It says, "In a now-famous study, researchers Anne Case and Angus Deaton found a surprising increase in midlife mortality among non-Hispanic whites living in the United States due to drug overdoses, suicides and chronic liver diseases. In interpreting their data, Case and Deaton have argued that these so-called 'deaths of despair' may be linked to declining wages, limited job opportunities and fewer marriages.

"In other words, failure to fulfill societal expectations has led to higher rates of suicide, drug abuse, and other risky be-



Photo from the Rockefeller Institute of Government

From the Rockefeller Institute of Government's report on opioid addiction in Sullivan County: "Jill Neails, a resident of an affordable housing complex in Monticello, said she chooses to live with chronic pain rather than risk opioid addiction. She can't say the same for some friends and family members."

haviors, particularly among middle-aged white Americans. In Sullivan County, which is 73% white, the effects of joblessness and other 'collateral issues,' as they were described to us, can be seen while driving through town.

"As one service provider described it: 'If you were to drive over Route 52 to go to ShopRite, it's not uncommon—if you keep your eyes open—to see people walking over that overpass with a baby carriage,

holding the baby in their arms, with everything they own in the carriage... Now put it this way. I'm going to be brutally honest with you. If I were in that position, I'd probably shoot dope too.'"

The report concludes, as have others, that one of the biggest problems about the addiction crisis in Sullivan County is access to appropriate care. "In rural areas like Sullivan, some services are just not available: There are no detox beds in

the county's premiere hospital, and service providers rely heavily on outpatient treatment. We heard over and over again about a lack of both treatment beds in qualified medical facilities and even just beds to sleep in at night."

While some addicts do recover, including some in Sullivan County, the report makes clear that the journey is often difficult, and to families it can often seem like they're taking the journey alone.

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# Sullivan champions breastfeeding

*Trump administration sides  
with formula companies*

By FRITZ MAYER

MONTICELLO, NY — Officials in Sullivan County have been promoting breastfeeding for infants as generally the healthiest option for babies. On June 27, the county issued a press release lauding the rate of breastfeeding of mothers and children enrolled in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program. The release said, “The 2016 rate for Sullivan County mothers enrolled in WIC who were exclusively breastfeeding their infants at 6 months of age was 18.2% compared to the state rate of 10.5%.”

The county also said that the rate of breastfeeding of WIC mothers overall climbed 33% over a five-year period, which is a desired result because of health outcomes. The release said, “Research shows that breast milk provides unique nutrients and antibodies that help protect babies from diseases such as ear infections, lower respiratory infections and diarrhea, and decrease the risk for asthma, diabetes and obesity later in life. For women, breastfeeding lowers their risk for breast and ovarian cancer, as well as diabetes.”

“Exclusive breastfeeding is a public health priority and a goal of the New York State Prevention Agenda, the blueprint for state and local action to improve the health of all New Yorkers.”

Breastfeeding, however, is not seen as such a high priority by the administration of President Donald Trump. In a story that was picked up by multiple news outlets, **The New York Times** reported on July 8, ([tinyurl.com/yc32f6gt](http://tinyurl.com/yc32f6gt)) that a member of the United State delegation to the World Health Assembly, which is affiliated with the United Nations, scuttled a resolution saying that mothers should try to make use of breastfeeding when possible, because mother’s milk is the healthiest option for children.

The story reported that, “The United States delegation, embracing the interests of infant formula manufacturers, upended the deliberations.”

First, U.S. representatives tried to weaken the resolution by removing language that urged governments to “protect, promote and support breast-feeding,” and they also sought to remove language that warned officials not to promote food options for children that might be harmful.

According to the story, that attempt failed, and the American officials then threatened retaliation against Ecuador, the country that had expected to introduce the resolution. Again, quoting from the **Times**, “The Americans were blunt: If Ecuador refused to drop the resolution, Washington would unleash punishing trade measures and withdraw crucial military aid. The Ecuadorian government quickly acquiesced.”

No other country could then be found to introduce the resolution, until the Russian delegation stepped in to introduce it. The U.S. then accepted it without the changes it had sought.

## ■ IN BRIEF

### Bat study for whitewater park in Port Jervis

PORT JERVIS, NY — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has asked the City of Port Jervis to undertake a study that will show the impact to bats of the proposed whitewater park that is planned for the Delaware River at the city shoreline. Mayor Kelly Decker said the cost of the study will be about \$3,000.

Other work on the park is moving forward. Valerie Maginsky, the community development director, recently told the common council that she is nearly ready to finish a \$49,500 matching grant that will help pay for the planning process.

She said that most of the involved agencies are on board with the process, but some technical issues remain to be worked out.

To help raise money to pay for the project, the city is seeking donations of bottles and cans; anyone wishing to contribute can contact Decker by email at [portjervismayor@gmail.com](mailto:portjervismayor@gmail.com) or by calling 845/858-4017.

### Bipartisan PA milk bank legislation

HARRISBURG, PA — Republican Rep. Donna Oberlander and Democratic Rep. Rosita Youngblood, the respective caucus secretaries for House Republicans and Democrats in Pennsylvania, have introduced the Keystone Mothers’ Milk Bank Act.

Youngblood said, “The regulation of donor milk banks and their operation is necessary to ensure the safety of this precious commodity and its effective distribution to children in need. We recognize that a mother’s own milk is the optimal nutrition for newborn infants and is a public health goal for the delivery of food to all infants. However, many mothers face unique obstacles to producing enough milk for their own babies. When a mother’s own milk is not available, donor human milk can provide a life-saving health benefit for high-risk infants as a supplement or bridge when it is determined to be medically necessary and physician-prescribed.”

Oberlander said, “Donor milk is life-saving medicine for infants with very low birth weights less than four pounds, preventing the onset of serious gastrointestinal problems that can require surgery and entail thousands of dollars in medical costs. Without donor milk, these health issues can continue throughout that child’s life. Donor milk is also medically prescribed for children with heart problems and other compromising health care issues.”

### New York invasive species week

ALBANY, NY — The New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Agriculture and Markets (DAM) on July 9 announced the state’s fifth annual Invasive Species Awareness Week (ISAW). It’s is an annual campaign that encourages New Yorkers to help protect the state’s lands and waters from the negative impacts of invasive species. The theme of this year’s campaign is, “What you can do to help stop the spread,” focusing on simple actions people can take to keep these unwanted species from hitchhiking to new areas.

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said, “Managing invasive species after these pests become established is challenging, and prevention is the easiest and most cost-effective strategy. Gov. Cuomo has been instrumental in leading the state’s fight against invasive species and in 2018, allocated \$13.3 million from the Environmental Protection Fund to help limit their spread.”

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, “Invasive species, such as the spotted lanternfly (SLF), can cause significant damage to our agricultural crops.” Infestations of SLF have not been spotted in New York, but have adversely impacted property owners in Pennsylvania.

### Shohola student returns from London

SELINSGROVE, PA — Amanda Grosz, of Shohola, was one of 18 students from Susquehanna University who recently spent time studying in London as part of the university’s Global Opportunities (GO) program.

Grosz is an economics major in the Class of 2019. A 2015 graduate of Delaware Valley, she is the daughter of John and Janet Grosz.

Participating students took field trips and collaborated with British professors and law-enforcement officials, allowing them to examine British law in the context of the European Union. They compared the law with that of the United States and analyzed legal systems, law enforcement practices, sports law and university law. When they return to campus in the fall, they will visit and interact with local law enforcement facilities and personnel.

As a cross-cultural requirement, study away is an integral part of a Susquehanna education. All students spend at least two weeks off campus, immersed in a culture different from their own, in the U.S. or abroad. Students reflect upon their experiences when they return, guided by faculty members and coursework that promotes discovery and personal growth.

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# Asking the governor to save history

By DAVID HULSE

**H**ONESDALE, PA — The Wayne County Commissioners are making another effort, possibly their last, to save a relic of a National Historic Landmark: the Delaware and Hudson Canal.

To that end, the commissioners last week approved a letter requesting the intervention of Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf in preventing the PA Fish Commission's scheduled demolition of the 180-odd year-old Hankins Pond Dam in Mount Pleasant Township.

The old stone dam impounded a branch of the Lackawaxen River to provide water for the canal, creating Hankins Pond behind it. The 1,000-foot-long dam, which stands 26 feet at its center, was later used to propagate trout for the Pleasant Mount State Fish Hatchery. The 90-acre pond disappeared when the state first breached the dam in 2013.

Despite that breach, officials deemed the structure to be a high-hazard dam still capable of impounding enough water during a heavy downpour to cause danger to downstream residents, should the

remainder of the dam then fail. The demolition, now scheduled for this fall, would remove 75 feet of the structure on either side of the existing small breach outlet.

Proponents of the dam say that since 2013, the existing breach and outflow has successfully weathered several tropical storms, without incident. The commissioners want the state to create and alternate spillway that would not cause demolition of the existing structure. "We'd like them to find a way to get around the dam, rather than just blow a hole through the middle of it," said Commissioner Brian Smith. "We'd like them to do something less overall destructive."

Supporting the preservation effort, the county has also circulated petitions to save the dam. An electronic version appears on the county site at [tinyurl.com/y7coutkp](http://tinyurl.com/y7coutkp). More than 375 persons had signed the online petition at press time. The petition site will be open until August 1.

Honesdale, named after canal organizer and former New York City Mayor Philip Hone, was developed as the western canal terminus. The canal is celebrated extensively at the Wayne County Histori-



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The Wayne County Commissioners are asking Gov. Tom Wolf to save the historic Hankins Pond Dam.

cal Society and the Lock 31 Canal Park in Hawley. The commissioners have been involved in ongoing dam preservation efforts since 2015, when Mount Pleasant resident and Honesdale businessman Paul Ludick introduced an alternate plan

to retain the old dam.

Smith last week said he hoped the governor would intervene. "Hopefully, I won't have lie down on the top of the dam to save it... I just might," Smith said.

## Dueling releases from Faso, Delgado

By FRITZ MAYER

KINGSTON, NY — Republican Congressman John Faso and Democratic Congressional candidate Antonio Delgado both sent out emails on July 3, on the issue of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE.)

Following "Families Belong Together" protests across the country on June 30, Faso demanded that Delgado state his position on ICE.

Faso wrote, "Antonio Delgado's silence on this issue is disturbing. Mr. Delgado must immediately inform the



John Faso

voters of the 19th Congressional District if he stands with Mayor de Blasio, Kirsten Gillibrand, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Cynthia Nixon and other fellow-Progressives on the loony left by wishing to abolish ICE. Voters deserve to know whether Mr. Delgado will work to abolish the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

Delgado quickly issued a response. He wrote, "Congressman Faso should feel free to contact me directly with his inquiries about my positions—I would be happy to exchange cell phone numbers so that he does not need his staffer to send out statements written by Paul Ryan.



Antonio Delgado

I am eager to discuss our country's immigration policies and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with the Congressman.

"Spoiler alert: I do not support abolishing ICE.

"When we do have the chance to talk, I look forward to asking Congressman Faso if he stands with Paul Ryan, who counted on and received Faso's vote in order to rip healthcare away from constituents like Andrea Mitchell."

Both men want to represent New York Congressional District 19 next year, which includes all of Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster counties, and parts of Broome, Dutchess, Montgomery and Rensselaer counties.

## Senators react to Supreme Court nomination

By FRITZ MAYER

**W**ASHINGTON, DC — President Donald Trump on July 9 announced the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. For Kavanaugh to reach the bench, his nomination must be approved by a majority vote in the Senate. Three of the four Senators in New York and Pennsylvania are opposed to the nomination.

Democratic Sen. Bob Casey said even before the announcement he would oppose any Trump nominee. He said, "In a nation with over 700 sitting federal

judges, many of whom were appointed by Republican presidents, it is outrageous that President Trump will nominate from a list of just 25 dictated to him by the Heritage Foundation. This list does the bidding of corporate special interests hell-bent on handing health care over to insurance companies, crushing unions that represent working men and women, and promoting policies that will leave the middle-class further behind. Any judge on this list is fruit of a corrupt process straight from the DC swamp."

Republican Sen. Pat Toomey issued a statement that said, "Based on his reputation and resume, Judge Kavanaugh ap-

pears to have the experience and intellect necessary to serve on our nation's highest court. Judicial nominees, including those for the Supreme Court, should understand that the proper role of a judge is to apply the law, including the U.S. Constitution, as written. I plan to apply this standard while reviewing Judge Kavanaugh's record and I hope my colleagues will do the same so Republicans and Democrats can work together to confirm highly qualified jurists."

Democratic Sen. and minority leader Chuck Schumer said, "This nomination could alter the balance of the court in favor of powerful special interests and

against working families for a generation and would take away labor, civil, and human rights from millions of Americans. We cannot let that happen. If we can successfully block this nomination, it could lead to a more independent, moderate selection that both parties could support."

Democratic Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand said, "I strongly oppose Brett Kavanaugh's nomination and I urge all New Yorkers to raise their voices and join me in opposing him. We need a justice who will protect the rights of all people in our state—not just some."



# Toxins appear in landfill sampling

By DAVID HULSE

**M**INISINK FORD, NY — State sampling of water wells in and around the former Barnes Landfill in September of last year showed excessive levels of nine metals and chemical contaminants, according to a June 13 response letter to the Upper Delaware Council (UDC) from Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regional materials management engineer James J. Lansing Jr.

In his May 21 letter to Bill Rudge, who represents DEC on the river panel, UDC resource specialist Pete Golod made a number of requests for historical information about sampling, the closure and subsequent DEC oversight of the landfill.

Lansing reported that “The site has been inspected by DEC staff twice in the past year, on August 3, 2017 and again on May 14, 2018. In addition, DEC staff were

at the site twice in September of 2017, on the 8th and the 11th, with the Department’s contractors, for the purpose of collecting groundwater samples from on-site monitoring wells [and] water supply wells in the vicinity of the site.”

He provided spreadsheet copies of test well sampling for 113 contaminants, from September 8 and 11, 2017. Those samplings revealed a level of perfluorooctanoic acid, a toxic, corrosive and suspected carcinogenic substance in excess of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lifetime health advisory guidelines; six metals (aluminum, iron, lead, magnesium, manganese, and sodium) and chemicals (benzene, a known carcinogen, and chlorobenzene, which was formerly a component of DDT), all in excess of DEC water quality standards.

Testing results of residential wells “may be requested from the NYS Department of Health,” Lansing reported. He did not say whether those results were reported to

residential well owners.

Incomplete DEC records apparently left Lansing reaching for responses to other questions.

As to the closure, Lansing wrote, “A review of Department files indicates that the Barnes Landfill closure plan, including the leachate collection system, was approved by the Department on June 1, 1992. Though documentation of an inspection by DEC staff upon completion of work was not located in the file, it cannot be assumed that such an inspection did not take place.”

The DEC has records of eight inspections in the past 15 years. Lansing wrote, “Please note that it is likely that additional inspections were conducted by Department staff, though there is no definitive documentation on the dates that they were carried out.”

Lansing wrote that a Freedom of Information request would be required for a copy of the closure plan and directed ad-

ditional questions about the status of the landfill to the New York State Attorney General’s (NYSAG) office.

The issue came before the UDC when they met on July 5, where Rudge reiterated the state’s failure to find a responsible party. He said that grant funding had been offered to the Town of Highland to assume responsibility for the landfill, but the town declined. “There is nothing in the record to show that [the landfill] was ever a municipal landfill,” Rudge said.

“There’s no successor, county or state? Who has to take over?” National Park Service delegate Carla Hahn asked.

“It’s optional. No one has the obligation,” said UDC Chair Aaron Robinson.

UDC Executive Director Laurie Ramie recalled that UDC then moved to support the NYSAG’s pursuing further actions.

Calling for the letter to NPS, Robinson said UDC wanted to know about the NPS “game plan and authority to weigh in. It’s a tough problem, but manageable,” he said.

## UDC: what are we doing here?

By DAVID HULSE

**N**ARROWSBURG, NY — Nearing the end of a lengthy agenda last week, a frustrated Upper Delaware Council (UDC) Chairman Aaron Robinson asked for a definition of the UDC’s role. “Are we advisory or management?”

“We’ve been describing the UDC as co-managers for years,” National Park Service spokeswoman Carla Hahn replied.

Robinson was skeptical. “Who acts on our concerns? We don’t seem to get much done. What’s our value if there’s no action?” Robinson asked.

The exchange came after several discussions that went without resolution: what’s to be done about hundreds of huge trees clogging tributary streams since the storms of March and May; who’s going to be responsible for toxins leaking into the groundwater from an abandoned landfill; why can’t some kind of emergency telephone service be provided for “dark” cell phone stretches along the valley.

Several delegates spoke of the tree problem. Westfall’s Mike Barth said anglers are forced to detour back into the woods to get around them. Tusten’s Susan Sullivan said trees are endangering road bridges. UDC Resource Specialist Pete Gold said he has seen re-channeling along Calkins Creek in Damascus. Robinson reported hundreds of downed trees in Shohola streams. “They’re not a problem in low water, but in high water the damage probability is high. These are not small trees... They’re impounding water now.”

Representatives of the New York Department of Environmental Conservation and the PA Department of Environmental Protection had no answers about the downed trees. Bill Rudge said DEC has no program or funding



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National Park Service spokeswoman **Carla Hahn** fielded questions about the role of the Upper Delaware Council last week.

stream for tree removals and requires permitting for equipment in any stream. Rudge said property owners are responsible for cleanup and suggested contacting county soil conservation offices. DEP’s Rhonda Manning listened to concerns but offered no solutions.

Rudge confirmed information about recent toxic findings in water well samplings in and around the former Barnes Landfill in the Town of Highland, but said nothing about any DEC plans to solve or mitigate the problem, since there are no living land owners of record to prosecute. (See article above.)

Sullivan County Legislator and Lumberland resident Nadia Rajsz has assumed the vacant UDC seat. In light of the recent storms, Rajsz asked about efforts to provide

emergency communications along New York State Route 97 in Lumberland, where there is no cell service.

Robinson recalled extensive research, including phone company estimates that UDC acquired for a series of roadside call boxes. He said the estimated \$4,000 cost per box “wasn’t well received by NPS. It would have worked.” Robinson said he’d be happy to reintroduce the plan.

Hancock’s Fred Peckham said, “A lot of people are wondering why there is no cell service in the valley. Sooner or later they’re going to come.”

Asked if there had been any movement on broadband infrastructure improvements Hahn said, “Not lately.”

“The county is trying to promote the area. I know the issues, but people want their phones,” Rajsz said.

“You can’t keep inviting people up and not expect traffic,” Sullivan said.

These discussions seemed to prompt Robinson’s remarks about the UDC role. “The River Management Plan is ‘bottom-up’ government. The municipal governments have a lot to gain, but they’ve given up a lot. They traded off zoning. There should be a tradeoff [the other way],” he said.

“We proposed the call boxes two years ago and nothing was done,” Robinson said.

UDC’s annual administrative funding has been static at \$300,000 since 1988. Other federal funding for law enforcement and trash removal has been reduced or eliminated, despite being specifically required in the original authorizing legislation, he said. “These costs have not gone away. They’ve been shifted to the municipalities,” Robinson said.

Hahn admitted the council’s static funding, but local NPS funding that provides the UDC funding has not increased proportionately to costs. “We’ve been reducing staffing on regular basis,” she said.



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# Honesdale teacher sentenced for invasion of privacy

By FRITZ MAYER

**H**ONESDALE, PA — A former teacher, Gaspare Gambino, 35, of Honesdale was sentenced on July 5 to 180 days to six months in Wayne County Correctional Facility. The sentence was handed down by Senior Judge Raymond Hammill for six counts of invasion of privacy.

According to the Patrick L. Robinson, Wayne County District Attorney, Gambino was accused of taking photographs of students while he was teaching at Honesdale High School. A student found the pictures on Gambino's iPad, which had been issued by the school.

According to a press release from Rob-

inson's office, "Six of those photographs depicted the clothed but intimate areas of female students which were not intended to be visible by normal public observation. After careful review of each photograph, it was the legal conclusion of the District Attorney's Office that the six photographs to which Gambino pled guilty met the legal definition of Invasion of Privacy."

Because of the conviction, for the next 15 years Gambino will be required to register as a Megan's Law Offender.

The Wayne Highlands School District fired Gambino, and as part of his guilty plea, he agrees to surrender his educational instruction certificate.

Robinson said, "High-tech voyeurs such as Gambino will be prosecuted to the full-

est extent of the law. The impact of someone taking abusive photographs will not be downplayed and will not be tolerated."

Senior deputy district attorney Kathleen Martin said, "Gambino violated the trust not only of these students, but also of the Wayne Highlands School District [WHSD] and the entire Wayne County community. While technology enhances our ability to educate, and works to keep us all more connected, it also requires law enforcement officials to be diligent in the investigation and prosecution of those who choose to violate our children and our trust. Thanks to the efforts of the WHSD and PSP [Pennsylvania State Police], Gambino is no longer in a position to harm our children."

## New Eldred board in place

By SUSAN WADE

**E**LDRED, NY — Now that the leadership of the district is firmly in place, they will need to find the resolve to stay the course to restore Eldred Central School district to academic and fiscal health.

Carol Bliefernich and Amador Laput were returned to their roles as president and vice president of the school board, and Scott Hallock took his place at the table as the newly elected member of the board. These three will decide which two individuals will join them to occupy the seats of those who resigned following the school board election.

Bliefernich stated that as of July 2, five letters of interest had been submitted to fill the two seats. Interviews will be held on July 18 and the positions will be announced at the August 9 meeting.

No input from the public will be considered; instead, the public will get the opportunity to opine in the next vote which occurs in May 2019. The interviews will be conducted by the board members and Superintendent Dr. John Morgano. It is assumed, though not assured, that the individuals named in August will be among those candidates in 2019.

The individuals selected will serve until the next school board election. At that time, three positions will be on the ballot. The top vote getter will serve a full five-year term, the second highest will serve for three years and the third highest will serve for one year, thus maintaining the rotation by which a seat is open every year for a five-year term.

Treasurer Caleb Russell reported that he expects the unappropriated fund balance to be negative once the books are closed on the fiscal year ended June 30. Unappropriated funds are for operating purposes, and the fund balance is basically the same as money in the bank. Although funds are available for other purposes, many of these funds cannot be co-mingled.

Morgano has said repeatedly that restoring the unappropriated fund balance to 4% of operating costs, or about \$800,000 in the next four years, is imperative to the long term financial viability of the district. He said at the meeting that any unexpended funds will be used to replenish the fund balance rather than for other



TRR photo by Susan Wade

**Scott Hallock takes the oath of office** as he joins the Eldred School Board. The oath was administered by district clerk Lisa Sibirtzeff.

purposes.

He also stated that he is creating goals to improve academic outcomes and to address building and grounds needs as part of a five-year capital plan. He said that combining the schools is not part of the foreseeable future, as such an action would leave them five classrooms short. Further, he said that insurance costs have not increased as a result of the bullying litigation, which is still in the appeals process.

Hallock was appointed to the audit committee to serve with Laput, who had previously been appointed. Paul Clark had also been appointed as a member from the community. Hallock said that he's not in favor of Clark continuing to hold the position, saying that he didn't want anybody negative on any committee. Bliefernich said, "I hear you, but in the interest of clarity, Clark has said that the people have spoken."

Morgano said that the district cannot go back to its previous practice of spending beyond its means. Bliefernich noted that fiscal restraint will look less and less appealing in the future. She also said that the goal is to not shrink in any more ways, alluding to cutting programs, and that this is how "we will remain the gem that we are."



## ■ EDITORIAL

# Court ruling puts WLMG fracking lawsuit back in play

The Wayne Land and Mineral Group (WLMG) has been involved in a lawsuit against the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) and the Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) over the current default ban on hydraulic fracturing in the basin and the proposed permanent ban. That case was dismissed last fall by a District Court, but WLMG appealed the dismissal, and on July 3, the United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit handed down a ruling reversing the dismissal, sending the case back to the lower court for further review.

Ned Sader, managing director for the Upper Delaware River Basin Citizens (UDRBC), a pro-fracking and property rights group, issued a statement that said, "The UDRBC and its many partners congratulate Wayne Land and Mineral Group, LLC on its favorable ruling by the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Over the past decade the entire basin has been subject to an intergovernmental organization which has blatantly exceeded its authority as specified by the language within the 1961 document which established such."

"The factual science now established and the proven environmental record of Natural Gas Exploration and Development (NGED) across Pennsylvania clearly exemplifies that any further opposition to allowing such, in counties within the basin, is being perpetuated by the special interests which control both the DRBC and DRN."

Riverkeeper Maya van Rossum also issued a statement that said, "The Delaware River Basin Commission has broad and irreplaceable authority to protect the water resources of the Delaware River watershed... Science, facts and experience demonstrate that drilling and fracking for shale gas has significant, substantial, consumptive and devastating impacts on water resources and that the substantial, devastating and irreparable harms inflicted are not preventable by regulation; they are an inherent and unavoidable result of this highly industrial extractive process."

But the court itself said it reversed the dismissal in part because "We conclude that the meaning of the word 'project' as used in the [DRBC] compact is ambiguous...." The court questions whether the creators of the DRBC Compact intended that word in a way that would allow the DRBC to adopt rules that would prohibit fracking, and concluded: "Fact-finding on the intent of the compact's drafters" is needed.

The compact defines "project" as "any work, service or... facility... for the conservation, utilization, control, development, or management of water resources." That definition of "project" would not seem to include fracking platforms or other machinery related to drilling and fracking.

The court wrote that it found problems with the "project" question on both sides. It wrote, "To be clear, at this stage, we are not adopting or endorsing either Wayne's [WLMG] interpretation or the Commission's (DRBC), or anyone else's. We are simply noting that the parties have posited potentially reasonable interpretations that bear their own strengths and weaknesses."

But the compact is long and complex and other parts of it would seem to allow DRBC to enforce regulations on any operations that might threaten to pollute the waters of the basin. In relation to this the court writes, "It is plain that the Commission has broad rulemaking and enforcement powers. Under Article 14 of the Compact, the Commission may '[m]ake and enforce reasonable rules and regulations for the effectuation, application and enforcement of this [C]ompact[.]'"

The court also wrote in a footnote that the only question it is considering is whether a fracking operation would be considered a "project" under the DRBC compact and not whether DRBC could enforce regulations against fracking operations that might be covered by other parts of the compact such as those addressing potential pollution.

Jordon Yeager, lead counsel for the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, in his statement, said, "The Court of Appeals recognized the importance of these issues and is giving the parties the opportunity to establish a full record on remand to the District Court. We are confident that when a full record is established, the courts will conclude that the DRBC has not only the authority to regulate fracking and related infrastructure, but the absolute duty to do so."

Even the lawyers will have to go through an arduous tussle in order to determine what exactly "project" meant to the creators of the Delaware River Basin Compact, and we're no lawyers. (Visit <https://bit.ly/2m1ujb0> if you want to have a go at it yourself.) That said, it seems clear that in the case of a body of water like the Delaware River, on the purity of whose waters over 15 million people depend, and which travels through territory governed by a variety of different states, there is an absolute necessity for some kind of agency that has the power to regulate activities of any group of people, in any state, that could destroy the quality of that water for all who use it.

We believe this to be true regardless of whether one thinks that fracking is, or is not, harmful. If the outcome of the WLMG suit were to take away the DRBC's power to prevent pollution from any industrial activity that did not conform to a very narrow definition of "project," the health and lives of all of us who depend on the Delaware's purity would be under threat. We need to be vigilant and start thinking about a plan B—legislation?—if such a result seems to be on the horizon.

## ■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## No thought for the common man

Thank you for your concise and informative editorial on the farm bill currently before the House. I think our area has a pretty good jobs training network, though I may be wrong. But that could always decrease, and that is probably not the case for areas further upstate, not to mention that some people just need help.

However, why rural people continuously buy into a guy like Faso's positions I can't understand. To paraphrase your quote from him, in which he talks about putting "our most vulnerable on a path to future success and independence" while Congress is cutting the programs designed to help them is an obvious contradiction, and flies in the face of common sense.

This guy, along with conservative Republicans across the country, have this type of line sold on conservative media, which is controlled by the moneyed elite. The money available to help people like small farmers who need it is gone in large corporate deals with legislators with no care for the common man. These guys have been selling these positions with great success for years, while playing on people's fears on side issues as they fill their pockets, as well as those of corporate America.

It's always squeeze the regular folk, wholesale theft by the rich as they get richer and richer, while literally poisoning the Earth, without care. This system isn't working. People, wake up. I'm not a young man, but I worry for my grandchildren.

Ken Schleife  
Cochecton, NY

## Crossing the line

When, in 2013, then Sen. Jeff Sessions and his aide Steven Miller took it upon themselves to stop the first truly bi-partisan immigration bill—something every Congress since the mid-1980s has failed to work toward constructively—that failure unleashed one of the darkest chapters in our nation's history.

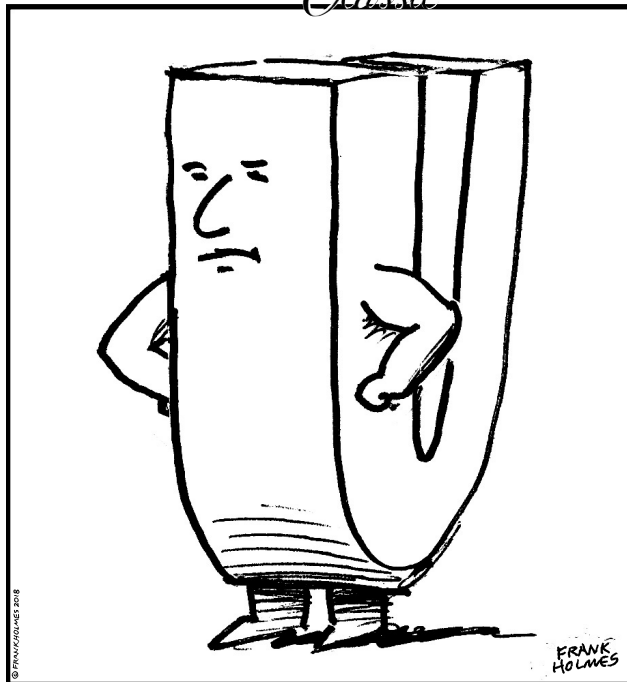
Today, Attorney General Sessions and senior councilor to the president Steven Miller are using children as bargaining chips in an effort to get the funding to build a fourth-century tool for immigration, a wall along the entire southern border of the U.S.

America has spilled its dearest blood to stop fascism and genocide; it pitted brother against brother to end slavery; and it took to arms to create a nation "of the people, by the people and for the people," as Abraham Lincoln said in Gettysburg.

But the final words with which Lincoln closed his address resonate in my mind: "shall not perish from the earth." Well, my fellow citizens, this great experiment in democracy is in very serious trouble when children are being forcibly removed from their parents because

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LETTERS

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two men have influenced the president to allow such to happen.

When Harry S. Truman said, “The buck stops here,” meaning the person who sits in the Oval Office, he made it clear that accountability for this nation ends with the president.

Children are not bargaining chips; families must not be separated; a multi-billion-dollar wall must not be built and the legislative branch must stop the toxic partisanship now or risk the very republic we hold so dear.

The president can stop this and show by example that this is not how America acts.

When, during the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Benjamin Franklin famously replied to a woman on the street in Philadelphia who asked him whether the United States of America was to be a monarchy or a republic, his reply was five simple words that resonate still today: “A republic—if we can keep it.”

Ned Sader  
Wayne County, PA

About the AR-15

I am writing this as the NRA/Pro Hunting Chairman for the Federation of Sportsman Clubs of Sullivan County. I do not own an AR-15, but my father and best friend both do, so I am familiar with the AR-15. The AR-15 rifle is one of the most popular weapons in America (the National Rifle Association calls it “America’s Most Popular Rifle”); horrifyingly, the tactical-style rifle has been used in 11 mass shootings since 2012, according to Stanford Geospatial Center, Stanford Libraries and USA Today research).

Today, one of out of every five firearms purchased in this country is an AR-style rifle. Americans now own an estimated 15 million AR-15s as of 12/2017 according to NSSF (National Shooting Sports Foundation).

The AR-15 is legal in multiple states for hunting vari-

ous animals from big game to varmints. New York does not allow a tactical style rifle for hunting, yet the Department of Environmental Conservation hunting regulations website does not define the AR-15 or similar rifles as illegal.

AR-15 rifles and similar tactical-style rifles are special because they are semi-automatic weapons that fire only one bullet each time the trigger is pulled, and they are accurate and are easy to modify—exponentially more so than any standard deer-hunting rifle, with multiple and various accessories such as grips, triggers, sizeable trigger guards, extended magazine release, back-up sights, scopes/optics, ambidextrous charging handle, ambidextrous safety selectors, extended bolt releases, anti-rotational pins, stocks, barrels, hand guards/rail systems, muzzle devices, sling and sling mountings, etc. The AR-15 style rifles are not just used for shooting sports, hunting, protection, collecting/showing but as a hobby by many legal gun owners much like an erector set or fixing up an 1970s hot rod.

John “JP” Pasquale  
Livingston Manor, NY

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“I always saw pollution as theft, and I always thought, ‘Why should somebody be able to pollute the air, which belongs to all of us, or destroy a river or a waterway, which is supposed to belong to the whole community?’”*

— Robert Kennedy, Jr.



MIXED GREENS  
By Carol Roig

Changing the  
model for  
climate action

Some time ago I took to heart some words of Buckminster Fuller: “You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.” Last week, as cities around the world recorded their hottest temperatures ever, those words took on renewed significance as I revisited Project Drawdown ([www.drawdown.org](http://www.drawdown.org)), a website and book that document 100 optimally effective “no regrets” actions we can take to roll back GHG emissions and reduce the impacts of climate change.

Drawdown pushes beyond energy issues, reminding us that the solutions to climate change touch every aspect of life, from agriculture to transportation, product design, manufacturing processes, education, family planning and economic opportunity. Some are global and some are unique to regional cultures and economies. Drawdown’s international roster of scientists analyzed strategies that are already underway around the world, collected exhaustive data on the effects of each and used that data to predict the benefits “at scale,” with real-world calculations of the costs and benefits. The result is a prioritized list of actions, a prescription for beneficial change, assembled as a practical, comprehensive approach.

There are many lessons and some surprises along the way. For example, the top ranked action is “refrigerant management,” critically important because of the global use of refrigeration and air conditioning. While ozone-layer killing chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) were phased out in the 1990s following an agreement reached in Montreal, hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) are still in use and have 1,000 to 9,000 times greater capacity to warm the atmosphere than CO2. In 2016, 170 countries signed the Kigali Accord, an addendum to the Montreal Protocol, agreeing to a plan to replace HFCs with natural refrigerants such as ammonia and propane by 2028, and to handle “end of life” recycling of HFCs to minimize leakage. Drawdown’s researchers estimate that simply containing 87% of refrigerants likely to be released could avoid the equivalent of 89.7 gigatons of CO2. By phasing out HFCs as outlined in the Kigali Accord, emissions equivalent to an additional 25 to 78 gigatons of CO2 could be avoided. This is rated as a high cost, high return investment, but it could result in significant global warming reduction—nearly 1° Fahrenheit by 2050.

Other top-10 actions include wind and solar power, reducing food waste, switching to a plant-rich diet, preserving tropical forests, and silvopasturing—combining livestock pasture with trees instead of grasslands to sequester carbon and produce additional farm products).

I was moved to discover that educating girls earned the number 6 spot for global climate benefit. Education leads to later marriages, smaller families and greater economic opportunities for women, including more productive farm plots that in turn empower women and their communities to be better stewards of land and water, more resilient to the effects of climate change. A \$39 billion investment in universal education in low- and lower-income countries would yield extraordinary benefits, including as much as a 59.6 gigaton reduction in GHG by 2050.

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## ■ COMMUNITY CURRICULUM

### Creative felt storyboards

LIBERTY, NY — Youth and adult leaders wishing to channel their creative energies toward an array of do-it-yourself projects can engage in a hands-on Second Saturdays Makers Series continuing July 14 with “Felt Storyboards for Kids.” Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCEC) is offering this educational 4-H Youth Development program series on the second Saturday of each month through October 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. The workshops will take place at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd. The goal of the program is to assist leaders in learning methods, prac-

ticing skills and building confidence to be able to share these projects with a larger youth audience. Some projects may need participants to bring additional supplies. Other projects will be “Artistry of Wood Burning” (August 11), “Silk Scarf Dyeing” (September 8) and “Halloween Tin-Punch Fun” (October 13).

There is a suggested donation of \$5 per class to support the program. Participants take home their creations. Registration with payment is required in advance by visiting [www.sullivanccce.org](http://www.sullivanccce.org), emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or calling CCEC at 845/292-6180.

### Senior scam prevention

HONESDALE, PA — Growing Older Together (GOT) will host a presentation on senior scam prevention on Wednesday, July 18 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Earl J. Simons Senior Center, 323 10th St. Social time will follow, and all are welcome to attend.

Senior Supervisory Special Agent Janene Holter from the PA Attorney General's office will present an engaging and informative program to educate older Pennsylvanians and their families on crime prevention. A dynamic speaker, Holter brings awareness of the threat of

fraud to seniors, teaching them how to avoid being victimized and making sure they know who to call when they are concerned about their safety and well-being.

The mission of GOT is to give adult residents, aged 60 and older, in Wayne County, PA and western Sullivan County, NY both the practical means and the connections to live independently in homes of their choice.

For information about the meeting or to learn more about GOT, call 570/630-0509 or visit [got.clubexpress.com](http://got.clubexpress.com).

### Kiwanis books for kids

MONTICELLO, NY — Several members of the Kiwanis Club of Monticello delivered story books to the second-grade classes at the Kenneth L. Rutherford and George L. Cooke elementary schools just before summer break began. The books were selected by Kiwanian Doris Motl (second from right), a retired fourth-grade teacher. Accompanying Motl to the schools were Ellen Nesin (retired Kindergarten teacher and former school board member, far left) and Sheila Lashinsky (Kiwanis public relations chairperson, far right). Second from left is George L. Cooke Elementary School principal Rosemarie Romano.

The students were told that the word “kiwanis” is a Native American phrase meaning “we trade.” Each student was encouraged to take his/her book home and read it over the summer and after reading it, to share—or “trade” it—with others. The books will help the



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students advance with the NYS Assembly 2018 Summer Reading Challenge. Each child brings a calendar home and checks off each time he/she reads a book. Once they have marked off 40 days or more, the information is submitted to Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, who will award each child with a NYS Excellence in Reading Certificate.

### ‘Photo Tour of South Africa’

PORT JERVIS, NY — The Hub at the Port Jervis Public Library will present “A Photo Tour of South Africa,” led by Elaine Votrow, who has just returned from that country, on Tuesday, July 17 at from 6:30 to 8 p.m. South Africa, the southernmost country on the African continent, is renowned for its varied topography, great natural beauty and cultural diversity, all of which have made the country a favorite destination of tourists.

The program is free, but pre-registration is required by calling 845/856-7313, ext. 5, or by emailing [thehub@portjervislibrary.org](mailto:thehub@portjervislibrary.org), or in person at the library.

### Catskill Talks: on journalism

WURTSBORO, NY — The Wurtsboro Arts Alliance's Catskill Talks for July is “Interpretive Journalism and the Objective Method: The Noble Myth of Objectivity,” by journalist, professor and researcher Dan Axelrod, Ph.D., on July 21 at 5 p.m. at John Neilson Gallery, 73 Sullivan St.

He will address the fundamental goals of journalism, including the techniques reporters use to root out fact from fiction. The talk also will cover the structural ways that journalistic newsgathering and the publication processes—including how reporters are trained, and the limitations, expectations and corporatization behind news formats—can lead to bias in stories.

Axelrod has devoted 11 years to writing for newspapers, including six years as a full-time reporter, plus two years as a public relations specialist for a Blue Cross company and parts of seven years as a college journalism instructor. He joined the **Times Herald-Record** in 2017, where he is a business reporter. Donations will be accepted at the door.

## ■ DEATH NOTICES

### Joseph Gerard Bunnell

Joseph Gerard Bunnell, 55 of Honesdale died Monday, July 2, 2018 at Wayne Memorial Hospital. A funeral mass was celebrated on Wednesday, July 11 at St. John the Evangelist Parish. As per his request, cremation followed.

### Brian Hunt-Rutherford

Brian Hunt-Rutherford, age 27, of Beach Lake died on June 28, 2018 from injuries sustained in an accident. A Memorial Service, including a Firematic Ceremony, was held on Sunday, July 1, 2018 at the Welcome Lake Fire Company Pavilion.

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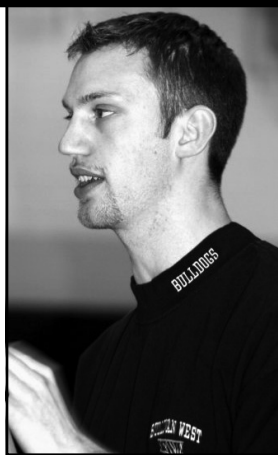
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## Unitarians donate to library

**HONESDALE, PA** — Tracy Schwarz, Director of the Wayne County Public Library, receives a check for \$1,000 from Joan Davis of the Upper Delaware Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (UDUUF). This award is part of a \$10,000 giving campaign by the UDUUF to local organizations who work toward fostering social justice and community building in our area and the world.

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Orange Juice, Coffee/Tea

## LOOKING BACK By Shaun Sensiba



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Baseball season is nearing the halfway point, with the Major League All-Star Game coming up on July 17. But before the days of designated hitters, pitch counts and multi-million dollar contracts, baseball was played as a pastime in our area.

In his memoir of growing up in Long Eddy from the late 1880s, Long Eddy resident Morgan McKoon tells how the boys would fashion baseball bats out of barrel staves, catchers' mitts from worn out horse collars, and baseballs of wound string. The photo shows a Long Eddy team from that era. When the boys could put their pennies together, they purchased a real Spalding ball. Mothers sewed gray flannel into jerseys, and sisters lent their high, black stockings to complete the uniform.

In these parts, the annual games between Long Eddy and Fishes Eddy were thought to be the biggest of rivalries. One team would travel over the mountain to play the first game "away." Then both teams traveled back over the mountain to play in the other team's home town the next day. This was serious business. Wagers on the games were known to total \$100!

The Basket Historical Society preserves and presents the history of the Upper Delaware area. If you are interested in becoming a member or finding out more contact us at [baskethistsociety@gmail.com](mailto:baskethistsociety@gmail.com)

## LAKE HUNTINGTON NEWS

By Eileen Hennessy

Hope you all are well and enjoying this nice weather; as for me, I try to stay in AC. When I go out I get coughing fits and itchy, watery eyes and itchy ears. Yes, I do take allergy pills: two in the morning and two at night. Pollen and I just do not agree. I was out and about Saturday afternoon at the Great Annual Pig Roast put on by Lake Huntington Service Center. If you want to have fun, try walking with a balloon between you and someone else to the finish line. We did not drop the balloon, nor did we pop it, but we got to the finish line a little too late. Lots of laughs and fun. Thank you, Kristin and Brett.

On July 14 from 3 to 6 p.m., Lake Huntington Fire Co. is having its eat-in or take-out chicken barbeque. The \$11 per dinner cost includes chicken, potato salad, baked beans, cranberry sauce, roll and butter, and dessert. See a fireman for tickets or call 845/932-8514 or 932-8444.

Here's a letter just sent out by Michael Popolillo, president of the Lake Huntington NY Lake Association, Inc.: "Another summer has come and the problem of algae covering our beautiful lake continues. The lake association still needs your help to combat this ever-troubling prob-

## ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

### Applicants sought to fill vacancy on Monticello school board

**MONTICELLO, NY** — The Monticello Board of Education is accepting letters of interest and resumes for a vacancy on the board created by the resignation of John Moul. The 10-month term will expire on May 20, 2019.

Letters must be submitted by July 27 to Monticello Central School, Janet Montes, School District Clerk, 237 Forestburgh Rd., Monticello NY 12701.

Interviews will be conducted at a special meeting of the board on August 6.

For more information call Janet Montes at 845/794-7700, ext. 70523

### Free child passenger safety seats

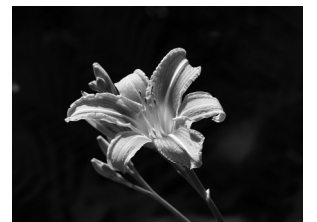
**SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY** — Sullivan County Public Health Services operates a Low Income Child Passenger Safety Program funded by a grant from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC). These grants are awarded to improve highway safety and reduce deaths and serious injuries to children due to automobile accidents.

The parent/guardian must bring proof of low-income status, such as valid Medicaid card, WIC ID or SNAP card; the child; the car seat the child is currently using and the vehicle the car seat will be installed in.

Make an appointment for the next clinic, which will be on July 20. Call 845/292-5910, ext 2271.

### Say it with flowers at UDUUF

**BEACH LAKE, PA** — On Sunday, July 15 the Upper Delaware Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (UDUUF) will celebrate summer and the wealth of beauty and diversity in both the flowers of the season and in our own members. Bring a flower to add to our communal bouquet. The one-hour service will be held at the Berlin Township Community Center at 10:15 a.m. and will be followed by a social time with refreshments. For directions visit [www.uduuf.org](http://www.uduuf.org).



lem. On July 21 at 11 a.m. we will be having our general membership meeting at the Nutshell Arts Center in beautiful Lake Huntington, NY. We need your support at this meeting, and look forward to taking this time to tell you about what the association has been doing the last several months to remedy this problem. If you haven't paid your 2018 dues, please bring them with you for this meeting; the dues are still \$100 and we desperately need this to keep moving forward in our fight to combat the algae problem. All donations above and beyond the dues amount are greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Thank you in advance for your support!"

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**H**eaves, also known as recurrent airway obstruction (RAO), is a chronic respiratory disease of horses. It is similar to that of asthma in humans. Heaves is a common and serious condition that affects 15% of mature horses (typically over seven years of age).

Heaves develops more commonly in horses that are stabled and are exposed to dust, mites and mold from bedding or hay, irritants such as ammonia (from urine and feces) and bacterial irritants. Once the small particles are inhaled, they enter the lower respiratory tract, causing inflammation and mucus accumulation. As this occurs, the small airways deep in the lung, called bronchioles, constrict. Over time repeated bouts of inflammation can cause permanent changes to the lung, and the walls of the airway become irreversibly thickened. As the disease progresses it is more and more difficult for the horse to breathe.

### Clinical signs

- Cough at start of exercise (early development of disease)
- Frequency of coughing increases
- Increased effort to breathe at rest
- Nasal discharge but no fever
- An obvious abdominal lift at the end of exhalation
- A heave line
- Weight loss due to difficulty of eating while trying to breathe

Diagnosing heaves in a horse is a difficult task and not as straightforward as one would think. A physical examination by a veterinarian familiar with horses is very important. A veterinarian may also recommend an endoscopy (scoping) to better visualize the airways.

Typically a bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL or lung wash) is performed to help diagnose the condition. The samples allow for your veterinarian to evaluate for the presence of white blood cells. If there are a significant number of white blood cells, it further supports heaves as a possible diagnosis.

The most important treatment for a horse diagnosed with heaves is environmental management. It is recommended to keep your horse on pasture more than in a confined stall area. Be sure to provide shelter so that the horse can be protected from the elements and has adequate forage available. Try to treat and clean the bale and stall areas to remove any possibility of ammonia as well as additional dust particles. It is also recommended to offer a complete pelleted feed or hay cubes; try also to wet these down if possible. If you do offer hay, try spreading it on the ground to encourage mucus drainage from the airways as the horse puts his/her head down to graze.

Try to avoid mucking stalls, sweeping shed rows and running tractors while the horses are stabled. It is not ideal to offer hay, even if soaked in water, as there are still dust particles circulating in the air. If at all possible try to avoid feeding horses from round bales. Horses tend to stick their noses in the center of the bales as they eat, which then causes them to have even greater exposure to dust, mites, molds and other particles.

If environmental management is not enough at managing heaves, oral or inhaled steroids are typically used as well as bronchodilators. The steroids help by decreasing inflammation of the airways and the bronchodilators help to relax and dilate the airway muscles, so air can flow in and out of the lungs.

# Heaves in horses



TRR photo by Amanda Reed

Currently there is no cure for heaves. Once a horse's airway is sensitive to the particles, it is a lifelong disease requiring lifelong medication and environmental management. Acupuncture has been shown to be helpful in managing this condition alone or in addition to conventional therapy. If you suspect your horse has heaves, please contact your veterinarian for an examination.

[Joseph A. D'Abbraccio, DVM, of Catskill Veterinary Services, PLLC, can be contacted at [catskillvetserv@gmail.com](mailto:catskillvetserv@gmail.com). For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/CatskillVeterinaryServices> or [www.catskillvetserices.com](http://www.catskillvetserices.com).]



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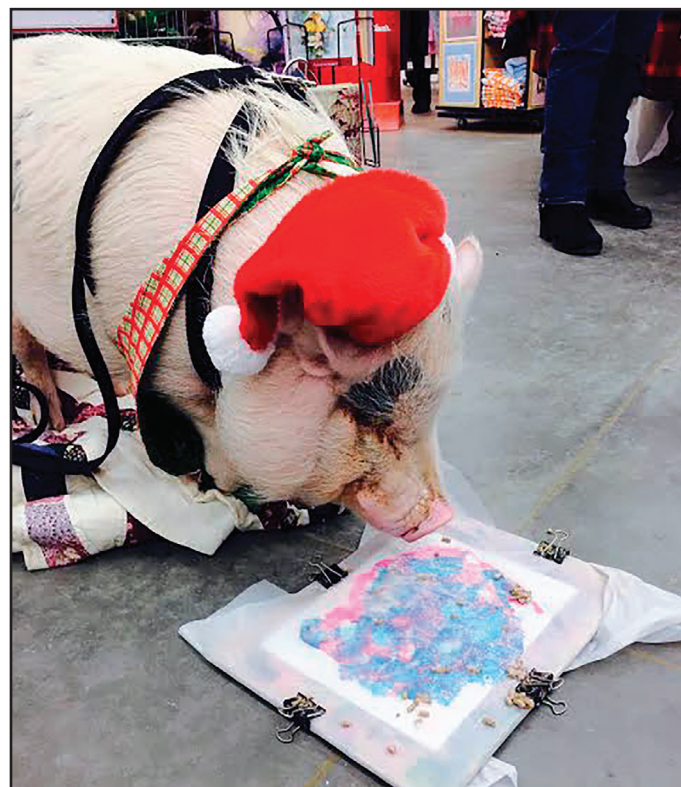
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7. Printed photos will not be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.

## 'Bird whisperer' at bird club dinner

**B**LOOMINGBURG, NY — Glenn Sorino, better known as "The Bird Whisperer," will be the featured speaker at the 31st annual Catskill Exotic Bird Club dinner, to be held Thursday, July 26 at the Eagle's Nest.

Recently profiled in *The New York Times* and a self-described parrot "pied piper," Sorino, 60, has been assuaging owner frustrations, coaching, grooming and evaluating behavioral issues in birds for the past 20 years. He has had extraordinary success in solving intractable problems with parrots as well as just improving the relationship between parrots and their owners.

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The dinner is open to the public, but seating is limited, and reservations are required. The dinner costs \$40 and is all-inclusive from appetizers, choice of entrees to dessert, gratuity and valet parking. There will be a silent auction of a wide-variety of high-quality donated merchandise as well. The meet-and-greet



Glenn Sorino

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begins at 6 p.m. and the program and dinner begins at 7 p.m.

Early reservations are encouraged. Call club president Richie Chiger at 845/794-7966 or club vice president Matt Frumess at 845/747-9370 for reservations or for more information.

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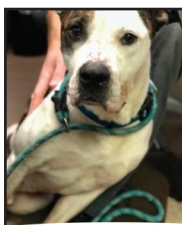
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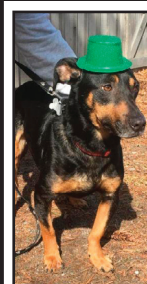


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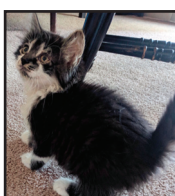
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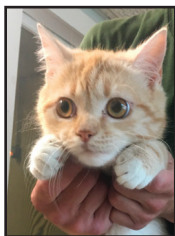
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## Wood, metal and dust: a resurrection from rust

### *Equinunk Historical Society opens new museum*

By HUNTER HILL

The Joel Hill Sawmill was in operation continuously for about 90 years from its beginnings around 1783 to the cessation of work in 1974. Then, in 1988, it was donated to the Equinunk Historical Society (EHS). Under its care, the mill comes alive again a few days out of every summer to remind locals and tourists alike of the days when sawdust flew and harvested logs rolled in one end of the building and came out the other side as finished boards.

The building itself is a monument to the industrial age gone by and good old American ingenuity. The mill houses large saw-blade apparatuses that cut the logs down into rough hewn boards as well as a large planer that is used to finish the boards. And now, thanks to a recent donation and much work on behalf of the EHS's volunteers, visitors can see what happens after the lumber is produced.

Thomas Cleveland, a teacher of 30 years at the Hancock school and member of the Peace Corps in Africa, recently donated his vast collection of antique industrial equipment to EHS. Over the years, Cleveland accrued four barns worth of such equipment. Rather than seeing them lost to scrap yards and broken up and sold off, Cleveland sought to see these oily treasures preserved. He contacted several other museums in search of a facility that would value his collection, only to be met with interest for his finer pieces, but not the collection as a whole.

But after visiting the Joel Hill Sawmill and seeing a presentation of the milling process by Robert Wood, Cleveland approached Wood about the possibility of making his collection a part of the existing museum. Although it didn't all fall into place from that first meeting, Cleveland inquired again, and with Wood's support, the EHS began doing the leg-work to make this happen.

Of the process that ensued, Wood says, "When you get a project started, people wanna jump on the moving train." He praises the Mee Foundation for the grant they awarded to the EHS to make this all possible. "First we had to get a survey of the property, look at setback lines and get two permits from Damascus Township—then it was only two weeks before the MEE Foundation approved the grant."



TRR photos by Hunter Hill  
**Robert Wood** speaks about a lathe from the 1800s during the first ever tour of the Thomas Cleveland Museum.



**Blair Koberlein** demonstrates the operation of an automatic mortise machine.

Vicky Bradshaw, a long-time volunteer for EHS, wrote the grant application—her first experience grant writing. Wood happily jokes, "It was beginner's luck."

Bill Pykus of Bill Pykus & Sons Excavating prepared the ground for construction, leveling it off, as a donation to the new museum. Construction took another three-and-a-half days before Cleveland's collection finally had a new home. Luke Harrie Trucking donated its services to move the equipment from Cleveland's property to the new museum. J.R. Wells and his machines also assisted by maneuvering the old machinery into the building.

"It took four trips with a flatbed to get it all here, and some of it had to be dismantled to fit through the doors," Wood



**Kevin Fisher** operates a lathe from the 1800s.



**Thomas Cleveland**, left, and **Robert Wood** are seen at the opening dedication of the new museum.

says. The EHS and various volunteers then spent the winter placing the equipment around the building and beginning repairs on some of the larger machines. Although not all of the machines are currently running, restoration and research on their origins and functions continues.

On June 30, the day of the dedication, Wood made his way around the room from one machine to another, explaining how each one worked and how they were restored. He even gave live demonstrations of several of the machines that had been brought back to functioning order.

After the tour, at 11 a.m., Cleveland arrived for the dedication. Before the ceremony, he said, "I had a dream last night of the brotherhood of the millwrights building a ramp from the sawmill over here down to the new museum and giving demonstrations of cutting wood with these machines with wood milled from the sawmill." Wood, who was sitting next to him, explained that the bench they sat on was built using functional saws from the new Cleveland museum and wood from the old sawmill.

Cleveland said that he had been searching for a suitable home for his collection for over 10 years, and then he realized, "Why not go someplace local?" As he admired the building he said, "Got it finished; I'm tickled to death."

The EHS now hosts live demonstrations of equipment in the new Thomas Cleveland Museum as well as live demonstrations at the sawmill. Some of the equipment to be seen in the museum includes band saws, jigsaws, mortise machines, drill presses, molding machines, shoe-making machines, a plethora of hand tools and much more. Over time, more of the equipment will be brought back to life, and visitors will be able to experience something different anytime they return. Donations for the museum and other projects by the EHS can be made by contacting them at [www.equinunkhistory.org](http://www.equinunkhistory.org).





## ‘Barn Raising’ opens Weekend of Chamber Music festival

**J**EFFERSONVILLE, NY — This year’s Weekend of Chamber Music (WCM) Summer Festival will open with a “Barn Raising” at the Eddie Adams Farm on Saturday, July 14 at 5 p.m. The concert will feature music by Bach, Sollima, Vieuxtemps, Waggoner, music of North Africa and Medieval Provence, and poems by Rumi, William Carlos Williams, Mary Oliver and more. It will be followed by a multi-course tasting menu riffing on themes from the Levant, Central and South Asia, and the American South.

The event is just the opening salvo for a two-week festival during which concerts will take place at venues around the county including the Liberty Museum and Arts Center (July 15 at 4 p.m.), and the Catskill Distilling Company (Thursday, July 19, 7:30 p.m., with a “Music Talks” rehearsal that features the music of and discussion with composer-in-residence



Joan Tower

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**WHEN:** Opening concert July 14 at 5 p.m.; for others see website

**WHERE:** Opening concert Eddie Adams Farm, 247 Jeffersonville North Branch Rd.; others vary, see website

**COST:** Free for students; for others cost varies from free to \$120 (for “Barn Raising,” including tasting menu) depending on concert

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Joan Tower). The concluding concert is a double this year, being performed first at the traditional location, the Eddie Adams Barn, on Saturday, July 29 at 8 p.m., and then being repeated the next day at The Cooperage in Honesdale, PA at 4 p.m.

Of Tower, this year’s composer-in-residence, WCM’s website says, “[Her] music is noted for a number of defining qualities: driving rhythms and colourful orchestrations influenced by the sounds and sensations of a childhood spent in South America; approachability for listeners and players alike, resulting from her engagement with the performers of her music (often written with specific musicians in mind) and her own performances as a pianist and conductor.”

For a full listing of concerts and to buy tickets, visit [www.wcmconcerts.org/concerts/](http://www.wcmconcerts.org/concerts/)



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Sweetbriar Rose

### Sweetbriar Rose on Second Saturday

**HONESDALE** — On Saturday July 14, 2018 The Cooperage will be the headquarters for July’s Second Saturday Honesdale, when Sweetbriar Rose, featuring Arrah Fisher, will perform starting at 7 p.m. The Cooperage will also sell T-shirts, food and beverages with the proceeds to help fund Second Saturday.

The Americana-tinged folk-noir band Sweetbriar Rose is a band of rootsy gypsies whom you’re equally likely to glimpse running in full sun, barefoot on a field of bluegrass, brooding in three-part harmony over a murder ballad in a shady grove, or channeling the spirit of a 1940s Balkan jazz joint. The Philadelphia Folk Song society counts Sweetbriar Rose among its “most exciting and boundary-pushing acts,” and they are gearing up to record their second record this spring, to be released in fall 2018.

The suggested donation is \$10 per person. Kids under are admitted free. The Cooperage is located at 1030 Main St.

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Outstanding musical talents will be performing all day, including popular solo artist Randy Jackson; the Led Zeppelin tribute band Kashmir; Rat Race Choir, which performs Jethro Tull and other iconic progressive music; and Blue Ruin, a leading New York's blues and classic rock band, among many others.

Organizers have invited five chefs to prepare one 150-pound pig each, to compete in "The Big Pig Off," and the results of their hard work can be had for only \$5 a plate. One will be declared Pigmaster of 2018.

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### SUMMER PASTIMES

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#### 'Soul of the Balkans'

MILFORD, PA — Kindred Spirits Arts Programs continues its 2018 season with The Noga Group, led by Avram Pengas, in a program titled "Soul of the Balkans." It will take place on Saturday, July 14 at the Milford Theatre. One of the most popular ethnic ensembles in New York City, it will bring to the stage song and dance from Greece, Macedonia, Turkey, Serbia and other countries of the region.

Tickets for adults cost \$20 at the door, \$15 when bought in advance for the performances at the Milford Theatre. Children under 15 are admitted free. Purchase advance tickets at [www.kindredspiritsarts.org](http://www.kindredspiritsarts.org) or at Holy Crepes, 224 Broad St.; and at Main Avenue Books, 202 Main Ave.

These events are supported in part by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts,



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#### The Noga Group

and the National Endowment for the Arts. Kindred Spirits invites residents of this tri-state area to become a Friend of Kindred Spirits AP, which is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization. For more information visit [www.kindredspiritsarts.org](http://www.kindredspiritsarts.org).

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Irenaueus Yurchuk is seen in his studio.

### ‘Visual Reassessments’: Irenaueus Yurchuk

NARROWSBURG, NY — “Visual Reassessments,” an exhibition of mixed-media paintings by Irenaueus Yurchuk, opens at Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, 37 Main St, on Friday, July 13, with a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. The show will be on view at the Alliance Gallery through August 11.

Yurchuk’s work evolves from exploring the aesthetics of photographic images. After spending over 50 years as an ardent photographer, he has amassed thousands of images that have become the inspiration and frequent source of his new mixed media work.

“Over the years my work has evolved to combine multiple image photography with drawing and painting, using a variety of digital editing and physical montage techniques,” Yurchuk says. “This

includes adjusting inkjet images by applying acrylics, watercolors, pastels, markers, colored pencils together with selected collage materials to achieve a desired effect.”

Born in Ukraine and raised in Upstate New York, Yurchuk moved to New York City to earn an architecture degree from The Cooper Union and graduate degrees in Urban Design and Planning from Columbia University.

“I have a special interest in characterizing buildings, which reflects my background in architecture and urban design,” he says.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit [delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org) or call 845/252-7576.

### Bus trip to O’Keefe exhibit at botanical gardens

PORT JERVIS, NY — The River Valley Artists Guild is sponsoring a bus trip to the New York Botanical Gardens (NYBG) on Wednesday, September 5 to see “Georgia O’Keefe: Visions of Hawaii” exhibit at the New York Botanical Garden. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. from the Dutch Reformed Church parking lot, 30 East Main St.

Curated by Theresa Papanikolas, Ph.D., of the Honolulu Museum of Art, this landmark exhibition will offer a rare focus on 20 of O’Keefe’s depictions of Hawaii from a nine-week sojourn in 1939 while on commission to produce images for a Hawaiian Pineapple Company promotional campaign.

A lush exhibition in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory of Hawaiian flora and a stunning display in the LuEsther T.

Mertz Library Art Gallery that includes more than 15 of O’Keefe’s Hawaii paintings—not seen together in New York since their debut in 1940—will spotlight a transformative experience in the legendary artist’s life, revealing O’Keefe’s deeply felt impressions and the enduring influence of the Islands’ dramatic landscapes and exotic plants.

For more information visit [www.rivervalleyartistsguildofportjervis.com](http://www.rivervalleyartistsguildofportjervis.com). To purchase tickets call William Schill at 845/856-6741 or mail a check for \$65, made payable to the River Valley Artists Guild, to PO Box 75, Sparrow Bush, NY 12780. Include your name and contact information if mailing a check.

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### 'Nature Smiles in Color'

MILFORD, PA — The ARtery Gallery will present a new exhibit featuring artists Madeline Tully and Claude Larson; titled "Nature Smiles in Color," it opens on July 12. There will be a reception on July 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the gallery, 210 Broad St., and the show will run through August 6.

An early member of the 19-year-old cooperative gallery, Tully's work is very popular with the visitors. Her paintings use striking color and a style reminiscent of the Old Masters and Impressionists to depict scenes and florals with a romantic flair. Tully's work elicits a walk through a garden or a wistful step back in time.



"Moonbeams," by Claude Larson



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"Lavender Flowers," by Madeline Tully

Also color enthusiast, artist Claude Larson presents a collection of works that, from the smallest blooms to the far reaches of space, interpret the natural world through textiles and collage.

Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Monday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit [www.arterygallerymilford.com](http://www.arterygallerymilford.com).

### Oktoberfest in July

SHAWNEE ON DELAWARE, PA — The area's first Oktoberfest in July will take place at Shawnee Mountain on July 14 and 15 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A celebration of the German culture, Oktoberfest in July will feature authentic German food and beer including Krombacher and Kellerbier. Vendors will serve wursts, strudel, potato pancakes, kiffles and more.

The event will feature three stages of music. The Austrian Boys, a traditional Austrian-German style and Alpine-American rock band, will perform on the main stage both days. G.T.V. Almrausch, a dance group from Philadelphia, will also perform traditional German-style dance under the main festival tent both days. Joe Stanky & the Cadets will perform polka hits inside the Ski Lodge & Biergarten. Local favorite, the Apple Strudel Gang, will perform in the Brauhaus Bar.

In the Bier Stein Olympics, guests will compete in three events: stein hoisting, bier stein relay and the beer-belly contest. There will also be pig and wiener dog races, juggling and magic shows, face painting, craft vendors and more.

The festival will be held rain or shine. Advanced festival admission tickets cost \$9 for adults and \$7.50 for children ages five to 12; under four are admitted free. For more information, visit [www.shawneemt.com](http://www.shawneemt.com).



### Equinunk fire company barbeque

EQUINUNK, PA — The Equinunk Volunteer Fire Company will hold its chicken barbeque and day of fun on Sunday, July 29 at 12 noon. There will be games and entertainment sponsored by the Equinunk and Damascus First Responders. Music will be provided all afternoon, and food will include chicken, clams, sausages, soda and beer. Takeouts are available.

The fire company is currently conducting its annual drive for funds to keep its members and equipment up to date. Donations can be mailed to Equinunk Vol. Fire. Co., 2625 Hancock Hwy., Equinunk, PA 18417.

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### 'A Taste of India'

JEFFERSONVILLE, NY — Jeffersonville's JEMS will bring another of their internationally flavored festivals to Sullivan County on Saturday, July 14 at 7 p.m., with the focus this week on India. The event will take place at the Main Street Events Stage, 4912 State Rte. 52.

Two musicians and a traditional dancer will be featured. Sitar player Justin Scarimbolo, who has family ties to Sullivan County, has studied the sitar for over 20 years. He has performed with other acclaimed sitarists in both India and the United States. Tanla player Dibyarka Chatterjee was born in India, moved to New York City as a 10-year-old and has performed with renowned musicians at prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. Ariaki Dandawate, an Indian classical dancer, will perform one of the six major classical Indian dance forms called Kathak, whose origin is attributed to the traveling bards of ancient northern India.

There will be merchandise vendors starting at 6:30 p.m., and Dhani's Curry Melt of Liberty will provide a culinary taste of India. During the week prior to the event, the Jeffersonville branch of the



*Contributed photo*  
**Justin Scarimbolo**, who has ties to western Sullivan County, will play the sitar at "A Taste of India" on Saturday, July 14 in Jeffersonville.

Western Sullivan Library will feature photographs of India, part of the collection of Doug Hilson, a local resident who has traveled frequently to India.

Admission costs \$10 per person with children under the age of 12 free. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs. No pets are allowed.

### Openings at Art-a-Pelago galleries

HONESDALE, PA — The Wayne County Arts Alliance will hold openings of new exhibits at its Art-a-Pelago galleries in Honesdale as part of Honesdale's Second Saturday in July. All three will be open on July 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Paros Gallery at DJ Harvey Agency, 815 Main St. will feature the art of Patrick Dennis. Thasos Gallery, at Black & Brass, 520 Main St., will feature the art of Barbara McPhail. Anafi Gallery at Bodhi Tree, 214 6th St. will feature the art of Barbara McPhail.

### One-woman show casts a light on mental health themes

HURLEYVILLE, NY — An encore performance of "Every Brilliant Thing," a critically acclaimed play with important mental health themes, comes to the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St., on July 29 at 2 p.m. The play, by Duncan MacMillan with Jonny Donahoe, is about depression and the lengths we will go to for those we love. After being told that her mom can't think of anything worth living for, a little girl begins a list of everything brilliant about the world, everything worth living for. The show is being staged as a fundraiser and awareness raiser for NAMI Sullivan County, NY, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). All proceeds stay local.

While it is a one-character show, audience members are given snippets of the list to help tell the story. The show is directed and performed by Lori Schneider, executive director of NAMI Sullivan and an award-winning local director and actress.

Admission costs \$20 and includes light refreshments. The production is not recommended for children under the age of 16. Tickets will be available at the door, but reservations are suggested; call 845/794-1029. "Every Brilliant Thing" is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.



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**Lori Schneider** displays a wide range of emotions in the one-woman show, 'Every Brilliant Thing.'



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## ■ IN MY HUMBLE OPINION

By Jonathan Charles Fox

# Down the rabbit hole

Remember Alice in Wonderland and the white rabbit? I do, and recently I've been heard muttering "I'm late, I'm late... for a very important date!" all around town. Even as a kid, being prompt was important, mostly because members of my family were habitually late for Thanksgiving dinners, cello recitals, school plays and the like. Uncle Sid was the worst offender, and grandma was always "disappointed" with him for being tardy. His sister (my mother) would yell and stamp her foot over Sid's inability to be on time, and it made an impression on "Little Johnny" who, to this day, makes a habit of arriving early. Until now.

Suddenly, I find myself running out the door, with one shoe on and the dog nipping at my heels as I race to and fro "like a headless chicken" as mother would say. I have no clue why I've been late of late, but I do know that I don't care for it. Maybe it was last week's heat wave that made me sluggish, but I found myself rushing to get to the Forestburgh Playhouse before the curtain rose on "Kiss Me Kate," the Cole Porter musical based on a theatrical troupe performing William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." Packed with hit songs like "Another Op'nin', Another Show," "Wunderbar," "From This Moment On," and the ever-so-timely "Too Darn Hot," the production currently running at the theatre is lively, fun and (IMHO) quite well done. The leading players, Peter Gosik, Gail Bennett, Benjamin Sears and Julia Hemp, are all busy doing double duty, as their on-stage characters mirror their off-stage antics, all the while bursting into song at the drop of a hat, or in this case, a feathered cap. This production is a great showcase for the season's resident company of young performers who, under the direction of Chaz Wolcott, sparkle on stage. Once again, Wolcott has managed to fill the intimate playhouse with big dance numbers that show off Ashleigh Poteat's spot-on costuming choices as the story-within-a-story unfolds backstage.

The show is long (two-and-a-half hours), but thankfully, Gail Bennett (as Kate) is almost always somewhere on Matthew Crane's effective set, singing and acting her heart out. Bennett has impeccable comic timing, coupled with an incredible vocal range, and the result is pretty swell. She's the real deal, her performance is flawless, and as a result, she raises the bar for Gosik, Hemp and Sears, all of whom have their moments in the spotlight... but for me, it was all about Kate. I would be remiss if I didn't mention Steve Luker and Matthew Curiano (as First and Second Man) who knock it out of the park with their show-stopping interpretation of Porter's "Brush Up



TRR photos by Jonathan Charles Fox  
**Gail Bennett exudes star power** in the title role of "Kiss Me Kate," now playing at the Forestburgh Playhouse.



**"Better late than never,"** Rachelle Carmack whispered when I finally arrived, while posing with daughter Julianna, who hosted the "Creative Art & Design Show" pop-up in Monticello last Friday.



**"Young, hip & talented"** could have been the title of the pop-up "Creative Art and Design Show" featuring the work of Emily Bishop, Malik Bridges and Josh Deitchman.

Your Shakespeare." Thankfully, I wasn't so late as to miss the overture and the "Op'nin'" number, which featured Abeba Isaac (as Hattie), whose voice and stage presence shone just a little bit brighter than the rest of the chorus. I say it every season, and I'm often correct; mark my words: this young lady is going places.

Still wilting from the heat, I threw myself in front of a fan and turned on the TV, oblivious of the fact that I was scheduled to pop in to a pop-up, in the form of the one-night-only "Creative Art and Design Show" in Monticello, featuring the work of Emily Bishop, Malik Bridges and Josh Deitchman, all of whom grew up in Sullivan County and are now scattered across the USA. Event coordinator Juliana Carmack brought all three together for the show, and it was Carmack's mother Rachelle who alerted me to my tardiness.

"Where are you?" the text read as my phone vibrated on the nightstand. "You're late!" Cursing my tribute to Uncle Sid, I raced out the door, met up with the talented trio and made apologies all around while blaming the dog (sorry Dharma!) for my inability to arrive on time. The overall vibe was young and hip, and a large crowd of young art enthusiasts were in attendance, sipping on adult beverages, while listening to the smooth sounds of "RoseGold" playing in the background. Low Key clothing designer Austin Billig was also on "in da house" schmoozing with painter Deitchman, whose cool work adorns Billig's denim jackets.

"Who knew?" I asked Rachelle when taking my leave. "I did," she said with a wink, "and now... so do you. Better late than never."

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Newcomer Abeba Isaac, center, is making a name for herself nightly as Hattie in the Forestburgh Playhouse production of "Kiss Me Kate."



Matthew Curiano, left, and Steve Luker are bringing the house down nightly in the Forestburgh Playhouse production of Cole Porter's "Kiss Me Kate."



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MILFORD PA — Belle Reve Senior Living Community presents a Q&A for questions about caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia. Belle Reve’s Alzheimer’s Educational Series brings the expertise of area professionals to discuss varied topics each month. The next presentation will be held from 6-7 p.m.

Bethel Lakeside Music

KAUNENOGA LAKE / BETHEL — Bethel Lakeside Music hosts Bryan Gordon at 6:30 - 8pm. Kauneonga Lake Community Gazebo Park. Rt 55 x Lake Street. FREE. Rain or Shine.

Fiber Arts Roundtable

BETHANY — Learn knitting, crocheting, tatting, macramé, spinning wool and more, or teach others at this informal gathering. All skill levels welcome, even if you don’t have materials. Meets second Thursday each month, 6:30-8:30pm. 570/253-4349.

‘For the Love of Wildlife’

NARROWSBURG — “For the Love of Wildlife” Photographs of Glenn Swendsen now through 8/24/18 at the Eagle Gallery in the Narrowsburg Union, open Monday through Saturday, 8am to 8pm and Sunday 8am to 5pm.

Let’s Play Mahjong

BETHANY — Mahjong every Thursday from 1-4pm at Bethany Public Library. Beginners welcome. 570/253-4349

Monticello Farmers’ Market

MONTICELLO — Catskill Mountaineer hosts the Monticello Farmers’ Market, Broadway at Joe’s Park, 3pm-6pm.

Raw food presentation

PORT JERVIS — The Port Jervis Free Library, 138 Pike St., presents two programs by Professor Sophia: one primarily for children, 3pm, and one primarily for adults, 6pm. To register call 845/856-7313 ext.5, or email to thehub@portjervislibrary.org or in person at the library.

Rummage sale

LIVINGSTON Manor — Sullivan-St. Tammany Chapter #298 Order of Eastern Star, rummage sale, 9:30am- 2:30pm July 9 to 14. Call Sharon 845/439-3102 for info.

Stourbridge Pie at the Cooperage

HONESDALE — The Cooperage presents Stourbridge Pie: A Market Gathering Place farmers and artisans market, 1030 Main St., 4-7pm. 570/253-2020.

Fri., Jul. 13

Alzheimer’s Programs

LIBERTY — Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County hosts free Alzheimer’s Programs for Seniors & Caregivers. This session: “Understanding & Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior,” 1:30-3:30pm at the Care Center/Sunset Lake, 256 Sunset Lake Rd. Events are free to the public. Registration requested in advance at www.sullivanvance.org, or email sullivan@cornell.edu, or call 845/292-6180. Contact CCESC for those with special needs.

David Gans at The Cooperage

HONESDALE — The Cooperage hosts legendary performer David Gans, 7:30pm with meet-and-greet signing, 6pm. Cost: \$20/concert; \$30/concert & meet-and-greet. 570/253-2020

Liberty Farmers’ Market

LIBERTY — Catskill Mountaineer hosts Liberty Farmers’ Market, 119 North Main St., behind the Parks and Rec Bldg., 3-6pm.

‘Matter of Course’ mixed media by Sonjie Feliciano Solomon

NARROWSBURG — Opening reception, 7-9pm, for “Matter of Course,” mixed media by Sonjie Feliciano Solomon at DVAA, 37 Main St. Exhibit runs through August 11.

Rummage sale

LIVINGSTON Manor — Sullivan-St. Tammany Chapter #298 Order of Eastern Star hosts a rummage sale from 9:30am to 2:30pm, through July 14. Call Sharon 845/439-3102 for more info.

‘The Revolutionists’

NARROWSBURG — Act Underground Theatre Company presents “The Revolutionists,” July 13 & 14, 8pm; July 15, 2pm. Cost: \$20/person. 845/588-5043 or email info@actundergroundtheatre.com.

Theatre show: ‘Rabbit Hole’

SOUTH FALLSBURG — Sullivan County Dramatic workshop presents “Rabbit Hole,” the winner of the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, at the Rivoli Theatre on Main Street, 8pm. General admission \$15, seniors/students/military veterans \$12.. 845/436-5336 or www.SCDW.net.

“Visual Reassessments”: paintings by Irenaeus Yurchuk

NARROWSBURG — Opening reception, at DVAA, 37 Main St., 7-9pm, for “Visual Reassessments,” mixed media paintings by Irenaeus Yurchuk. Exhibit runs through August 11. Free and open to the public.

Sat., Jul. 14

‘2nd Annual Lackawaxen Music Festival’

LACKAWAXEN — “2nd Annual Lackawaxen Music Festival” and “The Great Pig Off” pig cook off contest will be held on the grounds of the Lackawaxen Fire Company, just over the Roebling Bridge. Food is \$5 a plate and the proceeds benefit the Lackawaxen Fire Company and the American Legion. See thelackawaxenmusicfestival.com or for more information visit Eventbrite.com.

‘A Taste of India’

JEFFERSONVILLE — JEMS & DVAA sponsor “A Taste of India” at 7pm on the Main Street Events Stage (across from the Jeff Post Office). \$10/person and FREE for children 12 & under. Call Lucette 914/799-1897.

14th Annual FCS Alumni Reunion

WOODBURNE NY —Fallsburg Central School alumni, 14th annual reunion at the Woodbourne Firehouse, 11am-2pm. Admission and luncheon, \$15 donation. Pay at the door; make checks out to Fallsburg Alumni Association and mail to Fallsburg Central School, Attention: Bonnie Blanchard, PO Box 124, Fallsburg, NY 12733. For information call Regina 845/866-0232.

Art & Antiques Show and Sale

HONESDALE — The Women’s Club of Honesdale hosts the 56th Annual Wayne County Art & Antiques Show and Sale at Wayne Highlands Middle School, 10am-5pm. Over 50 dealers and local artists. Onsite restoration of crystal, glass, chair caning and more. Appraisals, \$5 per item. Homemade refreshments. Admission: \$6/person. www.women-sclubofhonesdale.com

Art-a-Pelago galleries

HONESDALE — Opening of new exhibits by Wayne County Arts Alliance members at three Art-a-Pelago galleries, on Second Saturday, 6-9pm. Paros Gallery at

DJ Harvey Agency, 815 Main St. featuring art by Patrick Dennis. Also art by Barbara McPhail at Thasos Gallery at Black & Brass, 520 Main St and Anafi Gallery at Bodhi Tree, 214 6th St. Visit waynecountyartsalliance.org. Follow Honesdale Second Saturday on facebook or @2ndsatho nesdale on instagram.

Benefit Breakfast

DAMASCUS — Damascus Community Center breakfast served on Recycling Saturday,, 7 to 11am, at the Township Building, 60 Conklin Hill Rd. Adults \$7; ages 5-12 \$5; under 5 free. Proceeds support Damascus Community Center projects. 631/521-1170.

Book signing

HURLEYVILLE NY — Chris Gibson, former Congressman, will be signing his book “Rally Point,” from 10 AM - Noon at the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville NY. Books will be available for purchase. Co-sponsored by the Sullivan CountyHistorical Society and The Delaware Company. For more information call 845/434-8044.

Book talk with Maya van Rossum

LIVINGSTON MANOR — Morgan Outdoors will host Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, for a discussion and signing of her book ‘The Green Amendment: Securing our Right to a Healthy Environment’ at 4pm. Event will be held at Morgan Outdoors, 46 Main Street.

Chicken BBQ

LAKE HUNTINGTON — Lake Huntington Fire Co. chicken BBQ, 3-6pm. Cost: \$11/ dinner. Tickets: from a fireman or call 845/932-8514 or 932-8444.

Chicken BBQ

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS — White Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church 25th annual chicken BBQ, 4-7pm (or sold out). Held at Firemen’s Park on Shore Road. Adults & take-outs \$11; children age 5-12 \$5. Tickets at the door. 845/ 292-2683.

Craft Fair and Flea Market

GLEN SPEY — The Lumberland Senior Center hosts a Craft Fair and Flea Market, 9am-4pm. Indoor and outdoor tables available. Vendors wanted. 845/856-2631

‘Felt Storyboards for Kids’

LIBERTY, NY— Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) is offering “Felt Storyboards for Kids” an educational 4-H Youth Development program series on the second Saturday of each month through October 13, 1- 3pm. Programs open to non-4H-members. Donation \$5 per class. Registration with payment required in advance: visit www.sullivanvance.org, email sullivan@cornell.edu, or call 845/292-6180.

George Orwell’s ‘Animal Farm’

MONTICELLO — The Catskill Readers’ Theatre presents George Orwell’s “ANIMAL FARM” at 2pm at the Crawford Library, Monticello, NY. For more info call Sally 845/434-0209.

Giant Yard Sale

ABRAHAMSVILLE PA — The United Methodist Church hosts a yard sale at 8:30am to 3pm, a bag sale from noon to 1pm for \$3 and 2 to 3pm for \$2 bag. Chicken BBQ will also be held between 11am and 2pm for \$6. Call Michele for tickets at 570/224-6346 or Denise Wood for more information at 570/224-4113.

Hancock Farmers’ Market

HANCOCK — Hancock Town Square hosts the Hancock Farmers’ Market every Saturday all summer long, 9am-2pm. jays@pronetisp.net

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### Joel Hill Sawmill & Cleveland Museum open house

LOOKOUT — The Equinunk Historical Society's Joel Hill Sawmill will feature free tours and sawing demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15, from 11am to 3pm. The sawmill and Cleveland Museum are located off Creek Rd. Call 570/224-6722 for info.

### Lackawaxen EMS Bingo

LACKAWAXEN — Lackawaxen EMS hosts Family Bingo Saturdays, July 14th, 21st, and 28th at Masthlope Mountain Community Lodge. Contact Michelle Thompson at 570/685-4022.

### 'Nature Smiles in Color' art gallery

MILFORD PA — ARtery Gallery's new exhibit featuring artists Madeline Tully and Claude Larson, "Nature Smiles in Color". Meet the artists for a gallery reception, 6-9pm., 210 Broad St. Show runs through August 6. Hours Thursday through Sunday, 11am-6pm; Monday, 11am-3pm. Visit [www.arterygallerymiford.com](http://www.arterygallerymiford.com).

### Narrowsburg Farmers' Market

NARROWSBURG — The Narrowsburg Union hosts the Narrowsburg Farmers' Market, 11am-2pm. [narrowsburgfarmer-smarket.org](http://narrowsburgfarmer-smarket.org)

### Rhododendron Hike & Historic Lodge Tour

LAKE ARIEL — Lacawac Sanctuary hosts a rhododendron hike & historic lodge tour from 1 to 3pm. Event is free and registration appreciated. This program will be meeting at the Carriage House.

### 'Romping Radishes on the Run: Seed Stories'

LAKE ARIEL — Lacawac Sanctuary hosts Romping Radishes on the Run: Seed Stories at 10am. More information on Romping Radishes at <https://www.lacawac.org/romping-radishes.html>.

### Rummage sale

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### 'Soul of the Balkans' Avram Pengas's Noga Group Comes to Milford

MILFORD PA — Kindred Spirits Arts Programs hosts Soul of the Balkans. Tickets for adults cost \$20 or \$15 when purchased in advance; children under 15 are admitted free. See <http://www.kindredspiritsarts.org/>. For further information contact Yosif Feigelson, 570/409-1269, [kindredspir@yaho.com](mailto:kindredspir@yaho.com).

### Sweetbriar Rose

HONESDALE — The Cooperage presents Sweetbriar Rose featuring Arrah Fisher at 7pm, Donation is \$10 per person, Kids under 15 FREE.

### Theatre show 'Rabbit Hole'

SOUTH FALLSBURG — The Sullivan County Dramatic workshop presents "Rabbit Hole", the winner of the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, at the Rivoli Theatre, Main Street, South Fallsburg, NY. Performance on Saturday, July 14, at 8pm. \$15 General admission; \$12 Seniors/Students/Military/Veterans. Information: 845/436-5336 or [www.SCDW.net](http://www.SCDW.net).

### Tricky tray

HAWLEY — Central Volunteer Fire Department hosts a tricky tray, 2pm. Doors open 12noon. Three levels of prizes. Admission: \$6, includes sheet of 25 tickets for Level 1 prizes. 570/949-4296

### Turtle Trot 10k and 10k relay

JEFFERSONVILLE — Kenoza Lake Firehouse hosts the Turtle Trot 10k and 10k relay. Walk 7:30am, run 8am. Entry fee: \$25 by June 30, \$30 on race day. [farmerack@yahoo.com](mailto:farmerack@yahoo.com) or 845/701-9054

### Video Toons- WSPL

NARROWSBURG — Western Sullivan Public Library Announces Video Toons. This workshop will take place at the Tusten-Cochecton Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library at 10am and 11:30am. The program is intended for children ages 3-12 accompanied by an adult. Please register online at [www.WSPLonline.org](http://www.WSPLonline.org) or by calling 845/252-3360.

### Weekend of Chamber Music

#### Concert Series: Benefit at Eddie Adams Farm

JEFFERSONVILLE — As part of the Weekend of Chamber Music Concert Series, Eddie Adams Farm hosts a benefit featuring an enchantment of music and poetry, 5pm. Followed by a multi-course tasting menu inspired by the flavors of Levant, Central and South Asia, and the American South.

### Women's Club Art & Antiques show

HONESDALE — The Women's Club of Honesdale hosts an Art & Antiques Show on Saturday, July 14 10am to 5pm and Sunday July 15 10am to 4pm. For more information visit our web page and like us on Facebook.

## Sun., Jul. 15

### 7th Annual Family Fun Picnic

DINGMANS FERRY — The 7th Annual Family Fun Picnic, a free event hosted by TriVersity, a center for gender and sexual diversity from noon to 4pm at Camp Akenac, Rt. 739, Dingmans Ferry. All are welcome!

### Annual Pancake Breakfast

JEFFERSONVILLE — Jeffersonville Fire Department hosts its annual pancake breakfast 7am to 12noon at the Jeffersonville firehouse on main street.

### Art & Antiques Show and Sale

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### Breakfast at Pine Mill Community Hall

EQUINUNK — The Pine Mill Community Hall hosts its monthly breakfast, 7:30-11:30am. Includes a cheese omelet or eggs the way you like them, a sausage patty, 2 pancakes (plain or blueberry), home fries, apple sauce, juice, and coffee or tea. Cost: \$8/adults, \$4/children 4-8 (half-portion), free/children under 4. 570/224-8500

### Dover String Quartet; Andrew Garland, baritone- Maverick

WOODSTOCK — Maverick Concerts presents Dover String Quartet; Andrew Garland, baritone at 4pm. Tickets can be found at <http://bit.ly/2otBk5n> or by calling 800/595-4849. General admission is \$30, reserved seating \$45, & STUDENTS are \$5.

### Family Fun Day at Billy's New Hope Barn

HONESDALE, PA — Billy's New Hope Barn hosts a fun day rain or shine, free to all from noon to 5pm. located at 349 Schoolhouse Rd. Honesdale PA 18431. Call 570/253-2510.

### French toast & waffle breakfast

ROCK HILL — The Rock Hill Volunteer Fire Department hosts an all-you-can-eat French Toast & Waffle Breakfast, 7am-12noon. Pancakes, sausage, hash browns and more. Cost: \$8/adults, \$6/kids under 12, free/under 5. 845/794-6865

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Museum open house  
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### Milford Farmers' Market

MILFORD — The Columns Museum hosts the fifth annual Milford Farmers' Market, 10am-2pm. Every Sunday until October 21. [airsoilwater.org](http://airsoilwater.org)

### 'Music in Translation' Cello Concert

HURLEYVILLE — The Sullivan County Historical Society is presenting a cello concert, "Music in Translation" performed by Nicky Sweet, at 3:30pm at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville. Admission is free and donations are welcome. For more information call 845/434-8044.

### Pancake Breakfast

PINE MILL — The Pine Mill Community Hall will hold its monthly Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 to 11:30 am. Adults/\$8, children ten and under/\$4. Infants under 4/free. Located at 919 Pine Mill Rd. Call 570/225-8500 for information or directions.

### Pancake Breakfast

HAWLEY — Blooming Grove Volunteer Firehouse hosts a blueberry pancake breakfast from 8am to 12noon at 484 Route 739, Lords Valley. Adults/\$8, Children(10 & under)/\$4; Children 3 and under/free. Eat in or take out. Call 570/775-7355 for information or visit us on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BGVFD.STA25/>.

### The Woodland Weavers and Spinners Guild- meeting

LACKAWAXEN — The Woodland Weavers and Spinners Guild is planning a meeting at the Zane Grey Museum on July 15, as part of the museum's Zane Grey Days celebration from 10am to 4pm  
DUES for the guild are \$20 for the year,

and \$30 for a family membership. The guild meets the third Saturday of the month from April through November. For any questions or directions, please call Lisa Rose at (845) 866-4354.

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### Weekend of Chamber Music

LIBERTY — Liberty Museum & Arts Center hosts a weekend of chamber music beginning at 4pm. Admission is \$20/person. For more information contact 845/292-2394 or visit [libertymuseum.com](http://libertymuseum.com). Event will be held at 46 S Main St. Liberty, NY  
.WOMEN'S Club Art and Antiques show  
HONESDALE — The Women's Club of Honesdale hosts an Art & Antiques Show on Saturday, July 14 10am to 5pm and Sunday July 15 10am to 4pm. For more information visit our web page and like us on Facebook.

### Zazenkai meditation retreat

NARROWSBURG — Two Rivers Zen Community hosts a Zazenkai meditation retreat. Zendo opens 7:15am, tea and coffee 7:45am, orientation begins 8am. Come together with like-minded individuals to enjoy a day of peaceful, relaxing silence. Includes lunch, coffee and tea. Fee: \$40, \$25/formal members. Limited enrollment. [tworiverszen.org/zazenkai/](http://tworiverszen.org/zazenkai/)

## Mon., Jul. 16

### Monitoring & Managing Ash Trees with CRISP

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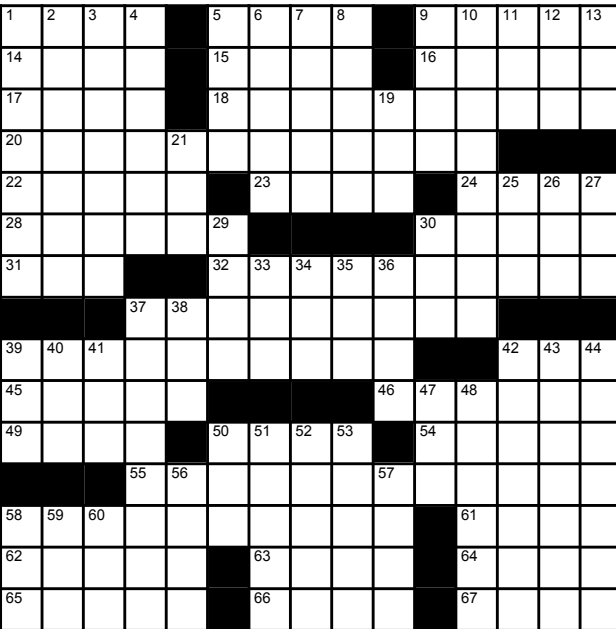
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- Containers for fireflies
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- Part of ICU
- Leader of the All-Starr Band
- Monk monikers
- He pitched his debut novel to a publisher by saying "It's about a kid in New York during the Christmas holidays"
- Music played at a hospital?
- Bad for picnicking
- Vending machine bills
- Pond film
- Tree rings
- Sporty Mazda
- Sault \_\_\_\_\_ Marie
- Literally wear spaghetti straps?
- Get an A+?
- Business event held by Vincent Van Gogh or Evander Holyfield?
- Fashion monogram
- One-eighty
- Worth mentioning
- Sitcom named for its star
- [It's gone!]
- Suffers in the sun
- Apt response from a crossword solver when asked "Do you like this puzzle's theme?"
- Manages to get through
- Fruit juice brand
- Tutu, e.g.
- Easy to steer
- Cabinet dept. since 1977
- Stunned
- Suffix with prank
- Howard and Paul

DOWN

- To the extent that
- A little off

- Queued up
- Four-armed Hindu deity
- TV news anchor Chang
- "\_\_\_\_\_ it goes"
- Up from bed
- It might be blank
- \_\_\_\_-a-brac
- Penalty box locale
- Suffix with floor or roof
- Time of your life
- Neither's partner
- Part of LAX
- Olive in the funny pages
- James Dean's "East of Eden" role
- Hopi relative
- More, in Mexico
- Fingered
- Hip-hop's \_\_\_\_\_ Def
- Where lieutenants are trained: Abbr.
- Jennifer Lopez's first husband Ojani \_\_\_\_\_
- Void, in Vichy
- It's 71% cookie and 29% creme
- Aquarium bubblers
- MSNBC rival
- The Continent: Abbr.
- Had
- Massage
- Performer who's the descendant of a Japanese emperor
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- Saxophonist Young and others
- Org. with a Most Wanted List
- Egypt's Lake \_\_\_\_\_
- Architect I.M. \_\_\_\_\_
- "Love Train" group, with "the"
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the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 44 Pleasant Street, Monticello, NY 12701

**Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company**  
The name of the limited liability company is: JAXSUN LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State's office on: June 25, 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 : 141 BALLARD RD, MANGAUP VALLEY, NY 12762

**Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company**  
The name of the limited liability company is: RJ Precision Lawncare, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State's office on: April 26, 2018 The County in which the Office is to be located: Sullivan County 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 : 575 Benton Hollow Road Woodbourne, NY 12788

**Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company**  
Notice of Formation of Cardan Building Services LLC. AOS filed with NY Secretary of State ("SSNY") on 6/1/18. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Cardan Building Services LLC, POB 260085, Bellerose, NY 11426. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of AGEML Services, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/25/18. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, P.O. Box 14, Cochecton, NY 12726. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Eyes on Main St. Optometry PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State

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of NY (SSNY) on 6/7/18. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The PLLC, P.O. Box 67, Jeffersonville, NY 12748. Purpose: practice the profession of optometry.

**Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company**  
The name of the LLC is: Fialkoff's Pizza LLC Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on: 5/24/2018 NY Office location: Sullivan County SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC 250 E Broadway Monticello, NY 12701 Purposes: any lawful act or activity.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited partnership ("LP").**  
TRIFOUR L.P.. Cert. filed with the Sec. of State of NY ("SSNY") on 4/25/2018. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LP may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process against the LP served upon him/her to: The LP 3611 14TH AVENUE, SUITE 603 BROOKLYN, NY 11218. Name and address of each general partner is available from the SSNY. Latest date to dissolve: 04/01/2117. Purpose/Character: any lawful purpose.

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the LP served upon him/her to: The LP 3611 14TH AVENUE, SUITE 603 BROOKLYN, NY 11218. Name and address of each general partner is available from the SSNY. Latest date to dissolve: 04/01/2117. Purpose/Character: any lawful purpose.

**Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company**

Notice of Formation of Northend Property Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/10/18. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company**

286 Atlantic Avenue Investors LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 6/27/18. 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 Benchmark Monticello, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 6/6/18. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 111 8th Ave, NY, NY 10011. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave, NY, NY 10011. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company**

Notice of Qualification of Beck Facility Services, LLC. Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 6/12/18. Office location: Sullivan County. LLC formed in Georgia (GA) on 12/2/15. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 111 8th Ave, NY, NY 10011. GA address of LLC: 147 Jackson St, Newnan, GA 30263. Cert. of Formation filed

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with GA Secy of State, 313 W. Tower 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., Atlanta, GA 30334. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave, NY, NY 10011. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SULLIVAN Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Tina Hamilton; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 8, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Sullivan County Courthouse, Monticello, New York on August 14, 2018 at 12:00PM, premises known as 10 Beech Street, Town Of Rockland, NY 12758. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Rockland, County of Sullivan, State of NY, Section 48 Block 12 Lot 4 & 6. Approximate amount of judgment \$80,354.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 2017-1986. Joseph Pond, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: June 18, 2018 **#95160**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT- COUNTY OF SULLIVAN CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff, AGAINST CHARLES HOGENCAMP A/K/A CHARLES HOGENCAMP III A/K/A CHARLES E. HOGANCAMP, A/K/A CHARLES E. HOGENCAMP III A/K/A CHARLES HOGANCAMP A/K/A CHARLES E. HOGANCAMP III, et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered on April 19, 2018 I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Sullivan County Courthouse, 414 Broadway Monticello, NY 12701 and 414 Broadway Monticello, NY 12701 on July 24, 2018 at 10:00 AM premises known as 92 CAUTHERS RD, WOODRIDGE, NY 12789 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Fallsburgh, County

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of Sullivan and State of New York. Section 58, Block 1 and Lot 38 Approximate amount of judgment \$231,490.44 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #2015-2154. E. DANIELLE JOSE-DECKER, ESQ., Referee, Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747

**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, ULSTER SAVINGS BANK, et al, Plaintiff, vs. NANCY BUCK, et al, Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on April 6, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Sullivan County Courthouse, 414 Broadway, Monticello, NY on July 24, 2018 at 10:00 am, premises known as 145 Gabriel Road, Smallwood, NY 12778. All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the Town of Bethel, County of Sullivan, State of New York, known and designated as Section: 42; Block: 16; and Lot: 12. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 1498/15. William Chellis, Esq., Referee We are a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Staggs, Terenzi, Confusione & Wabnik, LLP, 401 Franklin Avenue, Suite 300, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, WESTVUE NPL TRUST II, Plaintiff, vs. KEITH M. OLSEN, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered May 24, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Lawrence H. Cooke Sullivan County Courthouse, 414 Broadway, Monticello, NY on August 07, 2018 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 218 Keller Road, Callicoon Center, NY 12724. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Callicoon, County of Sullivan and State of New York, Section 8, Block 1 and Lot 10.1 f/k/a 10.0. Approximate amount of judgment is \$716,968.78 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions

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of filed Judgment Index # 2015-1947. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Referee. Bruce Perlmutter, Esq., Referee Peter T. Roach & Associates, P.C., 6901 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 240, Syosset, New York 11791, Attorneys for Plaintiff

Please take notice that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Highland will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Section 190 of the Town of Highland Code, on the application of Donald Schaaf for an Area Variance for property identified as Town of Highland Section 8, Block 5, Lot 13. Said hearing will be held on the 19th day of July 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 Zoning Board of Appeals PO Box 138 Eldred, NY 12732

**LEGAL NOTICE****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, July 27th, 2018 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. Ice Control (B-18-64) Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (B-18-65) Re-Roofing of Upper and Lower EPDM Roof at the Sullivan County Government Center (B-18-66) 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. Dated: July 13th, 2018

**Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company**

Fairchild Place PropCo, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 5/25/18. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 50 Merrick Rd, Ste

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203, Rockville Ctr., NY 11570. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company**

CR RT. 94 PROPERTIES LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/27/2018. Office in Sullivan Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 8870 State Rte. 97, Callicoon, NY 12723. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**LEGAL NOTICE****FOR PUBLIC HEARING  
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN  
RESIDENTS**

County of Sullivan RESIDENTS please take notice that the County of Sullivan is considering preparing an application for a Community Development Block Grant under the NYS Homes and Community Renewal's Office of Community Renewal (OCR). The state must ensure that no less than 70% of its CDBG funds are used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The program objectives are achieved by supporting activities or projects that: benefit low- and moderate-income families; create job opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons; prevent or eliminate slums and blight; or address a community development need that poses a serious and imminent threat to the community's health or welfare. Project selection shall take into consideration the recommendation of the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council or the determination that the proposed project aligns with the regional strategic priorities of the respective region. While future funding rounds may become available, the maximum amount of funds the County may currently apply for under the Block Grant Program is \$750,000 for Public Infrastructure (up to \$1,000,000 with NYS Co-Funding Initiative), \$900,000 for joint applicants (up to \$1,250,000 with NYS Co-Funding Initiative), \$300,000 for Public Facilities, \$50,000 for Planning and \$200,000 for Microenterprise. The type of activities which may be undertaken with these funds include or involve acquisition and disposition of real property, public facilities and improvements, clearance activities, public services,

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payment of non-federal share of another federal program, removal of architectural barriers, relocation, rehabilitation and preservation activities, economic development and job generating activities as well as other activities appropriate to serving community development needs. Residents of the county should note that more applications will be submitted to New York State than can be funded. This program is competitive and is structured to provide assistance to communities addressing the needs of its low- and moderate-income residents. The county will be holding one public hearing to solicit citizen feedback on the community and economic development needs of the community and any/all proposed projects prior to the submission on: Public Hearing: Tuesday July 24, 2018 TIME: 10AM PLACE: Legislative Hearing Room Facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Special accommodations shall be made upon request by calling (845)807-0527 Residents who wish to submit written statements on their views may do so at the hearing or prior by sending them to the Clerk to the Legislature, Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, PO Box 5012, Monticello, New York 12701., email annmarie.martin@co.sullivan.ny.us or fax 845-807-0447. Comments are also sought on the County's past performance with CDBG programs.

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## July at Grey Towers

MILFORD, PA — Grey Towers National Historic Site, the former home of Gifford Pinchot, founder and first chief of the U.S. Forest Service and two-term Pennsylvania governor, offers a number of activities in July.

Was Pinchot moved by his spirituality as he was making groundbreaking progress in the American conservation movement? On Saturday, July 21, a free lecture and discussion about his spiritual life will take place at 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments offered by the Grey Towers Heritage Association will follow. Reservations suggested at 570/296-9625 or [info@greytowers.org](mailto:info@greytowers.org).

Also in July is a free outdoor inspirational *plein air* painting program, “Come Paint with Me,” on the estate grounds. Join this non-instructional program or observe the artists at work from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Call 570/775-6896 for details.

Guided tours of the first floor of the 1886 mansion and the landscaped grounds are offered Thursdays through Mondays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. On weekends, the last tour of the day brings visitors upstairs. For more information visit [www.greytowers.org](http://www.greytowers.org).



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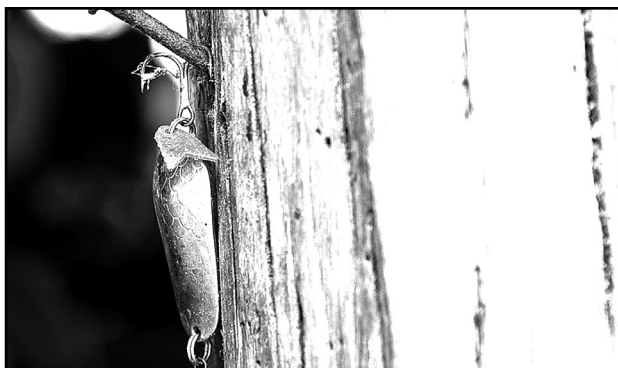
Hike around Lake Lacawac while the rhododendrons are in bloom.

## Film festival, rhododendrons at Lacawac

LAKE ARIEL, PA — Oscillation Transia Film Fest will come to Lacawac Sanctuary on Friday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. Oscillation Transia ([www.oscillationtransia.com](http://www.oscillationtransia.com)) is a non-profit traveling films festival sharing the importance of green energy and cinematic arts. Its goal is to unite a diverse population of Americans by means of a free, open-to-the-public film festival where dreamers and allies of the future can come together to experience and discuss environmental awareness through low-impact outdoor cinema. From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. there will be a solar energy workshop led by festival engineer Austin Krause. Starting about sundown (about 8:30 p.m.) the 90-minute film screening, consisting of nine short films, will begin.

This coming weekend, you can take a leisurely hike along the lake while the rhododendrons are in bloom at the “Rhododendron Hike & Historic Lodge Tour” on Saturday, July 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. Afterward, walk back in time to learn the history behind the Great Camp while enjoying a tour through Watres Lodge. Wear comfortable footwear. Registration appreciated. Participants will meet at the Carriage House.

Lacawac Sanctuary is located at 94 Sanctuary Rd. For more information visit [www.lacawac.org](http://www.lacawac.org).



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New TRR  
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those who  
fish

[This has been the first week of a new blog being offered at [www.riverreporter.com](http://www.riverreporter.com): “Lure of the Week,” by Hunter Hill. Here’s a taste of the first post. For the rest of the post, and for future posts, check out our website.]

### Krocodile

As a serious fisherman I’ve spent my share of time learning about various lures and rigs and how to use them. After years of experience I still find new lures out there, either technologically advanced or simply a hybrid of older classics. However one question remains for every lure out there: Does it catch fish? I’m beginning this series of lure reviews and testing to call attention not only to the new and flashy lures on the market, but also the tried and true for those anglers who may not have heard of what may become their newfound Excalibur. Don’t let the lady of the lake take it back....

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## Scenic values as economic assets

**N**ARROWSBURG, NY — Nationally-known planning authority Ed McMahon will travel to the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway river valley region on July 21 to speak about “The Dollars and Sense of Preserving Community Character.” The 10 a.m. to 12 noon presentation at The Narrowsburg Union offers free admission and refreshments, courtesy of the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway (UDSB) non-profit organization and fellow event sponsors Sullivan Renaissance, the American Planning Association NY Metro Chapter and the National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

On-line advance registration is requested at [www.byway.eventbrite.com](http://www.byway.eventbrite.com). Two hours of required continuing education credits can be earned by local planning and zoning board members for attending. New York and Pennsylvania residents, visitors, business owners and municipal officials will also benefit from the thought-provoking



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Ed McMahon

information shared. McMahon will address how scenic landscapes are an economic asset, and how preserving community character helps increase property values and tourism spending. The speaker will discuss the importance of guiding desirable development away from environmentally sensitive and distinctive places. Find out tools and strategies for how communities can avoid conflicts between conservation and economic development.

McMahon is a senior resident fellow with the Urban Land Institute in Washington, DC. He is a co-founder of the national non-profit Scenic America and an author of 16 books who has 25 years' experience in drafting local land-use plans and ordinances. The Narrowsburg Union (formerly a K-12 school) is located at 7 Erie Ave.

For more information call Laurie Ramie at 845/252-3022 or email [info@upperdelawarescenicbyway.org](mailto:info@upperdelawarescenicbyway.org).

## ‘Monitoring & Managing Ash Trees with CRISP’

**L**IBERTY, NY — Ash trees in our area are under serious threat from the emerald ash borer, an invasive species. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) has partnered with Catskill Regional Invasive Species Program (CRISP) to offer “Monitoring and Managing Ash (MaMA) Trees” workshop Monday, July

16, from 1 to 4 p.m. This free program will be held at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd.

Jonathan Rosenthal and Dr. Radka Wildova of the Ecological Research Institute will present how to establish ash mortality monitoring, how to report and track emerald ash borer, and when to treat or cut down

trees. The program will include two hours in-class instruction and a one hour field survey demonstration. Tools and resources will be shared with participants.

Registration is required by calling CCESC at 845/292-6180, emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visiting [www.sullivancee.org](http://www.sullivancee.org).

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### Reservoir levels

July 9, 2018

Cannonsville: 88.1%

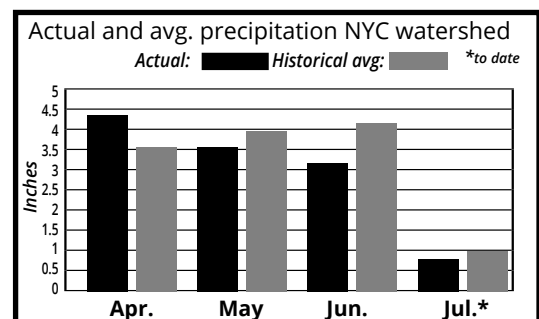
Pepacton: 91.0%

Neversink: 95.1%

**Total: 92.5%**

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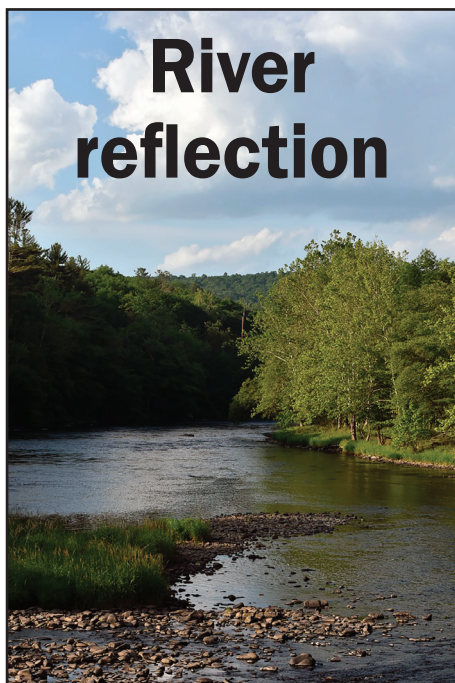
**Total in 2017: 97.4%**





## RIVER TALK

By Sandy Long



TRR photos by Sandy Long

The Lackawaxen River is one of our region's most beautiful waterways.

With summer's heat and humidity in full swing lately, we make our way to water—the cherished Delaware and Lackawaxen rivers, as well as other lakes and streams throughout the Upper Delaware River region. Such waters are a primary reason that many of us choose to live here or to visit the area. After spending some restorative hours along our rivers recently, I share this celebration of poetry and photos.

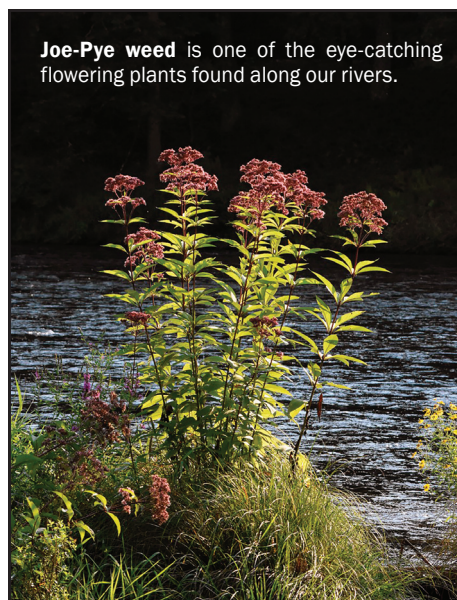
### Reverie

River,  
hugged by hills  
and let to drop between valleys of rock-  
faced high-rises,  
licks along the pebbled causeway  
luring flies who light upon its rapid  
blackness,  
tempting scaly residents to test their fate  
against the fisherman's forgiveness.

I'm draped along the edge  
admiring grasses  
and water-sculpted stones I lift like  
round-headed infants from moss-  
lined cradles.

Hawk that calls this home,  
glides in silence over the darkening flow,  
taking this moment to scan for  
opportunities,  
gathering with the others for evening's  
adventure.

Moon finds sky a welcome place to be  
setting a track for beckoning welkin,  
birthing its twin in mirror of river.



Joe-Pye weed is one of the eye-catching flowering plants found along our rivers.



A white-tailed deer peacefully grazes along the river's edge.

Sun is easing down  
and turning off the river's glow  
as it sinks into the green, green pillows  
girding flow,  
and sends the fisherman off to rest,  
hinting to hawk of dark feasts,  
opening a channel the heron chooses to  
wing its slow song through,

and forgives heaven its desire to  
clasp the moon,  
whispering to me  
to move along.



Common merganser ducklings can often be seen paddling on regional rivers.

## Film Camp!

### Hey kids, want to make a movie this summer?

Icehouse Arts' film camp with Ron Littke returns:

Video'Toons: July 14 Tusten Library, Narrowsburg.

Two Classes: 10 am and 11:30 am. Kids make their own cartoon and watch it too.  
Ages 3 and up

Narrowsburg July 16 - 20; 10am to noon. (2-hour class).  
Meet at the Tusten-Cochecton Library

Eldred July 23 - 27: 11am to 1pm.  
Meet at the Sunshine Library.

Lake Kuneonga (two week class).

July 30 – August 3, first week (shooting the video)  
and August 6 -10 (second week (editing the video).

Hours: 3 - 5 pm. Meet upstairs at the Fat Lady Cafe.

Some of the editing classes my take place at the  
DVAA in Narrowsburg at the new editing suite.

Narrowsburg August 20 - 24: 10am to 2pm (advanced 4-hour/day classes).

All classes are \$65/week for 2-hour classes and \$125/week for 4-hour classes.

Classes are limited to 10 students/class.

To reserve a space email me at [ron@icehouseartsny.org](mailto:ron@icehouseartsny.org) or call 845-252-6583

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