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'Drug kingpin' extradited

By FRITZ MAYER

NEW YORK CITY, NY — A man identified by law enforcement officials as a drug kingpin, who had been operating out of the Dominican Republic, and whose alleged dealings were responsible for an overdose death in Livingston Manor, has been extradited to New York and at press time was due to be arraigned on drug trafficking charges.

Officials say Anyerson Delacruz-Rosario supplied heroin and fentanyl packaging operations in the Bronx that distributed hundreds of thousands of individual packets of the drugs between December 2014 and March 2016.

The fentanyl being sold in this case was especially significant, said DEA Special Agent in Charge Ray Donovan. "In May 2015, DEA and our law enforcement partners confronted a new enemy—in the form of a fentanyl kilo, potent enough to kill half a million people," he said. "It was one of the first times we had seen fentanyl in a brick form, mimicking a kilo of heroin."

The road to Delacruz-Rosario's arrest was sparked by an overdose death in Livingston Manor in 2013. The death prompted Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff to track down the dealer with the help of multiple state and federal agencies and officials.

That effort resulted in the May 2015 arrest of five people in New York City involved in a drug-ring operation that stretched from Long Island to Livingston Manor. Officials at the time seized \$5 million worth of heroin (more than 26 pounds), \$115,000 in cash and two guns. A total of 11 people were ultimately arrested and 10 pleaded guilty to drug-related charges.

The investigation involved a long-term wire tap, and according to a press release from officials involved in the case, "The wiretap investigation continued after the arrests and revealed that, from the Dominican Republic, Delacruz-Rosario set up a new heroin-packaging mill in the Bronx later that same year. The strike

force identified Joel Monegro as the manager. Intercepted calls between Delacruz-Rosario and Monegro showed Delacruz-Rosario directing the operations of the heroin-packaging mill, including arranging for the acquisition of kilograms of heroin from a supplier. Additionally, Delacruz-Rosario negotiated with customers. Agents and officers arrested Monegro, mill associates, the mill's main supplier and the mill's biggest customer as part of a coordinated takedown in March of 2016."

Delacruz-Rosario was arrested on July 10 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and transported to New York on August 23. An indictment was filed against him in New York and charges him with two counts of operating as a major trafficker, which carries a possible life sentence.

Sheriff Schiff said, "Heroin traffickers like Anyerson Delacruz-Rosario, who are based outside of the U.S., think that they are out of the reach of law enforcement when they set up their narcotics distribution networks in upstate New York. They don't realize that we will use all of the resources at our disposal to get to the source of the heroin that is poisoning our community."

The organizations involved in this years-long effort include the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force (NY OCDESF), Group Z-41, the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor's Heroin Interdiction Team (HIT) and Investigators Unit, the New York State Police, the New York City Police Department, HSI New York and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office.

Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget G. Brennan said, "The indictment announced today sends an important message. We will relentlessly pursue drug barons who reap millions in profits by causing addiction and death in New York, regardless of their attempts to insulate themselves in foreign lands. I thank all of our law enforcement partners for their commitment to this investigation."



TRR photo by Ted Waddell

Roller Derby days

ACCORD, NY — A member of the Mid-Hudson Misfits Roller Derby team travels low to the ground. Roller Derby, a contact sport with blockers and jammers, played in two periods of

30 minutes, is a lively sport where skaters play both offense and defense at once. For more on the Mid-Hudson Misfits, turn to Ted Waddell's story on page 31.

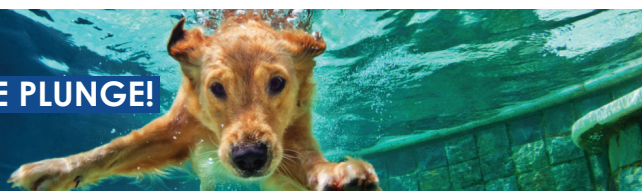
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Supervisor Jenny Mellan and parks committee member Bill McKerrell show off the town's oversized check from Sullivan Renaissance.

TRR photo by David Hulse

A thing of beauti-fication

By DAVID HULSE

GLEN SPEY, NY — A perennial winner at the annual Sullivan Renaissance Beautification competition, Lumberland did it again last week.

Lumberland Supervisor Jenny Mellan shared the moment on August 14 with Bill McKerrell of the Lumberland Parks and Recreation Committee, as McKerrell passed along the ceremonial \$5,000 check for the community grant awarded the town for its multiple-element beautification projects. Separately, Camp Simcha in Glen Spey received recognition in a competition among seasonal properties in the amount of \$1,000.

Some \$450,000 in awards were presented at Bethel Woods on Aug. 12. A big chunk of that money was a \$250,000 grant secured and presented by NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther. It came with the Golden Feather Award, which went to the Town of Thompson “for the transformation it has accomplished in the areas of beautification, code enforcement and building healthy communities.”

Mellan announced that a preliminary budget for Lumberland will be completed by September 30. Any required meetings for finalization will be held with town department heads during October, prior to a November 6 public hearing.

On the regular town board meeting agenda, the board hired a part-time buildings custodian, William Kanoff, who was the position's sole applicant and appointed Suzanne Edzenga as “a temporary replacement” on the Zoning Review Committee.

The town also scheduled a September 10, 7:05 p.m. public hearing for a six-month moratorium on solar farms and plants, tabled for additional review a draft procurement policy which was prepared by the attorney for the town and approved the purchase of new computers for the deputy town clerk, the part-time clerk to the supervisor and the town supervisor.

The board, in recognition of its many American-Ukrainian residents, approved a proclamation in observance of the 28th anniversary of Ukraine's Declaration of Independence.

In observance of 9/11, the board rescheduled its September meeting to Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m.

The Lumberland Cultural Series will present a first-of-its-kind Rock & Roll Dance Party on Sunday, September 15 at 3 p.m. at the town hall.

Clarification

In last week's story about the meeting between Sullivan County Clerk Dan Briggs and several Rabbis, the meeting took place within the Sullivan County Government Center.

IN BRIEF

Delgado's agriculture bill signed

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Representative Antonio Delgado's bill to aid family farmers was signed into law by President Donald Trump on August 23. The Family Farmer Relief Act eases the process of reorganizing debt through Chapter 12 bankruptcy rules, a tool created specifically to help family farmers during tough economic times.

“Today is a victory for our small and mid-size farmers who now have the flexibility to reorganize their debt and continue operations in what continues to be a challenging time for agriculture,” Delgado said. “In this era of bitter partisanship, I was proud to lead my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass a bipartisan, commonsense bill to help small farmers in New York's 19th Congressional District during this down farm economy.”

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall said, “This law relieves some of the uncertainty farmers are facing due to export market disruptions, weather events and declining farm income.”

Cartwright secures Wayne grants

SCRANTON, PA — Congressman Matt Cartwright announced on August 23 nearly \$135,000 in federal grants meant to bolster economic development in Wayne County, including one grant that may pave the way for a new local dairy processing plant.

The funding comes from two U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grants,

The first, which totals \$34,767, was awarded to Wayne County to conduct a feasibility study for a new local dairy processing plant. In Wayne County, the dairy industry serves as a motor of the local agricultural economy, generating about \$18 million annually in economic output.

The second grant, which totals \$99,999, was awarded to the Wayne Economic Development Corporation for the Waymart Natural Gas Expansion Project. It will fund the extension of a natural gas line along State Route 296, Honesdale Road, and to Railroad Lane in Canaan Township and Waymart Borough, bringing natural gas to 47 residential parcels, two churches and eight businesses, as well as 29 acres of developable land and the Waymart Area Authority.

“This award will build on Wayne County's careful planning for agricultural development and will bolster our goal of growing family-sustaining jobs in Northeastern Pennsylvania,” said Rep. Cartwright.

League of Women Voters holds candidate meeting

MILFORD, PA — On Wednesday, September 18 at 7 p.m., the League of Women Voters of Pike County will host candidates running for the offices of county commissioner, treasurer, district attorney, prothonotary, recorder of deeds and auditor at their regularly scheduled membership meeting. The gathering is open to the public and will be held at the Delaware Township Municipal Building at 114 Wilson Hill Rd. In addition, local candidates and school board candidates are also welcome to attend and talk with voters, but the focus will be on the row offices.

Bees knock out internet

NARROWSBURG, PA — Some Frontier Internet customers in the Town of Tusten lost service on August 20, or had service interrupted because a swarm of bees invaded some of the company's equipment. A spokesperson for the company said that a pest control company was scheduled to remove the bees on August 27, and after that service should be restored. The issue has been a hot topic on social media.

Free boater safety class in Sullivan County

ROSCOE, NY — The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit will host a one-day (eight-hour) New York State Boater's Safety Course on Sunday, September 1. The class will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tennanah Lake Golf and Tennis Club at 100 Fairway View Dr. in Roscoe. Participants must be at least 10 years old to attend and must pass a written test at the end of the session.

Starting in 2025, all boaters, regardless of age, will be required to pass an approved course in boater education in order operate a motorboat in New York State. Currently, all operators of personal watercraft (jet skis/wave runners) must be at least 14 years old and possess a boater safety certificate.

Seating for the class is limited and pre-registration is required. There is no charge for the course. New York State does charge a fee of \$10 for the boater's certificate, which does not expire. The fee is waived for students less than 18 years old.

To sign up for the class call the Sheriff's Patrol at 845/794-7100 and press option one to speak with the deputy on the desk.

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USP Canaan incidents spark federal prison security conversation

By OWEN WALSH

CANAAN TOWNSHIP, PA — Senators Bob Casey and Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania are asking the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to impede the flow of illegal drugs into federal prisons by enhancing its security. Specifically, the congressmen want the BOP to adopt a new procedure for processing inmates' mail, modeled after the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections' (PADOC) system.

A number of recent incidents at United States Penitentiary (USP) Canaan, a federal prison in Waymart, sparked the request. In early August, two prison workers came into contact with an unauthorized substance and were hospitalized as a result. Just weeks earlier, the same thing had happened to five corrections officers. In both cases, prison officials believe that the substances arrived through the mail.

In response to the same issue at the state level, PADOC implemented a new mail procedure last year that diverts all mail (except for legal mail) to a separate processing facility in Florida where it is opened, photocopied and emailed to the correctional facility. Inmates in state facilities no longer receive the original contents of their postage.

According to PADOC data, in August 2018, before adop-

tion of the new policy, officers reported 5.9 inmate drug finds per 1,000 inmates. In July 2019, they reported 4.6 inmate drugs finds. The percentage of positive drug tests has stayed relatively equal: .7% in August 2018 and .6% in July 2019.

"PADOC has reported that this new mail system has been extremely effective," the congressmen's letter reads. "We urge the BOP to follow Pennsylvania's lead."

This system, however, is controversial. Soon after putting the measures into practice, PADOC faced legal action from four different organizations including the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania (ACLU-PA) and a person currently incarcerated in a state facility.

Under the new procedure, mail from attorneys, which is considered privileged, continued to be sent directly to the correctional facility itself, but officers made copies for the prisoners and kept the original documents in the facility's possession. The plaintiffs argued that this violated attorney-client confidentiality. PADOC settled after one day of litigation and has agreed to stop photocopying privileged legal mail.

But the issues with the state system don't end there, said ACLU-PA senior staff attorney Sara Rose. She said one of her primary concerns is a lack of evidence to justify the procedure.

"In the course of our litigation against the Department of Corrections... we found that the concerns about drug exposure were way overblown," Rose said. "If your concern is that the guards are getting sick from handling the mail, there's really no evidence to support that."

Rose said that general concerns about drugs getting into prisoner populations are more well-founded, but that there isn't evidence that the mail has been the primary route for drugs.

"The vast majority, at least of the drugs they discovered coming in, were coming in through staff or visitors," she said, noting that these findings are based on anecdotal evidence.

USP Canaan did not respond to a request for comment regarding the security of its mail procedure.

Rose also called the "heartlessness of the procedure," noting that under the new policy, pregnant women who leave prison to give birth are not allowed to bring a picture of their newborn children back into prison. Receiving handwritten letters and cards from loved ones, or handmade drawings from children is an important connection to the outside world, Rose said.

"It's easy to discount the importance of mail for prisoners," she said. "That communication is so important to preventing recidivism when people get out."

Planned Parenthood office sounds off on gag rule

By FRITZ MAYER

MONTICELLO, NY — A federal program called Title Ten has been used to fund reproductive healthcare for women in low-income situations since 1970.

It was always the case that the funds could not be used to pay for an abortion. Now, President Donald Trump's administration says any provider who accepts the funding is also not allowed to tell a client how or where to get an abortion, or to discuss abortion as a method of family planning.

On August 16, a federal appeals court said the rule could go into effect even though the issue is still being litigated. That prompted Planned Parenthood, the organization that gets the largest share of Title Ten funding, to withdraw from the program.

With that as background, Sen. Jen Metzger turned out to the Monticello Health Center, which is part of the Planned Parenthood of Mid-Hudson Valley (PPMHV), on August 22 to give the center a grant of \$13,000 to help fill

some of the void created by the loss of federal funding.

In existence since 1975, PPMHV served a total of 1,265 patients in 2018, 65% of whom are at or below the poverty level. PPMHV provides screenings for cancer, sexually transmitted diseases, mental health, diabetes and provides various other health-related services.

Ruth-Ellen Blodgett, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of the PPMHV said she hopes the state will step in, as Gov. Andrew Cuomo has promised, and provide some of the funding that will be lost without the Title Ten dollars. "New York State has been extremely generous in funding a family-planning program," she said. "The federal dollars go to the state department of health (DOH) that mix those dollars with state funding, and here at PPMHV we get a little over \$2 million a year from the state to help with sliding fee scales, and offset costs that low-income women cannot afford. In 2018, of that \$2 million, \$717,000 were federal dollars. We can't take that kind of a hit.

"I think the hardest thing for us to absorb is the fact that the money that we get from New York, that was

mixed with the federal dollars, really allows a woman or other individuals to access our services if they have zero income. We can offset that cost. In other states, such as Texas, they do not get this kind of money. If they are able to slide fees, it's because donors have stepped up to the plate."

She said about \$1.5 million of the PPMHV's overall \$10 million budget comes from private donations.

She also said that PPMHV is joining forces with PP affiliates in with New York City, Nassau County, Mohawk-Hudson and the Southern Finger Lakes.

"It is our belief ... that if we join forces as we are going to, that we would be a \$103 million healthcare network," Blodgett said. "Financially, that would be the largest PP affiliate in the country, and we'll be able to reduce duplicative efforts. We're also looking at how we could then use some of the reserves of the more wealthy affiliates such as New York and Nassau, to make investments where we believe they need to be made. For instance, there is no PP in Delaware County."

More on the rule can be found in the editorial on page six.

Grant money for Wayne opioid treatment

By OWEN WALSH

WAYNE COUNTY, PA — The Health Resources and Services Administration has awarded nearly \$1 million to the Wright Center for Community Health in Scranton to develop an opioid response program for Wayne and Lackawanna counties.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Pennsylvania has one of the highest rates of opioid-related overdose deaths in the country. Certain barriers to treatment are more prevalent in rural communities such as Wayne County than in more urban areas.

"Some of the barriers are just very basic things like availability of certain services," said Jefferey Zerechak, director of the Wayne County Drug & Alcohol Commission (D&A), which is a key partner in this initiative.

Zerechak said understaffing, lack of transportation and geography limit local residents' access to medical treatment for their addictions.

The commission is still working out the details of its partnership with the Wright Center, but Zerechak said the two will be working toward expanding the availability of medical-assisted treatment (MAT) services. MAT is an approach to treating opioid-use disorders through a combination of medications, counseling and behavioral therapy. With this, Zerechak hopes to expand the availability of specialized medical care, case management and recovery specialist staffs in the area.

According to a press release, the three-year grant will translate into an additional \$100,000 in Wayne County for opioid treatment and recovery services. In recent years, opioids have become markedly prevalent in

Wayne County.

"We saw, over the past three or four years, more people coming here reporting heroin and opioids as their primary presenting problem [more frequently] than alcohol," said Zerechak. "When you see something like that, that's disturbing."

He qualified that statistic, however, saying that there are likely more people with addictions to alcohol than to opioids, but that these people are not coming in for help, so they do not get reported. Zerechak also noted that D&A has recorded an uptick in meth and cocaine use in the county.

In addition to expanding MAT services, the groups involved plan to use the grant money to extend opioid pregnancy recovery services and naloxone administration training. Naloxone, or Narcan, is a medication that can

Damascus grant and road repair

By Z. A. KOHLOA

DAMASCUS TWP, PA — At the Damascus Board of Supervisors meeting on August 19, vice president Dan Rutledge gave an update on the \$250,000 Department of Community Economic Development (DCED) grant the township applied for to use for parks and recreation.

“We are not sure if we will get the whole \$250,000,” Rutledge said, “but it looks promising that we will get something.”

At last month’s board meeting, Dan Paparella, a resident of Beach Lake, told the board he had heard about one of the DCED grants received for the Parks and Recreation and said he wanted to be involved. Paparella, who has an environmental science degree and experience with the Upper Delaware Recreation Project, said, “Our goal, [through] the Upper Delaware Recreation Project,

is to map, improve and promote all the existing trails and parks in the area as well as develop new ones and build a community around recreation. I need help from the community in pushing our project forward, and I would like to assist with building the park here in Damascus.”

At a previous meeting, Paparella had asked about possibly putting a bike trail in the park. Rutledge said Paparella will be returning to a future parks and recreation meeting and the committee is willing to have him offer his assistance and knowledge.

When the board opened the floor to public comment, Jim Bauhs asked the board if state or local agencies were planning to get involved in the tent caterpillar situation along roads.

“The state won’t do anything,” said board chair Joseph Canfield. “The state only sprays their roads. Private residents are on their own.”

Bauhs then asked, “Does the town have any long-range plan for road construction and maintenance? I know

you’ve been behind the eight ball because of weather.”

Steven Adams, the operational supervisor, responded that there are 98 miles of road in the township and the township goal is to try and chip seal 10 a year. Due to the weather last fall and this spring, the goal was not met this year. He said that because of the improvements the town has made on the roads, it doesn’t have to rebuild them every year. “We only have so much time each year, so we have to do a little bit throughout the township,” he said. “Dirt roads migrate to the edge. That’s why we have to re-grade them every year.”

Bauhs said, one way or another, he pays for the poor conditions of the roads. “I either pay for it in taxes or I pay for it in repair of my automobile. Do you contract any work out?”

Adams responded by saying the township doesn’t have the funding or revenue to pay a large company.

“We can do it very reasonably ourselves,” he said. “We just have to have enough time to get it done.”

Bridge replacement will divide town

By DAVID HULSE

ELDRED, NY — Officials say the replacement of a box culvert on County Road 21 won’t happen until next summer at the earliest, but these kinds of things have a way of sneaking up on you said county and town officials.

Trying to avoid that occurrence, Highland officials have lately been talking about the upcoming project to replace the culvert, less than 20-feet in width. The issues are two-fold: inconvenience and money.

The inconvenience problem is that CR 21 is the only east-west road in Highland, north of Barryville and south of Bethel. Residents and others using Clark Road as well as the eastern ends of Airport

Road and Crawford Road will be forced to detour through Yulan or Barryville to reach Monticello or Orange County.

Aside from the inconvenience, town officials say they also need to plan to have emergency services and ambulances available at either side of town. Councilman Fred Bosch, who is a retired county engineer, also expressed safety concerns about traffic stopping at the bottom of the steep eastbound side.

Then there is the cost. Bosch, who attended a July public informational meeting said a lane-by-lane replacement would keep the road open, but would require three months construction time and cost some \$850,000. However, closing a road entirely and dropping a modular replacement in place was expected to require only two to three weeks and cost ap-

proximately \$680,000.

Ed McAndrew, commissioner of the Sullivan County Division of Public Works, said the project is very much in its initial stages. “We haven’t even begun the design work yet.” The work will be done by a contracted firm and planned to try and create the fewest impacts. “We’re looking at September, after the kids are back in school,” he said.

In other business, at its August 13 meeting, the town board commended Carol Sundholm. Her floral design work recently won Highland a \$3,000 award in the annual Sullivan Renaissance competition for the Best Overall Showing of Flowers in a Single Element Garden, while the Greater Barryville Chamber of Commerce won a Judges’ Choice Award for Multiple Element Beautification projects.

The board approved a \$2,000 appraisal payment for the three former highway department properties, which amounted to values of \$261,500 and authorized a contract with Laberge Engineering to administer the grant funding for the new salt shed.

Additionally, the board formalized an agreement with St. Anthony of Padua and St. Thomas Aquinas Church for the use of the parish hall as a disaster shelter, authorized the assessor to add the cost of property cleanups to the 2020 tax bills of roll entries (10-1-85 and 15-1-10.82), heard VFW Commander Peter Carmeci commend his members for their “Poppy Drive” fundraising efforts and noted the Community Health Fair scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on August 24 at the Eldred High School.

New staff at Sullivan West

By Z. A. KOHLOA

LAKE HUNTINGTON, NY — The August 19 Sullivan West School board meeting signified the beginning of the new school year, and with it, a new slate of teachers joining the staff.

The board started, however, with food. The previous board meeting awarded the milk bid to Home Town for \$34,956.63 and the ice cream bid to Gillette Creamery for \$7,888.99. At the recent meeting, the board approved an increase of five cents in cafeteria prices for milk and juice. The price of heroes and peanut butter and jelly *ala carte*, student breakfasts and lunches, salads and adult breakfasts and lunches will also increase by 25 cents.

The Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office will continue to provide two school resource officers in the schools. The Sullivan West School District will reimburse Sullivan County 70% of the school resource officer’s cost, with a maximum reimbursement of \$140,000.

Several new personnel will be joining the Sullivan West system.

High school teacher Clarissa Cappola will soon receive

certification as a special education teacher. She is already certified as a social studies teacher. Coppola was appointed to a probationary term as a classroom teacher with an annualized salary of \$47,116.

Elementary teacher Miranda Yoli has a NYS Childhood Education initial certificate to teach grades one through six and an Early Childhood Education initial certificate for birth to grade two. Yoli’s annualized salary will be \$47,116.

Special-education, elementary teacher Jessie LaCascia has a NYS Childhood Education initial certificate for grades one through six and a Students with Disabilities initial certificate for grades one through six. LaCascia’s annualized salary will be \$49,269.

Elementary physical education teacher Linnea Schumacher was hired on a part-time basis with a pro-rated annualized salary of \$32,866.80. Schumacher possesses a health education professional certificate and a physical education professional certificate, and she is a certified athletic trainer. Schumacher was a substitute teacher at Sullivan West School District during the 2018-2019 school year.

High school social studies teacher Kevin Moller was

appointed by the board with an annualized salary of \$51,255. Moller possesses an initial certificate in social studies to teach grades seven through 12.

High school English teacher Caitlin Logan possesses an initial certificate for teaching English language arts to grades seven through 12 and will receive an annualized salary of \$49,269.

English teacher Midge Maroni was appointed for a leave replacement for Donal Henke. Henke, a high school English teacher, is on an unpaid leave of absence. Maroni was hired with an annualized salary of \$47,116.

The board amended the appointment of elementary music teacher Marisa Robertson to a probationary term at an annualized salary of \$51,255. Robertson possesses a music initial certificate.

The board appointed high school social worker Rachel Shene, who possesses a school social worker provisional certificate with an annualized salary of \$47,116.00.

John Yewchuk was appointed to the permanent position of cleaner with a probationary period of 26 weeks at a prorated salary of \$36,125.

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Boy Scouts, NPS: Mud at access is natural

By ELIZABETH LEPRO

NARROWSBURG, NY — It's unlikely that any major renovations will be made to the Ten Mile River Access point near Narrowsburg after residents' complaints about excessive mud there.

At its August 20 meeting, the Upper Delaware Council encouraged discussion about the mud at the access point, which locals say is knee high and "smells like sewage." Eugene Wolff, a Narrowsburg resident who has been active in lobbying for something to mitigate the mud, repeated that he thinks it is a safety issue for swimmers, boaters and tubers.

The National Park Service (NPS), which co-manages the property along with the Boy Scouts of America, shells out about \$35,000 for maintenance there—including the operation of a NPS kiosk and port-a-johns. Natural resources chief officer Donald Hamilton said that the site is not appropriate for vehicular access and "likely never will be." Previous suggestions of a concrete ramp or dock over the mud would be unrealistic, he added.

"The area along the shoreline, along the New York side, is an eddy area where you actually have a slow flow of water... and sediment and silt is carried in the water column as the water slows down there, it settles out so it's a very soft muddy area. This is a natural condition of the river," he said. "We're not going to reengineer the hydrologic processes of the river there, nor are we ever going to prevent soft sediment from building up on that side."

He added that it's not exactly the responsibility of the National Park Service to make capital improvements to the area. The Ten Mile River Scout Camps, which would likely be responsible for such infrastructural changes, agrees with the NPS' assessment of the site.

"We agree with the National Park Service on that. It's not an area that we would be able to do anything like that," said Wayne Holmes, director of the Boy Scouts of America Ten Mile River Scout Camps, referring to a suggestion that a concrete pad or

ramp be put at the site.

The National Park Service has agreed to put up an exhibit explaining the natural pattern occurring at the access and to meet with members of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Council in September to utilize their expertise. Additionally, Hamilton said, the NPS will pursue other Boy Scouts of America land that may be more suitable for carry-in boat access that the Boy Scouts may be willing to sell. The Boy Scouts of America will continue to work with the National Park Service, Holmes said.

Wolff said he was not pleased with the meeting August 20. "The NPS... claimed the mud was only 10 inches deep. How that was determined was not shared," he said. "My own experience and that of others who showed me photos on their phones at River-Fest [where Wolff carried a sign about the access] disputes that claim... Basically the whole idea of an improvement project was a little bit like too much work for the NPS, and they just want to close their eyes and wish it away."

Wolff and town board member Tony Ritter have suggested crowd funding for a concrete pad at the site. Hamilton said silt and mud will just build up on the ramp, making it slippery and potentially dangerous. He also said that the park service would be required to conduct core samples at the site should they decide to put in a ramp, "and no one is producing any funding to be able to do that."

In response to claims that the mud could be unsafe, Hamilton said he has spoken with a former NPS representative locally who said there have never been safety issues there in the past. "This area is not any more unsafe than any other area on the river," Hamilton said.

UDC Executive Director Laurie Ramie said the organization has agreed to keep the issue active on its water use and resource management committee.

"We shall see what happens at the next meeting, but I suspect inertia will prevail and summer 2020 will be here with the same circumstances at TMR," Wolff said.

Community Health Fair in Eldred draws many

By SUSAN WADE

ELDRED, NY — If we truly are what we eat, Americans should be the sweetest people on earth. That's because, in its many forms and under its many names, each person consumes on average about 150 pounds of sugar each year, up from an annual consumption of merely two pounds 200 years ago. That's five times more than the recommended intake for a man and eight times more for a woman, according to the American Heart Association. More sensible eating habits will help stem the near-epidemic increase in pre-diabetes in our nation.

This was just one bit of information gleaned at the Community Health Fair held on August 24 at the Eldred Junior-Senior High School. The event was the result of a collaborative effort of the Lions Clubs of the towns of Highland and Lumberland, Barryville Chamber of Commerce, Can't Hurt Steel Community Foundation and Sullivan 180. Sullivan County is the second-most unhealthy county in New York, and these organizations want to change that.

Several corporate and individual spon-

sors also contributed to the success of the event. Raffle baskets featuring healthy-living items were available as well.

There were 27 exhibitors whose areas of expertise ranged from hiking to chiropractic, meditation to nutrition, hospital organizations to massage.

In one of several presentations, Sandi Rowland, executive director of Sullivan 180 explained its mission as a new non-profit organization that was created to turn around the health and wellness of Sullivan County.

Among many other initiatives, the organization encourages the formation of Sullivan Club 180 healthy-living groups, through which friends, neighbors and colleagues can incorporate healthy living into daily routines such as forming walking groups, getting together to share healthy meals and recipes, or starting yoga classes. These can be already-existing groups such as service clubs or church congregations, or newly-formed neigh-



TRR photo by Susan Wade

Chair massage was one of many offerings at the first annual Community Health Fair held at the Eldred Junior-Senior High School.

borhood gaggles. Throughout the county there are currently 10 such clubs, including one for children ages 5 to 12, though none currently exist in the lower part of the county.

Symposiums addressing health topics are held throughout the county, also sponsored by Sullivan 180. The next scheduled event, on brain health, is October 22 at 6 p.m. at Bethel Woods

Center for the Arts.

Also available at the fair were blood pressure tests, yoga and Pilates classes, dental hygiene tips, opportunities to talk with social agencies, chair massages, discussions with physical therapists, a representative from trailkeepers.org, the state police and health insurance representatives, among several others.

Cathy Daboul, a member of the Barryville Chamber and a volunteer for a number of area organizations, coordinated the fair's organization. At its conclusion, Daboul said that the hope is that this is the first annual event of its kind.

EDITORIAL

Family planning gag rule hits Monticello

On August 16, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth District denied a motion by 23 states, Planned Parenthood and others to stay a ruling that allowed a so-called “gag rule” to go into force for healthcare providers who practice with affiliates of Planned Parenthood (PP), and other providers who provide family planning and other forms of healthcare and receive Title Ten funding.

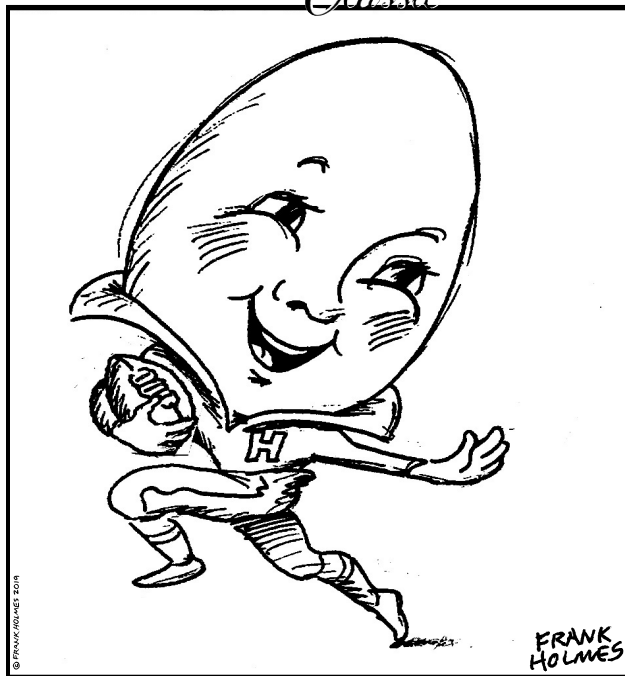
The decision sparked Planned Parenthood’s decision to no longer accept Title Ten funding, a program that was signed into law in 1970 by Republican President Richard Nixon.

Title Ten funding has never been used to pay for abortions, but in the past it could be used by healthcare providers who could refer patients to abortion providers or discuss it as an option for family planning. But in March, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar introduced a new Title Ten rule that said organizations that receive the funding are not allowed to refer patients to an abortion provider or even discuss it as an option for family planning.

Three federal court judges had blocked the rule from taking effect while the lawsuit progressed through the court. One of the judges, Michael McShane, wrote, “At best, the Final Rule is a solution in search of a problem. At worst, it is a ham-fisted approach to health policy that recklessly disregards the health outcomes of women, families and communities. In the guise of ‘program integrity,’ the gag rule prevents doctors from behaving like informed professionals.”

An appeals-court panel, made up of three Republican appointees, saw the case differently and said the “gag rule” was a reasonable interpretation of the part of the Title Ten law that prevents that funding from being used to fund abortions, regardless of the fact that it directly conflicts with other federal laws, including the Affordable Care Act.

DR. PUNNYBONE Classic



Humpty Dumpty Had a Great Fall

The decision has impacts that will be felt in thousands of communities throughout the country, including in Sullivan County. On August 22, Sen. Jen Metzger travelled to Sullivan County to announce a \$13,000 grant from the state to the Monticello Health Center, which is a facility that is part of Planned Parenthood of Mid Hudson Valley (PPMHV).

Metzger had strong words for the gag rule and President Donald Trump’s administration. “The Administration’s Gag Rule makes it illegal for doctors and other healthcare providers participating in the Title Ten program to talk with their patients about how and where they can access abortions safely and legally. It’s blackmail, pure and simple, with the aim of preventing people from considering a reproductive health option that is safe and legal, and depriving women of having autonomy over decisions about their own bodies, and really over their own lives.”

Ruth-Ellen Blodgett, President and CEO of PPMHV, said she was hopeful that some extra funding would be coming from the state to make up for the loss of federal Title Ten dollars which made up about \$717,000 of the \$10 million yearly budget.

“But I’ve told so many people, Planned Parenthood services cannot rely on a wing and a prayer, and relying on backfill is not the way you provide healthcare. We need to overturn this somehow. We need to impress on the American people that this funding was signed into law by Richard M. Nixon, a Republican president, supported by George H.W. Bush. This should not be a political issue. Abortion services cannot be provided through Title Ten and to put a gag rule on providers so that they cannot even mention abortion, or provide a referral for a woman, even if that’s her absolute choice for why she came in, is just beyond the pale,” said Blodgett.

Beyond implementing a gag rule in the U.S., as one of his first moves in office, Trump re-instituted the global gag rule that was first introduced by President Ronald Reagan. According to PP, “The global gag rule prevents foreign organizations receiving U.S. global health assistance from providing information, referrals, or services for legal abortion or advocating for access to abortion services in their country—even with their own money.”

“Until we end the global gag rule, the policy will continue to jeopardize the health and well-being of millions of women and girls and the families that depend on them.”

According to PP, there are at least “25 terrible things Trump has done to undermine reproductive health” (www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/blog/twenty-five-terrible-things-trump-has-done-on-reproductive-health).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Better than any argument is to rise at dawn and pick dew-wet red berries in a cup.”

— Wendell Berry



TRR photo by Fritz Mayer

Sen. Jen Metzger presents a check to a local Planned Parenthood affiliate to fill the gaps in funding.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clarifying membership of the scenic byway organization

The Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Inc. committee appreciates **The River Reporter**’s recent publication of its advertising booklet, “Explore the Rt. 97 Scenic Byway.” We hope that more media sources will follow your lead and help publicize this amazing highway that winds its way along the wild, scenic and recreational Delaware River.

However, we do need to clarify that our volunteer organization was not consulted over the booklet’s content. One of the profiles featured under the theme of “People and Places Along the Byway” interviews a Long Eddy resident who has renovated two historic buildings and includes a photo of Jensen’s Ledges located in the Bouchoux Trail State Forest Preserve.

To avoid any misrepresentation, please note that the Towns of Fremont and Hancock have opted against participating in our non-profit organization which advocates for the maintenance, enhancement and promotion of the 2002 state-designated Upper Delaware Scenic Byway along the majority of NYS Route 97.

Again, thanks for the publication, and we hope your readers will avail themselves of the wonderful attractions that you highlighted.

Glenn Pontier, UDSB, Inc. Chairperson
Narrowsburg, NY

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

■ MY VIEW

By Elizabeth Lepro

Queen of the side hustle

This Labor Day, there will be many people who don't have the day off.

Beginning in high school and through college, I worked part-time, sometimes full-time jobs, mostly at restaurants. I usually piled on a few positions in the summers in a desperate cash grab to save as much as possible. When I graduated university—a move that felt a bit like clipping the puppet strings only to find out there was still a wind-up key in my back—there was a period of time where also taking a steady job, part- or full-time, wasn't an option.

I turned to a trusty medium—a website that had furnished half of my apartment and provided some bizarrely heartwarming short story inspiration through its “Missed Connections” listings: Craigslist. I embarked on a mission to become an all-reigning Queen of the Side Hustle, only this time, my side hustle was, temporarily, my full-time hustle.

I made several posts on the site, one more in tune with my bachelor's degree, “Copy Editing and Resume Help,” and another that was basically “I'll Do Whatever Around the House or Yard, Just Give me Money and Don't Murder Me and Bury me Under the Above-Ground Pool.” The latter received more interest.

The next month found me planting flowers, weeding gardens and, in one case, reluctantly taking home seven of more than 100 homemade, keyboard-only CDs recorded and produced by a man who had hired me to clean out his attic.

Throughout my late-teen-early-adult hood, I've mowed lawns, nannied, tutored English, written blogs for companies, curated newsletter campaigns, washed dishes,

catered weddings and generally found ways to cobble together a supplemental income. I've had Care.com profiles, Petsitter.com profiles, half of an account on Wag! (it's an unexpectedly tedious application process) and an UpWork profile. I'm not alone. I join my fellow Millennials and Gen X-ers in the Gig Economy Kingdom, where we scramble to find part-time, one-time and contract positions in lieu of well-paid nine-to-five positions.

The rise of apps and websites such as Uber, Lyft, Bird, Airbnb, UpWork, DoorDash and a litany of others comprise the real estate of this kingdom. A decade after the 2008 financial crisis, the U.S. is seeing more gig workers than ever, according to **Forbes**. **The Harvard Business Review** cites nearly 150 million independent contractors in North America and Western Europe. These unstable positions are projected to make up around 40% of the workforce by next year.

Some people choose independent work on purpose. The freedom of not having a boss, picking your own hours and sometimes making more than you could in a nine-to-five can be attractive. But many of us do it because we've found ourselves saddled with student-loan debt, high costs of living and an unrealistic housing market, all while not being paid enough for jobs we were trained to do (and I'm not just talking about positions in the humanities).

Kristin Larsen's blog, “Believe in a Budget,” includes a post about how she made a whopping \$4,500 on side hustles in one year, mostly from walking dogs and completing online surveys (many of which took up to three days to complete).

The environment is risky. Gigs come with no benefits

and no job security, and leave workers completely vulnerable to their environments. Suppose you're making half your income driving an Uber and then your city outlaws ride sharing. A fellow side-hustle queen could find herself woefully dethroned—without the royal severance package.

In a survey of 65 gig workers, also conducted by the **Harvard Business Review**, every single person said “that they felt a host of personal, social and economic anxieties without the cover and support of a traditional employer.”

Being a member of the gig economy means being in a constant state of uncertainty. That's bad for mental health. It's no wonder we've seen a dramatic interest in “self care” as of late. In some cases, it's also devalued our work. “Content houses” that shop out blog and “content writers” for less than 10 cents a word saturate the market and make it hard for trained writers to ask for the money they deserve. The same can be said for designers, artists, photographers, landscapers and a host of other professions that were once considered crafts.

Positively, the gig economy has made many of my friends more resourceful and creative. I have a friend who lives abroad and funds her trips to the U.S. by using an app called “Hitchhiker,” in which people pay her to bring (legal) items they can't get in their home countries. Another avoids rent by house sitting nearly every week.

In this case, I'm not concerned about my generation's ability to adapt. What's concerning is the way we've adapted to instability.

Sometimes, I feel less like a queen, and more like the joker.

■ PEACE & JUSTICE FILES

By Skip Mendler

In his memoir “Woodstock Nation,” Abbie Hoffman paints a telling portrait of himself at the festival's end, staggering aimlessly around the deserted, trash-strewn field, stoned out of his mind and crudely propositioning every female he encounters.

That image comes to mind when I try to figure out what happened to the optimistic peace-and-love vision of the hippies, and why 50 years later we find ourselves in a world that seems, in many ways, the exact opposite of what they were hoping for.

Part of the fault was our own, of course. (I am lumping myself in with the Woodstock generation here, though I was a little bit younger—still only in junior high when Woodstock happened.) To put it succinctly, I think we were right to claim the freedoms we claimed, but we forgot... or neglected... or refused to accept the responsibilities involved.

But there was also a backlash. The conservative establishment responded to the social unrest and cultural upheaval that marked the 1960s with a campaign that was breathtaking in its depth, scope and audacity. It was also, we must begrudgingly admit, largely successful.

We can start with August 28, 1971, just two years after Woodstock. A corporate lawyer (and soon-to-be Supreme Court Justice) named Lewis Powell writes a memo to his

friend Eugene Sydnor, Jr., director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Powell decries what he sees as a concerted attack on American economic institutions—indeed, on the American way of life itself. But he's not particularly worried about Communists or leftists:

“The most disquieting voices joining the chorus of criticism come from perfectly respectable elements of society: from the college campus, the pulpit, the media, the intellectual and literary journals, the arts and sciences, and from politicians. In most of these groups the movement against the system is participated in only by minorities. Yet, these often are the most articulate, the most vocal, the most prolific in their writing and speaking.”

So he recommends that a series of countermeasures be taken within each of those spheres: education, religion, the media, and so on. And though I can't say that all these developments below sprang directly from Powell's memo, we can note the creation of a vast array of new institutions and organizations, and changes in existing ones, within the next few years.

(This was not a “conspiracy,” mind you; this was all done quite openly, right out in front of God and everybody.)

Some highlights:

1973: Jesse Helms of North Carolina forms the “Congressional Club,” noted for its development of negative

and race-based campaign ads: www.bit.ly/congressionalclub1977.

The NRA is taken over by hard-liners led by Harlan Carter in the “Cincinnati Revolt”; this creates one of several diehard voting blocks that Republicans can rely on for votes and donations: www.bit.ly/teenra.

1979: Jerry Falwell, along with others, starts the Moral Majority, explicitly linking Christianity with patriotism and capitalism: www.bit.ly/moralmajority.

1987: The FCC under Reagan lifts the “Fairness Doctrine,” enabling the explosive growth of conservative talk radio; Rush Limbaugh goes national the next year: www.bit.ly/conservativetalkradio.

There are many more examples I could cite, of course—from the establishment of think tanks like the Heritage Foundation, from FOX News to the Koch brothers, from ALEC to the Citizens United case. My point is this: these people worked long and hard to bring us to the present situation. Whatever happens to the Trumps and their supporters and enablers, it will take at least as much time, money, effort and dedication to undo the damage they have caused.

Maybe by the Woodstock centennial, we'll be able to really celebrate.

(Read the Powell Memo here: www.bit.ly/trrpowell.)

Fifty years after

■ OBITUARIES

GLORIA CRAPULLI BUDAKOWSKI

Gloria Crapulli Budakowski of Beach Lake, PA, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 25, at Julia Ribaud HCG, Lake Ariel, PA. She was 93 years of age.

The daughter of the late John and Philomena Crapulli, she was born October 14, 1925, in Bronx, NY. Gloria was raised in the Bronx where she eventually married the late Leo A. Budakowski and raised their family. They later moved to Beach Lake, PA. She enjoyed a career as a telephone operator, retiring as a supervisor in that field. Gloria was truly a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Nothing brought her greater joy than spending time with her family, which always elicited her beautiful smile and quick wit as the consummate jokester she was. Gloria's grandchildren and great grandchildren were the pride of her life. She rose each morning with thoughts of her family, and settled in, each evening, kissing each stone of her "mother's ring" to end her day. Gloria was a beautiful soul who will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her five children, Regina Clawson of Port Jervis, Andrew Budakowski of Willingboro, NJ, Janine McLaughlin and her husband, Bob, of Blooming Grove, PA, John Budakowski, of Tafton, PA, Maria T. Coutts and her husband, Jimmy, of Hawley, PA; eight grandchildren; Gregg, Stacy, Damon, Randy, Matthew, William, Angela and Kyle, six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Gloria was predeceased by her husband, Leo A. Budakowski (11/25/2002), her sister Brunetta Crawford and her son-in-law Gary Stellato.

Friends are invited to call on Wednesday, August 28 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Harrison Rasmussen Funeral Home, 3412 SR 97, Barryville, NY 12719. Cremation will follow visitation at Maple Hill Crematory, Archbald, PA. Burial of Gloria's remains will be in the family plot in Glen Cove Cemetery, Narrowsburg, NY.

Memorial contributions may be made in Gloria's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Arrangements were made by the Harrison Rasmussen Funeral Home, Barryville, NY.

■ DEATH NOTICES

John Richard Brown

John Richard Brown of Swan Lake, NY formerly of South Nyack, NY passed away on Tuesday, August 20.

A Memorial Service was held on Monday, August 26 at 11 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in Nyack, NY.

Charles Tremper

Charles Tremper of Youngsville, NY died Tuesday, August 20 at his sister's home in Littlestown, PA after a long illness.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 24 at Stewart-Murphy Funeral Home in Jeffersonville, NY. He was buried in the Jeffersonville Lutheran Cemetery.

Daniel H. Turner

Daniel H. Turner, 68, of Damascus, passed away surrounded by his family at home on Wednesday, August 21. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Connie (Diehl) Turner.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 24 at Calkins Baptist Church.

Vee Walden

Vee Walden, 76, of Hortonville, NY has died following a brief illness.

Vee requested that no funeral be held, so a celebration of her life is planned for September. Details will be announced to her friends and students via social media.

Registration open for 5k run/walk

MILFORD, PA — On Sunday, September 8, the Gold Key County Club is hosting a 5K run/walk to celebrate first responders and military-service members. All of the proceeds from the event will go to the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation. The foundation is named to honor firefighter Stephern Siller and his sacrifice on September 11.

The Pike County Gold Key 5k Run/Walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. at 106 Long Tavern Way.

For more information and to register online, visit www.t2trun.org.

■ COMMUNITY CURRICULUM

Landscaping alternatives to invasive plants

LIBERTY, NY — On Wednesday, September 4 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Sullivan Renaissance is hosting a seminar about invasive plants and alternative choices for your landscape. This free seminar will take place at the Cornell Cooperative Extension's Gerald J. Skoda Education Center located at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd.

"Some plant species were introduced intentionally for use in landscaping. Little did our ancestors know that the transport of plant seeds, roots and stems would become an environmental problem for Sullivan County in the future," said Diana K. Weiner, Sullivan Renaissance horticulture program manager, who will lead the seminar.

Light refreshments will be served and seating is limited, so registration is suggested by visiting www.sullivanrenaissance.org/events-seminars.

Library card sign-up month

CATSKILL REGION — The American Library Association (ALA) is holding a #GetLibraryCarded promotion from Sunday, September 1 through Sunday, September 22, and the Western Sullivan Public Library is taking part.

Snap a selfie with your library card and post it to Instagram or Twitter with the hashtag #GetLibraryCarded to be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card. Entries can also be posted as a comment or wall post on the "I Love Libraries" Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ILoveLibraries). Be sure to cover up any personally identifiable information.

Visit www.iLoveLibraries.org for official rules. For information on programs, services and materials at the library, contact library director Audra Everett at 845/482-4350.

Deadline to enter poetry festival approaches

LIBERTY, NY — The Liberty Museum and Arts Center invites poets to participate in its 12th annual poetry festival to be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 21 at the Museum on 46 South Main St. Poets, published and unpublished, working in all styles, are welcome.

Organized and moderated by poet Marilyn Laufer, the festival "highlights the talents of the region's finest poets, and the readings range from light humorous pieces to free verse to intense Gothic and expressionistic work."

The last date to submit poems is Monday, September 9. Submit poems for consideration to Marilyn Laufer at mbfrumess@gmail.com. Submissions must include your full name, address, telephone and email contact information. For more information, call Marilyn Laufer at 845/292-6628.

Seeking veterans for 'Hudson Valley Honor Flight'

WALDEN, NY — Hudson Valley Honor Flight is seeking veterans for its fall flight taking place on Saturday, October 12. The flight will depart from New York Stewart International Airport in New Windsor and will take veterans on an all-expenses-paid trip to visit our nation's war memorials. Veterans will travel by a police-escorted bus convoy while in D.C. for the daylong tour and fly back to NY that evening.

All area World War II, Korean War, Cold War and Vietnam-era veterans, also including those who served between WWII and the Korean War, from the following counties who have not previously taken part in a Hudson Valley Honor Flight are eligible to participate: Orange, Ulster, Dutchess, Westchester, Rockland, Sullivan, Putnam and Pike (PA).

To learn more and apply, call 845/391-0076 or visit www.hvhonorflight.com.

Calling all goblins, ghouls and ghosts

SOUTH FALLSBURG, NY — The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is holding open auditions at the Rivoli Theater for its "Haunted Theater" program on Friday, August 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, August 31 from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Dawn Perneszi at nyx6117@yahoo.com.

'Herd the Curd' 5k run/walk and 10k

HONESDALE, PA — On Saturday, August 31, the families of Calkins Creamery invite the community to its Seventh Annual Herd the Curd 5k run/walk and 10k taking place at Highland Farm located at 288 Calkins Rd. The 10k will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the 5k starting at 9 a.m. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m.

Participants will run or walk through a 3.1 mile scenic race course on the farm or run a challenging 6.2 miles. Those who can't make it to the event are welcome to log their miles at home.

To register for the Herd the Curd races, visit www.calkinscreamery.com or www.facebook.com/herdthecurd5k.

Ninety-seven backpacks filled

ROSCOE, NY — On Wednesday, August 21, the "Ready-Set-Go" back-to-school project offered fully stocked backpacks to families in need through the Shepherd's Pantry program at the Roscoe United Church. In the inaugural year for the project, 97 backpacks were filled with books and school supplies. The project was dedicated to the memory of Martha Wilcox, R.N.



Scandinavian Craft Fair

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The River Reporter will be
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Deadlines for the September 5 edition are as follows:
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Display advertising - Friday, August 30 at 4pm.

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LOOKING BACK

By Ann O'Hara

One of the most popular items in the Wayne County Historical Society Museum Shop and Research Library is a book entitled "The Nomenclature of Wayne: A History of Wayne County, PA." Originally, it was a series of newspaper articles in the **Honesdale Citizen** in 1905-1907, written by Thomas J. Ham (1837-1911). Ham traced the origin of the place names of Wayne County with emphasis on its post offices. The series might have been forgotten if Pike County historian George J. Fluhr had not resurrected them from the files of the **News Eagle** in 1995. In 2003, he gave the Wayne County Historical Society permission to reprint the book along with the every-name index, which had been prepared by WCHS volunteers Gene Tagle and Rae Ann Bishop. As time passes, it is ever more valuable in researching people and places and as a look into life in the early days of the county.

From the files of the Wayne County Historical Society. The museum and library are open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

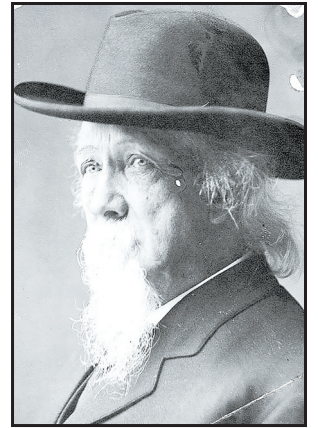


Photo contributed by the Wayne County Historical Society

Thomas J. Ham wrote a series of newspaper articles that became "The Nomenclature of Wayne: A History of Wayne County, PA."

NARROWSBURG NEWS

By Greg Triggs

Music was playing. The top was down. Perfect summer moment. "Deer!" my friend Kelly shouted from the passenger side—too late. Despite slowing down, it was clear we were going to collide.

The deer approached at an angle. My car, a VW Beetle, has a rounded front. The deer was scooped up, sliding up to and over the windshield. It flew over heads as the car's momentum kept it moving forward. In midair the deer twisted, landing on its legs. When we pulled over it was gone, hopefully without serious injury. There was no damage to the car.

We were very lucky. It's easy to imagine a scenario where the deer landed in the car, or hooves hitting us as the deer flew over the convertible. None of which happened, thankfully.

It did get me thinking—do I know how to best handle such emergencies?

Google to the rescue! The best advice came from insurance companies. Not surprising; they have a vested interest in the welfare of drivers, passengers, cars and I suppose even the deer.

Here are some tips compiled by Nathan Erb:

1. Watch for the rest of the gang. Deer are pack animals. If a deer crosses in front of you, chances are there are more nearby. Slow down. Keep an eye out for more deer darting across the road.
2. Timing is everything. Deer are most active at dusk and dawn: periods when your vision is most compromised. To add to their terrible timing, deer are on the move during mating season (between October and January) when you're more likely to travel after the sun sets. Slow down. Stay alert. Especially after dark.
3. Wear your seat belt. It won't prevent a collision, but if the inevitable happens a seat belt can reduce injuries—especially if you lose control and collide with something bigger and more stationary than a deer.

Oh deer!

4. Take a moment to reflect. First, look for the road signs. The yellow diamonds with the deer on it are placed in high-traffic areas for deer. You may also spot a deer because their eyes will brightly reflect a car's headlights, making them easier to spot.

5. Stay Center. On a multi-lane road, the center lane is your safest bet for avoiding a deer collision, as long as your local traffic laws permit it. This gives deer plenty of space; and in case your vehicle does startle them, it gives you more time to react if one darts onto the road.

6. Stay the course. If you see a deer, brake firmly and calmly. Stay in your lane. Swerving could make you lose control of your vehicle and turn a bad situation much worse. Not to mention, deer are unpredictable, and you could swerve directly into their changed path.

7. Honk! Some experts recommend that one long blast of the horn will scare deer out of the road. Do not rely on hood whistles or other devices designed to scare off deer—studies have shown them to be largely ineffective at minimizing accidents.

Here are some tips to consider post-incident:

1. Pull to the side of the road as soon as it is safe to do so.
2. Turn on your hazard lights and remain in the vehicle until you are sure it is safe.
3. Call emergency services if injuries are involved or the local police for property damage. Be sure to report any damage to your auto insurance carrier.
4. Stay away from the deer. If it is still alive, it could be confused, injured and dangerous if approached. When contacting the authorities, let them know if the deer is in a dangerous spot on the road so that it can be removed.

It's okay to fawn over safety. An accident could have horrible consequences on your health and pocketbook. So don't shell out big bucks after an incident. Protect yourself, your passengers, your vehicle, other drivers and your doe by learning these tips if not for yourself, for those you hold dear.

Everyday Employment

Incubating business in Wayne

By OWEN WALSH

WAYNE COUNTY, PA — Five years ago, local economic developers found a conundrum in Wayne County. On one hand, the area was rather entrepreneurial for a rural community: 80% of local businesses had

a staff of 10 employees or fewer, and 60% had a staff of five or fewer. However, the county also had a lower per capita personal income than surrounding areas.

“It really wasn’t for the lack of good jobs here, it was the mix of jobs,” said Mary Beth Wood of the Wayne Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO). “We had

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more jobs in lower wage earning industries than we had in higher wage earning industries.”

Wood gave the examples that around 6% of jobs in a community should be in the technology sector—a higher wage earning industry; Wayne County was only at 1.8%. Similarly, manufacturing jobs should make up about 11% of employment; here it only made up 3.4%.

Members of WEDCO and other strategic planning groups like Wayne Tomorrow, realized they needed to find a way to feed the community’s entrepreneurial spirit, while providing the necessary technology and amenities to avoid falling behind other areas. Their solution was to create a business incubator and co-working space, known today as The Stourbridge Project.

The opportunity behind the idea was not obvious to the community right away. “At first everybody thought of [the Stourbridge Project] as just space,” said director Susan Shaffer at a recent open house. “It’s so much more than that.”

Located at the former Stourbridge Elementary School building, the project offers residents access to technologies such as 3D printing, a host of software programs and, most importantly, high-speed internet.

“If you think about it, the internet is now as important as a highway,” said Wood. “If we don’t have those connections we will fall further and further behind.”

Since getting up and running, many freelancers and independent contractors have utilized the project’s resources. However, some larger local businesses have been taking advantage as well. Notably, **Highlights Magazine for Children** produces all of the music for its digital content out of its recording studio there. Yoga International also films videos using rooms that are available to all residents.

Wood said that in addition to Stourbridge, groups like WEDCO and Wayne Tomorrow are looking to attract employers to the Sterling Business and Technology Park, located near Interstate 84, which provides space and resources for more industrial companies.

With the success of the Stourbridge Project, strategic planners also want to bring similar community hubs to more parts of Wayne County.

“We are really, really booming with ideas, activities and collaboration,” Wood said. “This is a beginning, it’s not an end.”

Look for part two of this special section in the September 12 issue.

Everyday Employment

There's a workforce behind the festivities *Wally Lake Fest from another perspective*

By ERICA HIGHHOUSE

The summer months are when people are the most carefree. Office chairs go vacant as beaches and lake houses crowd. Tourists from all over flock to regions like the Catskills and the Poconos. One of the main events that draws them to our neck of the woods is Wally Lake Fest. Amidst all the entertained partygoers enjoying live music, food specials and craft vendors, the area's workforce see the festival through a different lens.

As the days of summer grow longer, life gets easier—for some. Wallenpaupack-area workers share a general consensus: Wally Fest is chaotic. With the huge influx of tourists to the area, it's time to go haywire or go home. Most businesses pull out all the stops. Food and drink specials, in-house music and lively atmosphere are all on the menu, but it takes careful planning and diligence to make it all happen.

Travis Lugo, chef at Glass. Wine. Bar. Kitchen., says that planning is absolutely essential. It was through planning that Wally Fest came about in the first place. "This weekend was originally a dead weekend. It was created to increase the flow of business throughout the area."

At the close of its 10th year, business during Wally Fest boomed. Glass was among the locales that reveled in the success of the annual festivities.

Lugo and staff members spent extra time in the kitchen preparing for the madness. Slicing, dicing and portioning foods ahead of time helped the process run smoother as the restaurant was busier than usual. Glass's kitchen pushed out extra amounts of signature dishes: Moroccan fish tacos, mac and cheese and a red pepper *coulis* salmon dish.

Lugo added, "Some of us laughed, some

of us cried. But it's rewarding in the end."

At the Wilsonville campground, the Hopkins family shared in some of those laughs and tears. Amy Hopkins, whose family owns the lakefront campsite, has to be extra strategic with her planning to accommodate the extra lake traffic.

"The campsite fills up for Wally Fest like it does for a holiday," she said. "It's like Fourth of July or Labor Day."

Hopkins' family offers both tent and trailer camping. They also provide security for campers, which they give extra attention during Wally Fest.

"Luckily we haven't had any incidents yet, but it's always good to be careful," Hopkins said.

What she and her family are most dreading is the "Wally aftermath," that involves picking through the campground laboriously for all the trash left behind by campers.

Tourists travelling to Wally Fest never miss a Dunkin' run before they hit the water, and Joe Sullivan, manager at Dunkin' Donuts in Hawley, is there to accommodate the heightened demands for caffeine and donuts.

Sullivan says the best way to handle Wally Fest traffic is to "make sure we're all being productive, and nobody's chattering about their social lives." Sullivan runs a tight ship, but did a great job, as all of his staff came out unscathed—this year at least.

"Last Wally Fest I got a coffee thrown back at me through the drive through window," he said, "so I guess it was a better year this time."

With Wally Lake Fest's 10th year done, Lake Region staff members and workers alike can finally wipe the sweat from their brow, sit back and enjoy a reprieve. They'll be the only ones who welcome Monday.

Boaters enjoy a beautiful afternoon on Lake Wallenpaupack during the weekend of Wally Fest.



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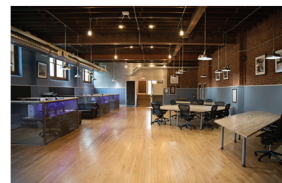


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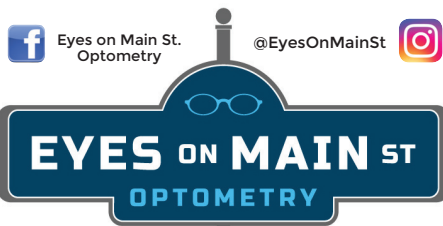


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Seven questions with school supers

By **ELIZABETH LEPRO**

To prepare parents and students for the year, we asked superintendents at nine of the districts in or near our coverage area the same seven questions, focusing on what to expect from the new school year, equity and equality in education, safety at school, community involvement and technology.

Here are the questions:

1. What are your goals for the upcoming school year? What can students and parents expect to be different or new?
2. Education, and the standards by which we measure how much and well students are learning, is in constant flux. How will you measure students' achievement in the classroom this year? And how will you ensure that the district holds itself accountable to meeting children where they are?
3. Schools play an important role in communities and, often, in the personal lives of students. Can you discuss support services that will be offered by the district this year and the ways your district will engage with the community beyond the classroom?
4. The understanding of and ability to use modern technology is becoming a more important part of many schools' curricula. Of course, there are drawbacks to introducing too much tech into the classroom too fast or without proper planning. How does your district prepare students for the modern world, and what is the strategic plan for integrating tech and modern resources into education? In other words, how does your district plan to handle tech in the classroom in a way that is useful for students as well as responsible?

5. Where can your district improve this year, and what challenges do you see ahead?
6. Safety is on the mind of many parents as they send their children back to school this year, after a summer of several mass shootings in the U.S. as well as a trend toward targeting schools and public places. How do you plan to keep students safe this year and mitigate parents' anxiety in this regard?
7. Tell us about efforts regarding diversity and inclusion in the classroom and how the district will hold itself accountable to equality in education.

In response, many superintendents have named safety and security in their schools as a priority, discussed new mental and behavioral health initiatives and noted the importance of using state assessment data to target students' needs. There isn't enough print room to fit all of their answers, so we've chosen three to run in print this week, and three next week.

The full slate of responses from each super to every question can be found at www.riverreporter.com/school_qa_33068?

John Morgano, Eldred Central School District, Sullivan County, NY

Q2. We use various measures to assess where students are and, again, what they have learned. This is part of our APPR [Annual Professional Performance Review] requirements. Our graduation rate this year is at 98%, well up from what was in the '70s just a couple of years ago.

Q4. This year we are planning on providing all ninth through 12th graders with a Chrome Book that they will keep until they graduate and keep them. We have trained our students on the use of the Chrome Books. Technology is the future.

John Bell, Delaware Valley School District, Pike County, PA

Q1. We are in the fifth year of a five-year strategic plan called DV 2020. It has been an exciting four-plus years with a new elementary school in Matamoras (2016),

new gym project at the high school (2016), along with a multitude of new programs and classes during each year of the plan. The biggest changes this year will be in the physical layout of the high school. We are just wrapping up a 16-month renovation and expansion of our career-technical education (CTE) wing. We don't have a BOCES equivalent over here in PA so we have our own CTE program within our high school. We are also unveiling a new STEM wing of the high school, which includes the following rooms: environmental science lab, engineering class and makerspace, fabrication lab and mechanical drawing/architecture class.

Matthew Barrett, Western Wayne School District, Wayne County, PA

**Editor's note: Barrett preferred to answer his questions over the phone. These answers have been transcribed and edited for clarity and length.*

Q1. The first thing, unfortunately, is safety and security. We want to make sure our buildings are where they need to be from a security standpoint, from a safety procedures [standpoint]. We're going to be doing drills throughout the course of the school year, both routine and spontaneous, or unexpected... We've done storm drills for many years but until recently we haven't had to execute them... We're going to continue to collaborate with local law enforcement, state police, emergency management just to make sure we're all on the same page and we're communicating effectively.

We're implementing a new program, PBIS (positive behavior intervention and support). It's basically programmatic throughout the entire district that you're reinforcing the positive behaviors... so that when there is an infraction... we're putting in interventions that are very targeted to the students' needs. Rather than just throwing discipline at them, what are we doing to change the students' behavior?

Visit www.riverreporter.com/school_qa_33068? for the full responses to the seven questions from participating superintendents.

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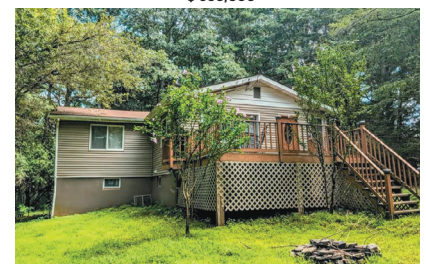
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age, bedrooms and acres, to budget for taxes and other costs associated with owning a home.

Dawn Currier of Eagle Valley Realty concurred saying not only is pre-approval necessary, it's important to understand what type of loan buyers qualify for. Is it a conventional loan or part of a program such as FHA or VA?

Once you understand what you can afford, Stephanie Turner of Turner Real Estate said, "I believe that the most important factor when buying real estate is location. Even the location inside a particular neighborhood will have a large impact on your home's value. It goes back to the saying when asked that question. The three most important factors when buying a home are location, location, and location."

For the home seller, Dawn Currier said that the most important

thing sellers should do when they are thinking of selling is to declutter their home, closets, garage, basement, etc.

Caroline Akt agrees. She advocates that home sellers need to make sure the house and property are clean, decluttered, that the lawn is mowed and that any needed repairs are done prior to showings.

According to Donna Geba of Century 21 Geba Real Estate in Sparrowbush, buyers need to know that home inventory for sale is low, so when you find a home that you like you need to make a decision immediately, waiting a day or two may lose you the home of your dreams. If you want to ensure that you get the home, then be prepared with your pre-approval and initially give a strong offer. Sellers need to know that although inventory is low buyers are savvy and will not overpay. Sellers must price their homes correctly right from the beginning and be prepared to negotiate. They also need to keep in mind that often the first offer is the best offer."

In closing, Ann Finneran of RM Farm Real Estate in Livingston Manor says: "Now is the perfect time to sell because there are still lots of new buyers entering the market and interest rates are still on the lower end. Selling now will be better than waiting till 2020."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARTS,
LEISURE AND OUTDOORS

Making of a mural *In the Upper Delaware, art has become part of the landscape*

By ELIZABETH LEPRO

From a distance, you can hardly tell there are white pipes in front of the skinny, knotted birch trees Jeff George has painted onto the side of the RE/MAX building in Honesdale.

“Isn’t that clever?” assistant muralist Pauline Glykokokalos muses, as George stands back to look at how he’s made infrastructure blend in with the winter scene. From right to left along the 1,700-foot wall, spring greens, dandelions, crocuses and daffodils fade into green hills dotted with sheep and, eventually, to a Dick Smith winter wonderland. The four-season monument to the town greets train passengers and anyone coming from Route 191.

The message is clear, and not just because it’s written in bold lettering on the top right corner: Welcome to Honesdale.

Murals are catching on in the Upper Delaware. The bee hive on the post office in Narrowsburg as well as the “Welcome to Honesdale” mural are two recently completed artistic additions to the river towns. George has produced several murals along Honesdale’s Main Street—colorful reminders of its history and character, which, just by virtue of existing, say something much greater about the town’s future.

A mural on the side of a building not only says “welcome to town!” but also “somebody cares about this place.”

That’s important. Especially in towns that have taken an economic hit in the last ten years.

“When you drive down a town that’s like a mile long, and you see four buildings [boarded up] on every other block, it looks crummy,” said Paul Venditti, a local artist who started painting murals on the side of boarded-up

This large-scale welcome sign on the side of the RE/MAX building by Jeff George and Pauline Glykokokalos is one of the biggest and most recent murals that have gone up in the Upper Delaware in the last few years. The artists went through roughly 70 gallons of paint to create the tribute.



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Jeff George also painted this mural on the side of an office building, which contains tributes to Honesdale’s past.

buildings in Forest City, PA several years ago. “It’s only as crummy as we want to make it.”

Venditti grew up in New Jersey, and remembers seeing murals and street art on underpasses and bridges. After spending time in Forest City, he started to think about what would make him happier to see there. “So, I went around putting up different flowers on buildings.”

Venditti has painted nature murals in Scranton, Forest City and Honesdale, mostly of nature scenes. On the side of the rental space, The Loft, facing the opposite direction of traffic on Main Street in Honesdale, he’s painted a large geometric design of poppies backed by black and white diamonds. “I have always tried to put nature back into cities,” he said. “And give people that, ‘Honey I Shrunk the Kids’ kind of feel.” Sunflowers he painted on the side of a building in Scranton have inspired Instagram-posed photos, and even a letter to the editor of a nearby paper.

“[A woman] wrote in to the editor and was referencing how she finds it symbolic to the town, like ‘These are flowers that never die in the winter,’” Venditti explained. She went on to make the comparison to Scranton’s endurance. “We’re not going to die from the economic winter we’re going through.”

Venditti didn’t plan for that interpretation. That’s the beauty of

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murals. They belong to the people.

The Mexican painter Diego Rivera—known for his largescale art—considered murals the highest form of art because they are accessible to the common man.

George and Glykokokalos designed the “Welcome to Honesdale” mural for engagement. Small details on the wall that you can’t see clearly from far away—a rooster standing in a field or a tiny brown rabbit—will be part of a search-and-find game for kids visiting the Meagher’s building with their parents.

The artists themselves have been surprised by the public’s engagement with the work they’ve done around Honesdale, which also includes the “Wayne County Grown” mural on the side of Here & Now Brewing Company and the poster collage on the side of the office building. People started taking photos of the “Welcome to Honesdale” mural while it was still just that sentence.

In an endearing mural moment, the farm scene replete with cows and rolling green fields on the side of Here & Now was the backdrop of a wedding last summer. That mural also features in the beginning of the WBRE-TV news hour, George added.

“It’s nice to be an ambassador to the town,” George said.

In this way, murals not only take the shape of their environment, but become the environment visualized—a way for a place to communicate itself. (We wouldn’t be so familiar with the Sistine Chapel if not for Michaelangelo, right?)

Eventually, the art become parts of the landscape. Just as George and Glykokokalos were

starting the “Welcome to Honesdale” painting, a woman explained to them that she had used their art as a point of reference while giving directions. “The mural is a landmark,” Glykokokalos said. “That’s really something.”

Muralists, moreso than other artists, have to think about the physical elements in which they’re creating. What kind of weather will the paint (and painter) have to endure? What surface is the artist working on and what challenges might that bring? George, like many muralists, makes use of a projector.

Venditti and Canaltown’s Derek Williams had to get inventive in coming up with a way to outline the geometric pattern on the high wall of the loft building. “I actually had Derek on the roof, hanging down a rope with a piece of cardboard. And these are all proportionate: eight by eight, six by six, three by three, so he would hang it and then I would mark the edge of the thing and cut it down to the next one.” (It helps that Venditti is an engineer by trade.)

Ultimately, a well-done mural, with the right UV protection and high-quality paint, can last for years. A permanent imprint of how a town expressed itself at one point in time. Proof that its people were proud to be here, which we should be, says Paul Meagher, who commissioned George’s work for the broad side of his building.

“We wanted something that would be attractive, and,” he added, “would show people that our community is alive.”

Find Paul’s work at unnaturalnature.org, Jeff’s at [@JeffGeorgeDesign](https://www.facebook.com/JeffGeorgeDesign) on Facebook and Pauline at paperskaper.com.

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Caswyn Moon, who just opened for "Stuck in the Middle with You" duo Brewer & Shipley last Saturday, will be opening the show.

The two faces are a regular site at Rafter's Tavern, as they come out every Sunday for the weekly open mic from 3 to 6 p.m. Traviss will be inviting fellow open-mic faces Kali Seastrand, Julian Nogin and Veronica Daub to the stage during his show.

From the profile **TRR** did on Traviss (www.riverreporter.com/stories/the-music-man,32406?):

Traviss is grateful to live in the Upper Delaware region and to be able to make music and perform with the rich and talented community of musicians in the area....

He enjoys performing publically, most of the time at open mics like Rafter's, to encourage people to analyze and talk amongst one another about his lyrics and what they mean to us individually.

"I'm trying to be the lighthouse shining on the Delaware River," he says, "I really believe that we live in a sacred place and I feel like I can use the energy from to shine a light on the world."

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Guitarist Tony DePaolo

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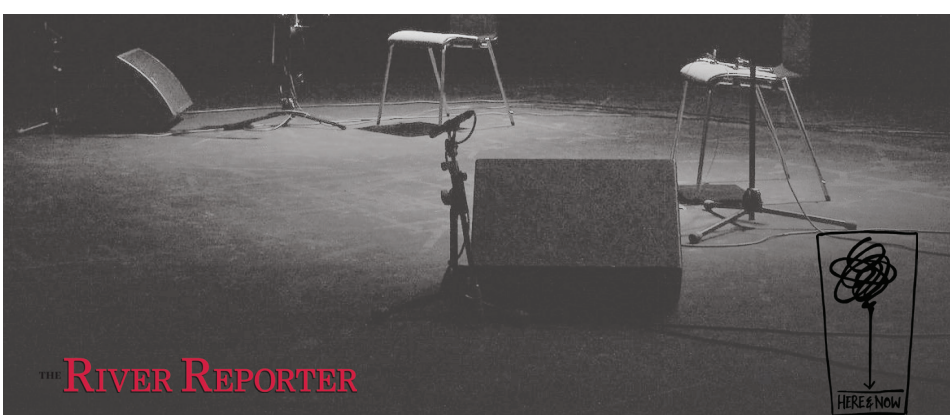
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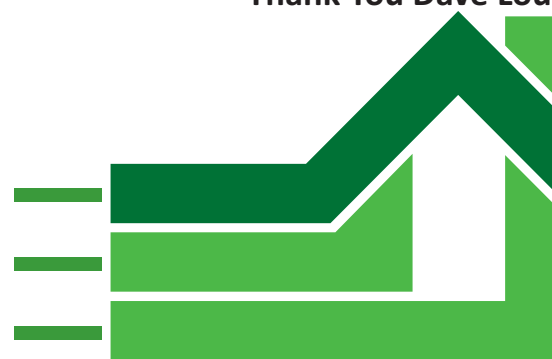
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Autumn edition of 'Art About Town'

PORT JERVIS, NY — Sponsored by the River Valley Artists Guild (RVAG), "Autumn Spectacular" is the latest edition of the series "Art About Town." The exhibition will be on display at three different venues from Sunday, September 1 to Saturday, November 30.

Gio's Gelato Café will feature works by RVAG-member artists: paintings by Daniela Cooner, Joan Kehlenbeck, Judith Cramer, Patty Koch, Joan Standora and Elva Zingaro. Bon Secours will display Susan Miller's fall-themed oil paintings. Deerpark Town Hall in Huguenot, NY will exhibit paintings by Joan Kehlenbeck.

For more information, visit www.rivervalleyartistsguildofportjervis.com.

Catskill Art Society presents dance festival

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — For its third year, Catskills Art Society (CAS) is partnering with the Dance Gallery Festival to offer the Level UP dancers a three-day residency in the picturesque mountains of the Catskills. The artists will open their rehearsals to the public at the Laundry King at 65 Main St. and the residency will culminate with a free performance at the Beaverkill Valley Inn at 7 Barnhart Rd., Lew Beach on Sunday, September 1, at 6 p.m.

Open rehearsals will be joined by a free open master class for dancers of all levels and ages at the Laundry King on Saturday, August 31 at 10 a.m. Later in the day, audiences will preview an immersive solo-performance in the CAS Arts Center galleries—48 Main St., Livingston Manor—amidst the closing party for the annual invitational exhibition Mary Carlson and Jim Torok. Performance and exhibition closing party Saturday, August 31 from 5 to 6 p.m.

For more information, visit www.catskillartsociety.org.

New art exhibit featuring women artists

NARROWSBURG, NY — The opening reception for a new exhibit at the Narrowsburg Union will take place on Friday, August 31 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The show will be on display through October 19, featuring Caroline Chan, Katharina Litchman, Lauren Schaffer, Julie Wolf and Ginna Triplett.

The exhibitions and reception are free and open to the public. Following the opening reception, gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., through October 19. (The gallery will close on Labor Day, Monday, September 2, at 3 p.m.)

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The cost for the day is \$5, which includes lunch. Advance registration is required by calling Sylvia at 570/253-0930. Check-in on the day of the tour is at 8 a.m. at the Park Street Complex, 648 Park St., Honesdale, with departure at 8:30. The bus will return there by 5 p.m.

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■ IN MY HUMBLE OPINION

By Jonathan Charles Fox

I could just as easily have titled this column something like “The best laid plans,” or “When life hands you lemons,” but having written In My Humble Opinion (IMHO) for more than two decades. (Yes, I had a life before my tenure [sic] at **The River Reporter**.) I’m more than sure that I’ve used both titles in the past. In fact, I’ve probably used this one as well, but I’m not gonna check. My point is that it’s been a work-free week, and the best word to describe what I’ve done with it, is “nothing.”

Some people call it “vacation,” and that’s what I said last Wednesday to inform my co-workers that I would be “unavailable for a few days,” which seemed to have no effect whatsoever on anyone in the office. Zero response. Nothing.

I did have a plan, but it wasn’t grandiose by any stretch of the imagination. The farthest I had considered traveling was actually to my hometown of Binghamton, NY for lunch with Aunt Marcia. But after the undercarriage of my vehicle cracked in half and fell off the car somewhere between Santana and Fogerty (while covering the antics surrounding you-know-what), well, suffice it to say that the Dharma-Mobile is still in the shop, and that any extraneous funds that I might have put aside for “lunch” were suddenly needed elsewhere.

“When life hands you lemons...” my mother would say, wagging a perfectly manicured index finger in my face. So I reevaluated, eventually concluding that I would just stick around the house and attack some of those pesky chores that I’ve been avoiding all summer long. “I know,

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I’ll clean out the garage!” I enthused to the dog, who didn’t even look up from gnawing on her pig’s ear. Nothing.

“And I’ll finally have time to paint the bathroom!” I exclaimed, having gone off the rails on that project months ago. “And I’ll make a campfire everyday,” I prattled on, “and I’ll spray-paint that picture frame, and finish grouting the backsplash, and then...” I said, trailing off and sighing, “Hmmm, that’s starting to sound like a lot of work.”

“The best laid plans...” I heard my mother whisper in my ear, another ghostly finger tap, tap, tapping on my shoulder. “Just go with the flow...” she’d say, in her never-ending attempt to sound “hip” and “with it.” I slumped into an easy chair, less enthused than mere moments before and started a list. Words like “do the laundry” and “straighten up your desk” taunted me, but made more

sense than less realistic ambitions like “write a one-act play” and “re-tile the kitchen floor.”

“Doing absolutely nothing is beginning to look more and more attractive,” I said to the dog, who had fallen asleep from lack of interest. “Bored to tears...” my mother would say, wagging a finger at Dharma. “Even your dog is bored. Have breakfast for dinner,” she’d say. “That’s always fun!” In fact, I slept for the first day and a half, and then decided that straightening up my desk would involve sitting at my desk, and that was the one thing I was seeking to avoid. Choosing instead to switch it up and eschew talking on the phone, watching TV, or scrolling through social media, I also put the camera down for a few days and (gasp) photographed nothing.

“If you love what you do, you’ll never work a single day in your life,” mom would say and, of course, the old axiom is true. Still, there are days when taking pictures (even here in our beautiful corner of the world) feels like work, and I did not feel like working. No photos of the campfire, no artsy/fartsy bumblebee-on-a-flower images cropping up on my Facebook page. I neither saw nor photographed any tie-dyed doves. No selfies with my dog at the dump. Nothing.

Now that doing nothing is over, I don’t feel much different. The grouting remains undone, and it’s unlikely that the bathroom will ever get painted. I did wash, dry and fold several loads of laundry, and watched more than one movie, but that doesn’t seem like much of a vacation goal. I even took my mother’s advice and had breakfast for dinner and, you know what? I don’t have any pictures to prove it, but it was kinda fun.

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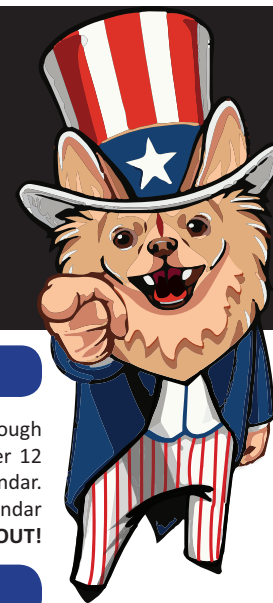
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2. The deadline to enter a photo is **AUGUST 30 at 12PM.**
3. Please provide your name, address, day phone number AND YOUR PET’S NAME, breed and anything unusual about your pet.
4. The photos of the finalist will be published in the September 6 edition.
5. Readers will cast dime votes for their favorite pet. Voting will be available by paper ballots and online at riverreporter.com.
6. The pet with the most votes by noon, Wednesday, October 31, 2019 will be declared “Pet of the Year.” The other 12 finalists will be Pets of the Month. In case of a tie, a coin toss will decide the winner.
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Thurs., Aug. 29

Bethel Lakeside Music
KAUNEONGA LAKE — Free concert, 6:30-8pm, at The Gazebo, 3562 Rte. 55. email dhmlerner@aol.com. 908/202-6033

International Overdose Awareness Day
SULLIVAN COUNTY — Catholic Charities shares information, 11am-3pm, Sullivan County Govt. Ctr., 100 North St., Monticello. Literature, awareness bracelets, safe disposal tools for medication, Narcan training available. 845/794-8080

Meditation Class
GLEN SPEY — Medication class, Thursdays, 7-8pm, at Kadampa Meditation Ctr., 47 Sweeney Rd. Cost: \$10. www.kadampa-newyork.org 845/856-9000

Fri., Aug. 30

'60s Rock-n-Roll Cruise-In
MARGARETVILLE — Classic cars cruise-in on Main Street, 5-8pm, with live music by the Fishercats, food vendors, fundraising chicken BBQ. Prizes for best '60s outfit. Visit Margaretville on Facebook or call 845/586-4177

Dance Festival
LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — Three-day dance festival. Public can view rehearsals free on Friday at the Laundry King, and Saturday at Beaverkill Valley Inn in Lew Beach. (See more in our Entertainment Brief, this issue, page 21)

Haunted Theater auditions
SOUTH FALLSBURG — Open call for ghosts and goblins, 6-9pm, Rivoli Theater. Email: nyx6117@yahoo.com

International Overdose Awareness Day
PORT JERVIS — Catholic Charities shares information, 12noon-2pm, at Veterans Park, 1 N. Broome St. Literature, awareness bracelets, safe disposal tools for medication, Narcan training available. 845/294-5124

Penny Social
LIVINGSTON MANOR — Penny social, 5:30-7pm, at the Masonic Lodge, 94 Main St. Cost: \$1. 845/439-3102

Richard Triviss at Rafter's Tavern
CALLICOON — Live music with home-grown guest performances, 8pm, Rafter's Tavern, Upper Main St. (See Entertainment Brief, this issue, page 18)

Sat., Aug. 31

4th annual Gun Give-Away & Raffle
LACKAWAXEN — Central Volunteer Fire Dept., 4-9pm. Donation: \$20; dinner only \$10. 475 Westcolang Rd. 717/419-6385 or 570/877-4917.

Art opening
NARROWSBURG — Art opening in the Galleries at The Union, 7 Erie Ave., 5-7:30pm (See Entertainment Brief, this issue, page 21)

Community yard sale at The Union
NARROWSBURG — Yard sale at The Union, 8:30am-4pm. 845/252-3100.

Contra dance
HONESDALE — Contra dancing, beginner lesson 7:15pm; dancing 7:30pm, at The Cooperage, 1030 Main St. Suggested donation: \$10, under age 15 free. 570/253-2020 or info@thecooperageproject.org

Cooperage 'At the Farm'
MILANVILLE — Mini makers' market (crafts, art & home goods by local vendors) plus demonstrations, 3-5pm; live music, 5-7pm; beer/food available for purchase, at Second District Vineyard and Hops Farm, 163 Fallsdale Rd. No animals, please; seating limited, bring lawn chairs. Info: 570/253-2020.

Family Bingo Night
MASTHOPE — Family Bingo, 7:30pm, at Masthope Lodge, 196 Karl Hope Blvd. Proceeds benefit Lackawaxen EMS.

The Farmhouse Project Makers Market: Day 1
CALLICOON — Weekend craft fair hosted by The Outside Institute's Farmhouse Project, 11am-6pm. Curated works by artisans from local studios and workshops. Food, drink, live music. Outside Institute T-shirts, totes and field guides. Saturday and Sunday at the Barn on Hubbard, 28 Hubbard Rd. theoutsideinstitute.org

Haunted Theater auditions

SOUTH FALLSBURG — Open call for ghosts and goblins, 1-4pm, Rivoli Theater. nyx6117@yahoo.com

'Jack of Diamonds'

HAWLEY — Comedy at Ritz Company Playhouse, 512 Keystone St., 8pm. Hosted by Wayne Pike Literacy Program. Tickets: \$15—if purchased thru WPLP, the Ritz will donate half of the ticket price to this literacy program. wpalp@ptd.net or 570/253-3221.

Kauneonga Lake Farmers' Market
KAUNEONGA LAKE — Farmers' market, 10am-1pm at Veteran's Square, 3686 State Rte. 55. info@kauneongalakefarmersmarket.org.

Meditation class

PORT JERVIS — Meditation class, Saturdays 4-5:30pm, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 31 Main St., presented by Kadampa Meditation Ctr. Cost: \$10/person. or www.kadampa-newyork.org 845/856-9000

Narrowsburg Farmers' Market
NARROWSBURG — Farmers' market, 10am-1pm, at the Narrowsburg Union, 7 Erie Ave., 10am-1pm. Live music with Janet Burgan. narrowsburgfarmersmarket.org/

Rock Hill Farmers' Market
ROCK HILL — 10am-1pm, 223 Rock Hill Dr., rockhillfarmersmarket.com

UpFront Jazz

PORT JERVIS — Guitarist Tony DePaolo with organist Ron Oswanski and drummer Tony Cruz, 7pm, at UpFront Exhibition Space, 31 Jersey Ave., Cost: \$15 cash only. 845-754-5000

'Wild Apples, Real Cider': A book signing and cider tasting
NARROWSBURG — Narrowsburg Farmers' Market hosts a book signing, talk and tasting with Andy Brennan, author and artisan cider maker at Aaron Burr Cider, 10:30am-12:20pm. His book, "Uncultivated: Wild Apples, Real Cider and the Complicated Art of Making a Living," showcases a fresh perspective on natural orcharding and the hard cider of America's nearly forgotten past. Aaron Burr Cider is at the farm market weekly.

Sun., Sept. 1

Art About Town: 'Autumn Spectacular'
PORT JERVIS — River Valley Artists Guild members' works at multiple venues: Gio's Gelato Café, 30-32 Front St., multiple thru Nov. 30. www.rivervalleyartistsguildofportjervis.com, or email susanmiller@yahoo.com (See Entertainment Brief, this issue, page 21)

Evening campfire worship

BEACH LAKE — Beach Lake United Methodist Church hosts an evening campfire service on the lake, 7:30pm, at Whispering Pines (behind the church, 7 Milanville Rd.), featuring Veronica Daub on guitar. Bring a chair.

The Farmhouse Project Makers

Market: Day 2
CALLICOON — 2nd annual makers market, 11am-6pm. (See Sat., Aug. 31 listing above)

Prayers for World Peace

GLEN SPEY — Free meditation class, Sundays 11am-12:30pm, Kadampa Meditation Center, 47 Sweeney Rd. 845/856-9000 or www.kadampa-newyork.org

Mon., Sept. 2

Labor Day Holiday

Tues., Sept. 3

HS Equivalency study class

LIBERTY — At the Liberty Public Library, every other Tuesday 4-5 pm. 189 North Main St. 845/292-6070 or www.libertypubliclibrary.org

Knitters and Crocheters Club
LIBERTY — Club meets Tuesdays, 10-12pm, Liberty Public Library, 189 North Main St. 845/292-6070

Wed., Sept. 4

Drop-in story hour

LIBERTY — Drop-in, preschool story hour, 10:30-11:30am, at Liberty Public Library, 189 North Main St. 845/292-6070

Free Computer Support

NARROWSBURG — Western Sullivan Public Library, Wednesdays 4-7pm, 198 Bridge St. www.WSPLonline.org or 845/252-3360.

Preschool story time

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

Trivia night

CALLICOON — Trivia night, 7-8:30pm, Wednesdays at Callicoon Brewing Co.

Thurs., Sept. 5

Community Dinner

GLEN SPEY — Community dinner, 6pm, Kadampa Meditation Center, 6pm, 47 Sweeney Rd. \$10/person. 845/856-9000 or www.kadampa-newyork.org

Meditation Class

GLEN SPEY — Kadampa Meditation Center, Thursdays 7-8pm. \$10/person. 47 Sweeney Rd. 845/856-9000 or www.kadampa-newyork.org

'The Lost History of Dreams'

MONTICELLO — Author Kris Waldherr talks about her Gothic mystery novel, "The Lost History of Dreams," set in Victorian England, 6pm, followed by Q&A, Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library. Free program. 845/794-4660

Triversity hosts Love and Moon

MATAMORAS — Music by Travis Love Benson and Yo! The Moon, 8pm, Best Western at Hunts Landing. Hosted by Triversity, the Upper Delaware's GLBT Ctr. Info: Cindy@UDGLBT.org

Fri., Sept. 6

Senior Expo

MILFORD — Free senior expo with 50 exhibitors, 9am-12:30pm, Dingman Twp. Firehouse, 680 Log Tavern Rd. Info on health care, insurance, nutrition, financial planning, fraud protection, government service. Free flu shots, prescription drug take-back. Door prizes. Register in advance for Pike County transportation: 570/296-3408. General info: 570/226-5959 or 570/430-8301

'Dusty in Memphis'

FORRESTBURGH — Songs by Dusty Springfield performed by Erin Crosby, 8pm, Forrestburgh Playhouse and Tavern. Cost: \$25 advance/\$30 at the door.

Sat., Sept. 7

The art & conservation connection: a talk at Grey Towers

MILFORD, PA — The "History of Art of the Minisink Region: The Pinchot Connection," a free talk by local artist Marie Liu, 5:30pm, connects art and nature's beauty with natural resource conservation. Grey Towers National Historic Site. Sign up at greytowers@fs.fed.us or 570/296-9630.

Art exhibitions open at CAS

LIVINGSTON MANOR — Two concurrent solo exhibitions with artists' talk, 4-5pm & opening reception, 5-6pm at Catskill Art Society's CAS Center, 48 Main St. Works by Tajiri Bradley and David Sandlin. Exhibitions will be on view ...

Flower arranging workshop

NARROWSBURG — Flower arranging at Narrowsburg Farmers Market, 10:30-11:30am with Tannis Kowalchuk from Farm Arts Collective and Willow Wisp Organic Farm. Suggested donation: \$10. Farm market continues: hours 10am-1pm. narrowsburgfarmersmarket.org

'Fly the Coop'

BARRYVILLE/SOHOOLA — Auction of local artists' works of hen and rooster plywood shapes: 40 original creations featured. Auction 3:30pm at Artists Market Community Ctr., 114 Richardson Ave., Shohola. www.barryvilleareaarts.org/Our-CurrentProjects.html

Guitarist Hiroya Tsukamoto returns

HONESDALE — Soundscapes of peace and tranquility, music 7:30pm (doors 7pm) at The Cooperage, 1030 Main St. Suggested donation \$15. 570/253-2020 or email info@thecooperageproject.org

Hospital expansion ribbon cutting

HONESDALE — The public is invited to see Wayne Memorial Hospital's new \$35-million-dollar expansion project with 50 new private rooms, 11am-2pm. Refreshments, giveaways, music at 610 Park St.

Kauneonga Lake Farmers' Market

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Poetry reading & workshop

NARROWSBURG — Poetry with Native American poet Suzanne Rancourt, author of "Murmurs at the Gate." A free reading open to the public Sat., Sept. 7, 6-7:30pm; a workshop (cost \$40) on Sun., Sept. 8, 12noon-4pm, at The Narrowsburg Union, 7 Erie St. klmplex108@gmail.com 845/252-5029



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- Across**

 1. Fake
 5. Reacts to bad news, maybe
 10. Dole and Dylan
 14. _____ bread
 15. Money-saving brand prefix
 16. _____ above the rest
 17. Not surprising
 19. Tiny, in kidspeak
 20. Mad as _____ hen
 21. Lesley of "60 Minutes"
 22. It's deductible
 28. Sets off
 29. Take-charge sorts
 30. Party bowlful
 31. Belted out
 32. Catchphrase from "The Newlywed Game" ... or what's achieved by solving 17-, 22-, 49- and 54-Across
 39. "Could It _____ Falling in Love (1972 Spinners hit)
 40. Part of a chain
 42. Considering that
 46. Pillsbury product
 49. Means of getting to school for Harry Potter
 51. "_____ around, around, around" (lyric from Dion's "The Wanderer")
 52. Dept. of Labor division
 53. It can be chronic or shooting
 54. Result of a hurricane warning, perhaps
 60. Sch. in La Jolla
 61. Maytag acquisition of 2001
 62. Discombobulate
 63. Anti-bullying org.
 64. "Such a shame"
 65. Govt. money insurer
- Down**

 1. Steamy place
 2. Casual greetings
 3. Worked on peanuts?
 4. "Where the Wild Things Are" boy
 5. Miniature
 6. Outsiders may not get it
 7. Former Mississippi senator Trent and others
 8. 180 degrees from WSW
 9. Landscaper's buy
 10. Like some hooks
 11. 89 or 91, perhaps
 12. What many called 41 after 43 was elected
 13. They go in and out
 18. Sudden ache
 21. Wolfgang Puck's flagship restaurant
 22. Quarterback Roethlisberger
 23. "One" on a penny
 24. Guayaquil girl: Abbr.
 25. "That's all _____"
 26. "In the Valley of _____" (2007 film)
 27. Strange: Prefix
 31. Certain bachelor, in personals shorthand
 33. Letter-shaped construction piece
 34. Close to
 35. Essence
 36. Seafood restaurant locale
 37. Carlisle's wife in "Twilight"
 38. Yale Bowl rooters
 41. George Strait's "All My _____ Live in Texas"
 42. Put together quickly
 43. Poet who originated the term "carpe diem"
 44. Self-promoter
 45. Landlocked African country
 46. Aircraft company since 1927
 47. Neolithic dig find
 48. 2001 Kevin Spacey film
 50. Baseball's Jorge and Sammy
 54. More, to Miguel
 55. Te _____
 56. Slightly askew
 57. Stay-at-home _____
 58. Israeli gun designer _____ Gal
 59. Jiff


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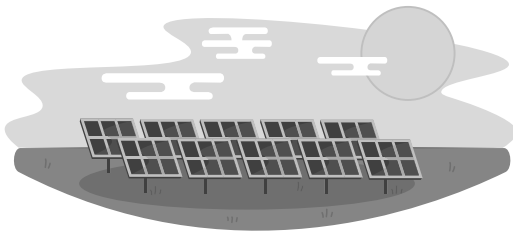
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Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
6649 Lakefront LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State's office on: 6/28/19. The County in which the Office is to be located: Sullivan. The New York Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: Eli Vaknin 234 Broadway STE 2 Newburgh NY 12550

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Colonial Studios LLC. Filed 7/18/19. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 6 North Main Street P.o. Box 612, Liberty, NY 12754. Purpose: General.

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D. Stock Group LLC. Filed 7/18/19. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 596 Montgomery St, Brooklyn, NY 11225. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
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Ben Elyakim LLC. Filed 7/18/19. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 6 North Main Street P.o. Box 612, Liberty, NY 12754. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
NY Drs Finco I, LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 8/23/17. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY design agent of LLC upon whom process may be served & mail to P.O. Box 390 Callicoon, NY 12723 General Purpose

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
Bloom Investments LLC . Filed: 2/14/19. Office: Sullivan Co. Formed in WI: 9/26/2018. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to its principal office: 7125 N Barnett Ln, Fox Point, WI 53217. Arts. of Org. filed with Administrator Of The Div. Of Corporate And Consumer Services, 4822 Madison Yard Way, North Tower, Madison, WI 53705. Purpose: General.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
Notice of Formation of LCJRE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/12/19. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 311, Liberty, NY 12754. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
Ny Macedon II, LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 7/16/19. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Po Box 390 Callicoon, NY 12723 General Purpose

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company
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Green Earth Living LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/20/2019. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to The LLC, P.O. Box 83, Monticello, NY 12701. General Purpose.

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Sylwia's Cleaning Services LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/2/2019. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 673 Hessinger And Lare Rd., Jeffersonville, NY 12748-6202. General Purpose.

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company

The name of the limited liability company is: Carroll Tice Photography, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State's office on: June 4th, 2019. The County in which the Office is to be located: Sullivan County. The New York Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: Carroll Tice BOX 35 GLEN SPEY NY 12737

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company

Monguap Property Management LLC. Art. of Org. Filed with the SSNY on 10/24/2018. Office:Sullivan Co. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 94 Stefanyk Rd. Glen Spey, New York, 12737. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a PLLC

Calm Seas Psychotherapy, LCSW, PLLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/25/2019. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to The PLLC, 155 North Main St., Liberty, NY 12754. Purpose: Law.

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company

Luxury Transportation Consulting LLC art of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/15/2019. Office located in Sullivan County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 32 laussanne place, Woodridge NY 12789. Purpose: any lawful activity.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No. 2017-2292 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

P E N N Y M A C L O A N SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, -vs- NANCY BUCK, SULLIVAN COUNTY TREASURER, AS ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES DAVID FALLON A/K/A CHARLES D. FALLON; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES DAVID FALLON A/K/A CHARLES D. FALLON; ADAM FALLON; CHARLES FALLON, IV; TODD FALLON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; "JOHN DOE #1-5" and "JANE DOE #1-5" 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. Mortgaged Premises: 160 LEERS ROAD, GLEN SPEY, NY 12737 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other 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. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be

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entered against you, unless the Defendant obtained a bankruptcy discharge and such other or further relief as may be just and equitable. 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.

SULLIVAN County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises. Dated: August 15, 2019 VICTOR SPINELLI, ESQ. FEIN, SUCH & CRANE, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 1400 Old Country Road Ste. C103 Westbury, NY 11590 Telephone No. (516) 394-6921 NATURE AND OBJECT OF ACTION The object of the above action is to foreclose a Mortgage held by the Plaintiff and recorded in the County of SULLIVAN, State of New York as more particularly described in the Complaint herein. TO THE DEFENDANT(S), the plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action. Premises: 160 LEERS ROAD, GLEN SPEY, NY 12737 Tax Parcel ID No.: Section: 3.F Block: 1 Lot: 43

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SULLIVAN - Index No. 2018-937 WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, -against- VISSARION DZHANASHVILI, and, if he be living and if he be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributes, executors, administrators,

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trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, lien or otherwise any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the complaint, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendants. Date Filed: July 18, 2019.

Plaintiff designates Sullivan County as the place of trial based on the location of the mortgaged premises in this action. We are attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. To the above-named defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) or within (60) days after service of this summons if it is the United States of America; and 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 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

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(MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT. This is an action to foreclose a mortgage lien on the premises described herein. The object of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$35,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Sullivan County on July 11, 2007 in Book 3359, Page 516, covering premises known as 2817 STATE ROUTE 42, FORESTBURGH, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, STATE OF NEW YORK 12777 (SECTION 13, BLOCK 1 AND LOT 5). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendant, VISSARION DZHANASHVILI, for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises, unless discharged in bankruptcy. Dated: Roslyn Heights, New York, August 23, 2019. DAVID A. GALLO & ASSOCIATES LLP By: Attorneys for Plaintiff 99 Powerhouse Road - First Floor Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 (516) 583-5330 (516) 583-5333 - fax

TOWN OF LUMBERLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2, 2019 ENTITLED "IMPOSING A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR, AND THE ISSUANCE OF ANY APPROVALS OR PERMITS FOR, SOLAR FARMS AND SOLAR POWER PLANTS IN THE TOWN OF LUMBERLAND"

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Lumberland on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7:05 p.m., at the Town of Lumberland Town Hall located at 1054 Proctor Rd., Glen Spey, New York 12737 for the proposed LOCAL LAW #2, 2019 ENTITLED "IMPOSING A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR, AND THE ISSUANCE OF ANY APPROVALS OR PERMITS FOR, SOLAR FARMS AND SOLAR POWER PLANTS IN

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THE TOWN OF LUMBERLAND PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of this proposed law are available in the Town Clerk's Office, 1054 Proctor Road, Glen Spey, N.Y. 12737. By order of the Town Board Town of Lumberland Laurie Terry, Town Clerk August 14, 2019

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, September 13, 2019 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. Inmate Phone Service (R-19-27) 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: August 30, 2019

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TALKING SPORTS

By Ted Waddell

The Misfits: high rollers on skates 'Eight wheels, one love'

ACCORD, NY — Roller derby is a sport of passion and empowerment, combined with the flavor of punk-meets-pop-culture camp in a full-contact sport that showcases a rainbow of colors, mixing it up on skates.

Think WrestleMania meets "Fast & Furious" and you start to get the picture of what it's all about: teams of whirling dervishes on four-wheeled quad skates jamming, blocking, walling up, getting a goat, bridging and, in general, having a tremendously frenetic time. They step in the rink to who's-the-best on skates on any given evening as the crowds cheer on their favorite teams and individual derby demons.

One of the more unique aspects of modern-era roller derby, most commonly referred to in roller derby lingo as 'derby,' is that it simultaneously features offense and defense. It adds a thrilling component to the game—strategy versus brawn on the fast-paced tracks of polished wood.

Laura Palermo skates in a roller-derby outfit named the Mid-Hudson Misfits under the derby *nom de guerre* "Madam Manatease." According to Palermo, the not-for-profit organization (Mid-Hudson Misfits Roller Derby, Inc.) was founded in 2012 to provide "an open and inclusive environment in which all women in the Mid-Hudson valley with the desire to learn and play roller derby are able to do so."

"Our league is made up of a diverse group of women from several counties in the region," she said. "We come from different backgrounds and occupations, but we are united in our love of flat-track roller derby."

Continuing to express her passion for derby, and speaking on behalf of the Misfits, Palermo added, "We are strong, athletic individuals. We are community focused. We are anything but cookie cutter, and we are proud of it. We are the Mid-Hudson Misfits!"

The mission statement of the Misfits lists their goals as follows: developing its skaters as athletes capable of local, regional, national and international roller derby competition; promoting the sport of flat-track roller derby in the area; and giving back to the community by working closely with local not-for-profit and charitable organizations.

"I was invited to watch a game by a friend, and fell in love with the sport," recalled Palermo, moments before armoring-up for a practice session at Skate Time 209 in Accord, NY.

While the Misfits come from all over the region, a couple of 'locals' from our neck of the woods are part of the recreational derby league: Jenna Ferguson "Leggs" of Livingston Manor and Sandra Cuellar Oxford "Sandstorm" of Hurleyville.

Ferguson has been skating for more than 20 years, and "doing derby" for the last four years.

"Derby is amazing. It encompasses all different types



Striking a pose. "Jeese Louise" vamps a bit just before a practice session at Skate Time 209.

TRR photos by Ted Waddell



Ready to roll and rock the rink. When not competing in roller derbies, Amberly Jane Campbell, aka "Jane Bondage," is publisher of the *Shawangunk Journal* of Ellenville, NY.



Leader of the pack. "Eleanor Bruisevelt" takes center stage as she sets up a close-quarters maneuver during practice.

of skaters, different types of bodies," she said. "Everybody has a position on the track and is useful... Tall, short people who are bigger or who are thinner... everybody has their spot."

"You learn how to fall, take a hit, hit people safely and really train hard,"

said "Leggs," tilting back her helmet while taking a quick break from the intense practice session.

Sandy Oxford, a widely-known advocate for the rights of immigrants, legal representation for the indigent, youth services, community organizer and educator, joined the Misfits four years ago at the age of 49, and said derby has "become the fountain of my youth."

"It's a really lovely group of women with a real diversity of backgrounds and experiences... a real diverse group of individuals who came together, it's become like a derby family," she said.

Oxford skates derby with the Misfits, an all-women team, and with Empire State Roller Derby, a team comprised of both genders.

Reflecting on derby as a high-roller metaphor of life, she was recently quoted as saying, "If you get knocked down five times, you get up six."

"I just love it," added "Sandstorm." "It's eight wheels, one love!"



Legging it. Jenna Ferguson, aka "Leggs," of Livingston Manor, NY gets up to speed during a practice session at Skate Time 209.



Hip blocking. "Mimic" practices a blocking technique against Laura Palermo, aka "Madame Manatease".



In your face! In close quarters action, "Mimic," left, teams up with "Rusty Foxidation," or "Foxi," to block "Leggs."

For information about the Misfits, email midhudsonmisfits@gmail.com and find them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/midhudsonmisfits.

"If anyone is interested in giving derby a try, we have open practices every Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. [at Skate Time 209]," said Palermo. "Our Saturdays also encompass our junior team which is open to children ages 8 to 17."

The Mid-Hudson Misfits next home bout is Saturday, September 7 at Skate Time 209 against the Broome County Parlor City Tricks. Another bout is scheduled for Saturday, October 5.

For information about Skate Time 209, call 845/626-7971 or visit www.skatetime209.com.

Doors open at 5 with the first whistle at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and \$5 for kids under 12.

Saturday fun at PEEC

DINGMANS FERRY — On Saturday, August 3, the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) is hosting two events. From 10 a.m. to 12 noon, all levels of expertise are welcome to the ponds of PEEC for a morning of kayaking. This outing is free, but participants must reserve boats ahead of time by calling 570/828-2319. Dress appropriately as you may get wet.

Later, from 1 to 3 p.m., enjoy a guided interpretive hike with the PEEC's staff, as they teach and answer questions about the forests. This outing is free for PEEC members and \$5 for non-members.

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■ RAMBLINGS OF A CATSKILL FLYFISHER By TONY BONAIVIST

The late summer doldrums

Looking back, one has to wonder where the 2109 trout season went? April and May were cool and wet, rendering stream flows too high and cold for fishing, with fly hatches repressed or lost. The Hendrickson hatch was certainly compromised on most rivers. My first trip this spring was May 22 on the upper East Branch—a month later than normal. As the season progressed, fly hatches began much later than usual, too. For example, the pale evening dun hatch, which generally ends by the first week in June, continued well into July. Green drakes normally emerge right around Memorial Day, but they were also found emerging late, almost into July!

Well here we are, in late August, with September just a few days away: a period of time I call the "Summer Doldrums." The freestone-rivers are low and warm with fishing all but impossible. In fact, checking water temperatures for the Beaverkill at Cooks Falls offered afternoon recordings that reached 80 degrees. Those high temperatures are lethal to trout. Fortunately there are seeps, spring holes and tributary mouths where fish find refuge to survive the onslaught of summer heat. The DEC closes sections of the Beaverkill to fishing during these periods.

With major insect hatches behind us and fishing opportunity limited by low flows and high water temperatures, are there options for anglers at this difficult time? There are, and those options and opportunities lie within the Catskill tail waters. Unless weather patterns change dramatically, there should be adequate bottom releases from the DEP reservoirs to sustain the trout fisheries and provide fishing opportunity for the remainder of the 2019 season. It will however, be a time of limited hatches, small flies and fine tippets.

Olive mayfly (*Baetis tricaudatus*) hatches have already begun and can be found, depending on the day and river, at different times and in different numbers. As a group, the Olives are consistent, with the best hatches occurring on cool or cold gray days. Olives come in a variety of sizes from 18 down to 24 with several species sometimes hatching together.

Then there are the diminutive Tricos (*Tricorythodes stygiatus*). These little mayflies hatch early in the morning, rise above the river, transform from dun to spinner in the air, mate, return to the water, lay eggs and die. My friend, Bill Dorato, once told me that Tricos drop when the air temperature reaches 69 degrees. From my experience, these little flies begin to fall to the water around 9 a.m. with fishing ending around 11. Trico hatches can



TRR photo by Tony Bonavist
Little black ant, left, Trico and Olive mayfly spinners.

be huge, with large numbers of male and female spinners on the water, creating difficult fishing conditions. It is a time when anglers will find their fly among hundreds of naturals. So, accurate casting, patience and persistence will pay off. Fly fishers will need Trico imitations in size 20 to 22 and use 7x tippets for these tiny flies. Wind is the enemy of Trico spinners, driving them to the riverside vegetation to egg lay another day. So be aware that a windy morning will severely impact Trico fishing.

August and September are also the time of year when anglers need to be aware of terrestrial insects. It is the time when little ants, both black and red, find their way to Catskill Rivers. These insects are also very small, requiring imitations from size 16 down to 22. The smaller ones are very difficult to see on water.

So as the season comes to a close, anglers will find fishing on the tail waters challenging, requiring tiny flies, fine tippets and perseverance to achieve success.

SOUNDINGS: TAKING THE PULSE OF THE UPPER DELAWARE WATERSHED

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Reservoir levels

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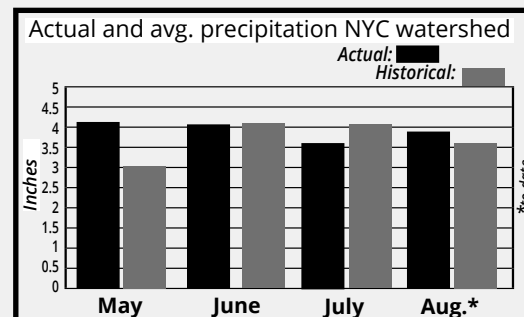
Pepacton: 82.9%

Neversink: 85%

Total: 83.8%

Normal Total: 87.2%

Total in 2018: 98.9%



■ RIVER TALK

By Scott Rando

A few weeks ago, there was news of a couple rattlesnake sightings at various locations in Pike County, PA. It spurred one of the local news channels to present a short informational segment on rattlesnakes and do's-and-don'ts when seeing a snake. Rattlesnakes do draw some attention when they are seen, but it's probably the last thing they want to do, as they just want to live undisturbed.

The timber rattlesnake can be found throughout most of the region, but sightings are infrequent as the patterning of their skin enables them to blend in with their surroundings. Rattlesnakes spend a lot of time in isolated areas not occupied by humans; it's only when they are crossing a trail, road, or perhaps someone's back yard that we tend to spot them.

During the summer, people usually see rattlesnakes ranging several miles away from their den sites to feed on small mammals and to mate. They tend to follow the same routes year after year but will not remain in any one place for too long.

If a female successfully mates, she will store the male's sperm over fall and winter. In summer, the gravid females stay at gestation sites on south-facing ledges where they bask in the sun, usually with other females. It's not uncommon to see at least 10 females together at some gesta-



Three female timber rattlesnakes nestle at a gestation basking site. There are two black-phase snakes and, on the right, a yellow phase. The milky appearance of the eyes on two of the snakes indicate they are ready to shed. Basking is a thermoregulatory strategy snakes use to control their body temperature. If they get too warm during a hot day, they will retreat under a ledge or other shady spot.

tion sites. In late August or early September, these females bear five to seven live young (called neonates). Most of these sites are out of the way and not near human activity.

Timber rattlesnakes are protected in all three states in the region; it's unlawful to intentionally harm them. If you see a snake on the trail, simply walk around it, staying at least four feet away. Take a pic-

TRR photos by Scott Rando



This yellow-phase snake (the color of the head determines the phase) displays its ability to blend in with its surroundings. Timber rattlesnakes are sexually dimorphic; males are larger than females and can grow up to five feet in length.

ture if you want, but keep your distance. If you hear a "buzz" or rattle, stop what you are doing, discern where the sound of the buzz is coming from and then move away. Rattlesnakes are not aggressive; the rattling is a way to convey the message, "you are too close, move away please." Above all, do not try to handle a rattlesnake. This is what accounts for most of recorded incidents with venom-

ous snakes in the area.

So, if you see a rattlesnake in the wild, enjoy the view, for this species has a secretive life and is not often seen by us. They are non-aggressive and would rather not waste venom it needs to hunt on mammals that are too large to eat. If we do get a bit too close, heed its warning, for they would rather "buzz" than bite.

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