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Blighted structures have big costs

By DAVID HULSE

HONESDALE, PA — The Wayne County Commissioners will consider a new deed and mortgage recording fee to fund demolition of blighted properties, Chairman Brian Smith said on May 25.

Smith spoke following a presentation by Honesdale Borough Planning Commission member Jerry Theobald in favor of Wayne's participation in creating a county demolition fund under PA Act 152 of 2016. The cost of demolition of run-down properties is pressing the budgets of communities like Honesdale Borough, Theobald said. These are either abandoned properties or have owners unable to afford the cost of needed repairs, he said.

For example, the borough was forced to borrow to fund the \$100,000 demolition of a structure on 13th Street, which was abandoned by its corporate owners, he said. "We'll be paying for that for 10 or 15 years," he said.

In another current instance, he said a homeowner simply does not have the money to repair a blighted garage, "and the borough winds up with the cost," he said. Theobald said he knew of "several other properties that are going the same way. Some are corporate, some have absentee or out-of-state owners," he said.

"Blighted properties affect everybody with increased property taxes and decreasing values, especially in communities like ours with a lot of older housing stock," Theobald said.

Act 152 funds are not the whole answer, he said, "but I hope you will take a look." Commissioner Wendell Kay noted that



TRR photo by David Hulse

Honesdale Borough Planning Commission member Jerry Theobald addresses the county commissioners on May 25.

expenses also include legal costs, since "there are always protracted legal processes involved" in the condemnation and demolition of a property.

Smith said the state commissioners' association has "looked at" the creation of a land bank. "This has fallen on taxpayers' backs, and the costs get greater and greater."

PA Act 152 of 2016 amends the 1982 law authorizing fees for a county recorder of deeds by "authorizing a special deed- and mortgage-recording fee in certain counties; and establishing county demolition funds."

Participating counties would "by resolution or ordinance, authorize the recorder of deeds to charge and collect a fee not to exceed \$15 for each deed and mortgage recorded," according to the act. That fee would be deposited in a county demolition fund "to be used exclusively for the demolition of blighted property," in the county.



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Flags were distributed in advance of Memorial Day.

Showing the colors for Memorial Day

By FRITZ MAYER

NARROWSBURG, NY — Ed Boyer, a member of the Tusten, Highland, Lumberland VFW Post #6427, walked among the headstones on May 24, placing flags on the graves of veterans. At the Glen Cove Cemetery on Kirks Road, some of the veterans' graves are easy to spot, because they have clear markers meant to hold a small flag.

Other graves are marked with memo-

rial stones that have faded and through the years have become a bit hard to read, but Boyer inspects them carefully, and with the help of some associates, they endeavor to place a flag on the grave of every veteran.

Boyer said it's usually a nice day in May when this ritual takes place every year. He said he's not particularly fond of cemeteries, but he enjoys this activity, and mentioned that it feels like he's doing a good thing.



Bethel Woods Season Preview



Jacob Johnson

Part guitar virtuoso, part storyteller and wholly entertaining, at The Cooperage

Port Jervis expo a success

By ANYA TIKKA

PORT JERVIS, NY — Residents, visitors and council members all agreed that the New York State Rifle and Sports Expo that took place on Saturday May 20 was a great success, bringing to Port Jervis many visitors who would never have found it otherwise.

Raymond Cooper, a frequent visitor to the city, praised Maria Mann, the owner of The Gun Lady shop on Front Street, as having been instrumental in bringing the show to the city. “You brought so many people here that would never come here; you spearheaded it and made it a fantastic event,” he said. His comments were greeted by applause around the chamber.

He added, “It’s become very fashionable to bash politicians, I’d like to take a different tack.”

He went on to say that a diverse group of people came together to construct a program that “transcended turf wars,” including law enforcement agencies, town government and private citizens, “all those, who every day, have to work together for safety and security for all.”

Mayor Kelly Decker read a letter about the event from Mann. It stated, “I was a constant observer and volunteer. It was a pleasure to work and interact with all those who made it a glowing success. It’s become fashionable to bash every municipal event. I had the opportunity to watch every organization... at no time did any of those involved sit or stand still. They were quietly mingling with the public while traffic flowed and the premises were cleaned. A monumental effort was made on behalf of the community, with new opportunities for citizens and newcomers. It was a perfect example for cooperation.”

In other business, the much debated sewer-use law was passed unanimously, with comments from council members Sarah Hendry and Stan Siegel, who have spoken critically about the law in the past.

Siegel explained the council was advised there had to be a sewer law to comply with state requirements, but the fees are a separate issue. He said, “I’m not happy with sewer-use law, but it has to be done.”

Hendry said the council has the authority to set the fees, and urged residents to let the council know if they had a problem with it.

“Make it known you want a higher percentage of that fee to be allocated to the pipes, or other costs... it’s our home-rule right. The reasons of how money is spent and how much is collected are the right of the council, so vote. It’s important. Speak up,” she said, adding she’s not happy with how money was spent in the past.

Another local law allowing the council to override the tax limit was passed unanimously, again causing Hendry and Siegel to comment.

Hendry said she would like to vote against it but “we’re late to this game. We do have a bond; we’re going to get a bridge and a promenade. I’d like to say ‘no,’ but I have to say ‘yes.’”

Siegel’s view was the council’s argument has to be with the state. He said, “I would like to say no. Two percent makes absolutely no sense. People don’t have much to give.”

Belcher added that the state “wants to look like good guys with these tax caps, but then impose these regulations that cost money.”

Correction

The photos in our food column titled “All you need is love” in our May 25 issue were misattributed. All photos should be credited to Randazzo Blau.

IN BRIEF

Frein case costs DA’s office \$41,717

MILFORD, PA — Pike County District Attorney Raymond Tonkin released the costs of the murder prosecution of Eric Frein incurred to date by the district attorney’s office. The costs, a total of \$41,717.19, were incurred in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The costs included expert witnesses, travel and lodging for trial witnesses, and travel and expenses for jury selection in Chester County. The largest single expense was for a neuropsychologist to evaluate the defendant, which cost \$11,355.10.

Tonkin said: “At the district attorney’s office, we do our best to serve the public, while keeping a watchful eye on expenses. We stayed well under the budget set by the county commissioners for our office expenditures related to the case.”

The 48-day search for Frein after he killed one state trooper and severely injured another cost the Pennsylvania State Police \$11 million.

Bonacic announces funding for libraries

MIDDLETOWN, NY — State Sen. John J. Bonacic announced on May 26 that several libraries in the 42nd Senate District have been approved by the New York State Education Department and New York State Library for capital improvements to their facilities. The funds are from \$19 million in capital funds for public library construction and broadband infrastructure projects that was provided in the FY 2016-2017 state budget.

Project activities and expenditures eligible for funding from the State Aid for Library Construction Program include financing construction of new library buildings, construction of additions to existing buildings and the renovation and/or rehabilitation of existing space.

“New York’s public libraries are in urgent need of renovation and upgrading,” said Sen. Bonacic. “I’m pleased to announce that this funding, part of the FY 2016-2017 budget that I supported, will help libraries in the 42nd Senate District renovate and upgrade their facilities, which in turn will provide a truly enjoyable experience for everyone.”

The awards include \$33,040 for the replacement of HVAC units and the restoration of an exterior masonry wall at the Liberty Public Library and \$29,274 to re-point mortar on the outside of the building and caulk all the windows at the Western Sullivan Public Library-Delaware Free Branch.

Voters support a state constitutional convention

ALBANY, NY — A recent poll from Siena College shows broad support among voters for a New York State constitutional convention. The poll released on May 24 shows that 62% of the voters in the state believe a constitution convention should go forward in 2019, once they understand they will be asked to vote on the matter in November of this year.

However, an even larger number of voters, 67%, said they were not aware that the question of a constitutional convention is going to be on the ballot.

If the voters were to say “yes” to a convention, elections for convention delegates would be held in 2018, and the convention itself would be held in 2019. Then voters would decide whether or not to adopt the proposed amendments resulting from the convention.

Both Speaker of the Assembly Carl Heastie and Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan have expressed opposition to the convention. Heastie is concerned because he fears the process would be dominated by big-money interests, while Flanagan has expressed concern over how much a convention would cost.

Reward offered for information on fire in Delaware State Forest

HARRISBURG, PA — The PA Bureau of Forestry continues to offer a \$15,000 reward for information leading to arrests and convictions in what investigators say were two fires intentionally set. The two wildfires, known as the 16-mile and Beartown fires, were discovered on April 20, 2016, and burned through May 2 in Delaware State Forest.

Information that could lead to the reward can be forwarded to bureau special investigator Terry Smith, 717/362-1472; send email to terrsmith@pa.gov, or by calling 570/895-4000. Anonymous tips also are being accepted but do not qualify for the reward.

Cost has been set at \$2 million for the wildfires in which more than 100 bureau personnel rotated in and out of fire scenes.

Gov. Tom Wolf on May 21 presented the Governor’s Awards for Excellence to 10 state Bureau of Forestry wildfire fighters for their role in combating the forest blaze last spring that spread for 15 days, threatening lives and property on the Pike-Monroe county line.

The two fires ultimately merged and burned some 9,000 acres before being brought under control.

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Bloomington developer pleads guilty to voter fraud

By FRITZ MAYER

WHITE PLAINS, NY — Developer Kenneth Nakdimen on May 25 pled guilty to a charge of conspiracy to corrupt the electoral process through a scheme that included voter fraud. Nakdimen was a partner with Shalom Lamm in the development of the controversial Vilages at Chestnut Ridge project in Bloomington.

Lamm, Nakdimen and a third man, Volvy Smilowitz were arrested in December 2016 and charged. Lamm and Smilowitz are still fighting the charges. Nakdimen, 64, reportedly agreed to a six-to-12-month prison term, along with a fine ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000, but the agreement must be approved by a judge. He will be sentenced in September.

Acting Manhattan U.S. Attorney Joon H. Kim stated: “Fair elections are the bedrock of democracy. As he has now admitted, Kenneth Nakdimen devised a scheme to advance his real estate project by falsely registering voters and corrupting this sacred process. We will not allow greed to influence elections at any level.”

Kim said Nakdimen started purchasing land in Bloomington in 2006, “but by late 2013, the first of their real estate developments had met local opposition, and still remained under construction and uninhabitable. When met with resistance, rather than seek to advance their real estate development project through legitimate means, Nakdimen and others instead decided to corrupt the democratic electoral process in Bloomington by falsely registering voters and paying bribes for voters who would help elect public officials favorable to their project.”



Contributed photo

Developer Shalom Lamm, pictured, still says he is innocent, but his partner Kenneth Nakdimen has pled guilty to a charge of conspiracy to corrupt the electoral process.

William Hermann, supervisor of the Town of Mamakating, who has been entangled with multiple legal battles with the developers, said in a statement, “Kenneth Nakdimen’s guilty plea to the federal voter fraud charges for committing this terrible injustice against our community represents the beginning of the unraveling of a major corruption scandal. This is the first step in vindication for the entire community that has fought so hard to expose the efforts of Nakdimen and his co-conspirators, Shalom Lamm and Volvy Smilowitz. The fraud they committed on our community must be fully revealed. Something very wrong went on here.

“This town board was elected by the citizens of Mamakating regardless of political persuasion with the clear mandate to stop corruption in our town. We are pleased that the public, law enforcement and now the judiciary are seeing the bad actors who sought to pillage and plunder our town for

what they are. We are confident that justice will prevail and that all these developers and their co-conspirators will pay the price for all the damage they have done.”

According to the U.S. Attorney prosecuting the case, the investigation is ongoing and may result in revised charges.

The Sullivan County Legislature, which agreed to settle a discrimination lawsuit brought by Lamm. That led to significant changes to the way voters may be challenged in Bloomington, issued a statement saying in light of Nakdimen’s guilty plea, “the Sullivan County Legislature will be reviewing its legal options with the County Attorney’s Office, which continues to monitor the case and will advise the legislature accordingly.”

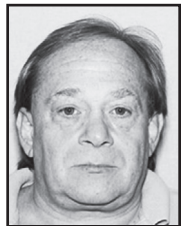
[See related editorial, page 6.]

Human remains identified in possible murder-suicide

By FRITZ MAYER

HONESDALE, PA — The Wayne County coroner Edward Howell has issued a positive identification of the human remains found in Mount Pleasant Township on April 10. The victim has been identified by DNA testing. Howell’s office said the victim was Joseph Mastropole, who lived at the house.

A statement from Howell said, “Due to the compromised condition of the dismembered human remains at the time of discovery, circumstantial limitations have resulted in the ruling of the cause and manner of death to be undetermined.



Contributed photo

Joseph Mastropole

“It is of importance to note that both the date and time of Mr. Mastropole’s death is entirely based on the date and time the human remains were initially viewed and determined to be that of a human by this office. This is not a representation of a literal date and time of death.”

Police went to Joseph Mastropole’s home in Mount Pleasant Township on April 10 to look for him and found a man there who claimed to be Mastropole’s roommate. The man gave police a false name, but it was later learned that his name was Gaston Gomez. While looking for Mastropole, who was 54, they discovered a pole barn that contained a large marijuana growing operation and a burn barrel that was smoldering.

Police obtained a search warrant and heard a shot fired from inside the house when they returned. They later found that Gomez had shot and killed himself. Police also found other human remains in the house and in the burn barrel.

At a press conference the next day, District Attorney Janine Edwards said of the burn barrel, “It’s smoldering and they kick it over with what is clear that bones come out [sic]. The wildlife and game commission has said these are not animal bones. Then inside the house, they see some things in the area and they find a freezer and inside the freezer are Hefty bags and inside the bags are body parts.”

Blaze levels Thompson house

MONTICELLO, NY — In the early morning hours of May 27, firefighters from the Monticello Fire Department were dispatched to a structure fire on Fraser Road in the Town of Thompson.

Firefighters arrived on the scene six minutes later at 3:59 a.m. and found a single-family home fully consumed by fire.

The fire was reported by a passing motorist. The building is a seasonal residence and was unoccupied. There was some minor damage to adjacent structures.

The incident is being investigated by the Monticello Fire Department and the Sullivan County Fire Investigation Team.

The incident is still under investigation. Hurleyville Fire Department assisted on the scene along with Mobilemedic EMS. There were no injuries and all units were back in service by 6:43 a.m.



Contributed photo

A house on Fraser Road in the Town of Thompson was destroyed by fire on May 27.

Documentary tells of Armenian tragedy

Written and directed by Sullivan resident

By VERA MORET

REGION — “Today, as we confront an exploding refugee crisis, it’s imperative that we consider the humanitarian consequences when formulating U.S. foreign policy.” So says George Billard, Sullivan County resident and writer/director of the documentary “They Shall Not Perish.”

Billard’s documentary tells the story of the thousands of Americans who joined in a massive humanitarian effort to rescue innumerable orphans and refugees who survived what became known as the Armenian Genocide, which took place during the collapse of the Ottoman Empire.

Following the chaos of WWI, the Turkish government, run at the time by a group referred to as the “Young Turks,” began a systematic mass genocide, which ultimately led to the deaths of from 800,000 to 1.5 million Armenian Christians and other minorities. The modern Turkish government does not accept that “genocide” is an accurate word to define those events, and the United States federal government, which has military and commercial ties with Turkey, has not labeled it genocide. However, 29 countries and 45 U.S. states recognize the mass killings as genocide.

Many Armenian Christians, along with many other citizens not of Turkish descent, were rounded up by the Turkish government and placed on trains or forced to march to camps in which they were neglected, starved, raped and left to die.

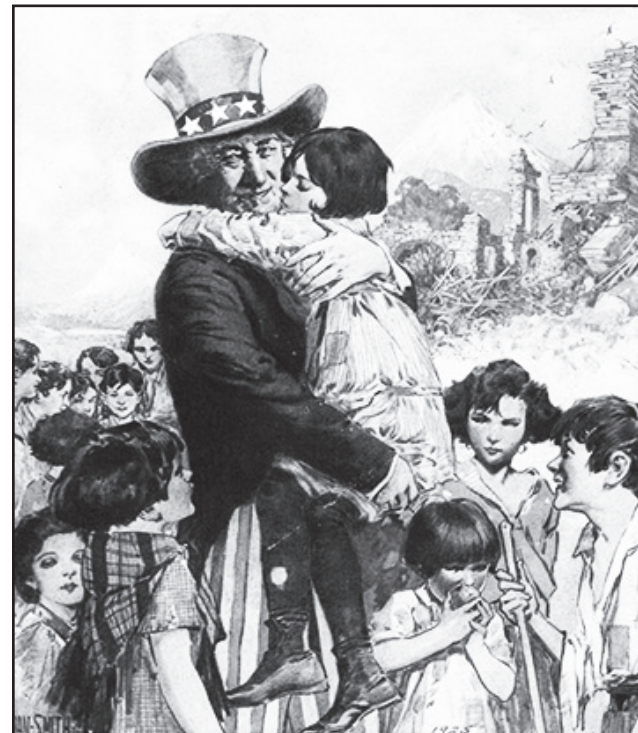
The images in the film are often very disturbing. Bil-

lard traveled extensively to the areas where these events took place, but ended up using only the archival footage he rounded up from 30 different sources worldwide. The images are startling: rows of white-hooded individuals hanging from wooden gallows; the skeletal remains of those who died; the skeletal shells of mostly women and children who were clinging to life in what were clearly their final days.

The American rescue effort, which was known as Near East Relief, was a grassroots movement consisting of people from all walks of life such as teachers, nurses, advertisers, industrialists, ambassadors and presidents. Their action was based on a sense of moral duty and the emotional impact of the media available at the time.

Bringing public attention to this crisis at the time and organizing the relief efforts was a massive undertaking. This was one of the first instances of mass media being used to raise funds and organize volunteers. Beautifully rendered posters designed to act on emotions and national pride were designed and distributed. A practice called “Golden Rule Sunday” was established in which families would dedicate one Sunday a month to eating a meal based on the four cents per meal that the Armenians and other refugees survived on. The surplus was donated to the efforts.

Dr. Mabel Elliott of American Women’s Hospitals was a pivotal figure in the relief, and speaks of how overwhelming they found the situation upon arrival. Nonetheless, they gathered the refugees and at first provided the basic needs of medical care and nutritional deficits. Afterward came education and vocational training for



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A poster from the early 20th century urges citizens to help Armenian orphans in Turkey.

their long-term survival.

In the end, approximately two million refugees were aided by the Near East Relief. The hour-long documentary features archived photographs and film from the time as well as interviews by survivors, participants in the relief effort, and academic experts on the historical events.

Executive producer Shant Mardirossian, whose family members suffered and were aided by these Americans during the genocide, says he produced this film “not just to remember those we lost in the genocide, but to shed light on an important chapter of American history when ordinary citizens stood together against a great injustice and saved the lives of 132,000 orphans.”

The documentary has been aired on PBS stations and will be aired on more stations in the future. There was also a screening at the Hurleyville Arts Centre on May 20.

For more information visit www.theyshallnotperish.com.



Armenians in the care of Near East Relief spell out a thank you message to Americans who donated to the cause.

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New urgent care facility opens

By FRITZ MAYER

KIAMESHA LAKE, NY — Catskill Regional Medical Group held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 25 for group's newest facility Urgent Care & Primary Care at Adelaar. The facility is located close to the new Resorts World Catskills casino (formerly Montreign), More than 200 community, business and healthcare leaders gathered for the event and about a dozen people made brief remarks. Several speakers mentioned that Sullivan County comes in next to last in the state in terms of health outcomes, ranked 61 out of 62. They hoped that the new facility would be one step in improving the health of the county.

"With the opening of the Urgent Care and Primary Care at Adelaar, Catskill Regional Medical Group is proud to offer access to quality medical care to our neighbors in Sullivan County and surround areas," said urgent care medical director Dr. Rona Heublum-Colton.

The urgent care facility is open daily with services available 365 days a year. Primary care services are available seven days a week but subject to holiday closures. Visit www.catskillregionalmedicalgroup.org for more information.

The 11,000-square-foot facility has 12 exam/procedure rooms. There are also laboratory spaces equipped with X-ray technology.



TRR photo by Fritz Mayer

The new Catskill Regional Medical Group urgent care facility in Kiamesha Lake held a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 25. The location is close to the new casino, which is under construction.



TRR photo by David Hulse

Officers and officials representing law enforcement in Pike County gathered on May 17 for the proclamation of Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week. Pictured with the commissioners are officers of the Milford Borough, Shohola, Eastern Pike Regional and state police, the Pike County Sheriff's Department, along with the Pike County District Attorney Ray Tonkin and the wardens of the Pike County Correctional Facility

Pike honors law enforcement

By DAVID HULSE

MILFORD, PA — The Pike County Commissioners recognized the region's legal guardians with their May 17 proclamation of the week as Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week.

The proclamation came less than a month after the April 26 death sentence in Pike County Court for Eric Frein for the sniper-style ambush killing of Pennsylvania State Trooper Cpl. Bryon Dickson and wounding of Trooper Alex T. Douglass in September of 2014 outside the state police barracks in Blooming Grove.

Sheriff Phil Bueki took the opportunity to thank all of the various agencies that had insured order in and around the Pike County Courthouse during the lengthy, high-profile trial. "I'm very proud. They made the trial run very smoothly."

District Attorney Ray Tonkin said the proclamation was "about those who put on the uniform every day. We wanted to say thanks."

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. Es-

tablished by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, since 1791 when record keeping began through May 22 of this year, some 21,234 U.S. police officers have lost their lives while on duty. Of these, 854 served in Pennsylvania and 1,453 in New York.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is in Washington, DC and is the nation's monument to law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Dedicated on October 15, 1991, the memorial honors federal, state and local law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of the nation and its people.

The memorial features two curving, 304-foot-long blue-gray marble walls. Unlike many other memorials in Washington, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is ever-changing: new names of fallen officers are added to the monument each spring, in conjunction with National Police Week.



TRR photo by David Hulse

Wayne police dedication remembered

HONESDALE, PA — Wayne County District Attorney Janine Edwards apologized on May 25 for failing to call for the annual commemoration of National Police Week, May 14 to 20. Edwards might be excused for preoccupation, as Primary Election Day was on May 16. Edwards won both the Republican and Democratic nominations to fill the upcoming vacancy for presiding judge of the County Court of Common Pleas.

Despite the late date, she noted the vital importance and daily danger of police work. While Wayne County has been lucky in recent years, she recalled that Wayne has had an on-duty police death, that of county detective and former Honesdale Borough Officer George Knapp, who was shot and killed during a Prohibition-era raid on a remote still in Equinunk in 1923. "He left a wife and six children," she said. The commissioners agreed to a posthumous proclamation of the commemorative week.

■ EDITORIAL

Finally, some justice in Bloomingburg—but not enough

More than three years after the FBI raided the offices of Shalom Lamm in Bloomingburg, NY, there is now a guilty plea in the case. On May 25, developer Kenneth Nakdimen, Lamm's partner, pled guilty to a single count of conspiracy to corrupt the electoral process. It has been reported that a plea deal worked out with the federal prosecutor's office calls for Nakdimen to spend six to 12 months in jail and pay a fine of \$2,000 to \$20,000, but that must be approved by a judge.

So, now we know how much this particular prosecutor thinks a democracy is worth. Not much, considering the impact the fraud has had to this point.

This charge was specifically related to the 2014 vote in which some 90 voters, including developer Shalom Lamm, were issued subpoenas to go to court and explain why they had the right to vote. Every one of those voters chose to ignore the subpoenas. Lamm's lawyer, at the time, said they would all rather pay the fine than take the stand.

In that case, the Sullivan County Board of Elections barred the challenged votes from being counted, and the board of the village remained opposed to Lamm and Nakdimen's development, Villages at Chestnut Ridge.

The office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York issued a statement regarding events that had occurred in advance of an election in March 2014 for Mayor of Bloomingburg and other local officials. It said that Nakdimen and others, together with people working on their behalf, developed and worked on a plan to falsely register numerous people who were not entitled to register and vote in Bloomingburg because they actually lived elsewhere. Those people included some who never intended to live in Bloomingburg, some who had never kept a home in Bloomingburg and, indeed, some who had never set foot in Bloomingburg in their lives. Nakdimen and others took steps to cover up their scheme

to register voters who did not actually live in Bloomingburg by, among other things, creating and back-dating false leases and placing items like toothbrushes and toothpaste in unoccupied apartments to make it seem as if the falsely registered voters lived there.

That was in the 2014 vote, but many people who live in the area say the voting fraud continued through the next election in that year, which was a vote to dissolve the village. In that election, in a complex and somewhat murky process, the votes of the challenged voters were ultimately allowed to stand.

What seems pretty clear now is that the village only continues to exist because of voter fraud, and that was clearly not the will of the majority of people who actually live there.

Lamm later sued the Sullivan County Board of Election (BOE), accusing the board of discriminating against Hasidic Jews. The county ultimately settled the case and agreed to significant changes in the way voters could be challenged in the village of Bloomingburg, which made it nearly impossible for residents to challenge registered voters whether they lived in the village or not. Operating under the new rules in the 2016 election—which created a high risk of continued fraud—a board that favored Lamm's development was elected.

That new village board voted to separate the village planning board from the Town of Mamakating Planning Board, which would make it much easier for Lamm's development projects to get the permits they wanted.

It now seems pretty clear that Lamm's critics were right all along: there was significant voter fraud that resulted in these developments, and there was fraud almost from the beginning of the project in 2006.

Reading a statement in court, Nakdimen said that when the developers started buying land in Bloomingburg in 2006, they intended to build a retirement community on a golf course as they had expressed to the community at the time. But because of the collapse of the real estate market, they had to come up with another plan, and so they settled on the Hasidic market, and changed their development plans to meet the needs of large Hasidic families.

In the process, they shattered the democratic process so completely that it seems the pieces can never be put back together in the way that things would have been had the fraud never taken place.

Lamm and another defendant, Volvy Smilowitz are still fighting the charges. We hope in this latest court battle, Lamm will actually take the stand and testify. [See news story on page 3.]

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Whomever you voted for, it doesn't make you a bad person

Boy oh boy, it is tough for me and many other Americans as we followed the presidential candidates and watch the news and all its negativity, bias and spins. So we have a new president and things have changed politically.

I am here with a positive message. Just because someone voted for Hillary or Donald does not make them a bad person or prejudiced or ignorant. I was born in Florida, and most of my family lives there. However, I grew up in New York City listening to friendly and sometimes heated political arguments among family members and friends who were doctors, dentists, lawyers and college professors.

I learned that intelligent, good and loving people can disagree about politics and still remain friends. However, this last election has greatly divided us as a nation with a deep hatred toward Republicans and a desire to condemn all who tend to vote that way.

I tell you lovingly and kindly to not get yourself sick and bitter over all this. It is not worth it. Do your part and donate to a political cause or write a letter to the editor or to a politician or post your views on the issues on social media, etc. Please don't fall into the trap of negative thinking and worry, which is faith used in reverse and it leads to fear, bitterness, hatred and illness.

I did not vote for Cuomo or Obama, but I still pray for them. Prayer has a way of calming us, because God and your dog are the only ones who really want to hear all your opinions and troubles, and both will do their best to comfort you.

John (JP) Pasquale
Livingston Manor, NY

Nothing for nothing

You can't get something for nothing. Yet that's what TrumpCare is claiming to do for the millions of American citizens who earn less than \$16,000, or those with pre-existing conditions.

TrumpCare plans to cut \$800 million from Medicaid, which provides the healthcare insurance for these citizens. Then it claims that no one will lose their insurance. But, in fact 23 million people now on Medicaid will lose their health care. Sixty-five percent of patients in nursing homes rely on Medicaid to pay for their care.

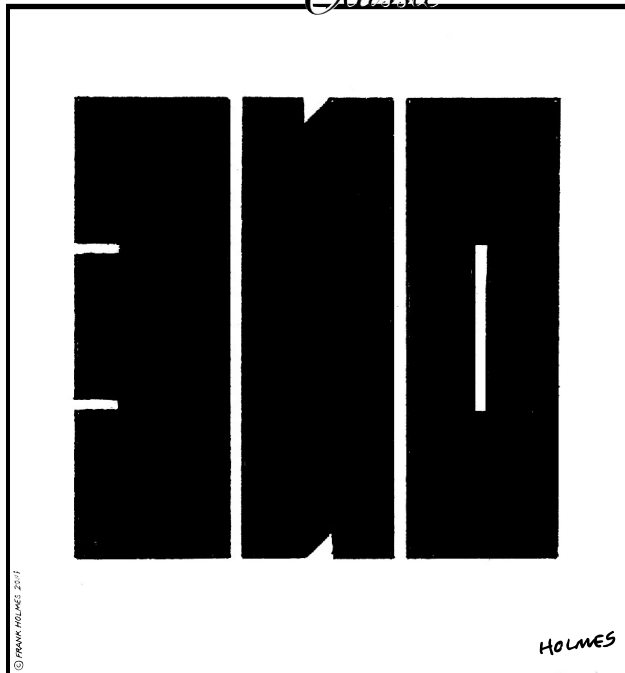
TrumpCare also promises that "high-risk pools" will take care of people with pre-existing conditions. Again, something for nothing. The funding, which is woefully inadequate, will be gone after about five years, when the money actually runs out.

Many hospitals will be stuck with the "something for nothing" promise. Without Medicaid to support all the sick people who lost Medicaid or who are in unfunded, high-risk pools, they will not be able to pay for the doctors, nurses, medicines, food, laundry and cleaning employees. So, many hospitals will be put out of business.

People who earn less than \$16,000 or who have pre-existing conditions will ultimately have no health care, and fewer hospitals to help them in an emergency. They will not get something for nothing. They will just get nothing.

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Back to Square One

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MY VIEW

By DAVE COLAVITO

Health care and the rugged individual

When William Bradford and his companions disembarked the Mayflower, they did so from a culture in full swing for centuries. Nevertheless, besieged by scurvy after many weeks at sea, they incurred heavy losses. Furthering matters, the New England winter granted no quarter. Help wasn't far, however, and it could be said that dead Indians came to their aid—the Pilgrims, we are told, proved adept at pilfering corn from Wampanoag graves.

Eventually, prosperity's roots extended from 60% of world-trade cotton in the pre-Civil War South. As is often, good fortune came at a price, then, a nation torn over slavery. And while Lincoln's judgment has been called into question, slavery's role isn't open to doubt—the backbreaking work of American progress was forced upon backs considered worth breaking.

Throughout much of that same century, European settlement moved ever westward, fortified by U.S. Army protection. Yet that reality, too, proved a poor match against fanciful notions—in that instance, of how the “West was won” through independent spirit and superior intellect. Ultimately, it was the swarming mass of encroaching humanity that overwhelmed a continent's indigenous inhabitants.

Given the options, it's understandable that imaginations took comfort in that uniquely American ethos of the rugged individual—truth be told, rugged individuals there certainly were; surviving the wrong end of that ethos required nothing less. But the mystique of the rugged individual lives on today.

We know of other nations that have managed to finance health care for all their citizens. But for many Americans, the thought of single-payer healthcare financing is unsettling for, so far as I can tell, primarily four beliefs: we are not Communists; it would provide fewer choices, lower quality and delays; it would be too expensive; and we shouldn't pay for the freeloaders.

COMMUNITY ACHIEVERS

Cortright named Volunteer of the Year

HAWLEY, PA — Hawley resident Susan “Sue” Cortright has been named recipient of the Charles and Alma Hames Volunteer of the Year Award for 2016 by the Hawley Public Library. Established in 2000, the award recognizes the Hames couple for their lifelong dedication as community volunteers. Alma Hames was also one of the library's founders.

A 29-year veteran as a library volunteer, Cortright says that she first came to know the library when she brought her children there when they were small. She credits her friend Norma Anderson with telling her about volunteer opportunities. Now working at the library on Friday mornings, she reports that she especially loves to interact with little children.



Susan Cortright

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I can't speak with authority on the number of Communists in the U.S., but I take it on faith that it must be very small. So agreed; we are not Communists—whatever that means.

I'm sure we also agree that no health care system will be entirely satisfactory to every American. Yet it's difficult envisioning one more inefficient and expensive than the current maze of private insurers and policies doctors and patients contend with. Think: a doctor providing the same service to many patients at different prices that often aren't revealed, even to the doctor, until after the service is rendered. Then think: many doctors, many services. For that and other reasons, our current fee-for-service model is doomed to lower quality at higher cost. The excesses baked into that cake should be clear to any advocate of fiscal responsibility; there is no rational basis for understanding why they are not.

Finally, fully two thirds of Medicaid spending assists children, the disabled and the elderly. The adult poor—often working—are beneficiary to the remaining third. Studies also show that over 80% of people without any insurance comprise low-income families with at least one full-time worker. Presumably one or more of these groups “freeload” on rugged individuals. Conflict in the ethos, however, finds no rest here. Objections to paying for freeloaders ignore the fact that rugged individuals already do—often at greater costs for hospital emergency care. Yet the ruggedness to advocate, publicly, that we should refuse necessary medical care to these freeloaders appears to exceed its supply.

Every ethos has its issues; surely the rugged and unrugged can support each other on that common patch of ground. Single-payer financing doesn't mean “one size” health care for all Americans. And honestly assessing it against our current mess needn't be threatening to anyone's ethos.

[Dave Colavito is a resident of Rock Hill, NY.]



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Kiwanis Family walks to fight hunger

MONTICELLO, NY — Members of the Kiwanis Clubs of Monticello and Woodridge display food that was collected during the Kiwanis Family Walk for Hunger on May 20. The entire Kiwanis Family participated, comprising not only the adult clubs but youth-sponsored K-Kids, Builders and Key Clubs in the Monticello and Fallsburg School Districts and members of the Aktion Club of Sullivan County. A check for \$1,050 was given to the United Way of Sullivan County, affiliated food pantries and backpack programs, in addition to non-perishable food items.



RIVER MUSE

By Cass Collins

YOLO

There is a certain freedom in being a senior citizen, if you are willing to own up to it. There are the discounts, sure. But there is also the free pass to do what you want, up to a point. I don't want to go to more than one social event in a day. Was this different a month ago? No. But now I give myself a pass and go to the one I choose.

My husband has been a senior citizen for a while now, but he still doesn't act like it. I have to insist he refrain from crawling on his belly across our 1938 suspension bridge over the Delaware River in order to replace rotting deck boards. He has them cut and drilled for hardware, but until he finds a willing (and preferably younger) *compadre*, he is literally grounded.

Being able to refuse social invitations is only a small dividend of growing older, and I hope I won't refuse so many that they stop coming. There is also the option to try new things because, well, you only live once. YOLO, as the kids say.

YOLO found me in an acrobatic workshop at NACL this week with the group LAVA. A feminist, multi-generational acrobatic dance company, LAVA is presenting “A Goddyssey,” on Saturday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m. It is the first show of the 20th anniversary season of NACL, our local avant-garde theatre company in Highland Lake (tickets at NACL.org). I'm a little creaky from the experience, but what a thrill to learn acrobatic technique along with the 25 to 45 demographic.

It almost took me too long to realize the benefits of staying fit, but now I get it. If I'm not practicing yoga and taking Pilates class or swimming, the joints start creaking very quickly in protest.

Everything is more impressive when you do it at 65. Still married to the same man? Wow! Still riding a bike? You go, girl! Try tweeting? Why not? Quit tweeting? Definitely.

Now is also the time to reflect on all the things you always wanted to do, but haven't yet. My friend Michael is using his retirement to travel. He worked hard for years, days, nights and weekends, to reap his reward. He is checking his bucket list off almost daily. In the last year he has been to Vienna, China, Florence and Venice. But he doesn't just go places; he explores all there is to do. I envied his recent trip to Los Angeles at about the same time I was there. I lived vicariously through his Facebook accounts of visiting the Getty Center and going backstage at the opera and taking architecture tours of Pasadena and Silver Lake, while I visited with my loved ones and shopped for baby clothes at Target. If I ever need a travel suggestion, I know who to ask.

I had the travel bug early and even spent a few months alone in Paris when I was 18. But I was 18. And alone. I could do it so much better now! I still want to see Japan and India and get cast in a feature film and sail on the Queen Mary to Southampton and drive a race car. But if I never get to do any of those things I am happy to be me, here, now. And yes, I'd love to come to your party!

OBITUARIES

ROBERT F. MARTELLI

Robert F. Martelli of Shohola, PA passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 with his loving wife, Wendy Allen by his side. He was 72. Bob fought a valiant battle with cancer for almost two years with the help from his doctors at Crystal Run. He was a United States Army Veteran, a 445 Teamster for over 37 years, a member of the Teamsters 445 Retiree's Club and a member of Shohola Area Lions Club. He worked for Neptune World Wide Moving in New Rochelle, NY and then began hauling freight out of Middletown, NY.



The son of the late Hugo and Florence (Passafume) Martelli, Bob was born on August 7, 1944 in the Bronx, NY.

He leaves behind his wife; daughter, Rosemarie Alfano and her husband Charles of Florida; son, Robert Renda and his wife Kris from Rockland County, NY; two grandchildren, Samantha and Charlie Alfano of Florida; sister, JoAnne Mahoney and her husband Tom of the Bronx, NY; brothers, Alan Martelli and his wife Helen from Wisconsin and Eugene Martelli and his wife Karen of Yorktown, NY; nephews, Matthew of the Bronx, NY, Michael of Yorktown, NY and Brandon of Yorktown, NY and niece, Kim of the Bronx, NY. Bob will be very missed by his best friend Jay Kalish of Shohola, PA.

The family extends a special thanks to Shawn and Mary Munn as well as Jennifer and Steven Altman for all of their support during this time. The family would also like to extend their thanks to Celtic Hospice for their help and expertise with helping Bob to die peacefully at home with dignity.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2017 at his late residence.

Memorial donations may be made in Bob's name to the Shohola Area Lions Club, 147 Woodtown Rd., Shohola, PA 18458.

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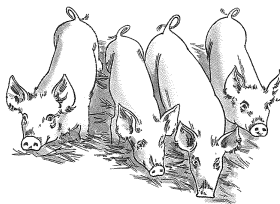
Raising pigs

LIBERTY, NY — “Let's Get Farming!” an educational series of classes for new farmers, will continue with “Introduction to Raising Pigs,” workshop on June 6. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) educators will present every class in the series from 6 to 8 p.m. at its Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd.

The workshop will cover breed selection, breeding and farrowing, feed and nutrition, equipment, health care, labeling and meat sale regulations.

The cost is \$15 per person, or \$10 per CCESC enrollee. Anyone can enroll in CCESC for an annual contribution of \$25. Partial scholarships are available with support from Sullivan Renaissance.

Space is limited and registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Call 845/292-6180, email sullivan@cornell.edu or visit www.sullivancee.org.



Wine Club founder at ‘Entrepreneur of the Month’

PORT JERVIS, NY — As part of its “Entrepreneurs of the Month” series, The Hub (the public computer center at the Port Jervis Library) will present Sally Earle and her new business, Direct Cellars, on Thursday, June 8, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Earle acquired a love for fine wine in her 20s while working in an upscale restaurant that catered to wine connoisseurs. Her employer sent her to seminars and classes to expand her knowledge of wine. A few months ago, Sally's business partner introduced her to a wine club. She joined. Now she would like to introduce interested wine lovers to the club.

The program is free, but seating is limited, so registration is recommended. Email thehub@portjervislibrary.org, call 845/856-7313, ext. 5, or register in person.

Multi-species showmanship clinic

JEFFERSONVILLE, NY — All youth interested in showing an animal can participate in a multi-species showmanship clinic on Sunday, June 4, offered by the 4-H Youth Development program at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC). It will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Stone Wall Farms on 136 Callicoon Center Rd. Youth do not need an animal in order to participate.

Barbara Moran, 4-H animal science program coordinator and local farmer, will present how to display an animal to its greatest potential. Species highlighted will include alpaca, beef, dairy, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits and sheep. In a round-robin session, participants will expand existing knowledge and learn new projects with topics ranging from presentation and showmanship to show etiquette.

The cost is \$10 per youth. Partial scholarships are available with support from Sullivan Renaissance. Registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Email sullivan@cornell.edu, visit www.sullivancee.org or call 845/292-6180.

Anyone ages five to 19 can enroll in 4-H for free. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.



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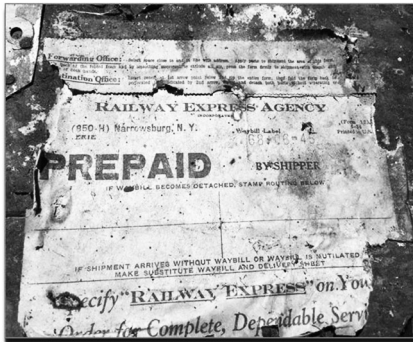


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LOOKING BACK

By Cochection Preservation Society



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Years ago, the Weiden family of Narrowsburg donated to the Cochection Preservation Society a vintage wooden egg shipping box that was used to send eggs to their family in NYC via railroad. The box has a hinged lid with a latch that closes with a swivel L-shaped hook. It did not lock. Inside are the flats and egg holders to hold a total of 120 eggs.

Metal egg-shipping boxes didn't show up until the 1940s. This particular wooden crate shows wear, with multiple layers of waybill labels. The eggs were brought to the Railway Express Agency in Narrowsburg to ship prepaid the same day to "Weiden East 58th Street..." Wells Fargo and Co. Express would receive the egg

box and deliver it to its destination, usually by stagecoach.

This was just one of hundreds of products, each with specialized packing, heading to customers daily along the railroad. The empty containers were shipped back to Narrowsburg for reuse.

The next meeting of the Cochection Preservation Society, open to all, will be on Tuesday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at 8537 State Rte. 97, Cochection. There will be free fun and refreshments. "Cochection Papers" and "Cochection Papers II" are now available for purchase, \$20 each. Call 845/932-8104; email cps12726@gmail.com or visit cochectionpreservationsociety.com.



LAKE HUNTINGTON NEWS

By Eileen Hennessy

They say there is nothing to do in Sullivan County—NOT. I went on a bus trip with CD Trips on Saturday, May 20. I do not like getting up in the morning, so I was not looking forward to being in Liberty at 7:30 in the morning to get on the bus. My travel partner was Pastor Phyllis Haynes of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Narrowsburg. I called the pastor up and said, "How would you like to start our trip a day earlier?" So Friday night after work we headed out.

I booked a room in the Days Inn in Liberty, we went out to dinner at the Liberty Diner and we ended the night with a show at The Downtown Barn. The owner, Brian Rourke, and his staff could not have been more friendly. We really enjoyed the atmosphere, and the jazz band, Gruppo Mundo, was really good. Check out downtownbarn.com and go enjoy a night out.

Our bus trip to Philadelphia was fabulous. We saw the Liberty Bell, Constitution Hall and did a historic tour. We went to the steps where the Rocky statue is. I was going to do the steps, but it was National Yoga Day and they were closed. We had dinner with Thomas Jefferson and hung out with Ben Franklin. Gary, Judy and Michelle from CD Trips made it very fun and enjoyable.

Supervisor Gary Maas would like to let everyone know they had another successful clean-up weekend during which the

residents of Cochection were able to tidy up their properties and make Cochection the gem of Sullivan County. The town collected seven dumpsters: five 30-yard dumpsters of garbage and two for metal. Let's keep Cochection clean.

Cochection Center Community Center, Inc. is hosting a Community Yard Sale on Heinle's Baseball Field, to be held Saturday, June 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine, bake sale and refreshments. Call Linda Pomes 845/252-3411 to reserve your 10-by-10-foot space for \$20 by June 7.

Dottie Schlegel would like to thank everyone who came out to support the Grover Hermann Hospital Auxiliary/Catskill Regional Medical Center Health and Children's Fair and Craft Show on May 20. The barbeque was delicious. Hortonville fire department did a great job with the tent, table and chairs. Thank you to all the vendors and a special thank you to Mike Ottino for the beautiful flowers and new trees for the hospital. A big thank you to our veterans on Armed Forces Day. The hospital auxiliary dedicated a gazebo in memory of Mary Zalesky. The day went very nicely with it was a great success.

Heinle's General Store is hosting a pistol permit class on June 29 at 4 p.m.; for more information call 845/252-3354.

Keep smiling and have a great week, and email leeniebeans@citlink.net or call 845/252-3568 if you have news.

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Milford Boatswain's Mate in the Mediterranean

MILFORD, PA — Boatswain's Mate Seaman Tanya Riker, from Milford, mans the nozzle of a fire-fighting hose aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Ross (DDG 71) during a main space fire drill on the Mediterranean Sea on May 22. USS Ross, forward-deployed to Rota, Spain, is conducting naval operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations in support of U.S. national security interests in Europe and Africa.



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Robert S. Price

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Woodloch offers new entertainment options

HAWLEY, PA — Woodloch Pines will be debuting a number of new features this year. They include GiGi's Coffee Shop, in the main lobby, partnering with local roaster Black and Brass for coffee offerings; an escape room, in which groups of players solve a series of puzzles using clues, hints and strategy during a set amount of time in order to unveil the se-

cret plot and "escape" from the setting; Pizza Wars, a team event that has guests from competing "pizzerias" showcasing their talents in both resource management and creativity under time constraints, and more.

For more information visit www.woodloch.com or call 800-Woodloch.

ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS



Taste of Sullivan raffle

MONTICELLO, NY — The Friends of Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library's Taste of Sullivan restaurant gift certificate raffle is underway. Prizes will be baskets of gift certificates donated by over 50 local restaurants. This is an opportunity for winners to try out many of our wonderful local establishments and for participating restaurants to gain exposure in the community. The friends of the library are still accepting donated gift certificates from local restaurants.

Participating restaurants will be recognized on the library's social media pages and will be listed on the backdrop of the friends of the library booth at the fourth annual bagel festival on August 13. To donate or purchase raffle tickets call 845/798-1418 or 866-1554. Tickets cost \$5 each or six for \$20. The winners will be announced at the festival.

Street team wanted for Milford festival

MILFORD, PA — Milford Presents, the non-profit organization responsible for Milford Music Festival, seeks volunteers for its upcoming event on June 23, 24 and 25. The festival street team will be responsible for helping visitors navigate Milford during the weekend by distributing festival maps and pointing the way to performances. Volunteers should be friendly and approachable, know the businesses, landmarks and streets of downtown Milford and be willing to donate four hours of service on Saturday or Sunday of the music festival. All volunteers will be given a limited edition "Ask Me, I'm a LOCAL!" logo t-shirt to be worn during the event and kept as a souvenir. Interested candidates should email milfordmusicfest@gmail.com with their contact information as well as availability during the event. For more information visit www.MilfordPA.us.



Vendors sought for church flea market

MILFORD, PA — The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Milford seeks vendors for its second annual community outreach flea market on Saturday, June 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds from the flea market will benefit the church's Community Help and Mission Ministries, which help families in our community and around the world who are going through difficult times.

Vendor spaces are available on the lawn outside the church, located at 300 Broad St. The cost is \$20 for a 10-by-10-foot space. This is the same weekend as the Milford Music Festival.

For more information visit epcmilford.org or call Sharon at 570/296-7443.

Arts and cultural grant winners honored

NARROWSBURG, NY — A champagne awards brunch was hosted on May 13 by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) for recipients of funding under two regrant programs it administers: Arts for Sullivan, funded by the New York State Council on the Arts; and Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grants, funded by the Sullivan County Legislature.

Awards were judged by volunteer panels of Sullivan County artists, teachers, cultural and business leaders. Twenty-nine recipients were chosen, representing all nine legislative districts and 12 of the 15 towns.

A wide variety of organizations and projects were approved, from the Callicoon Business Association's Callicoon Art Walk, to Jeffersonville's "Around the World in Jeffersonville," to the Chamber Music at St. Andrews concert program, to a World War I program and traveling exhibit by the Time and the Valleys Museum.

An Individual Artists Grant under the Arts for Sullivan Decentralization program was awarded to Margaret Montgomery of Livingston Manor for a July 9 program at the Tusten Theatre in Narrowsburg. It will feature her ensemble "Bliss," and will incorporate her photography and poetry from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Sullivan County. For more information call 845/252-7576 or visit delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.



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Help sought for Mystery Landers event

NARROWSBURG, NY — Secret Society will have its own stage at mini-festival Mystery Landers, a music festival on June 8 through 11 at Landers Campgrounds. The stage will host a lineup of acts from all over the East Coast, including Bentz, D3V and Che.

Secret Society Stage is looking for a videographer, photographer and journalist/creative writer intern for the event. If interested contact secretsocietypromos@gmail.com and include position, resume and a portfolio of your work. You must be available from June 5 through June 11.

To purchase tickets visit bit.ly/Landers_SecretSociety.

Tri-gal 4-H cleans up

RUTLEDGEDALE, PA — On Sunday, May 21, members of the Tri-Gal 4-H Club along with leaders, parents and friends meet at Rock Ridge Farm to do their annual roadside cleanup project. Members collected a wide variety of items including a tent that was in a tree. A few members even collected a case of poison ivy that day. The club has chosen to clean Rutledgedale Road, Wescott Road and a part of Galilee Road for many years as a community service project.

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We will publish our 2017 WINNERS in our annual Readers' Choice Awards "BEST" supplement in January 2018. Remember, you can always vote online at riverreporter.com/trr-best-2016

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- Chinese Restaurant _____
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- Fried Chicken _____
- Friendliest Service _____
- Gourmet Restaurant _____
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- Health Food Store _____
- Hoagie _____
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- Ice Cream Shop _____
- Italian Restaurant _____
- Japanese Restaurant _____
- Latin Restaurant _____
- Local Winery _____
- Locally-Sourced Menu _____
- Lunch _____
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- Menu _____
- Mexican _____
- Microbrewery _____
- Most Romantic Restaurant _____
- New Restaurant _____
- Off The Beaten Path _____

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- Pizza _____
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- Sandwiches _____
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- Soup _____
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- Sushi _____
- Wedding Cakes _____
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- Restaurant - Pike County _____
- Restaurant - Sullivan County _____
- Restaurant - Wayne _____

People & Places

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- Appliance Dealer _____
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HEALTH WELLNESS

Could you have high blood pressure?

By LAUREN ROMAN, MD



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An estimated one in three adults in our country suffers from high blood pressure—roughly 75 million people—according to latest estimates by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And, only about half of those people have the condition under control. Unfortunately, this is because many people are unaware they even have high blood pressure. Also called hypertension, high blood pressure is known as the “silent killer” for its lack of warning signs and symptoms.

But knowing your risks, making good lifestyle choices and having yours screened are all steps in the right direction to avoiding or abating high blood pressure.

Blood pressure refers to the amount of pressure our blood applies to the inner walls of our arteries, which carry blood from our hearts to our organs. So, high blood pressure is diagnosed when that pressure becomes excessive.

While everyone is at risk for hypertension, some folks are at higher risk than others.

Lots of factors affect your blood pressure, including age, diet and weight. There are also genetic components involved, and if you have had a close relative diagnosed with, or suffer complications from, hypertension, that alone is reason enough to consult your primary care physician on the issue.

Hereditary components can be managed by lifestyle modifications. Think about decreasing your salt and sodium intake, and if you are overweight, dropping a few pounds can drop your blood pressure points significantly. Avoiding excessive alcohol consumption and quitting smoking will both greatly affect your blood pressure.

Age is a huge factor, because our arteries become harder as the years go by. As arteries become less supple, physics tells us that the pressure is bound to go up. If you are 60 and older, your risk for hypertension goes up. Hypertension in people over 60 oc-

curs in more than 65% of African-American men, 80% of African-American women, 55% of white men, and 65% of white women.

At any age, exercise remains a great equalizer against hypertension. As long as you are healthy enough for regular exercise—something your doctor can tell you—getting up and moving for at least 30 minutes a day, most days of the week will yield positive results.

Left untreated, hypertension increases the strain on the heart and arteries, which can lead to organ damage. Again, the signs are not always evident. Some people with hypertension may experience dull headaches, but most have no symptoms. So, without knowing it you could be at increased risk for heart failure, heart attack, stroke, and/or kidney failure.

This is where the importance of screening comes in. I cannot say enough about how important it is to have your blood pressure checked, even if only by one of those screening machines we all see in our pharmacies. But the best way to get an accurate reading on your blood pressure is to ask your primary care physician or another healthcare professional.

Early detection of hypertension, as with most health conditions, is one of your strongest allies in regaining optimum health. If you are diagnosed with hypertension, there are recommendations and prescriptions your doctor can make to help. Don't hesitate to ask your physician to assess your risk for this silent killer.

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The Wayne Memorial Hospice team staff, seated, are Donna Highhouse, aide, left; Daniela Davis, RN; and Melissa Stephens, RN. Standing are Charlene Whitmore, RN; Desiree Mizwinski; Lisa Grecco, RN/manager; Anna Walsh, social worker; and Karon Shaffer, RN.

Butterfly release to mark hospice anniversary

HONESDALE, PA — Wayne Memorial Hospital's (WMH) hospice team is celebrating the 15th anniversary of the department with a spectacular display to which everyone is invited. "We plan to release a kaleidoscope of butterflies in Honesdale's Central Park at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 3," says Lisa Grecco, MSN, RN, manager of WMH Home Health & Hospice, "to honor our hospice families and their loved ones who have passed on." The butterflies, Grecco adds, are symbolic. "Around the world, the butterfly represents endurance, change, hope and life. Hospice is very much about this also."

After the butterfly release, a service will take place in nearby Grace Episcopal Church at 9th and Church streets. Immediately following, refreshments will be offered in the basement of the church.

While all of the day's events are open to the public, the hospice team has formally invited all the families it has served in the past decade and a half. Honesdale attorney Hugh Rechner was one of those whose family was helped by WMH Hospice in 2016. "That year, I lost my mother after a long illness. The nurses and volunteers of Wayne Memorial Hospice made my mother's end-of-life journey as peaceful as possible. They eased her pain and provided compassionate care and comfort at Mom's most difficult time. Just as importantly, they helped us when we needed it most. I will be forever grateful for all they did for my mother."

Hospice care is about helping people live life to the fullest to the very end. Wayne Memorial's Hospice Department, led by Medical Director James Cruse, MD, offers palliative and supportive care in the home or, if necessary, at a nursing home or personal care home. It serves Wayne, Pike and parts of Lackawanna and Susquehanna counties. For more information call 570/253-8431.



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Staff celebrating Wayne Memorial Hospital Auxiliary's Other Shop standing at the left of the door are Sandy Kline, Sheila Davis, John Conte, Gail Tucker, Madeline Totonis, Donna Decker, Cathy Howell, Mary Radell, Shirley Herr, Susan Darvill, Betty Wylar and Fran Phillips. To the right of the doorway are Martha Bergesen, left, auxiliary president Carol Sturm, Karen Hermezy, Alison Cosham Winchell, Rich Garman, Katy Wood, Heather Komar, Martha Wilson, David Hoff, Jim Labar and Sal Giglio.

WMH Auxiliary Other Shop Celebrates 40th

HONESDALE, PA — The Wayne Memorial Hospital Auxiliary's Other Shop on Main Street has now been in town "a lot longer than most businesses," as noted by Sandy Kline, Other Shop committee chairperson. "We haven't changed our name for 40 years!"

Kline and about 50 other people celebrated the shop's ruby anniversary on Monday, May 8, with cake, photos, speeches and board displays of historical photos. An aide to State Sen. Lisa Baker (R), Andrew Seder, presented the Other Shop committee with a special citation. The shop began as a consignment operation and today runs as a successful thrift shop. In honor of the anniversary, Kline said 50% discounts would be offered all week.

NEW ARRIVALS

Wayne Memorial Hospital announces the following births:

Abel Wesley Cramer was born April 26, 2017 to Crystal Anais and Michael Wesley Cramer of Matamoras, PA. Maternal grandparents are Joyce and Andy A. Wheeler of Wassaic, NY. Paternal grandparents are Virginia Hallock and Charlie Wesley Hallock of Poughkeepsie, NY.

Catskill Regional Medical Center announces the following births:

Easton Warren Snedeker was born on May 11, 2017 to Stacey and Kevin Snedeker of Cocheton, NY.

Benjamin Lee Orr was born on May 14, 2017 to Stephanie and Robert Orr Sr. of Cocheton, NY.

Luke Elliott Olvera was born on May 17, 2017 to Erin O'Mara and Corey Olvera of Callicoon, NY.

Autumn Sky Kelsey was born on May 21, 2017 to Kimberly Morgan and Sean Kelsey of Narrowsburg, NY.

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Simple FARE

A comfort meal: chicken fingers and roasted potatoes

By LAURIE STUART

For dinner tonight, I am making baked chicken fingers and savory potatoes.

I contemplate whether the potatoes should be chunks and tossed with spices, or whether I want to cut them into the normal fry shape and even try to coat them. Seasoned fries complete with some kind of coating around the potato seems trendy, and part of me wants to experiment. However, savory potatoes that are coated with spices and cooked in the oven until crisp are pretty amazing.

And I am all about food memories. And doing things as simply as I can.

For the chicken, I buy one breast that is boneless and one breast that is on the bone. Together, the two breasts weighed about a pound and a quarter.

If you have a sharp knife, I highly recommend buying the one with the bone, which is less costly per pound, and, yes, you do pay for the bone. However with a chicken breast, most of the weight is in the meat, and with that bone you can make a flavorful broth. (Medium saucepan, $\frac{3}{4}$ full with water; bones; 1 small-medium onion, peeled, quartered; 1 carrot, broken in half; a celery stalk,



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Oven-fried chicken fingers and roast potatoes make a comforting meal that is a healthy alternative to deep-fried food.

if you have it. You can add herbs or spices, but they are not really necessary. I put in some sage from the garden. I thought of it as tea.)

I cut the breast on the diagonal, and because it was big I cut it again through the middle. I put some flour and spices in a bowl, add the chicken and mix until it is well coated.

I cut the potatoes into uneven chunks and then put them in a gallon plastic bag, toss in the spices and shake. I coat the bottom of a baking sheet with olive oil and pour the potatoes on the sheet. Using a spatula, I toss the potatoes until they are well coated.

Because the potatoes will take longer to bake than the chicken—50 vs. 20 minutes—I put them in the oven first. After only a few minutes there are savory smells in the kitchen.

Now back to the chicken. To bread, I start by pouring two beaten eggs into the bowl with chicken pieces, and then using a fork, I mix to coat the chicken. I pour the breadcrumbs (I use Panko, but regular is fine) into a shallow bowl, and then, using a fork, I toss the chicken into the crumbs about five or six at a time.

I fry the leftover egg in some sesame oil and cut into strips for the salad.

After the potatoes have been in the oven for 10 minutes, I remove the baking tray, push them to one side and load on the coated chicken. I toss it in the oil and bake for about 20 minutes, turning once. With salad and a dipping sauce, it is a comforting meal.

The chicken and the potatoes cost \$3.31 at Pete's in Narrowsburg; the salad was from the garden. There was at least another meal's worth of chicken. I've been

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snacking on it for the last several days. (I stored it in the plastic bag that I tossed the potatoes in. The extra spices on the inside of the bag are a plus.)

I have a memory of husband Stephen licking his fingers at the end of the meal and saying "Now that was a comforting meal." (Really, I didn't prompt him.)

Making food memories. That's what it's all about. It's simple.

For more pictures, head over to <https://www.facebook.com/trrsimplefare/>

Ingredients:

3 yellow or red potatoes, scrubbed and cut into uneven chunks

1 tsp. garlic powder

1 tsp. chili powder

1 tsp. smoked paprika (you can use plain)

½ tsp. salt

¼ tsp. pepper

1 tsp. sugar (optional)

2 large chicken breasts (sliced on the diagonal and cut in half through the middle to make "finger" shape)

½ cup flour

½ tsp. garlic powder

½ tsp. smoked paprika

½ tsp. salt

¼ tsp. pepper

2 eggs, beaten

1 – 1½ cup of bread crumbs (Panko or regular)

Method:

For the potatoes: Cut up potatoes, place in bowl or plastic bag. Mix spices in small bowl and coat potatoes. Add oil to bottom of a baking sheet, toss potatoes. Heat oven to 350°. Bake potatoes for 30 minutes, tossing after 15 minutes. Continue to bake with chicken on the tray.

For the chicken: Cut up, toss with flour and spices, add beaten egg, coat in breadcrumbs. Arrange on baking pan. Bake for 20 minutes.

CRMG adds infectious disease services

HARRIS, NY — Catskill Regional Medical Group now offers services for infectious diseases. The Infectious Diseases Department at Catskill Regional Medical Group, led by Director Marina Keller, MD has physicians and healthcare providers who are trained to investigate and diagnose all kinds of infections and fevers of unknown origin.

Keller is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, the American Board of Infectious Diseases and the American Board of Medical Microbiology. She earned her undergraduate degree in biophysics from Cornell University, and completed her medical degree, residency in internal medicine, a fellowship in infectious disease and second fellowship in medical microbiology at McGill University. The new department will have expertise in a variety of treatments and diseases including Clostridium fecal transplant treatment (it is the first location in the region offering fecal transplant by capsule), multi-drug resistant infection, Hepatitis C and B and tick-borne illnesses.

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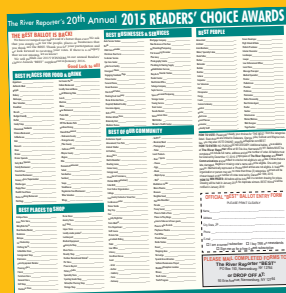
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Multi-farm produce program enriches local scene

by IAN PUGH

What can you do to support local farms? The Lackawaxen Farm Company (LFC) of Honesdale brings the solution to you with its community-supported agriculture (CSA) program, a multi-farm system that distributes fresh meat and produce across Wayne, Pike and Sullivan Counties. LFC is establishing multiple pick-up sites for consumers, from Jo Rob's Naturals in Honesdale to Tusten Cup in Narrowsburg, from the E. B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello to Vintage Kitchen in Clarks Summit—and from these and more locations, the CSA will offer a variety of season-specific packages geared to specific needs: fruits and vegetables in large and small shares; “butcher boxes,” featuring multiple cuts of chicken and beef; and “add-ons” that offer pork and eggs to go along with them.

The LFC CSA incorporates products from over 25 regional farms and producers, including Willow Wisp Organic Farm, Delaware Valley Ramps, Maple Hill Farms, Chaljeri Meats and the Ant-hill Farm, the family farm of LFC's founder, Eusebius “Sky” Ballentine.

“Sky created this some years back as a way to distribute not only his farm's food, but the other farms that he worked really close with in the region,” says Jennifer Bitetto, general manager of LFC. “Because that's the struggle—how do these farms find ways of proper revenue streams and distribution channels? So the warehouse itself sits right on the Ant-hill Farm, and he invested in a refriger-



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The Lackawaxen Farm Company team, seen here, are driver Gerard Miserandino, owner/operator Eusebius “Sky” Ballentine, warehouse manager Sam Lindenmuth, general manager Jennifer Bitetto and CSA curator Alicia Anderson.

The Lackawaxen Farm Company's community-supported agriculture (CSA) offers a wide variety of produce and meats.



ated truck, and started working with the farms right around his general area in PA. It's since grown to include farms from New York and out further in the Wayne County area, out even towards Scranton.”

In widening the scope of their goals, LFC chooses its farm partners based on careful consideration of regional needs and services. “The main basis to the program is organic practice,” Bitetto says. “We don't necessarily require organic certification, because we all know the complexities of that, but we do work closely with the farms to determine their practices, and as long as their practices are in line with organic certification, we will consider adding them as one of our producers. That goes for the meat as well—we're looking for 100% grass-fed, pastured animals.

“...Basically, it becomes ‘what type of items do these folks have,’ and ‘what areas do we still need product for’—and the beauty of it is, as we grow, we need more farms. So it's a beautiful thing—we're always looking for more farms to join in... to meet the demand.”

The LFC CSA program distributes every Wednesday or Thursday, depending on location, May 31 through December 21; a winter season—a rarity in the realm of community-supported agriculture—will begin after a holiday break. It operates by open enrollment, and participants can join or cancel at any time; this year, LFC has introduced an auto-debit system to simplify the process. For more information about specific packages, pick-up sites and a full list of producers, visit LFC fresh.com or call 570/253-1308.



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Mixed media, grounded in earth, at the Loft

NARROWSBURG, NY — “On Location in the Pines and Other Places,” a mixed media painting installation by Theresa Hackett, opens with a reception on Friday, June 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Delaware Arts Center’s Loft Gallery. The exhibit will be on view through June 24.

In this exhibit, Hackett will show a select group of paintings and drawings made over a period of years, depicting nature in a symbolic way. Hackett uses diatomaceous earth, actual fossilized remains of diatoms (a type of hard-shelled algae) as her ground for paintings.

“When added to gesso it makes a palette of many shades of a putty color,” she says. “I find this color to have a transparency and a physicality that allows the painting to be constructed in a tactile but minimal way. It is a material that reminds me of my first time painting with water on cement as a child, a temporal state that fascinated me.”

Hackett has had numerous solo shows and participated in many group shows and museum projects throughout the United States and Europe. She divides her time between New York City and Beach Lake, PA, where she has a studio and works half of the year.

Loft Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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Mixed-media artwork by Theresa Hackett

WHERE: Loft Gallery, Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main St, Narrowsburg, NY

WHEN: June 2 to 24. Reception Friday, June 2 from 7 to 9 p.m.

COST: Free

CONTACT: delawarevalleyartsalliance.org, 845-252-7576.

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Car show benefits memorial scholarship

SLATE HILL, NY — A car show at Minisink Valley Middle School on Monday, June 5 from 4 to 8 p.m. will benefit the Chris Corwin Memorial Scholarship Fund. Corwin was an outstanding Minisink Valley Middle School Technology teacher whose life ended tragically in a car accident a year ago.

This will be the second year for the show. Cars, trucks, motorcycles, and tractors are all welcome. Last year, over 250 vehicles and 1,000 people were present. There will be best-of-show awards as voted on by the owners of registered vehicles and spectators. There is no fee for vehicle registration or spectators, but donations will be collected. There will be a DJ (Strictly Entertainment), concessions, raffle items, 50/50, a barbeque and kids’ activities. Rain date is June 12.

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Shadowland Stages theatre in Ellenville, NY awaits the opening of its 33rd season.

'Side-splitting farce' 'Noises Off' in Ellenville

ELLENVILLE, NY — Shadowland Stages kicks off its 33rd season with "Noises Off," a comedy by Michael Frayn, playing from June 2 through June 25. This backstage door-slamming farce is a celebration of the theatre. "Noises Off" turns a production inside out to show us what happens behind the scenes (and back again) when everything goes wrong.

The troubled cast of the farce "Nothing On" is in their final hours of rehearsal—and everything's falling apart. Lines are forgotten, props are missing, actors are missing, and a love triangle is causing pandemonium onstage and off. Will the production survive?

The play received rave reviews when it first ran on Broadway. **The New York Times** wrote, "Voyages to the outer limit of hilarity!" and **New York Magazine** wrote, "As side-splitting a farce as I have seen. Ever? Ever." A TRR staff member who saw the original run of the play concurs. In fact, even if you saw the movie and didn't much like it, you should give this a try: the stage is a significantly better venue for this comedy than the screen.

Tickets for all evening performances (8 p.m.) cost \$39, and all Sunday matinees (2 p.m.)

WHERE: Shadowland Stages, 157 Canal St., Ellenville, NY

WHEN: Friday, June 2 through Sunday, June 25

COST: Evening performances \$39, Sunday matinees \$34, \$12 for under 16

CONTACT: 845/647-5511, www.shadowlandtheatre.org

cost \$34. There is one special Saturday matinee performance at 2 p.m. on June 3, with tickets costing \$29. Tickets for all children (under 16), accompanied by an adult, cost \$12 for all performances.

Shadowland Stages operates under contract with Actors' Equity Association.

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Two artists portray 'Realm' at the Alliance

NARROWSBURG, NY — "Realm," a two-person exhibit of ceramic sculpture by Anthony N. Biancoviso and photography by Ed Marritz, opens with a reception on Friday, June 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Delaware Valley Arts Center's Alliance Gallery, 37 Main St. The exhibit will run through June 24. There will be an artists' talk in the gallery on Tuesday, June 13 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., sponsored by the Narrowsburg Art Club.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines "realm" as "a primary marine or terrestrial biogeographic division of the earth's surface."

"The solidity of Anthony's carefully formed three-dimensional ceramic work harmoniously compliments Ed's black and white enlargements of an assortment of water-washed surfaces," says gallery director Rocky Pinciotti.

"When looking at both Anthony's and Ed's work, I am struck by the similar sensibilities in their approach and vision," says Pinciotti. "Although each artist explores nature in very different media, they have a shared sense of beauty, tone, and attraction to the earth."

Biancoviso has been working in ceramics for over 40 years, and has taken workshops from prominent master potters throughout the country, including Karen Karnes, Betty Woodman, and Warren MacKenzie. He taught pottery for many years at 78th Street Pottery in New York City.

Marritz has worked for 40 years as a documentary cinematographer, shooting many "American Masters," "American Experience," and "NOVA" episodes for PBS, including the Oscar-winning "Maya Lin: A Strong, Clear Vision." "Spielberg," an in-depth biographical documentary for HBO, will premiere in October 2017.

The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit delawarevalleyartsalliance.org or call 845/252-7576.



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Sculpture by Anthony Biancoviso, photograph by Ed Marritz.

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Delayed Kite Festival coming up on Saturday

LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY — SUNY Sullivan will host its 27th annual Kite Festival on Saturday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the campus green. Originally scheduled for May 6, the event was postponed due to inclement weather. The Kite Festival is free and sponsored by SUNY Sullivan, in conjunction with the Sullivan County Visitors Association, WSUL/WVOS Radio and Thunder 102. Free kites will be available to the first 200 children.

This year's festival will include kite flying, a variety of food vendors, activities for children, and live music by Cathy Paty. Vendors selling arts and crafts, jewelry and other items will be on-hand.

For more information call 845/434-5750, ext. 4377, or email hegeland@sunysullivan.edu.



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Basha Kill is theme for WAA show

WURTSBORO, NY — The Wurtsboro Art Alliance/John Neilson Gallery will open its June show with a reception on Saturday, June 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. The theme will be "The Basha Kill." An inspiration for all artists, the Basha Kill

is an abundant wildlife preserve offering dramatic views of the surrounding mountains and waterways. The gallery is located at 73 Sullivan St. Visit www.waa-gallery.org.



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Antique, classic and custom car show

ROCK HILL, NY — On Sunday, June 4, antique, classic and custom car owners from all over the region will gather. at Nana's House, 125 Lake Louise Marie Rd., to show off to the public their antique, classic and custom cars, trucks, motorcycles and tractors. The gates will open at 9 am.

This car show is the longest running and largest car show in Sullivan County, and is presented by the Catskill Region Antique Automobile Club of America, which brings together old-car enthusiasts to share all facets of their hobby. Profits from the show to help fund local BOCES scholarship programs, local food banks and other charitable causes. For more information call 845-932-8923 or visit www.catskillregionaaca.org.



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Jacob Johnson

Jacob Johnson at The Cooperage

HONESDALE, PA — Part virtuoso, part storyteller, Jacob Johnson will perform at The Cooperage, 1030 Main St., on Saturday, June 3 at 8 p.m. at the summer's first RiverFolk concert. The suggested donation is \$18 reserved, \$22 at the door.

Jacob's songwriting has won awards and his guitar-playing has put him on stage with Tommy Emmanuel and Phil Keaggy, but it is his ability as an entertainer that has won him fans throughout the Southeast. He refers to himself as "a ham that just wants to be on stage." He was named 2016 Emerging Artist at the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, was featured performer at the wildflower Festival in Richardson, TX in 2015, and was the winner of the 2012 Nashville Connection: Hero's Salute Songwriter of the Year award, among other distinctions.

To make reservations call 845/252-6783 or email riverfolkconcerts@frontier.com. For more information visit riverfolkconcerts.com or www.jacobjohnsontunes.com. BYOB, with snacks available for purchase.

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Anne Hills

Hills performs at Hearn concert

NARROWSBURG, NY — Folk singer/songwriter Anne Hills (www.anehills.com) will perform at the Tusten Theater on Saturday, June 10 at 8 p.m. The concert will honor Maris Hearn, a long time WJFF friend and volunteer. Proceeds will benefit WJFF and the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Hills is an American folk singer/songwriter, born in 1953 to a family of missionaries in Moradabad, India. She grew up in Michigan and studied at the Interlochen Center for the Arts. She has become one of the better known voices of the contemporary folk music scene, receiving recognition and awards for her live performances and unique collaborative recording projects. In 2001 she recorded a duet CD with Tom Paxton, (*Under American Skies*), and in 2012 she recorded an entire CD of Paxton's songs.

The AllMusic Guide says, "A stunning soprano tone has made Anne Hills one of contemporary music's premiere vocalists... Her knack for writing heartfelt songs has brought her to the upper echelon of her craft."

Tom Paxton says, "Anne Hills is such an exquisite singer that it's understandable that people might be swept up in the pure beauty of her voice and thereby overlook her writing. That would be a mistake. For me, Anne's writing, in songs like 'Follow That Road' and many others, is as direct, melodic and deep as any work being done today. She is quite simply one of my absolute favorite songwriters."

Suggested admission cost is \$15, but no one will be turned away. For reservations call 845/252-7272.

Roots & Rhythm workshop to feature Silberlicht

HONESDALE, PA — This year's featured visual artist for Honesdale Roots & Rhythm Music & Arts Festival is Ellen Silberlicht (www.Silberlichtsilberlicht.com). A no-charge workshop hosted by Silberlicht will take place on Tuesday, June 13 at The Cooperage, 1030 Main St., at 7 p.m. Silberlicht, who creates both sophisticated and whimsical pieces in clay and felted fiber, will demonstrate the science of making clay whistles. She hopes some attendees will volunteer to make them with her.

Silberlicht has displayed her work in galleries around the country, including, most recently, her show "Fiber on Fire" at the Delaware Arts Center's Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY.

"As an artist, clay has always been my go-to medium," Silberlicht says, "although I always love the discovery and creativity in finding new materials to work with.... My artwork reflects my soul, my being. I try to live life with humor— it helps to soften the hard spots."

For more information visit honesdalerootsandrhythm.com.

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Artwork by Ellen Silberlicht

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While waiting for the plays to begin at the Forestburgh Playhouse, you can stroll in their beautiful gardens.

Forestburgh Playhouse announces season lineup

FORESTBURGH, NY — The Forestburgh Playhouse has announced its season lineup for the summer of 2017. On the Main Stage will be "Ken Ludwig's *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery*" (June 13-18), "Funny Girl!" (June 20-July 2), Disney's Broadway production of "The Little Mermaid" (July 4-16), Disney's "Newsies!" (July 18-30), "Bye Bye Birdie," (August 1-13), "Crazy for You, A New Gershwin Musical" (August 15-27), and "The Graduate" (August 29-September 3).

As always there will also be a Children's Theatre Production, which this year will be "DreamWorks' *Madagascar, A Musical Adventure*." There are also cabarets in the Forestburgh Tavern all summer long. Visit www.fbplayhouse.org for more information.

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■ IN MY HUMBLE OPINION

By Jonathan Charles Fox

I'm not getting any younger

That's right—I completed another full revolution around the sun over the holiday weekend, but truth be told, it wasn't exactly a picnic. When I was a kid, I lamented the fact that so many of my friends were out of town for my birthday, as their parents took advantage of Memorial Day weekend to open cottages for the season, or take that first little trip to celebrate the “unofficial” beginning of summer, even though there were a few weeks of school still on the calendar. Nowadays, of course, it's a three-day weekend and most folks have Monday off. But I always have to remind myself that many spend the holiday observing (and rightfully so) the traditions set forth: to remember those who died while serving in the armed forces, which can put a damper on any festivities I might plan.

And damp it was this past week, as the dark skies not only threatened, but delivered. It rained on my birthday and I took to my bed, whimpering like the Wonder Dog, (who was in no mood to go out either) ruminating about my lost youth and cursing the ticks, having been diagnosed with Lyme disease, which has made me more exhausted than usual. Although my social media page blew up with birthday greetings, my mood remained as dark as the clouds, and I continued to pull the covers over my head, wishing for the day to end without fanfare. Noting that the Narrowsburg Farmers Market (www.narrowsburgfarmersmarket.org) was scheduled to open “rain or shine” on Friday, I sighed and heaved myself off of the couch to check out the “Farm, Fare & Libations” advertised on their website, along with a promise of special events and live music on the roster for the coming months. It's pretty cool (IMHO) that this market, located on the grounds of The Narrowsburg Union, is “the only Friday night market in the Catskills” making it convenient for residents and visitors alike to “pick up everything you need to start your weekend right!”

Although it's early in the season, several vendors were set up, and I started by schmoozing with “farm market cheerleaders” Danielle and Jennifer (www.naturalcontents.com), who were offering samples from their new cookbook. Then I went on a round of pop-ups offering fresh veggies (Gorzynski Ornerly farm), comfy socks and slippers (www.buckbrookalpacas.com), sweet things that I'm allergic to (www.2queenshoney.com), scrumptious jams and jellies and more. I'd name them all, but instead would urge you to check out the market yourselves and see what the fuss is all about. I even ran into Sherri Eccleston (www.SherriSoaps.com) who, having heard that I had the dreaded Lyme, suggested I try one of her all natural insect repellants to protect me and the pup against future heartache.

Spying little ones in tutus (www.Facebook.com/catskilldancecompany) preparing to entertain, I joined the proud parents whipping out their cell phones and took a few pics of the adorable four- and five-year-old girls twirling and giggling to the music, trying as hard as I could to remember being that young and innocent. I schpritzed myself liberally with Sherri's magic potion and headed for home, mildly depressed that twirling is no longer in my repertoire, while refusing to divulge my actual age.

“You'll have to cut off my leg and count the rings!” I told painter Sharon Molloy (www.transformationalspaces.org) the next day, when she asked what year I was born,



Sherri Eccleston had all-natural insect repellent for me and my dog to try at the Friday night Farmers Market in Narrowsburg last weekend.



Each and every tutu-clad little lady was adorable during the Catskill Dance Company's performance at the Narrowsburg Farmers market last Friday evening.



Artist Sharon Molloy explores the “Infinite Fields” of unseen “Worlds Within” in her exhibit currently showing in the Elevator Gallery at CAS in Livingston Manor.

during the opening reception of the Catskill Art Society (CAS, www.catskillartsociety.org) Members Show in Livingston Manor, NY. Molloy's installation, titled “Infinite Fields/Worlds Within,” explores “microscopic patterns, structures and shapes, which are part of the biological process; tied into our experience—and which we are mostly unaware of.”

I perused the gallery far too fast, because I was feeling wiped out, and after breezing through, quickly promised to return to check out the amazing works that the CAS members have to offer through June 25. “Oh no you don't,” artist Allan Rubin shouted across the room. “Come check out my latest!” Rubin (www.Facebook.com/AllanRubinArt) is accomplished in several disciplines,



“It's meant to be viewed in profile,” artist Allan Rubin informed, as he posed with his latest “Can-O-Masters” creation, “DANTE,” which is on display as part of the CAS members show in Livingston Manor.

but his latest passion, the “Can-O-Masters” series, continues to blow me away, so his request was easy to oblige.

“I'm working on a ‘Masters’ exhibit for the fall,” Allan informed. “Maybe you'll put it in *The River Reporter*?” Rubin's oil painted metallic sculptures are as described—made out of cans—and I still marvel at the cleverness that abounds in this series, which depicts famous people from various artistic walks of life. The piece in question represents Durante degli Alighieri (known simply as Dante), an Italian poet of the Late Middle Ages, and (according to Rubin) is designed to be viewed in profile. “Can't wait!” I responded, “but first, strike a pose—I'm not getting any younger!”

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WHERE AND WHEN

Thu., Jun. 1

Breastfeeding moms support group

HARRIS — Free support meeting for breastfeeding moms and their babies, led by a board-certified lactation consultant, at Catskill Regional Medical Center, 10am-12 noon. Meets the first and third Thursdays of each month. Pregnant women are invited too. 845/492-9027.

Business Group @ WSPL in Callicoon

CALLICOON — The Business Group meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Delaware Free Branch of Western Sullivan Public Library, 10:30am-12:30pm. Meet with like-minded professionals, share ideas, explore social media, design marketing materials, learn new technologies and more.

Greek Experience Festival

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Shakespeare on Film: 'Pericles'

HONESDALE — The Cooperage Project continues its Shakespeare on Film program with "Pericles," 7pm. A group led by Dr. Robert Dugan screens the film and shares impressions throughout the evening. 570/253-2020

Fri., Jun. 2

Art reception

NARROWSBURG — The Delaware Arts Center hosts an artists' reception for "Realm" at the Alliance Gallery, 7-9pm. Two-person exhibit showcasing the ceramic pottery of Anthony N. Biancovisio and the photography of Ed Marritz. Exhibit runs June 2 through 24. 845/252-7576

Electronics take-back & recycling event

HONESDALE — The Wayne County YMCA hosts the Electronic Take-Back/Recycling Event at Honesdale National Bank, 12-4pm. Accepting computers, monitors, VCRs, batteries, cell phones and more. Cost: \$20/carload. 570/253-2083

Fitness Night

WHITE LAKE — White Lake Firehouse hosts Fitness Night, 6pm. Featuring Zumba, Zumba Strong, yoga, piloxing, 50/50, raffle table. Registration 5:30pm. Benefits Alzheimer's Association. Cost: \$15 donation. 845/866-5430

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Open mic

MONTICELLO — Defilippis Bakery presents "Icing the Body Electric," 5pm. An open mic for poets, short story writers, rappers, performing artists and more. Free.

Pre-K story time

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Savory Sweet Confections grand opening

MONTICELLO — Savory Sweet Confections hosts its grand opening at 452 Broadway, #3, 4-8pm. Ribbon cutting at 4:30pm. Contests, raffle, refreshments and mini-cupcakes. 845/796-0258

Sat., Jun. 3

Butterfly release

HONESDALE — Wayne Memorial Hospital Hospice marks its 15th anniversary with a butterfly release, Central Park, 10am. Memorial service and refreshments follow at Grace Episcopal Church, 9th and Church St. RSVP: (570) 253-8431

Chicken barbecue

WHITE LAKE — The Reformed Presbyterian Church hosts a chicken barbecue, 4:30-6:30pm. Takeouts available. Cost: \$12/half-chicken meal, \$8/quarter-chicken meal. Proceeds help send kids to White Lake Covenant Camp. Advance tickets: 845/583-7082

Children's Expo and Touch-a-Truck Event

ROCK HILL — Nana's House Child Care Center hosts its annual Children's Expo and Touch-a-Truck Event, 2-6pm. A safe and nonthreatening introduction to technology, arts, engineering, arts, math and music. Children can interact with vehicles and learn safety tips. 845/794-3826

Church fair and lunch

ELDRED — The Eldred Congregational Church hosts a Church Fair and Lunch at the Eldred Town Hall, 9am-3pm. Also featuring crafts, baked goods, trash & treasure for sale and more. 845/557-0604 or 845/856-5087

Dance company performance

HIGHLAND LAKE — NACL Theatre presents "A Goddesses," 7:30pm. The latest work by feminist acrobatic dance company LAVA. Cost: \$20, \$10/people under 30. NACL.org

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Jacob Johnson at The Cooperage

HONESDALE — The Cooperage Project presents neo-acoustic folk/funk guitarist Jacob Johnson, 8pm. Doors open 7:30pm. Cost: \$18/reserved, \$22/door. 845/252-6783 or riverfolkconcerts@frontier.com

Kite festival

LOCH SHELDRAKE — SUNY Sullivan hosts 27th annual Kite festival on the campus green, 10am-4pm. Free kites available to the first 200 children. Food vendors, activities for children, plus live music by Cathy Paty. 845/434-5750

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Penny social

DAMASCUS — The Damascus Community Center hosts a penny social to benefit the Conklin Hill Union Church Maintenance Fund. Doors open 11:30am, drawing at 1pm. Hot dogs, cold drinks, coffee, tea available.

Plant and yard sale

YOUNGSVILLE — Liberty Aglow Lighthouse hosts its annual plant and yard sale at the Reform Church of Youngsville, 9am-3pm.

Summer reading program registration kickoff

CALLICOON — Western Sullivan Public Library, Delaware Free Branch kicks off registration for its summer reading program at the Delaware Youth Center's Summer Sign-up Event, 9am-12pm. This year's theme is "Build a Better World through Community." Registration open through June: WSPOnline.org

StoryWalk and Spring Fun Day

MONTICELLO — Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library hosts StoryWalk and Spring Fun Day, 11am-1pm. Outdoor scavenger hunt related to children's book "Flower Garden," followed by crafts and refreshments back at the library. 845/794-4660 x8

Tricky tray

GLEN SPEY — The Lumberland Fire Department Auxiliary presents a tricky tray. Doors open 3pm, calling begins 4:30pm. All new items, 50/50, accessories, toys, pet supplies and more. 845/858-9220

Sun., Jun. 4

An afternoon of recorded world music

HONESDALE — The Cooperage Project presents bigSOUND, 4pm. Recorded world music from the past 1,000 years: Japan, Kabuki and other traditional music by Ensemble Nipponia, hosted by Paul Ludick. 570/253-2020

Art exhibit

HONESDALE — ReMax Wayne hosts an opening reception celebrating the work of mixed media artist Bonnie Black Edwards, 2-4pm. Edwards, who works with such materials as metal, glass, wood and canvas, is ReMax Wayne's featured artist of May/June 2017.

Blueberry pancake breakfast

HAWLEY — Blooming Grove Volunteer Firehouse hosts a blueberry pancake breakfast, 8am-12pm. Eat in or take out. Cost: \$8/adults, \$4/children 10 and under, free/children 3 and under. 570/775-7355

Greek Experience Festival

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Multi-Species Showmanship Clinic

JEFFERSONVILLE — Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) hosts a Multi-Species Showmanship Clinic at Stone Wall Farms, 1-3pm. 4-H animal science program coordinator Barbara Moran presents how to display an animal to its greatest potential. Species highlighted include alpaca, beef, dairy, horses and more. Youth do not need an animal to participate. Cost: \$10/youth. Registration required: 845/292-6180

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Spring banquet

PORT JERVIS — The Tri-State Chamber of Commerce presents the 27th annual spring banquet, "An Evening with the Banach Brothers," at Erie Trackside Manor, 5:30-10pm. Special guest speakers Colonel (Retired) Steve Banach and Olympic Gold Medalist Lou Banach. Cost: \$75. 845/856-6694

Upstate Cycle Studio grand opening

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Mon., Jun. 5

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Toddler story time

MONTICELLO — Toddler story time at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library every Monday at 10am. This early literacy program for babies, toddlers and their caregivers uses rhymes, books, crafts and finger plays to develop skills that will help children get ready to read. 845/794-4660.

Tue., Jun. 6

Alzheimer's caregiver support group

LIBERTY — Achieve Rehab & Nursing Facility hosts an Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group, 6-7:30pm. Guest speaker Bonnie Lewis, RN, community educator of Cornell Co-Operative Extension, discusses "Financial Planning for Alzheimer's Disease." 845/866-3427

'Intro to Raising Pigs'

LIBERTY — The Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) presents "Introduction to Raising Pigs" at its Educational Extension Center, 6-8pm. This educational workshop covers breed selection, feed and nutrition, meat sale regulations and more. Cost: \$15, \$10/CCESC enrollee. Registration required: 845/292-6180

'Mapping Your Future'

HAWLEY — The Wayne Pike Workforce Alliance hosts "Mapping Your Future," 4-7pm. Representatives from local agencies offer free resources for career changes, continuing education, the path to citizenship and more. Light refreshments and appetizers served. Register: 570/390-7613 or www.wpworkforce.org/calendar

Wed., Jun. 7

Card making workshop

EQUINUNK — Manchester Library hosts a Stampin'-Up Card Making Workshop, 1pm. Participants create their own greeting cards. Cost: \$10. 570/224-6240

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Thu., Jun. 8

Alzheimer's educational program (healthy living)

HARRIS — The Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter hosts a free educational program at Catskill Regional Medical Center. "Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body: Tips from the Latest Research," 12:30-1:30pm. RSVP: 800/272-3900

Art reception

HAWLEY — Kiesendahl+Calhoun Fine Art, Ltd. hosts a reception for its summer art show at The Lodge at Woodloch, 5-6:30pm. Featuring the works of Kay King and Janine Dunn Wade. Exhibit runs through September 11. 914/325-5496

Human Rights Commission meeting

MONTICELLO — Human Rights Commission of Sullivan County meeting in Legislative Chamber in the Government Center, 5:30pm. Held the second Thursday of every month. 845/807-0189.

Library Operating Budget and Trustee Election

PORT JERVIS — Port Jervis Free Library holds its annual library operating budget and trustee election, 12noon-8pm. Polls open to residents of the Port Jervis City School District who are registered to vote. 845/856-7313

Fri., Jun. 9

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Spring Dance Show

MONTICELLO — Monticello High School hosts its Spring Dance Show at the Arnold Packer Hughs Auditorium, 6:30pm. Doors open 6pm. Suggested donation \$3.

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Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
 The name of the limited liability company is: PINE MGMNT, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/5/17. Office loc.: Sullivan County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to is Ihor Sirko, 507 Avenue O, Matamoras, PA 18336. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

INVITATION TO BID REFUSE AND RECYCLING REMOVAL

Please take notice that the Board of Education of the Sullivan West Central School District, Towns of Hancock, Bethel, Callicoon, Cochection, Delaware, Fremont, Liberty, Tusten, Counties of Delaware and Sullivan, New York, is seeking bids for Refuse and Recycling Removal for the period July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018. Sealed bids will be received in the **District Office, ATTN: Margaret Luty, District Clerk, 33 Schoolhouse Rd, P.O. Box 308, Jeffersonville, New York, 12748, on or before 2:00 PM on June 13, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened. All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope **“REFUSE AND RECYCLING REMOVAL BID.”** Bid information and specifications may be obtained at the District Offices, 33 Schoolhouse Rd., PO Box 308, Jeffersonville, New York 12748. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the District’s specifications. Any bid received after the designated time and date will be returned unopened and will not be considered. All bids will be reviewed and a recommendation will be made to the Board of Education for award. Award will be made at an open meeting of the Board of Education to be held at a later date. The Board of Education reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid and to accept or reject any bid, or any part of any bid, deemed in the best interest of the Sullivan West Central School District. DATED: May 25, 2017
 SULLIVAN WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL
 Margaret L. Luty, District Clerk

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
 The name of the limited liability company is: 414 PROPERTY HOLDINGS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/25/2014. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process

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against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 6608 18TH AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11204. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
 Name: 3506 NEWKIRK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/1/2017. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 6608 18TH AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11204. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
 The name of the limited liability company is: N Sutherland Landscape, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY office on 3/15/2017. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and mail to 22 Devlin Rd. Highland Lake, NY 12743. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
 The name of the limited liability company is: HIGHLANDS JAG LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/20/2017. Office in Sullivan Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 419 River Rd., Woodridge, NY 12789. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
 The name of the limited liability company is: Mountain Land LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/7/17. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Lynn Dowe, 216 Radcliff Rd., Ferndale, NY 12734-5305. General Purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
 The Name of the LLC is: **Brandon Stryker, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 03/09/2017. The County in which the office is to be located: Sullivan. Brandon Stryker is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which Brandon Stryker shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 44-27 Purves St. Apt. 14E Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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14. Sierra _____
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16. Egg warmer
17. Molten rock
18. Helping a kid out, perhaps
20. Anthem opener
21. Eat indelicately
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24. 1957 Nabokov novel
25. John’s "Grease" costar
26. Michelin rival
28. Sinner’s exclamation
29. 100 centavos
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32. "Didn't I tell you?"
33. Trunk accumulation ... or this puzzle’s theme
37. It’s south of Eur.
40. Catcall
41. Start of the 15th century
44. Classic movie villain who utters "I never drink ... wine"
47. 2001 AL MVP Suzuki
49. From the top, musically
50. Zingers
52. Suffix with lunch
53. Arab leaders
54. Kind of platter
55. Medieval laborer
56. Question for a hitchhiker
58. Mil. trial
59. Hosp. staff
60. Starbucks offering
61. Turned down, in a way
62. Nova Scotia hrs.
63. Orchard pest
64. "That _____ accident!"

DOWN

1. Marzipan ingredient
2. Metaphor for dense fog
3. Propecia competitor
4. 1970 hit "Raindrops Keep Fallin' _____ Head"
5. Grant-giving org.
6. Sleep: Prefix
7. Suffix with sect
8. A _____ root beer
9. Curtsy
10. Quell
11. They take things the wrong way
12. Real
13. Unappreciative sort
19. Go ape
21. Econ. yardstick
24. Destitute
25. Algerian seaport
27. D-Day carrier
28. Colored part of the eye
30. Anakin’s daughter
31. E-file org.
34. Craig of the NBA
35. Some SUVs
36. It may be elem.
37. Extras
38. Constitution writers
39. Most titillating
42. Some locomotives
43. Affixes, as a decal
45. Part of a hand
46. New Jersey college founded in 1893
47. Communications org. since 1865
48. Pugilist’s combo
50. Civilian garb
51. Chose
54. Central part
55. Volcano that inspired the name of a health insurance company
57. Length of the pool
58. "On the double!"

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The name of the limited liability company is: NY Boas I, LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 3/10/17. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY design agent of LLC upon whom process may be served & mail to POB 390 Callicoon, NY 12723 General Purpose

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company

Island Magazine Service LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/15/17. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY design as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 235 W. 76th St., Apt. 15B, NY, NY 10023. General Purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company

The name of the limited liability company is: 2045 LINDEN LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/20/2017. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 3611 14TH AVENUE, SUITE 603, BROOKLYN, NY 11218. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of limited partnership ("LP"). ML W193 L.P.Cert. filed with the Sec. of State of NY ("SSNY") on 12/07/2016. 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 1465A FLATBUSH AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11210. Name and address of each general partner is available from the SSNY. Latest date to dissolve: 12/01/2115. Purpose/Character: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company

The name of the limited liability company is: Notice of Formation of myRealiTea LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 5/2/17. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 620 W 42nd St, Apt 14E, NY, NY 10036. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company

The name of the limited liability company is: Mobile Tire Direct LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State's office on: March 13, 2017 The County in which the Office is to be located: Sullivan. The New York Secretary of State is designated

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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: 82 Wildwood Circle, Bloomingburg NY 12721

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company

Name: C&D GLOBAL TRADING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/3/2017. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 5014 16TH AVENUE, SUITE 416, BROOKLYN, NY 11204. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company

Name: 111-15 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/22/2011. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC P.O. BOX 249, BROOKLYN, NY 11204. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company

The name of the limited liability company is: GELSOMINO AND DAVIS SPEECH AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES, PLLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/11/2017. Office in Sullivan Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Attn: Shane J. Egan, Esq., C/o Cappillino & Rothschild LLP, 7 Broad St., Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: To practice the profession of Speech-Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sullivan County Shared Services Panel will be holding three (3) public hearings on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 10:00AM, 1:00PM and 6:30PM in the Legislative Committee Room, 100 North Street, Second floor, Monticello, New York for the purpose of discussing the County-Wide Shared Services Initiative.
DATED: May 25, 2017
Joshua Potosek
Sullivan County Manager

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company

Notice of Formation of Fields Group Insurance Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with New

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York Secretary of State ("SSNY") on 5/18/2017. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Fields Group Insurance Services LLC, POB 560, Rock Hill, NY 12775. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company

NY Mooers IV, LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 3/16/17. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY design agent of LLC upon whom process may be served & mail to Po Box 390 Callicoon, NY 12723 General Purpose

INVITATION TO BID Commercial Painting Contractor

Please take notice that the Board of Education of the Sullivan West Central School District, Towns of Hancock, Bethel, Callicoon, Cocheton, Delaware, Fremont, Liberty, Tusten, Counties of Delaware and Sullivan, New York, is seeking bids for a **commercial painting contractor** in the Sullivan West Central School District for the 2017-18 school year.

Submit bids to the Sullivan West Central School District Office, ATTN: Margaret Luty, District Clerk, 33 Schoolhouse Road, PO Box 308, Jeffersonville, NY 12748, on or before 2:10 P.M. on June 13, 2017, at which time they will be publicly opened. All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "**commercial painting Contractor**".

Proposal information and specifications may be obtained from the District Clerk at the District Office, 33 Schoolhouse Road, PO Box 308, Jeffersonville, NY 12748. All proposals must be submitted in accordance with the District's specifications. Any proposal received after the designated time and date will not be considered.

Contact Lorraine Poston, Asst. Supt. for Administrative Services, 845-482-4610, ext. 3005, for further information.
DATED: May 25, 2017
SULLIVAN WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL
Margaret L. Luty, District Clerk

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company

Name: 8TH AVENUE ENTERPRISES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/24/2007. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

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shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 127 5TH AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11217. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

QUICKEN LOANS INC., Plaintiff, vs. MAURICE GALANT; KRISTINE GALANT, if living, and if she be dead, her respective heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN; VILLAGE OF LIBERTY; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; "JOHN DOE" and "MARY DOE," (Said names being fictitious, it being the intention of plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein), Defendants. Filed: May 11, 2017

Index No.: 1858-2016
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE
Mortgaged Premises:
360 W Lake St
Liberty, (Town of Liberty) NY 12754

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is for the foreclosure of: Mortgage bearing the date of March 18, 2013, executed by Maurice Galant and Kristine Galant, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Quicken Loans

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Inc. to secure the sum of \$89,033.00, and interest, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Sullivan County on April 1, 2013 in Instrument No.: 2013-2473.

That Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. duly assigned said Note and Mortgage to Quicken Loans Inc. by Assignment dated April 5, 2016 and recorded on April 5, 2016 in the Office of the Clerk of Sullivan County in Instrument No.: 2016-2400. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the Mortgaged Premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Sullivan County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the County in which the Mortgaged Premises is situated. Section:116. Block: 1 lot: 14.5

DATED: February 9, 2017
Rochester, New York
NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your Mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Village and Town of Liberty, County of Sullivan and State of New York and being bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a stake in the ground on the southerly bounds of West Lake Street, said stake being 50 feet easterly from as measured at right angles to the east line of lands now or formerly Carmoody and runs thence South 18 degrees 10' West parallel to and fifty feet easterly from the east line of Carmoody 140 feet to a point; thence South 19 degrees East 123 feet to a cherry tree; thence North 78 degrees East 111 feet to the westerly line of lands of

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Balicer, thence North 5 degrees East along the west line of said Balicer 225 feet to the southerly bounds of West Lake Street; thence North 81 degrees West along the southerly bounds of said West Lake Street 120 feet to the place of beginning. Also granting the use of a right of way, in common with the grantor and successors in title, over the lot reserved and excepted connected with the Gregory Homestead Property where the road is now located and maintained with right of ingress and egress thereof. Said right of way being recorded in the deed of William W. Gregory and others to Reinhold Krauspe and recorded in Sullivan County Clerk's Office in Liber 169 at Page 569.

Premises: 360 West Lake Street, Liberty, NY 12754
Tax Parcel ID No.: Section: 116. Block: 1 Lot: 14.5

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
The name of the limited liability company is: Matt Smith Road Owner LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 3/23/17. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 40 Wall St, Fl. 17, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
Name: DD DIAMOND GROUP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/3/2017. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 199 LEE AVENUE, SUITE 1042, BROOKLYN, NY 11211. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
Greenberg Farms, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/8/17. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 117 Radcliff Rd., Ferndale, NY 12734. General Purpose.

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sullivan County Shared Services Panel will be holding a public meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 6:30PM and Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 6:30PM in the Legislative Committee Room, 100 North Street, Second floor, Monticello, New York for the purpose of

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discussing the County-Wide Shared Services Initiative.
DATED: May 25, 2017
Joshua Potosek
Sullivan County Manager

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
The name of the limited liability company is: FOAM GODS PROPERTIES LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/3/2017. Office in Sullivan Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to PO Box 431, Youngsville, NY 12791. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 193 Yaun Rd., Livingston Manor, NY 12791.

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Cochection, Sullivan County, New York will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 74 Smales Road, Lake Huntington, Sullivan County, New York, on the 14th day of June, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering the enactment of a proposed Local Law #2-2017: A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO IMPOSE A ONE YEAR MORATORIUM ON SUMMER CAMPS. Copies of the proposed local law can be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. All present with be heard for or against said proposed local law, written comments must be to the Town Clerk by noon on June 14, 2017. BY ORDER OF COCHECTON TOWN BOARD Hollye Schulman Town Clerk Dated: May 23, 2017

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
The name of the limited liability company is: Inside the Blue Line LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/9/17. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Bruce Pollock, PO Box 1174, Livingston Manor, NY 12758. General Purpose.

TOWN OF TUSTEN TOWN BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Tusten on June 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. local time at the Tusten Community Hall, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY 12764, for a local law to amend the Town of Tusten Subdivision Law.
All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard in person or by directing comments in writing to the

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Town Board, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY 12764 no later than June 10, 2017. The local law and supporting information may be examined prior to the Public Hearing at the Town Community Hall during normal business hours. All reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. In such a case, please notify the Town Clerk in advance at the above address or by phone at (845) 252-7146 so that arrangements can be made. By order of the Town Board of the Town of Tusten, dated May 30, 2017.

TOWN OF TUSTEN TOWN BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Tusten on June 13, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. local time at the Tusten Community Hall, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY 12764, for a local law to amend the Town of Tusten Zoning Law. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard in person or by directing comments in writing to the Town Board, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY 12764 no later than June 10, 2017. The local law and supporting information may be examined prior to the Public Hearing at the Town Community Hall during normal business hours. All reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. In such a case, please notify the Town Clerk in advance at the above address or by phone at (845) 252-7146 so that arrangements can be made. By order of the Town Board of the Town of Tusten, dated May 30, 2017.

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, June 16th, 2017 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. Oil and Lubricants for Sullivan County Department of Public Works (B-17-33) Gates, Hydraulic Hoses, Fittings and Equipment (B-17-34) 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: June 2nd, 2017

Legal Notice

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1. Baseline Data Collection Services to Include Current Air Quality, Noise Environment and Water Quality in Relation to the Proposed Gas Compressor Unit in the Town of Highland, New York (R-17-21)
Specifications may be obtained from the Director at the above address.
Dated: June 2nd, 2017

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that requests for inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land within a certified agricultural district have been filed with the County legislative body pursuant to NYS Agricultural and Markets Law 25AA Section 303-b and that a public hearing will be held by the Sullivan County Legislature on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 1:50PM in the Legislative Hearing Room of the Sullivan County Government Center, Monticello, New York to consider the requests and the recommendations of the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board to modify the Agricultural District No. 4 to add parcels as contained on the Sullivan County Tax Maps on May 3, 2017 and designated as follows:
Town of Mamakating Parcel 70.-1-60.5
Town of Mamakating Parcel 70.-1-60.6
SCHEDULE A
Town of Mamakating Parcel 70.-1-60.5
Town of Mamakating Parcel 70.-1-60.6
As portrayed on the Sullivan County Tax Maps on May 3, 2017.

Public Hearing Notice:
Please take note that the Town of Lumberland Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at 1054 Proctor Road, Glen Spey, NY 12737 pursuant to Section 250-29C-3 of the town law.
Re: Area Variance
Owner: Daniel McNeilly
Address: 115 Main Black Forest Road
SBL: 18.-1-58
Application: Area Variance
Project Description: Application for an area variance for accessory garage in the front yard.

Legal Notice

Public Hearing Date: June 20, 2017
Time: 7:00 PM
The file is available for review in the Building Department of Town of Lumberland Municipal Building located at the above address. The public may attend the Hearing or provide written comments. Written comments may be submitted via email at codeclerk@townoflumberland.org, mail or hand delivered to Lumberland Town Hall at the above address, ATTN: Laurie Terry, Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk. BY ORDER OF Zoning Board Chair, Terri Fountain.

LEGAL AD
INVITATION TO BID
Construction Equipment Rental & Maintenance Materials
Please take notice that the Board of Education of the Sullivan West Central School District, Towns of Hancock, Bethel, Callicoon, Cochection, Delaware, Fremont, Liberty, Tusten, Counties of Delaware and Sullivan, New York, is seeking bids for rental of construction equipment and MAINTENANCE materials for the Sullivan West Central School District, Jeffersonville, New York for the 2017-18 school year.
Submit sealed bids to: Sullivan West Central School District Office, ATTN: Margaret Luty, District Clerk, 33 Schoolhouse Road, PO Box 308, Jeffersonville, NY 12748, on or before 2:00 P.M. on June 27, 2017, at which time they will be publicly opened. All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "Construction Equipment Rental and MAINTENANCE Materials".
Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the District Clerk at the District Offices, 33 Schoolhouse Road, PO Box 308, Jeffersonville, NY 12748. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the District's specifications. Any bid received after the designated time and date will be returned unopened and will not be considered.
All bids will be reviewed and a recommendation will be made to the Board of Education for award. Award will be made at an open meeting of the Board of Education to be held at a later date. The Board of Education reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid and to accept or reject any bid, or any part of any bid, if deemed to be in the best interest of the Sullivan West Central School District.
DATED: May 30, 2017
SULLIVAN WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL
Margaret L. Luty, District Clerk

Bulldogs Sweep double-header against Jackets

By TED WADDELL

LAKE HUNTINGTON, NY — It was a game of “Double Bubble, Double Trouble,” as the home team Bulldogs of Sullivan West pulled off a clean sweep double-header non-league varsity baseball game against the visiting Eldred Yellow Jackets (6-9 overall, 6-4 league) on Tuesday, May 16.

In the first game, the Dawgs edged the opposition 4-2, while in the nightcap Eldred got pounded 8-3 on a day that Sullivan West’s coach called a “perfect day for baseball”—a comment overheard as he headed out to rake the mound in the wake of the double-headed victory.

Perfect weather and a spirited performance by both teams, closed out at the end by Eldred’s coach congratulating Brandon Dailey for his second game win and more, in an outing that was truly Dailey’s day.

“It was a close game throughout... both teams were battling,” said Eldred coach Joshua Santoro of the opening salvo.

In the first game, Patrick Kinney took to the mound for the Yellow Jackets, while Bryce Reimer snagged the win for Sullivan West, sending a baker’s dozen back to their seats.

Along the way, a rumor was heard that two Eldred players were Eagle Scouts, and indeed, unlike most rumors, it was true.

Asked to equate the game of baseball with the high ideals of Scouting, they took turns in stepping up to the plate.

“You have to be smart, really focus,” said Garrett Kolvenbach, a 17-year-old senior.

Posed with the same query, 18-year-old 12th grader Max Smyth responded, “In Eagle Scouts you have to lead the younger Scouts... it’s the same in baseball: being a senior you have to lead the younger guys and show them what to do.”

And now for game #2.

Brandon Dailey went the distance on the mound, striking out nine while yielding two hits.

He got the game off to a grand start with a two RBI double in the bottom of the first, and then posted a solo RBI double later in the game.

Eldred’s starter Noah Curreri whiffed six; he was relieved late in the game by Kolvenbach.

The Bulldogs Collin Hauschild went three or four, while John McCormack doubled with an RBI.

“For us, Noah Curreri almost put one over the center of the fence for two runs... then it kind of fell apart,” said Santoro.

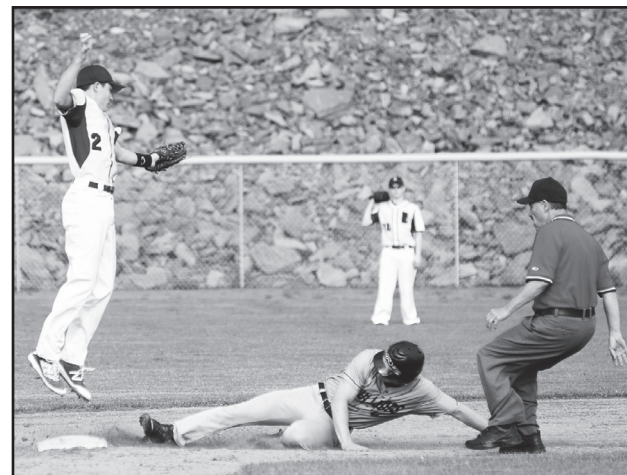
His take on Dailey’s performance on the mound for Sullivan West?

“I love that kid, he’s awesome... always a pleasure to play against... and he hit a couple of big ones through the



TRR photos by Ted Waddell

Slugger! Eldred’s Garrett Kolvenbach connects with a Brandon Dailey pitch.



Aerobatics at second: Eldred’s Garrett Kolvenbach goes skyward as Sullivan West’s Ben Mitterwager slides to the bag.



“Boo Boo” at home: Brandon Dailey almost scored late in the game, but the home plate ump ruled he missed the bag.

gap,” said Santoro.

Brandon “Boo Boo” Dailey, the Dawgs 17-year-old junior pitcher, summed up the game.

“Eldred is really stepping up... put up a fight today. We had some defense behind us and some hits to get it done.”

What was the home team catcher’s take on the game? “We had them at the start, and then they tied it up three-three,” said 16-year old Collin Hauschild.

“We battled back and got the runs we needed... we overcame a lot of things, and Brandon pitched a great game. We got the win.”



Sportsmanship at its best! Eldred coach Joshua Santoro congratulates Sullivan West’s winning pitcher Brandon Dailey on a game well played.

Bill Kirk, coach of the Bulldogs (11-5 overall, 3-0 league) was asked to sum up the second game.

“Eldred... what a fine ball club they have. Very solid defense especially up the middle... they make the plays.

So what about a couple of highlights?

“Brandon Dailey,” said Kirk. “He did an amazing job... he pitched a great game and helped himself at the plate.”

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NPS seeks Watershed Stewards

HAWLEY, PA — The National Park Service, Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River seeks outdoor enthusiasts to donate a few hours of their time as Watershed Stewards. They would work at some of the busiest Upper Delaware River boat launches and access points on weekends from June 3 through September 4. There will be a training session on Friday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Environmental Learning Center located on Lake Wallenpaupack, 126 PPL Dr.

Aquatic invasive species are a growing threat in the Delaware River and beyond. Newly trained watershed stewards will play an important role in stopping the introduction and transport of invasive species by fishing tackle, footwear and boat trailers.

Volunteer efforts will focus on Fridays



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Watershed stewards Lenore Weisse and Leatrice Langer talk to boaters at the Lackawaxen Access.

and Saturdays. All volunteers will be signed up as official National Park Service VIPs and will receive a shirt and ball cap to wear when on duty.

For more information call 570/685-4871, ext. 6605. RSVP for the June 2 training by June 1.

Secret Garden Tour tickets available

MILFORD, PA — A self-guided tour of Milford's loveliest gardens is scheduled for Saturday, July 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Advance tickets, costing \$15, are available at The Willow Store, 317 Broad St., or The Artisan Exchange, 219 Broad St. You can also order them by calling Helga at 570/409-6027. Send check by July 8, to Milford Garden Club, P.O. Box 764, Milford, PA 18337.

Tickets will also be available the day of the tour for \$20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Remembrance Place, corner of West Ann Street and Elderberry Alley; or at The Rotary Circle/Milford Community House, Broad Street by the traffic light in town.

Children under 12 are welcome on the tour free. For more information visit www.milfordgardenclub.com.



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Stairway Ridge

Stairway Ridge: a conservation triumph

WESTFALL TOWNSHIP, PA — The latest success story of Pike County's Scenic Rural Character Preservation program (SRCP) is protection of the 708-acre Polatnick property in Westfall Township. It is a heavily forested ridgeline parcel with pockets of wetlands and the headwaters for Mill Rift (Bushkill) Creek, designated a Class A Exceptional Value wild trout stream. Over two miles of the Bushkill Creek and its tributaries flow through wetlands and hemlock bottoms on the property en route to the Delaware River. There are three unnamed tributary streams that begin on or near the property and feed into the Bushkill.

Its permanent protection creates a contiguous green corridor known as Stairway Ridge. A trail allows people to enjoy Pike's woodland landscapes while hiking from Milford Beach through Grey Towers, the Milford Experimental Forest, and the county park, ending on the Po-

latnick property, now within the Buckhorn tract of the Delaware State Forest. Together with the Buckhorn Tract, State Game Lands 209 and other adjacent protected land, the Stairway Ridge property forms a 19,000-acre block of contiguous forestland.

SRCP emerged in 2006 as a means of maintaining the county's high quality of life through smart planning and active conservation geared toward balanced solutions to increasing population pressures.

To help maintain the high quality of life that we all enjoy in Pike County, the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, the local land trust serving Pike and Wayne counties in PA and Sullivan and Delaware counties in NY, invites Pike County residents to visit www.delawarehighlands.org/pike-county-survey to complete a brief online survey regarding your views on future conservation efforts.

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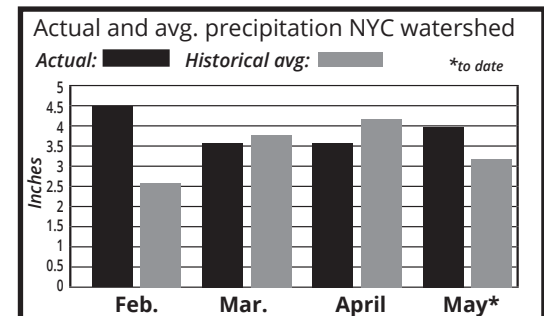
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RIVER TALK

By Sandy Long

One of the most wonderful aspects of spring is the refreshing energy of new life. But with that rise, the risk to regional wildlife increases as well, putting many species in harm's way as their paths and purposes interface with ours.

While it's not always possible to avoid harming one of the mammals, reptiles, amphibians, or birds that share our lives in the Upper Delaware River region, there are things you can do to help minimize negative impacts to the well-being of wildlife.

Native turtles are actively migrating to nesting areas through June as they seek sandy areas or loose soil to lay their eggs. The loss of a breeding female can significantly affect the local population, as it may take more than 10 years for a turtle to reach breeding age, and they lay only one small clutch of eggs per year. All 11 species of land turtles that are native to New York are declining, according to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation.

Watch for turtles while driving, and if you are able to safely stop your vehicle, most turtles can be carefully relocated to the shoulder of the road in the direction in which they were facing. Use extreme caution if attempting to move a snapping



TRR photo by Sandy Long

The month of June is a busy time for turtles. This one lost its life when it encountered a vehicle while crossing a road in the Upper Delaware River region. According to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, thousands of turtles are killed each year when they are struck by vehicles as they migrate to their nesting areas. Make it a point to drive more slowly during the upcoming weeks, especially while traveling on roads near rivers and marshy areas.

turtle, as this species can inflict a damaging bite. And NEVER pick up a turtle by its tail, which can cause serious harm to the turtle.

Visit www.dec.ny.gov/animals/277.html for more information.

Another animal affected by our actions is the white-tailed deer and its offspring. Road encounters can often be avoided

by watching for fawns following behind their mothers as they move about.

In addition, many of us mistake a solitary fawn for one that has been abandoned. That is usually not the case, as the mother is often foraging nearby. According to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, some wildlife employ a natural defensive tactic called the "hider strategy," where young

animals remain motionless and "hide" in surrounding cover while adults draw the attention of potential predators away from their young. Resist the impulse to interfere with this natural process. It is best to leave young wildlife alone, in their natural setting.

Wildlife welfare



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As white-tailed deer move about, their fawns are at heightened risk. If you see an adult deer crossing the road, carefully slow to a stop and wait a few moments. At this time of year, a fawn or two might be following along.



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