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Community remembers overdose victims

By LIAM MAYO

MONTICELLO, NY — The Sullivan County community came together on August 31, International Overdose Awareness Day, to remember those it has lost to substance use disorders.

Over 100 people gathered on the steps of the Monticello courthouse to hear speakers and to hold a candlelight vigil. Programs such as Hope not Handcuffs, the Kingfisher Project, Sullivan 180 and Catholic Charities had booths with information and with support.

Those who spoke offered somber statistics about the prevalence of opioid use in Sullivan County and nationwide. Mobilemedic EMS founder Albee Bockman said that Mobilemedic responded to over 30 overdose calls per month. Sullivan County Coroner Alan Kesten said that Sullivan County had seen 43 overdose deaths in 2021, and 34 to date in 2022.

There were also reasons to hope: those in the crowd waved flags emblazoned with the length of their sobriety, a living testament to the power of recovery.

“It’s because of so many people that I see out here tonight, working hard, working together, government, nonprofit, for-profit, there is abso-



RR photo by Liam Mayo

Paper bags lit from the inside list the names of those lost to overdoses.

lutely reason to hope,” said Sullivan County health and human services commissioner John Liddle. “We are getting better, we are getting stronger [and] we are doing it together.”

Jabs, burns and retweets

*Fetterman and Oz try to
one-up each other online*

By OWEN WALSH

PENNSYLVANIA — The high-profile Senate race between Pennsylvania’s lieutenant governor, John Fetterman, and television’s celebrity doctor Mehmet Oz has a distinctly modern feel. More than any of the other traditional platforms, the two candidates have garnered the most attention through social media.

Fetterman’s campaign in particular has proven adept at the art of discrediting its opponent through memes on Instagram and sarcastic jabs on Twitter. These popular platforms have proven invaluable for the former Braddock mayor, who had to take a months-long break from in-person campaigning after suffering a stroke in May of this year. His campaign eventually revealed that Fetterman has a condition called cardiomyopathy, which makes it harder for the heart to pump blood to the body.

“As I recover from this stroke and improve my auditory processing and speech, I look forward to continuing to meet with the people of Pennsylvania,” Fetterman said in an August 30 statement.

Many of the lieutenant governor’s most biting internet posts depict Oz as an out-of-touch carpet bagger—Oz only moved to Pennsylvania in late 2020, although he also attended medical

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A precedent set *UDC split vote on Camp FIMFO development*

By LIAM MAYO

NARROWSBURG, NY — It was only one in a series of needed recommendations, not a final decision. All the same, the Upper Delaware Council (UDC) saw its 6-4 vote on September 1 as a matter of precedent.

The vote in question concerned Camp Fun is More Fun Outside (FIMFO), an approximately \$44.9 million development occurring in the Town of Highland.

Northgate Resorts, in partnership with Sun Communities, plans to renovate the historic campsite Kittatinny Campground into an all-inclusive family resort, part of its Camp FIMFO brand. That project needs approval from a wide variety of organizations and state regulating agencies, including the UDC, the National Park Service (NPS) and the Town of Highland Planning Board; Northgate will seek those approvals throughout 2022 and into 2023.

The UDC debated the merits of Camp FIMFO at an August 23 meeting of its project review committee. That committee found the project to be in substantial conformance with the River Management Plan (RMP), the document that helps the UDC and the NPS preserve the scenic and environmental qualities of the Upper Delaware River.

The committee found the project in substantial conformance by a near-unanimous vote, with one vote against and one abstention. When the full council took up the question on September 1, several of those who had wavered on the project came out against it.

“[I] regret that I voted affirmatively to send this to the full committee, because I think there’s just not enough information,” said Town of Tusten representative Susan Sullivan.

Those who spoke against the project listed a wide array of concerns. The plans appeared to put a number of RV campsites within the river’s flood plain; the project could worsen a pre-existing bottleneck of traffic along Route 97; the plans submitted did not specify areas of land to be cleared or disturbed, and updated plans reviewed by UDC chairperson and Town of Highland representative Andy Boyar showed clear-cutting along the banks of the Beaver Brook, a trout stream.

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Town of Thompson to update its master plan

MONTICELLO, NY — The Town of Thompson will soon begin the process of updating its comprehensive plan (also called a master plan). The town’s current master plan—which was developed jointly with the Village of Monticello—was last updated in 1999.

Anyone who lives in the Town of Thompson (including the Village of Monticello), and who is interested in serving on the comprehensive plan advisory committee, should email lanning@townofthompson.com with their contact information and a brief bio no later than September 23.

DEP declares drought watch for 36 counties

HARRISBURG, PA — The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on August 31 announced the Commonwealth Drought Task Force has declared a drought watch for 36 counties, including Pike and Wayne counties, and asks for voluntary water conservation in those counties.

Residents on drought watch are asked to reduce their individual water use by 5 to 10%, or a reduction of three to six gallons of water per day. DEP is notifying all water suppliers in these counties of the need to monitor their supplies and be prepared by updating their drought contingency plans as necessary. Varying localized conditions may lead water suppliers or municipalities to ask residents for more stringent conservation actions.

Microplastics in the Delaware River

PHILADELPHIA, PA — The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) has released a new technical report, titled “Reducing Microplastics in the Delaware River Estuary.” The study focused on the Delaware River Basin between Trenton, N.J., and the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal. Samples were collected at 15 sites in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware; microplastics were found at all 15 sites.

The DRBC developed an interactive map of the results, which is available at rpubs.com/jwb5096/860798/. Read the full report and related information at nj.gov/drbc/programs/quality/microplastics.html.

U.S., PA Commonwealth flags at half-staff in honor of Pvt. Alyssa Cahoon

HARRISBURG, PA — In accordance with the U.S. flag code, Gov. Tom Wolf ordered the United States and commonwealth flags on the Capitol Complex, at all commonwealth facilities, and all public buildings and grounds throughout the commonwealth to fly at half-staff in honor of Pennsylvania National Guard Pvt. Alyssa Cahoon of Wayne County, who died Thursday, August 25. The U.S. and commonwealth flags shall be lowered to half-staff until the date of interment, which has not yet been determined.

Informational session on Camp FIMFO

BARRYVILLE, NY — The Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development will hold an informational session about the Northgate / Camp FIMFO project. It will take place on September 15 at 6 p.m. at the Cedar Rapids Restaurant, 3799 Route 97, Barryville.

Cartwright endorses Rosenfeld

PIKE AND WAYNE COUNTIES, PA — Congressman Matt Cartwright (PA-08) gave his official endorsement of Meg Rosenfeld for the PA State House 139 on Sunday afternoon, following a “Coffee With Your Congressman” gathering in Milford. “I’m proud to support Meg Rosenfeld for State House District 139,” said Cartwright. “I know Meg to be a true leader and ready to take on the issues that matter most to the people of this district. Whether it’s expanding access to quality healthcare in the region, providing the best education opportunities possible, or taking on the opioid epidemic, we need to send Meg Rosenfeld to Harrisburg, where I know she’ll be a real voice for this community.”

Become a child advocate

MILFORD, PA — The Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA) of Pike will begin its second round of training beginning September 12.

The program, established in January, has recruited and trained 12 advocate volunteers that are currently serving 19 of Pike County’s dependent children. Advocates serve to advance the well-being of children in dependency court proceedings.

To become an advocate, contact program director Dawn M. Allison email dmallison@pikepa.org or call 570/296-9827, ext 1027.

Expanded eligibility for NY child care assistance

ALBANY, NY — Eligibility for child care assistance administered by the NY State office of Children and Family Services has been expanded. The expanded elibility includes families earning up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level. This is up from 200 percent, and extends eligibility to an estimated 394,000 young children throughout New York. A family of four earning up to \$83,250 is now eligible for child care assistance; previously, the threshold was \$55,500 or less. Eligibility is also available for a second round of federally funded Child Care Provider Stabilization grants. All school-age child care programs and more than 900 providers that were licensed by January 1, 2022 can apply for these grants. Families and providers can learn more by visiting OCFS.ny.gov/ccap.

\$700,000 grant for Sullivan County nursing program

ALBANY, NY — New York State Assembly speaker Carl Heastie and assemblymember Aileen Gunther joined SUNY Sullivan president Jay Quantaince, SUNY Sullivan director of nursing Chyrise Taylor, and SUNY Sullivan board of trustees vice chair and Center for Discovery president Dr. Terri Hamlin in announcing \$700,000 to improve and expand health studies programs. The programs will update facilities and improve access to technologies, according to a press release. This will benefit programs for certified nursing assistants, licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, respiratory care and medical assistants.

PA pardons for marijuana convictions

HARRISBURG, PA — Gov. Tom Wolf and Lt. Gov. John Fetterman announced a coordinated effort for a one-time, large-scale pardoning project for people with select minor, nonviolent marijuana criminal convictions. “Nobody should be turned down for a job, housing or volunteering at your child’s school because of some old nonviolent weed charge, especially given that most of us don’t even think this should be illegal,” Fetterman said.

The Pennsylvania Board of Pardons will accept applications for the PA Marijuana Pardon Project through Friday, September 30.

Anyone with two or fewer select marijuana offenses Possession of Marijuana (Title 35 Section 780-113 Subsection A31) or Marijuana, Small Amount Personal Use (Title 35 Section 780-113 Subsection A31I) on their record is eligible to apply, and there is no limit for the age of the conviction. Visit pa.gov/mjppardon for more information.

Netted at night

COCHECTON, NY — While patrolling the Delaware River in the Town of Cochection on August 20, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Officers (ECO), utilizing night

vision equipment, spotted six individuals unlawfully using cast nets. ECO Glen Parker, with assistance from ECO Eric Lovgren, approached the individuals under the cover of darkness and observed them using three cast nets to catch fish.

Lovgren located and seized a bag filled with 17 freshwater fish, including sunfish, rock bass and smallmouth bass. Twelve tickets for fishing without a freshwater license and taking fish by means other than angling were issued.



Photos contributed by DEC
DEC officers capture the image of fishing with a net through night vision glasses.



A variety of fish were caught in the Delaware River using a net at night.

Monticello bridge to close for five weeks

MONTICELLO, NY — The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of Waverly Avenue in the Village of Monticello to replace County Bridge 449, located approximately 0.2 mi. south of the intersection of East Broadway and Waverly Avenue. This section of Waverly Avenue is scheduled to be closed to all traffic starting at 8 a.m. Tuesday, September 6, and will remain closed for approximately five weeks.

Congressman Cartwright to give UDC keynote address

BEACH LAKE, PA — U.S. Representative Matt Cartwright (PA-8) will deliver the keynote address at the Upper Delaware Council’s 34th annual River Valley Awards Ceremony on Sunday, September 18, at Central House Family Resort in Beach Lake.

The event is open to the public, with reservations at \$31 per person due by Sept. 9; contact the UDC at 211 Bridge St., P.O. Box 192, Narrowsburg, NY 12764, 845/252-3022 or info@upperdelawarecouncil.org for more information.

Correction

The choreography for the “Night of the New Moon” was created by HX Theater and Amy Piantaggini. The immersive dance-theatre performance celebrating female voices was presented by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance on August 27. The original review by Jonathan Charles Fox, which named Piantaggini as the performance’s choreographer, was published in the September 1-7 issue of the **River Reporter**. As a soloist, Piantaggini received the credit for her own choreography.

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Gun rules cause confusion in Sullivan

By LIAM MAYO

MONTICELLO, NY — New gun-control regulations went into effect across New York State on September 1. That same day, the Sullivan County Legislature passed a resolution affirming support for the second amendment.

The new regulations, signed by Gov. Kathy Hochul on July 1, restrict the list of locations where a properly licenced gun owner can concealed carry, and expands the licensing requirements for concealed carry permits.

One of the changes alters the way concealed carry works in New York State. The new regulations make it a criminal offense to bring a firearm, rifle or shotgun onto private property, unless the owner of the private property in question indicates their explicit consent.

According to the new regulations, private property is considered gun-free by default, unless a private property owner posts a sign or otherwise explicitly demonstrates that concealed carry is allowed.

The Sullivan County Legislature passed its resolution during a September 1 special meeting. The text of the resolution declared Sullivan County a gun-friendly county, and stated that “those properly licensed to possess and carry a handgun shall be able to conceal and carry a handgun throughout the county unless specifically prohibited by statute or owner declaration.”

Legislator Nadia Rajsasz asked whether that change applied to county buildings or to the county as a whole. “The way the resolution is written, it almost appears that we have control over the whole county, making it like the Wild West,” said Rajsasz.

It only applied to county buildings, explained members of the county’s legal representation. The county couldn’t override the state’s law, and the resolution didn’t try. It merely explained the county’s position in response to the new law.

The new law requires that any property owner must post signs on their property for concealed carry to be allowed. County manager Josh Potosek already had the discretion to do so for county property, explained county attorney Mike McGuire, but it was important for the legislators to make a statement of intention to direct his actions.

That analysis came into question following the meeting.

On September 2, legislative chair Rob Doherty released a statement on the resolution calling its effect on public buildings into question. “The resolution passed yesterday is symbolic of the majority of this Legislature’s feelings about the gun laws put into place by State leaders – laws we feel are overly restrictive and will not increase the safety of Sullivan County residents and New Yorkers in general. However, we do not have the ability to supersede State law. We are researching the State legislation’s language

to determine if we have any discretion with these rules. Regardless, Sullivan County will abide by the rules as set forth, including those for public buildings, which appear to be considered ‘gun-free’ zones.”

Sullivan County Communications Director Dan Hust clarified that concealed carry will not be permitted on any county property at this time, due to the state’s regulations, with an exception for law enforcement officers. “The County is reviewing the law to determine its breadth and scope as they relate to County properties. Legislators were not and are not seeking authority or discretion with private businesses or other municipal spaces and facilities,” said Hust.

The original draft of the county’s resolution attempted to raise Sullivan County’s voice in opposition to the state’s new concealed carry regulations. It stated that the legislature opposed the recent concealed carry law “as being unduly burdensome to those individuals lawfully eligible to possess and carry a concealed firearm,” and called upon the New York State Legislature to repeal that law.

Legislator Alan Sorensen rewrote the resolution during a discussion period, removing that stance, clarifying the resolution’s direction to the county manager and re-naming it from “Declare Sullivan County a Gun Friendly County” to “Affirming Second Amendment Rights.”

Permits and licenses

Prior to the legislature’s proclamation, Sullivan County provided information to the public about the licensing requirements in the state’s new gun laws.

The new laws mandate an expanded firearms training course for concealed carry permit holders, including a 16-hour gun training course and a two-hour live-fire firearm safety training course.

These requirements do not apply to current permit holders, said Sullivan County Clerk Russell Reeves. “If you have a license in good standing, you don’t have to take the training. If an applicant only wants to possess a firearm in their residence, they are also not required to take the firearms safety training course.”

Other requirements in the new law: concealed carry applicants must provide officials with three years’ worth of social media accounts; individuals wishing to purchase a semi-automatic rifle must obtain a license; and a gun left unattended in a vehicle must be left in a storage container resistant to fire, impacts and tampering.

“We want [permit holders] to understand that this is a state process,” said Reeves. “The clerk’s office is only responsible for reviewing and processing paperwork—decisions are not made in my office. There will be an adjustment period with all the changes, and we ask for your patience.”

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school and got married in PA. One of the most successful stunts so far has been getting well-known New Jersey celebrities to post videos online calling out Oz for owning a mansion in New Jersey.

Fetterman’s campaign paid Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi from the reality show “Jersey Shore” to post a video addressed to Oz.

“I heard you moved from New Jersey to Pennsylvania to look for a new job,” she said. “I know you’re away from home and you’re in a new place... but don’t worry, you’ll be back in Jersey soon. This is only temporary.”

Following the popularity of that post, Stevie Van Zandt, a “Sopranos” actor and a member of Bruce Springsteen’s E Street Band, recorded a message of his own, telling Oz, “Nobody wants to see you get embarrassed, so come on back to Jersey where you belong.”

On the Republican side, Oz has had less social media success. In some cases, his online presence has proven to be more of a liability than an effective tool. In a Twitter post now infamously known as “the crudités video” by those following the election, Oz attempted to demonstrate the severity of inflation by taking viewers with him on a trip down the produce aisle as he shopped for ingredients for a supposed crudités platter.

In just a little over 30 seconds, Oz managed to call the grocery store he was in “Wegners,” an apparently accidental portmanteau of two actual grocery chains in the commonwealth, Wegmans and Redners. He then gathered various ingredients that together form an unusual dish—raw broccoli, asparagus, carrots, guacamole and salsa—and rather than tossing them in a shopping cart, he awkwardly piled the veggies and dips into his arms, leading many Twitter users to question how often he really performs his own grocery shopping.

It hasn’t all been goofs and spoofs, however. When Fetterman canceled a TV debate originally scheduled for September 6, citing his continuing stroke recovery, Oz’s campaign jumped on the opportunity to call into question whether the Democratic candidate is physically and mentally well enough to serve.

One of Oz’s press releases sarcastically listed the “top ten reasons” Fetterman pulled out of the debate, and accused the Democratic candidate of being “scared of Dr. Oz,” and suggested a televised debate “might accidentally reveal a health condition that’s worse than previously disclosed.”

It’s not the first time Oz has attempted to use Fetterman’s stroke to his advantage. During the fallout of the crudités video, Rachel Tripp, a spokeswoman for the doctor’s campaign, tried turning the tables with this statement:

“If John Fetterman had ever eaten a vegetable in his life, then maybe he wouldn’t

have had a major stroke and wouldn’t be in the position of having to lie about it constantly.”

The sardonic tone toward Fetterman’s health has continued with a list of “concessions” the Oz camp sarcastically offered in order to keep the debate on as scheduled. Among them, Oz promised not to “intentionally hurt John’s feelings,” that “at any point, John Fetterman can raise his hand and say, ‘Bathroom break!’” and offered to “pay for any additional medical personnel [Fetterman] might need to have on standby.”

Fetterman has responded to that statement, accusing his opponent of crossing a line.

“Today’s statement from Dr. Oz’s team made it abundantly clear that they think it is funny to mock a stroke survivor. I chose not to participate in this farce,” he said. “My recovery may be a joke to Dr. Oz and his team, but it’s real for me.”

With each election, social media is clearly becoming an increasingly important resource for candidates to shape their image and connect to prospective voters on a more personal level than a television ad or stump speech can achieve. Some analysts paying attention to this race have called Fetterman’s personable, comical social media presence “among the best, if not the best” they’ve seen from a political candidate.

However, posting the cleverest memes and scoring the hottest roasts don’t necessarily translate into garnering the most votes on Election Day, especially considering

that younger audiences, who tend to be most engaged online, are less likely to vote than older Americans. Bernie Sanders, for example, struck unprecedented resonance with young people online, and ultimately lost to both Clinton and Biden in the past presidential primaries.

Beto O’Rourke, the Democratic candidate in the Texas governor’s race, serves as a more current example of a politician performing great online, but still falling behind in the polls.

Some say that Fetterman’s relentless style is noteworthy, however. Maggie MacDonald, of the New York University’s Center for Social Media and Politics, told the Associated Press that she thinks Fetterman’s stunts could be a motivating force both for campaign contributions and apathetic Democratic voters.

“I imagine in future years people will try to emulate this,” MacDonald said of Fetterman’s viral strategy.

Fetterman has maintained a lead in the polls, but only by a slim margin of four or five percentage points, according to a recent Emerson College poll.

With Fetterman performing better among urban voters and Oz performing better among rural ones, Spencer Kimball, executive director of Emerson College Polling told ABC 27 News, “Suburban voters are the battleground for this election... Forty-seven percent support Fetterman, and 47% support Oz.”

A new year in Wayne Highlands

HONESDALE, PA — Four new teachers completed their Wayne Highlands School District (WHSD) orientation on Wednesday, August 17, and are ready to begin the new school year. Honesdale High School (HHS) science teacher Marisa Avery, Preston Middle School math teacher Dustin Roberts, HHS nurse Lacey Utegg and HHS long-term Spanish substitute Robert Wasylyk are ready to start the year.

“New teacher orientation is a vital part of the district’s teacher induction program,” said assistant superintendent Timothy Morgan. “New teachers are paired with experienced mentor teachers who volunteer from their grade level or content area.” Additionally, the district provides professional support

through mentoring teachers in their first and second years. “The main purpose of the day is to explain the educational philosophies, policies and methods the new teachers will need in providing an exemplary educational program,” Morgan said.

Also participating in the orientation were WHSD superintendent Gregory Frigoletto, Wayne Highlands Education Association member Christopher Piasecki, director of special education Amanda Kerna, assistant director of special education Erika Cavanaugh, district technology supervisor Scott Miller and reading specialist and Lakeside Elementary School/professional education committee co-chair Elliot Zackoski.



Photo by Bob Jennings Photography

Wayne Highlands welcomes teachers: First row, left, Preston Middle School math teacher Dustin Roberts, HHS long-term Spanish substitute Robert Wasylyk, assistant superintendent Timothy Morgan; back row: WHSD superintendent Gregory Frigoletto, HHS science teacher Marisa Avery, reading specialist and Lakeside Elementary School/Professional Education Committee co-chair Elliot Zackoski, Lakeside Elementary School Nurse Carol Lienert, and HHS nurse Lacey Utegg.

Sullivan West holds first board meeting of the school year

By TED WADDELL

LAKE HUNTINGTON, NY — The Sullivan West Central School District held its monthly school board meeting on August 24, in effect kicking off the 2022-2023 school year; classes started September 6.

According to superintendent Dr. Kathleen Bressler, the district has continued to work on its strategic planning process, and recently analyzed the “thought-exchange comments, and created a draft mission, vision and core values to our district.”

She reported that on August 22, more than 30 “stakeholders including students, parents, teacher leaders, school-related professionals, community members, community professionals and organization members, district and building leaders, and board members” met to review and provide feedback on those aforementioned statements, in addition to addressing the three main categories: human capital, communications and student experience.

“This will form the direction our district will be taking for the next three to five years,” said Bressler.

In other news

The district’s 2021 code of conduct has been reviewed by building principals, who have updated it.

Bressler reported that an order and judgment received over the summer cost the district \$900,000. Due to the district’s four-percent fund balance for “these rainy days... we were equipped to deal with this financial setback. In order to safeguard us from this happening again, we asked our attorneys for their recommendations,” she said, noting

their suggestion was for the district to “become a party, by responding to the notice of a petition for cases over a certain amount.

“While we have been allowing the towns to fight some of these cases on their own, we need to remember that the towns’ interest is different than a school’s interest in settling these matters... Due to the recent summary judgment, we feel that being stewards of our taxpayer’s money it is prudent to become involved in these cases.”

Bressler also thanked the teaching staff for teaching summer programs or working on curricular development; she thanked the custodial team “for bringing life back into the buildings each year... from floor to ceiling, and every nook and cranny, our team has put in the hours to create a sparkling clean welcoming place.” She also thanked the administrators who “have been working all summer on the several projects we have going on in the district.”

A recap from the district’s Bulldogs’ newsletter

“This has been a busy summer at Sullivan West,” wrote Bressler in the newsletter. “Our building was full of students participating in enrichment camps and learning programs at the elementary and middle school level. It was a great joy to be able to see smiling faces each day connecting areas of interest or learning in a new way.”

Kurt Buddenhagen took over from David Eggleton as the district’s new director of athletics, physical education, health and wellness. He will also serve as dean of students.

In July, Eggleton returned to his alma mater as director of athletics and assistant principal at the Livingston Manor

and Roscoe school districts.

A former graduate of Delaware Valley, Buddenhagen earned his bachelor’s degree from SUNY Cortland, and a master’s degree in education at Mount Saint Mary College. After receiving a certificate of advanced study in school leadership at SUNY New Paltz, Buddenhagen taught physical education, and later served as director of athletics at Monticello.

Dan Parisi, former director of technology, data and innovation, took on the expanded role of director of human resources, technology and innovation.

Sheri Parucki, former interim director of student services, and the former school psychologist, is now director of student services.

COVID update

According to the newsletter, “Over the summer, the New York State Department of Health, in conjunction with the New York State Department of Education, released updated COVID information for families and schools. The guidance supports preventative measures such as vaccinations, handwashing and most importantly staying home when sick. There are no more reporting requirements for school districts.

“This school year, you will no longer receive notices if your child has been exposed to COVID in school,” the brief continued, noting that school districts will provide test kits to parents upon request.

The updated guidance can be found on the school website, swcsd.org, under COVID-19 resources.

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“This is the largest development that we’ve ever had to act on,” said Town of Fremont representative Jim Grier. “We’re setting a precedent here for every hamlet along this river.”

“It’s really the township’s call on whether they want to set the precedent... we have a very narrow field of intervention as it relates to the River Management Plan,” said Shohola Township representative Aaron Robinson.

Those who spoke in favor of the project did not dispute any of the concerns raised. The UDC could only compare the project against the RMP based on the plans submitted, they said; the project ticked all the boxes in that narrow field of review, so the UDC had to pass it.

Those who voted against the project focused on their own concerns with the project, rather than the UDC’s role in reviewing it.

The UDC’s Berlin, Shohola, Deepark, Delaware, Cochection and Hancock repre-

sentatives voted in favor of Camp FIMFO, declaring it did substantially conform with the RMP. The UDC’s Highland, Tusten, Lumberland and Damascus representatives voted against it. The UDC’s Town of Fremont representative abstained.

The UDC’s recommendation will now go to both the Highland’s planning board and the NPS to inform their separate reviews.

“Our approval in no way is telling [the Town of Highland] planning board that ‘you’re good to go, put this thing through.’ All we’re saying is that [based on the RMP] it substantially conforms... [Planning board members] certainly could require answering those legitimate questions [dissenting members] have before they make a decision,” said Town of Cochection representative Larry Richardson.

The NPS needed several concerns answered before it could even start its review, stated NPS representative Jessica Weinman during the UDC’s discussion. The current

plans did not include proposed clearing limits and certain areas of disturbance, the project did not have a soil investigation for one of the project’s septic systems, and the plans were not signed or sealed by a professional engineer; all of which is needed to be completed before the NPS could start its 45-day process of review.

Drought in NYC?

In other business, the UDC heard a presentation about the Delaware Aqueduct from Jennifer Garigliano, chief of staff for the bureau of water supply for New York City’s Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The Delaware Aqueduct carries around 600 million gallons of water a day from the Upper Delaware River, supplying around half of New York City’s water needs. The DEP planned to shut the down the aqueduct in October to repair a longstanding set of leaks.

The DEP delayed that shutdown to October 1, 2023, primarily due to supply

chain delays for a required secondary project in New York City. That kept the project within its original window, said Garigliano; the DEP had a three-year window between 2022 and 2024 for starting the project, and it would only be a concern if it had to delay past that point.

The specter of drought made additional delays a real concern. “If we were going through system operations right now and drawing down the Delaware system in advance, trying to get ready for the shutdown, we more than likely would have bailed out well before this point, just because of the drought conditions,” said Garigliano. If the same conditions persisted into the next year, it could lead to another delay.

The drought could more immediately affect NYC’s water supply, said Garigliano; if conditions stayed as dry as they were, the Delaware system could be under a drought watch by mid-October.

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Helping our youth

By LIAM MAYO

“Foundations” is a monthly series examining the fundamentals of local government, talking about how government works and how it impacts people’s lives at the local level. This week, “Foundations” examines the organizations throughout the Upper Delaware River valley that are working to improve the lives of the area’s youth.

The Upper Delaware River Valley is a rural, widespread area with limited spaces open to the public and limited options for public transportation.

It’s a set of characteristics that can be a blessing and a curse. For children in the Upper Delaware River Valley, it can be hard for them to gather outside of school hours.

“When I was a kid, I just got my neighbors together and we all played baseball in a field,” said Alex Gardner, a board member with the Delaware Youth Center (DYC). “But kids don’t have that so much, because people are pretty far apart in this area.”

The challenges of distance and space have their answers in local communities that come together to ensure children have places to gather and activities to gather around.

Several towns and townships in the region have youth committees and activities as part of their local-government structure.

The Cocheton Youth Commission organizes fundraisers and activities for the town’s children, planning everything from educational trips to crafts, movie nights to baseball games. The Highland Summer Youth Program gives children aged five to

12 a summer experience that includes art projects, nature and science explorations, and field trips.

Some of these programs are focused primarily on the children of a specific town. Others, like the Tusten Youth Commission (TYC), encourage children throughout the Upper Delaware River Valley to attend their events.

“We talked to the [Sullivan County] director of youth services [when getting funding], and she taught us a little bit more about the need in Monticello and Liberty and how many kids go without food,” said TYC member Kelly Agar. “So we realized that it’s important to offer healthy choices to our kids, and that’s when we kind of made the decision no child is going to pay for anything with us. We will always feed children, no questions asked. It doesn’t matter what town you’re from, we’re going to feed you if you come to our event.”

The TYC runs parties and community events throughout the year, by itself and in partnership with other organizations. It runs a summer program for kids and partners with Fort Delaware for historical programs. It holds holiday events within Tusten, including an Easter egg hunt, a Halloween trunk-or-treat with decorated car trunks, and a Christmas occasion with Santa. The activities aren’t just for kids, either; the TYC partnered with the Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce for the town’s Logging Days event, and arranged a Fourth of July celebration that brought over 2,000 people to Narrowsburg. “Parents stay longer because



Ryann, left, Jaymes and Alexa, Delaware Youth Center staff, with board member Alex Gardner at the center’s swimming pool.



RR photos by Liam Mayo

The swimming pool at the Delaware Youth Center, a keystone of the center’s operations.

their kids are having fun, and it’s free, we provide it,” said TYC member Chrystal Weston. And holding these events brings the community together, adults and children alike, lets people forge connections they couldn’t at any other time.

The DYC does the same sort of community-building work further north along the Upper Delaware River Valley. It holds the Callicoon Tractor Parade, and puts on an annual river race. There’s the summer program for kids, an Easter egg hunt and a Thanksgiving-weekend holiday craft fair.

It also has a physical center located in the hamlet of Callicoon, with amenities such as a swimming pool; tennis, pickleball and basketball courts; a baseball field and a main hall.

Unlike the TYC, the Delaware Youth Commission does all this as a private

nonprofit.

“Almost everyone in the area thinks this is a town park, but it’s not: it’s the youth center,” said Gardner.

The DYC supports itself and maintains its facilities primarily through memberships and fundraisers, though it has received some state funding in recent years through Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther’s efforts.

While the memberships are paid, the DYC gives away memberships to those in need, some sponsored by other members of the community. “We don’t have a lot of money, but we have enough money to sponsor families,” said Gardner. “We don’t ever, ever, want someone not to be able to come. We do everything we can to make sure people can come.”

Thanks to the efforts of engaged community members—nearly all of them volunteers—children in the Upper Delaware River Valley have spaces to visit and activities to bring them together, keeping a sense of community alive.

“Having a place [where] kids can meet up with other kids and parents can meet up with other parents while their children are playing is so important, and there’s not a lot of places like that,” said Gardner.

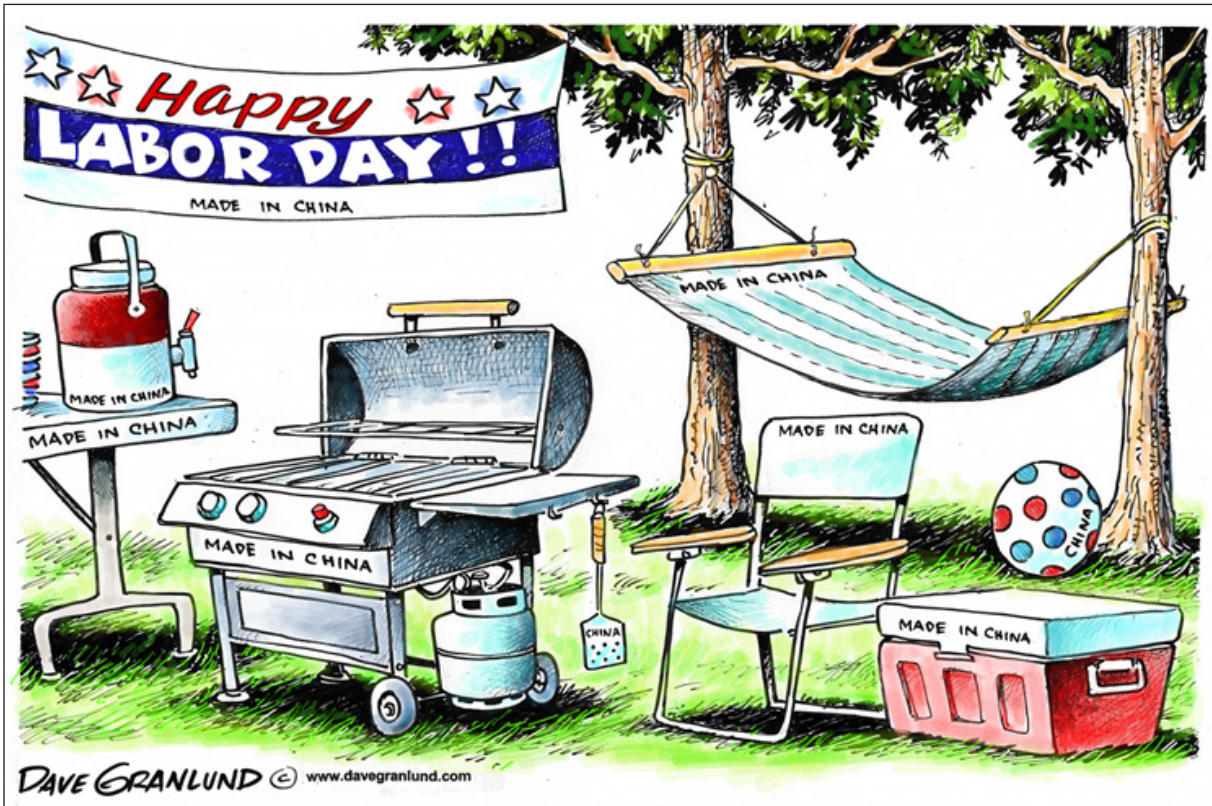
“For us, it’s about the children, and making this a place that they want to stay,” said Agar. “Or, if they don’t stay, they have memories of an amazing childhood here.”



Crystal Weston, left, and Kelly Agar, members of the Tusten Youth Commission, at an event the TYC put on together with the **River Reporter** for the town’s youth.



The playground at the Delaware Youth Center, a place for kids to gather and form friendships.



MY VIEW

BY JOE ZENES AND GAIL LAMB-DOTO

An open letter to community leaders and stakeholders of the upper springs of the Milford Aquifer

First, I would like to thank Milford Township and Milford Water Authority (MWA) for allowing LVL developers to present their mega-warehouse distribution center to the public. I heard LVL's presentations four times. Plans appeared to be flawed and incomplete from the first presentation to the MWA on 6/13/22. I believe this made the Milford Township planning board's decision not to recommend this project to the Milford Township supervisors an easy one, as LVL was not willing to do the needed studies to protect the aquifer and springs.

LVL's lawyer stated during the first presentation that there were "not-so-good wetlands" on the subject property. "The wetlands were to be used to infiltrate storm water and sewage into the groundwater." I engaged the lawyer, as the public was allowed to ask questions about the project. I informed him that the Sawkill Creek is EV [exceptional value; an environmental protection under state law], which would make the wetlands EV as well. He argued they are isolated and not connected to the Exceptional Value Sawkill Creek. That began the quest that led to the discovery of the upper springs of the Milford Aquifer.

On July 24, we performed our first "windshield" survey, using the applicant's plans and exhibits of the subject and surrounding properties. We turned on Steele Lane, located off Route 6 on the southwest corner of the subject property. We parked and got out of the car.

As there was a pause in traffic noise, we heard the sound of flowing water. In the ditch between Route 6 and Steele Lane was clean water flowing under the road onto the subject property. Note that we are in an extended dry period with less than an inch of rain since our observations began.

Further investigation, following the small stream, led us upslope. I pursued it, walking along the highway, and Gail followed the well-worn deer trails to a series of active springs in the middle of the hillside. Much to our surprise, there was a cement springhouse discharging out from a plastic pipe. We estimated the flow at more than a gallon per minute, and the water had a temperature of 55 degrees Fahrenheit, indicating ground water coming to the surface. Gail and I actually poured ourselves a glass of water from the spring and drank it!

We had discovered the Upper Springs of the Milford Aquifer. This is the genesis of the stream flowing onto the

subject property. We then wandered through the sheds that are for sale on the property. Along the bottom of the hillside the area remained wet just off the grassy area where the sheds were located. The wetland with spring areas continued north towards a "possible isolated wetland," as the LVL documents put it, and pond location.

Our windshield survey continued up to the top of Buist Road. The extensive wetland complex continues north toward Route 6, where it discharges onto the subject property into the "marshy wetland," according to the site plans. There is a large culvert pipe, installed during Route 6 construction, that connects the wetlands along both sides of the highway.

During the planning board meeting, the presenter admitted the downslope wetlands were in fact EV. The applicant's plan is to use the wetlands on the subject property to filter stormwater and sewage discharge before it reaches the groundwater. The marshy wetland discharges into a "watercourse" identified on the applicant's plans. This watercourse was cut off and obstructed during construction of Victory Drive. The wetland that remains on the east side of Victory Drive drains directly into the EV Sawkill Creek. Victory Drive had obstructed the flow of the watercourse, or otherwise it would still flow directly into the EV Sawkill Creek.

At the bottom of the hill we observed a flowing stream that flowed under Victory Drive toward the Sawkill Creek connecting with the wetlands on the east side of Victory Drive. The small tributary originates at the bottom of the hillside on the east end of the subject property through a series of springs. Random sampling over the past month resulted in temperature readings between 57-59 degrees Fahrenheit, a sign that groundwater flowing off the subject property is contributing to the base flow of the Sawkill Creek. Pressures deep underground force water up through the sand and gravel subsurface into the unconfined aquifer. The proposed mega-warehouse, with 850,000 square feet of impervious surfaces, would sit right in the middle of the upper springs of the Milford Aquifer, where groundwater is very shallow, and often comes to the surface.

I hope our community leaders and stakeholders can use this opportunity to finally work together to permanently protect this extremely sensitive property containing the upper springs of the Milford Aquifer.

Joe Zenes and Gail Lamb-Doto live in Pike County, PA.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open PA primary elections to unaffiliated voters

Half of all veterans identify as political independents, and voters increasingly register as unaffiliated with any party.

Only voters who register with a party—usually Republican or Democratic—are allowed to vote in a primary election, according to the Pennsylvania election code.

How can we justify to veterans and unaffiliated voters that they have no voice in primary elections? If we ask everyone to support our veterans, who defend this country, then we must give everyone the right to vote in each election. Therefore, we must repeal closed primaries.

On August 16, the Pennsylvania House State Government Committee held a hearing on the campus of Villanova University to consider legislation that would open Pennsylvania's primary system. Pennsylvania is one of only nine states with closed primaries and this hearing was the first from the PA House in modern times. I traveled there to show my support for House Bill 1369.

While our political parties are increasingly being controlled by partisan elitists, the quiet majority in the center are not being properly represented in the general election. They are forced to choose between radically polarizing candidates, rather than rational and inclusive representatives who may have won an open primary. House Bill 1369 has support across the political spectrum because it matters that all voices are heard during our primary elections.

I am running for state representative as a write-in candidate who is not beholden to partisan politics. I run as an independently minded leader to bring sensible government, not party bickering or divisive politics. When elected to represent all people of PA House District 139, I will vote to repeal closed primaries in Pennsylvania because we all deserve to be heard in our primary elections.

For more information, visit: BallotPA.org, PAIndependents.org, and OpenPrimaries.org.

Marian Keegan

Lackawaxen Township, PA

On redistricting

What part of "public" does Mr. Doherty not understand? Ward Blade Neversink, NY

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Getting a Head of Himself



■ **MIXED GREENS**
BY CAROL ROIG

The not-so-temperate zone

Hot weather is in the news, partly because so many areas of the U.S. are experiencing record and prolonged heat, and also because we are learning more about just how dangerous extremely hot weather can be.

For our region, climatologists expect steady increases over the coming decades in the annual number of days over 95 degrees Fahrenheit, to as many as 39 days per year by the 2080s.

Heat waves, defined as three or more consecutive days with temperatures above 90 degrees Fahrenheit, are expected to be five times as frequent, and as many as eight days long per event.

Researchers from Harvard and the University of Washington have projected a three- to 10-fold increase in heat index levels in the mid-latitudes, which includes most of North America, by 2100, with “highly consequential” impacts on health, agriculture and even the habitability of large parts of the country.

Meanwhile, scientists at the University of California at Berkeley and at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory have developed a more accurate calculation for the heat index. It combines temperature and relative humidity to convey the apparent or “felt” temperature.

This is significant because high heat combined with high humidity can cause severe illness and even death; the “felt” temperature isn’t just an indicator of comfort, it’s a life-and-death predictor of how hard our bodies will have to work to maintain a core temperature around 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit.

When the weather turns hot, our bodies perspire to cool the skin’s surface through evaporation, but high humidity suppresses evaporation. As the body works harder to pump blood to the skin’s surface to be cooled, the cardiovascular system becomes strained, which can lead to heat exhaustion, heat stroke and even death.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 658 Americans die from heat-related illness each year. People over 65, young children and pregnant women are particularly vulnerable, as well as people with cardiovascular disease, COPD and asthma, and athletes, military personnel and anyone who works outdoors.

The Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health has reported that a range of commonly prescribed medications can

also make people more vulnerable to heat-related illnesses, including antidepressants and antipsychotic medications, antihistamines, diuretics, blood pressure drugs and overactive-bladder treatments.

Mental health is also affected. Researchers at Boston University School of Public Health have documented an increase in emergency room visits for substance abuse, mood and anxiety disorders, schizophrenia and dementia during periods of high heat. In a separate study, researchers at Boston University reviewed test scores for millions of students in the U.S. and 60 countries around the world, finding that students who attended school during periods of higher heat scored lower on standardized tests that measure educational achievement and cognitive ability.

In a paper published in *Environmental Research Letters* last month, UC Berkeley researchers David M. Roms and Yi-Chuan Lu shared new calculations that revised the original heat index developed in 1979 by physicist Robert Steadman. The new calculations provided more accurate estimates of the “feels like” temperature of high-heat events that are increasing due to climate change.

Based on the then-known temperature record, Steadman assumed an upper temperature limit of 88 degrees Fahrenheit when relative humidity reaches 80 percent. In their update, Roms and Lu developed more accurate calculations for the human body’s real-world physiological response to the unprecedented high humidity/high temperatures events we have been experiencing with global warming. Using their methodology, a temperature of 97 degrees Fahrenheit, combined with 80 percent humidity, produces a heat index of 161 degrees, a danger zone in which the human body runs out of strategies to regulate core temperature.

Roms and Lu concluded that the calculation used by the U.S. National Weather Service underestimates the apparent temperature (the “feels like” temperature) in extreme heat waves by as much as 20 degrees Fahrenheit, with real consequences for our understanding of physiological impacts of extreme heat events, which are going to become increasingly common.

An effective health response to our increasingly warming planet will need to go beyond the establishment of temporary cooling centers, installing air conditioning and

Learn more:

Probabilistic projections of increased heat stress driven by climate change

www.nature.com/articles/s43247-022-00524-4#citeas

CDC statistics on heat-related illness and death

www.cdc.gov/pictureofamerica/pdfs/picture_of_america_heat-related_illness.pdf

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health—medications and heat vulnerability

www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/hsph-in-the-news/some-medications-may-increase-sensitivity-to-heat-sun/

Boston University School of Public Health study on heat and mental health

www.bu.edu/sph/news/articles/2022/extreme-heat-linked-to-increase-in-mental-health-emergency-care/

Boston University study on heat exposure, academic success and equity

www.nature.com/articles/s41562-020-00959-9.epdf

Chronically underestimated: a reassessment of US heat waves using the extended heat index, by David M Roms and Yi-Chuan Lu

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learning the warning signs and emergency procedures for heat exhaustion and heat stroke—as important as those actions are. We need to address the underlying conditions that contribute to heat vulnerability, including health issues like cardiovascular disease, asthma and COPD, as well as mental health and substance abuse; lack of equity in access to health care and good nutrition; substandard housing, poor ventilation and toxic building materials. We need to understand the importance of conserving green space, and make sure all residents have equitable access.

Extreme heat threatens forests, agriculture, food safety and water quality, so we need to incorporate heat issues more robustly in our emergency planning efforts, and we need to understand that heat will eventually change how—and where—we live.

■ **MY VIEW**
BY JOHN PACE

In retrospect, appeasing a president’s criminality was a mistake

While in office, T**mp’s alleged criminal actions, especially with regard to the obstruction of justice in the Mueller Russia probe, posed a unique challenge to the Justice Department’s policy memo of October 16, 2000. In that notable memo, Justice broadly concluded that “The indictment or criminal prosecution of a sitting President would unconstitutionally undermine the capacity of the executive branch to perform its constitutionally assigned functions.” <https://www.justice.gov/olc/opinion/sitting-president%E2%80%99s-amenability-indictment-and-criminal-prosecution>

While that may sound reasonable, consider that “special counsel Robert Mueller told lawmakers... he could not exonerate President Donald Trump of obstruction of justice and that the president’s claims that he had done so in his report are not correct.” (PBS Newshour Wednesday, July 24, 2019).

So Mueller “could not exonerate,” but the memo said

that he could not prosecute, either. By that logic, T**mp, as president, had four years of virtual immunity from criminal prosecution via a memo whose framers, I daresay, never expected the habitual bad actions of a president to sink quite so low.

Ever the opportunist, T**mp has been nothing if not a quick study. His two congressional impeachments notwithstanding, T**mp understood that his popularity with toady Republican lawmakers and his extremist base, plus an arcane Justice Department guideline, might allow him the immunity necessary to turn up his attacks on democracy and quite literally seize the state.

Likely, that was a major mistake—but that is yet to be determined. Famously, despite anticipating losing an election, an emboldened, scheming T**mp moved forward to remain in power via a variety of election conspiracies and finally the desperate, failed coup of January 6.

It would be a sad footnote to history if American democracy eventually collapses via a memo that could not anticipate the overt criminality of a sitting president.

Silly me, I thought that the vice-president’s role was to step in if the president was compromised, i.e., indicted. Apparently, that possibility was never considered, neither by Mueller nor the Justice Department.

Imagine four years of immunity from prosecution for the most powerful man on the planet. That sounds more in concert with a king’s “divine right” rather than the rules governing a president in a democracy.

Perhaps more importantly, it sounds like a siren call, beckoning future unscrupulous presidential candidates with budding criminal intent to come hither. It invites them to apply here for “grifter-in-chief,” unassailable and temporarily out of reach of American law. We should fix that.

John Pace lives in Honesdale, PA.

■ DEATH NOTICES

Emily M. Fayó

Emily M. Fayó, 91, of Hawley, PA, passed away August 28, 2022 at home. Emily was born July 27, 1931 in Hoboken, NJ. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 10 at the Milford Bible Church, 110 Foxcroft Dr., Milford, PA. Final interment will be 11 a.m. on Monday, September 12 at the Calvary Cemetery, Route 9W South and Route 94 in New Windsor, NY.

Sean Flynn

Sean Flynn, 44, formerly of Honesdale, PA, passed away August 28, 2022 at the University of Utah Hospital in Salt Lake City, UT. Sean was born August 6, 1978.

Andrew L. Gorel

Andrew L. Gorel, 69, of Honesdale, PA, passed away August 23, 2022 at home. Andrew was born in 1953 in Carbondale, PA. There will be no funeral or memorial services. Andrew’s marker will be at Maplewood Evangelical Cemetery in Maplewood, PA.

Gerald L. ‘Skip’ Mudge

Gerald L. “Skip” Mudge, 87, of Hortonville, NY, passed away August 29, 2022. Gerald was born February 6, 1935 in Callicoon, NY. A funeral Mass was held September 6 at Holy Cross Church in Callicoon. Burial with military honors was held at the Callicoon Cemetery.

Donna Rose Shelton

Donna Rose Shelton, 74, of Honesdale, PA, passed away August 29, 2022 at home. Donna was born November 10, 1947 in Honesdale. A graveside service was held September 7 in St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery in Honesdale.

John C. VanBlarcom

John C. VanBlarcom, 73, of Milanville, PA, passed away August 30, 2022 at home. John was born November 22, 1948 in Patterson, NJ. Arrangements are under the care of the Harrison Rasmussen Funeral Home in Barryville, NY.

Dr. Kathryn L. Vennie

Dr. Kathryn L. Vennie, 83, of Hawley, PA, passed away August 29, 2022 at Regional Hospital of Scranton, PA. Kathryn was born February 28, 1939 in Pelham, NY. Private funeral services were held at the convenience of the family.

Sullivan residents:
grant available to help
with housing needs

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY — Funds are available to assist with first-home purchase, housing rehab and mobile home replacement.

In partnership with Sullivan County, home-ownership organization RUPCO is currently administering a community development block grant (CDBG) to assist Sullivan County with housing needs.

Up to \$45,000 is available for low-income first-time homebuyers with down payments and closing costs. In addition, homeowners in need of housing rehab can apply for a grant of up to \$35,000 for single-family home repairs. Grants are also available for eligible property owners with mobile home replacement needs.

All applicants must meet income limits.

A RUPCO counselor can assist households with the first-time homebuyer process, and can review credit, provide referrals to affordable loan options and determine eligibility for grant funding.

To learn more about terms and conditions visit www.rupco.org

Join the E.B. Crawford
library board

MONTICELLO, NY — Petitions are available for two three-year trustee terms and one two-year term at the E.B. Crawford Library.

The petitions must be returned to the library by Monday, September 12 for the October 12 trustee election.

The three-year positions are for full terms, from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025. The other seat is for the remaining two years of a three-year term, from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024.

Incumbents Richard Arnold, Lynn Skolnick and Maureen O’Meara are not seeking reelection.

Come to the library, or call and make a curbside appointment to pick up a petition from the election secretary at the library if you are interested in running. You must be an eligible voter and reside within the library service area (the Town of Forestburgh, Bethel or Thompson within the Monticello Central School District). Petitions must be returned to the library by 5 p.m. on Monday, September 12. For more information, call the library election secretary, Danielle DiStefano, at 845/794-4660 ext. 6.



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Potential menace?

■ STAYING GROUNDED
BY SHARON PEDUTO

Chippy and the Munks

My spring-to-fall early-morning ritual is watering and examining my gardens. After pulling weeds and transplanting, I relax with a cup of coffee, watching the hummingbirds, admiring them and listening to their songs. There is peace.

This year, not so much. Everywhere I turned there were chipmunks, and they were talking, digging and running through my gardens, porch, decks and garage.

For the first week I thought, “I love chipmunks.” Isn’t nature grand?

Shortly thereafter, Chippy and his Munks began eating all the seeds I had planted. No problem, I’ll plant more.

The group became brazen on my porch, under the deck and behind my raised garden beds—as I stood right there. I accepted the pots knocked over and the chatter—until they began scratching inside my bedroom and living room walls.

Research opened my eyes to the havoc these furry things could create. Electrical fires, for example. Chipmunks eat through everything, make nests in cars, chew through rubber, destroy engines.

Had my dear cat, who passed this winter, kept them away all these years? Why were there so many? Had they taken abortion rights away from chipmunks too? Could natural predators control this population? What scents deter them from coming into my home?

No more serene mornings. This was war.

I walked around the exterior of my home, looking for a hole into my foundation. I found several. Google time. Many sites, including the reputable sources such as the Spruce, recommend mothball flakes, or mothballs, in your garden, as one deterrent. They name others: cinnamon, garlic, cayenne powder and peppermint essential oil. How much would I need? It must be reapplied after rain.

Mothballs in garages, sheds and under your deck were recommended with no mention of hazards. Mothballs seemed like the easiest, fastest, most cost-effective solution.

I spread hundreds of mothballs around the perimeter of the foundation, stuffing the bur-

rows with as many as would fit. Take that!

The temperature rose to 90-plus degrees Fahrenheit. The central air went on, filling every room with naphthalene or paradichlorobenzene gases, the chemicals in mothballs. I shut off the a/c but it was too late. I poisoned myself.

Staying grounded, I slowly recovered—the poisoning was no joke—and got rid of the gas, but the smell of mothballs still hit me as I walked onto my porch. And there sat chubby, full-cheeked Chippy, grinning while enjoying his breakfast. I know he gave me the chipmunk finger.

I checked Amazon, and ordered four solar-powered, strobe-like, movement-activated sound devices (you can’t hear the sound; only critters can). The animals left graffiti on the devices.

Owls are a chipmunk predator. I sent back the technology and ordered resin owls. Up went the owls in several directions, where the chipmunks had been burrowing into the foundation. The owls kept birds out of the garage. No more nests or poop. There also hasn’t been as much noise from the walls, but I wasn’t done.

Mint was planted in each burrow and around the perimeter every few feet. I didn’t care if it spread for 2.5 acres. I would not allow my home and car to be destroyed. In utter disbelief, I watched a chipmunk jump right into the mint. It remained there while eating.

Since then I have met many gardeners. When I asked how they deal with the chipmunk population, they said, “Mothballs.”

I found answers to the proliferation of chipmunks in our area. There was a “mast” year, when wild plants and trees overproduced, wildlife biologist Bill Kilpatrick told newyorkupstate.com in 2020. He said, “Chipmunks have the ability to control their reproductive cycles in abundant food years to have a second litter... A single litter can consist of as many as 15 babies, though three to five is more common.”

Natural predators include hawks, snakes, foxes, raccoons, rats, owls and coyotes. House cats. I’ll take 10 of each, please.

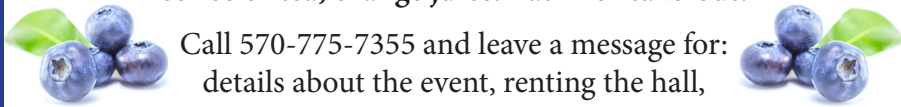
Blueberry Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 11, 2022, 8:00 AM - 12:00 noon

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Cost: Adults - \$9; Children (10 & under) - \$5; Children 3 & under – free.

**Usual breakfast fare (buffet): blueberry or plain pancakes,
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Photos contributed by Wayne County 4-H/FFA

Narrowsburg Feed and Grain won the auction for Andrew Freidenstine's Grand Champion market lamb. Pictured are Adam Henning, left; Brandi Barber; Cathy Diehl; exhibitor Andrew Freidenstine; and his parents, Brian and Jessica.



Exhibitor Levi Martin is pictured with his Grand Champion market hog. On right is Drew Dirlam for Dirlam Brothers Lumber, who successfully bid the hog and then returned it for resale.

Wayne 4-H livestock sale grosses almost \$609,000

HONESDALE, PA — On a beautiful Saturday at the Wayne County fairgrounds, supporters of 4-H and FFA arrived in droves for the livestock sale.

The sale tallied a record \$608,581.50 in support of local 4-H and FFA members. Crossing the auction block were 347 market steers, hogs, lambs, goats and pens of market meat rabbits.

The resale of “buy-backs” ensured scholarships for the coming year, with \$43,196.65 added to next year’s fund.

Thirteen scholarship recipients were introduced. Scholarships, in the amount of \$2,000 each, were awarded to Nathaniel Bateman, Allison Billard, Sarah Collins, Paige Fiume, Olivia Gries, Hunter King, Sara McNichols, Emma Modrovsky, Luke Noble, Abigail Price, Maria Spinelli,

Brianna Taninies and Jacob Turner.

Contributions to the scholarship fund and memorial gifts can be sent to the Wayne County Junior 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale Scholarship, in care of Rosalind Williams, secretary and scholarship fund manager, 409 Stock Farm Rd., Lake Ariel, PA 18436.

Thirty years of the Older Americans Act in Pike

MATAMORAS, PA — This September, the Pike County Area Agency on Aging will mark a milestone in Older Americans Act services in the community.

The agency will hold a celebration at the Atrium in the Best Western in Hunts Landing at 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 17.

With those services, seniors are supported and respected as they age in place, the group said.

Tickets are available. RSVP by Friday, September 9.

To learn more, email Lana Romeo at lromeo@pikepa.org or Kathy D’Antuono at kdantuono@pikepa.org.

Retired teachers’ group to meet

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, NY — The Sullivan County Retired Teachers’ Association will meet at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14 at the White Sulphur Inn on Route 52.

Lunch will be served at 12 noon.

New York State assemblywoman Aileen Gunther will speak on educational and retirement issues in the state.

Reservations for this meeting are due by Friday, September 9, and can be made to John or Nancy at 845/439-4706, to Joan at 845/482-3563 or to Leon at 845/292-6903.

Milford couple starts fund to help community

MILFORD, PA — When Milford residents Peter and Kathy Maio retired in 2019, they knew they would make their Gold Key home their permanent, year-round residence. They like the area, they enjoy the outdoor recreation it offers and felt at home here, according to a press release from the Greater Pike Community Foundation.

But they wanted to do more than just live, ski and hike here. They wanted to give back to the community in a focused and purposeful way. So they started a fund with Greater Pike Community Foundation and plan to donate to and support local services that assist many in need.

“We’ve lived in many places, and recognize that housing and food insecurity and environmental issues are prevalent all over,” said Peter Maio. “We’ve seen it as a growing

concern here and it disturbed us.”

They learned about Greater Pike and decided to work with staff to create a fund that would keep their funds local, while addressing the needs in the community.

“Working with the foundation made it easier, administratively, to focus on important issues,” he said. Greater Pike “creates a power of numbers and a sense of community.”

In addition to planning future trips to national parks and spending time outdoors, the Maios keep busy with volunteer work: Peter serves on a bank board of directors and Kathy is a certified Medicare counselor, assisting seniors to receive the services they need.

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Kathy and Peter Maio

and personal way to give back to the community. For more information call executive director Jenni Hamill at 570/832-4686, email jennihamill@greaterpike.org, or visit www.greaterpike.org and on Facebook at GreaterPike.

First patient life-flighted to Wayne Memorial for lifesaving treatment

HONESDALE, PA — For the first time since a helipad was constructed in 2016, a patient was recently flown in for life-saving treatment at Wayne Memorial.

All other flights have been to transfer patients out from Wayne Memorial to a higher level of care. Wayne Memorial CEO James Pettinato confirmed that a cardiac patient in critical condition at Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills’ Grover M. Hermann Hospital, located just outside Callicoon, NY, was transported via LifeNet, a New York-based medical helicopter evacuation service to the helipad. The patient and the flight team

were then whisked to the hospital less than a mile away by a White Mills ambulance crew.

Pettinato gave no further details about the patient except to say, “Dr. Bradley Serwer, one of our interventional cardiologists, performed a catheterization procedure on the patient in our Heart & Vascular Center.

“We are thankful to the Garnet-Grover Hermann Hospital medical team, and to LifeNet and White Mills Ambulance, who ultimately brought the patient to us expeditiously and safely,” he said.

Learn more about Wayne Memorial Hospital at wmh.org.



Photo contributed by Wayne Memorial Hospital
Pictured is the flight crew from LifeNet New York that escorted the first patient ever life-flighted to Wayne Memorial Hospital's helipad for cardiac treatment at the hospital. The members are Stephen Parenti, first responder driver, left; Andrew Moss, EMT; Mike Nuzzi, pilot; Tricia Haile, flight nurse; and Aaron Peck, flight medic.

■ BREEZY ACRES TIPS AND TALES

BY CHELSEA GRASSE

Minerals

Fall is right around the corner; the leaves are beginning to change their colors, and the animals are enjoying the last few weeks of summer.

With the weather changing soon, the animals require more supplemental nutrition, as there are not as many resources available in the fields for them. When the fields begin to turn a yellow-brown color and the grass is not as nourishing, field-cut hay, processed over the summer, is provided as a replacement until the fields are growing and green again.

There are quite a few differences between goats and donkeys. Goats are browsers, while donkeys and horses are grazers. This means that the goats will munch on weeds, leaves, top of plants and shrubs—and love poison ivy—while Daisy the donkey enjoys eating all the grass, close-to-the-ground plants and other types of vegetation.

Another way to assist in cutting back possible deficiencies in the goats and the donkey is by providing them with yearlong “free-choice” salt and minerals. This means that they can eat it at any time during the day. Various types of deficiencies can occur with goats. One could see problems with reproductive health or milk production, or issues with kidding, coat health and parasite loads.

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Salt and mineral blocks are much harder for the goats and donkey to consume because they are meant for animals that have rougher tongues. If the salt or mineral blocks are too difficult for the horse or goat to lick, they can be seen chewing on the block, trying to get the nutrients from it.

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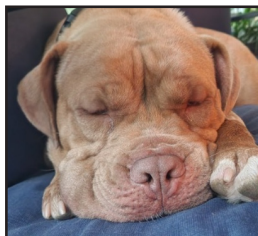
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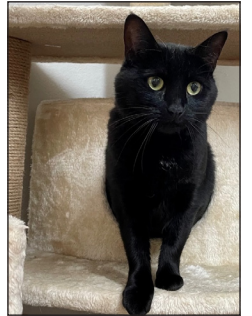
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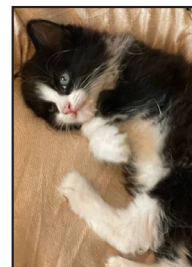
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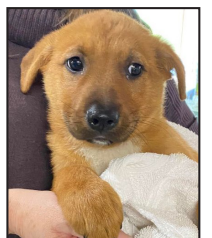


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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARTS,
LEISURE AND OUTDOORS

When writers and readers talk

Milford Readers and Writers Festival returns for its fifth year

By ANNEMARIE SCHUETZ

MILFORD, PA — It's like the town's largest book club. A writers' group, with fans weighing in. And it's a chance to talk about books, the wonder they offer and the threats they face.

The Milford Readers and Writers Festival is back, for a town-wide celebration of reading and conversation.

Edson Whitney, co-chair of the festival, has been involved from the start. He sat down for a phone interview about the festival and about Milford's place in literature.

The first festival, in 2016, was based on Milford's connection to science (or speculative) fiction. In the 1950s, a group of writers, including Damon Knight, Judith Merrill and James Blish, settled in the borough, and other writers came to visit and share their expertise. It came to be known as the Milford Writers' Workshop—there's even a Wikipedia page.

The gathering "was known for the Milford Method," Whitney said. "An author would read what they were working on, and the other authors would critique it."

Not unlike writers' groups now, in fact.

When the concept of a festival began to germinate in 2016, the old Milford Method was adapted for a new generation. It now included readers in the conversation. In fact, "we focus on the readers," Whitney said.

Writing is no longer just something presented to readers, for them to like or dislike. Now there's an opportunity to interact with the creator. You can do that on social media, with the distance and image control that implies, or you can attend a festival like this one, and talk to the writers in person.

The scope has moved beyond science fiction to include writing and writers in—and readers of—many genres.

A town-wide festival

The Milford Theatre will play host to special mainstage events, for which tickets are purchased. But "there are free panels around town," Whitney said.

In fact, many businesses and nonprofits are getting involved. Here's just a sample:

The Pike County Library will hold a discussion, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, with local authors about how, or if, their writing process changed during recent attempts to ban books, especially books for kids and young adults that might be in school libraries.

Dr. Stephen Thrasher, author of "The Viral Underclass," will talk with Whitney, a global public health expert, about the book and how "marginalized people are affected by pandemics," Whitney said. This will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 18 at the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

Also that day, at 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd, James Kirchick, the author of "Secret City: The Hidden History of Gay Washington," will talk with Milford mayor Sean Strub.

And at 1 p.m. on September 18 at Grey Towers, Jeffrey Ryan will talk about his newly published work, "This Land Was Saved for You and Me: How Gifford Pinchot, Frederick Law Olmsted, and A Band of Foresters Rescued America's Public Lands." In the book, he discusses the influence of landscape architect Olmsted (who also created public parks) on Pinchot, who became the first head of the National Forest Service.

There's a discussion about haunted history at the Waterwheel, a talk on the history of lynching, a chance to meet local authors, and much more. Black Dog Books, from Lafayette, NJ, will even have a pop-up bookstore, selling the books spotlighted at the festival. (And many others, of course.)

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At the events, including the free ones, the writers will talk and might read from their works, but the conversation with readers after that is key to the festival, Whitney said.

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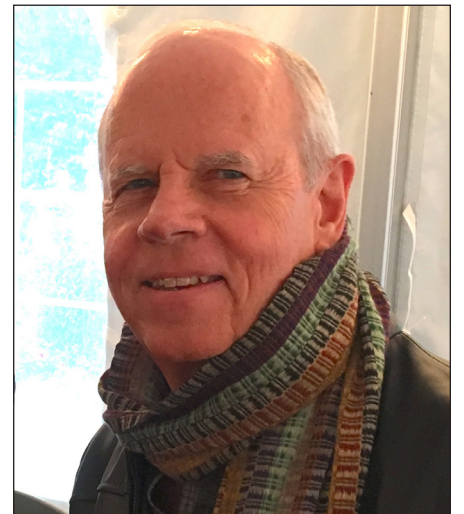
Because writing like that does not always satisfy.

"Books can take you places where you haven't been," Whitney said. "They can broaden your perspective and open your mind."

Because of the festival, "I've read books that I never would have read. A festival like this allows people to explore."

And perhaps become something, or someone, greater than they might have been.

The Milford Readers and Writers Festival takes place from Friday, September 16 to Sunday, September 18. For more information or to purchase passes or tickets to the Main Stage events, visit milfordreadersandwriters.com.



Contributed photo
Edson Whitney is co-chair of the Milford Readers and Writers Festival.

A sample of events on the Milford Theatre main stage

7 p.m. on Friday, September 16—"The Gin Game," a two-person play, performed by Len Cariou, from the CBS TV series "Blue Bloods," and Heather Summerhayes Cariou.

10 a.m. on Saturday, September 17—"What Is American Food?" Discussion with historian and author Paul Freedman and with Richard Morais, author of "The Hundred-Foot Journey."

3:45 p.m. on Saturday, September 17—A conversation with Nelson DeMille and Alex DeMille, with Stephen Rubin.

The Milford Theatre is located at 114 E. Catharine St.

Tickets for individual events cost \$35 each, and the price of passes (which cover all events plus a Saturday evening reception) varies. Purchase tickets or passes at <https://bit.ly/3R87Xlg>.



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■ ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

What's the buzz?

MILFORD, PA — The Dingman Township Park will soon be home to a pollinators' garden.

The garden will be unveiled in an event titled "What's the Buzz About Pollinators?" It begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 17. There is no charge for the event, but registration is requested by Saturday, September 10.

Pollinators, noted a press release from the Pike County Conservation District, are an integral part of our environment and human lives. Approximately a third of all food consumed by humans requires pollinators to grow. But pollinators are now endangered due to habitat destruction; this affects foraging and nesting sites too.

In an effort to provide these sites for local pollinators, the Pike County Conservation



Photo contributed by the Pike County Conservation District
Ellen Enslin, program manager, will lead a pollinator garden tour and hike.

District obtained grant funding to design and plant the pollinator garden in the park.

The event will include a short presentation, a tour of the garden and information on planting for pollinators. There will be a farmer's market in the park at the time of the event, with locally pollinated products for sale.

After the unveiling, there will be an optional hike around the park's trails with the conservation district's program manager, Ellen Enslin.

Sunscreen, bug spray and hiking shoes are recommended.

To register and for more information, visit www.pikeconservation.org or find them on Facebook at [pikeconservation](https://www.facebook.com/pikeconservation). For questions, call Devan George at 570/226-8220 or email dgeorge@pikpa.org.

Learn chainsaw safety with the Delaware Highlands Conservancy

BEACH LAKE, PA — Join the Delaware Highlands Conservancy at the Van Scott Nature Reserve, and learn chainsaw safety with a Game of Logging instructor.

The conservancy will host two workshops; the first is on Saturday, September 17, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a Women and Their Woods event. The next workshop, on Sunday, September 18, is open to all; it takes place from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The training introduces open-face felling and the techniques to safely use it. Topics covered include personal protective equipment, chainsaw safety features, chainsaw reactive forces, bore-cutting, pre-planning the fell, and understanding hinge-wood strength.

The Game of Logging is a chainsaw-safety-and-productivity training program. It offers hands-on chainsaw-safety training. Instructors combine demonstration with participation to teach chainsaw safety, productivity, conservation and cutting techniques.

Space for both events is limited, and prior registration is required. The event fee is \$15 per person for conservancy members or Women and Their Woods graduates; the workshop costs \$25 for non-members.

Attendees should bring a camp or folding chair, lunch, snacks and a refillable water bottle, and should dress for the weather with appropriate closed-toe footwear. Bring your own gas-powered chainsaw and safety equipment if you have them; if not, a limited amount of equipment will be available for shared use.

Attendees should be prepared to walk up to half a mile to the felling site.

The event will be held rain or shine, and refunds will not be issued for cancellations or no-shows.

Visit www.delawarehighlands.org/events for full details and to register to attend.

For more information, call 570/226-3164 or 845/583-1010, or visit www.DelawareHighlands.org.

TMR Scout Museum open weekends during fall

NARROWSBURG, NY — The Ten Mile River (TMR) Scout Museum, located on the grounds of the TMR Scout camps' headquarters, will be open every weekend in September and October. Hours are Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The museum is located at 1481 Crystal Lake Rd.

Museum personnel will be present to answer visitors' questions. The museum follows all COVID-19 safety protocols, as outlined in the "Summer Camp 2021 FAQ—TMR Scout Camps" guide, to keep its staff and visitors safe.

Visitors can attend at other times; call or text 845/701-1317 to schedule an appointment.

The Blooming Grove Township Fire Auxiliary would like to thank the amazing community support for our recent Tricky Tray held on August 20, 2022.

We could not have had such a successful event without all of the local business owners including banks, restaurants, auto repair and gift shops plus many others.

Our Fire Department works very hard. To have such an outpouring of support was terrific. It's our Community at Work.



Photo by Rose, contributed by the SCCO

The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra performs at the White Lake Presbyterian Church in 2019.

'Symphonious Sounds' at the SCCO

HURLEYVILLE, NY AND WHITE LAKE, NY — The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) will present two performances of "Symphonious Sounds," one at 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 10 and a second one at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 11.

The Saturday performance takes place at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre, and the Sunday event is at the White Lake Presbyterian Church.

The program features four composers who each had a major impact on the symphonic world. Strauss, Walker, Nielsen and Françaix "could not be more apart and more alike in their musical approaches," an SCCO spokesman said.

Missing Pieces gallery to close; final show open now

HONESDALE, PA — Come see the final show, "Let's Get Real," at the Missing Pieces gallery on Main Street.

You can meet the artists at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 9.

Eight years ago, Sue Foster opened Missing Pieces as an art gallery. As she was new to the area, she said in a press release, she did not know any local artists, so she filled the gallery with the artwork of her friends from Pittsburgh.

It seemed fitting to have some of these

artists to be showcased for her final show, she wrote. Jan Landini, Barb Jewell and Cindy Berceli are not only talented artists, but three of Foster's closest friends, she said.

Missing Pieces is located at 959 Main St. The hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday through Saturday.

Foster said she plans to keep the store open until the end of December, when she will retire.

Learn more about Missing Pieces on Facebook at [missingpiecesgallery](https://www.facebook.com/missingpiecesgallery).

Spare Parts in concert at Bethany Bandshell

BETHANY, PA — On Saturday, September 10 at 7 p.m. Spare Parts will perform at the Bethany Public Library.

A traditional bluegrass band, Spare Parts was formed over 30 years ago by New York State bluegrass legend Gene Clayton. After he passed away in 2017, the members of his band decided to carry on Clayton's legacy by playing traditional bluegrass music under the Spare Parts name.

The band members are Josh Sudigala on

guitar and vocals, Don Hardic on mandolin and vocals, Bill Kerchner on the banjo, and Jim Schaffer on bass and vocals.

The concert is free.

In case of rain, the concert will be held on the second floor of the library.

The Bethany Public Library is located at 8 Court St.

Call the library at 570/253-4349 for more information, or find it on Facebook at Bethany Public Library.

Jude's Polka Jets at FCAHS

FOREST CITY, PA — The Forest City Area Historical Society (FCAHS) presents an afternoon of polka music featuring Jude's Polka Jets. It takes place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 11 at the historical society's museum, 629 Main St.

The leader of the band, Jude Wasileski, noted that the group has performed in California and up and down the East Coast from New York to Florida. Wasileski, a Forest City native, has been performing polka music in northeastern PA for the last 52 years.

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The band includes his wife, Teresa, the percussionist, and Lee Clark, the drummer. Clark has played with the group for 30 years.

A wide range of polka music will be played.

The museum will be open during the concert. The FCAHS museum is handicapped-accessible and air-conditioned.

There is no admission for the concert but donations will be accepted.

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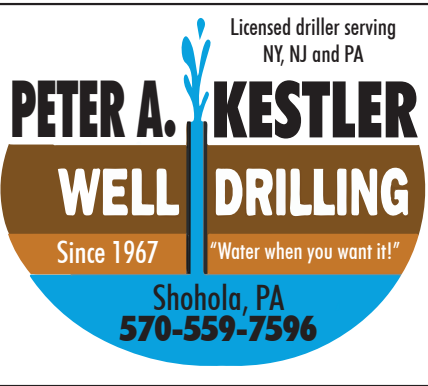
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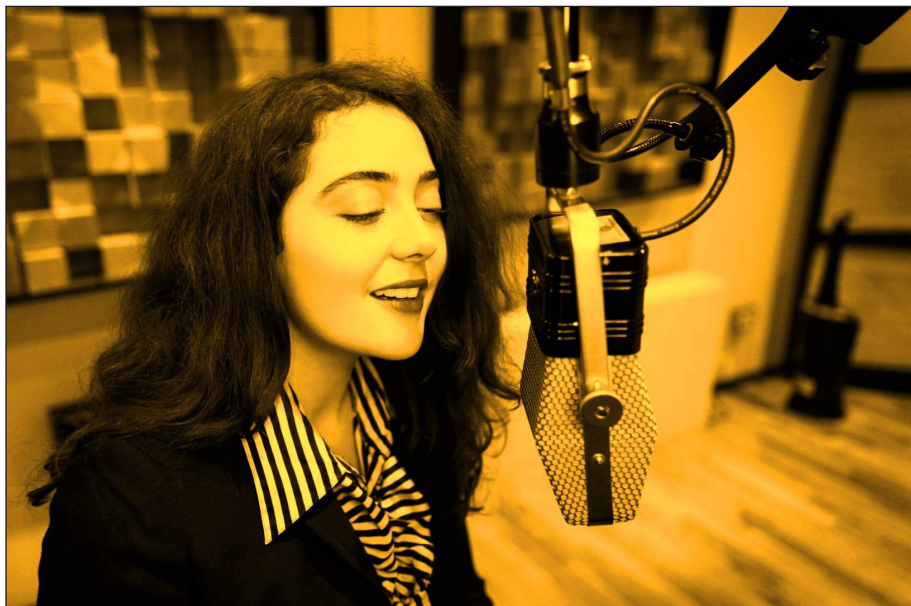



Photo contributed by Kindred Spirits Arts Organization
Tatiana Eva-Marie will perform at Grey Towers on Saturday, September 10.

Jazz Age comes back to life

MILFORD, PA — Jazz and cabaret music were all the rage in Paris during the 1930s. And on Saturday, September 10, Swiss vocalist Tatiana Eva-Marie and the Avalon Jazz Band will introduce 21st-century listeners to the music of the time.

They'll perform at Grey Towers National Historic Site.

It takes place at 5:30 p.m. outdoors under the canopy at the pool pavilion.

During the 1920s and '30s, a press release stated, people were relieved to finally be done with the horrors of World War I. So Parisians and internationally known musicians, authors, artists, flappers and socialites converged on the city's clubs and cabarets.

"Major talents and personalities gravitated toward Paris," notes the Smithsonian website.

Luminaries at the time included Josephine Baker, Cole Porter, Sidney Bechet, Coleman Hawkins and Benny Carter.

This will be the last chance for area residents and visitors to hear music in this outdoor setting before autumn sends most events indoors. Tickets cost \$25 on Eventbrite or on the Kindred Spirits Arts Programs' website.

For more information about Eva-Marie, visit <https://tatianaevamarie.com>.

Purchase tickets or learn more at www.kindredspiritsarts.org.

Cars cruise at the canal

HAWLEY, PA — The Wayne County Historical Society will host a Cars Cruising at the Canal event at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 10 at the Delaware & Hudson Lock 31 historic park.

A donation of \$10 is requested to enter a car. A food truck from Hog Farm BBQ will be on site. The park is located at 179 Texas Palmyra Hwy. For more information, visit waynehistorypa.com.

Tutus and more: Arts and crafts fair in Bingham Park

HAWLEY, PA — The Chamber of the Northern Pocono's arts and crafts fair will take place beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 10.

The fair typically hosts 100 vendors with handcrafted items, such as jewelry, baked goods, pet treats, clothes, fine art, seasonal décor, candles, soap, face painting, hair bows, tutus, sweet treats, maple and honey

products, quilted items and more.

The fair will last until 4 p.m., and will take place rain or shine. There is no charge for admission. Entertainment and food will be available.

Learn more at the Chamber of the Northern Poconos website, www.northernpoconoschamber.com/.

Don't forget 'In the Works ~ In the Woods'

FORESTBURGH, NY — The second annual "In the Works ~ In the Woods" festival will take place from Thursday, September 8 through Sunday, September 11 at the Forestburgh Playhouse.

The plays have been cast and the other events, such as play-readings (with music)

and conversations with writers and theatre insiders, are part of the event.

It's a chance to learn how new plays and musicals are born, to find out about a playwright or composer's process.

For more information, visit www.fbplayhouse.org or call 845/794-1194.

Indie bookstore on Delhi's Main Street

DELHI, NY — The Lost Bookshop will be open until mid-December at the Bushel Collective storefront, 106 Main St.

Bookstore hours are Saturdays from 12 noon to 5 p.m., and the store will hold community events on select Sundays.

The Lost Bookshop's events will kick off with a creative writing class on Sunday, October 16, titled "Writing the Natural World." Writers of all levels of experience and all genres are encouraged to join.

There is a suggested donation of \$20.

While in residence, the Lost Bookshop will feature an ever-rotating selection of around 100 titles, including fiction, nonfiction and children's books.

Bushel's art exhibits will also be on view.

Bushel Collective's ongoing programming, including its own book and art sales, will continue as usual.

Learn more and register for events at thelostbookshop.com/events.

Learn about the Bushel Collective at bushelcollective.org.

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■ IN MY HUMBLE OPINION

BY JONATHAN CHARLES FOX

‘They Shoot Authors, Don’t They?’

I’m concerned. While I may come across as flippant, irreverent or just plain vapid, I do think about serious things from time to time. I watch the news with one eye closed, but like most of you, feel a need to be informed about the state of the world, and I’m concerned.

Recent headlines about book banning and censorship have reawakened a dragon in my soul, since the subject is fiery and frightening. I keep reading stories about states banning books and politicians using the subject as a platform.

To be honest, it’s freaking me out for a myriad of reasons, including the fact that I’ve written about this subject before.

A quick glance at my old notes indicates that I wrote about this topic 14 years ago. Sarah Palin had been nominated for the vice presidency at the Republican National Convention, shortly after her selection was announced by U.S. Senator John McCain’s campaign. Although her bid alongside McCain was unsuccessful, the 2008 presidential election significantly raised Palin’s national profile, and she had used book-banning as part of that platform.

It’s a matter of public record that while serving as mayor of Wasilla, AK in 1996, Palin asked librarian Mary Ellen Baker “how she could go about banning books,” including Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary. According to then-political opponent John Stein, this was “because some voters thought they had inappropriate language in them—the librarian was aghast.”

News reports from the time show that Palin had “threatened to fire Baker for not giving ‘full support’ to the mayor.”

The first book on her list was “A Wrinkle in Time,” by Madeleine L’Engle.

Here’s the thing: When I was seven years old, my mother took me by the hand and led me to our local library in downtown Binghamton, NY—which started my journey on that lifelong path of discovery and enlightenment called reading. It was a bright, sunny day and I was still young enough to believe that the world was a beautiful place. My life was filled with joy and laughter, climbing trees and playing “kick the can” until the streetlights came on. With the help of our librarian and the gentle guidance of my mother, I scampered out of the building, my first borrowed books clutched ever so tightly in my tiny, innocent hands. I flew to my room to read L’Engle’s enchanting story, all by myself, for the very first time.

In an instant, I was transported to a new world—one of imagination, creativity and excitement—unleashing the floodgates that to this day, amaze and delight me every time I crack open a new tome.

“A Wrinkle in Time” revolves around a too-smart-for-his-own-good little boy (I could relate), his too-nerdy-for-his-own-good older sister (I had one of those), and their loner-boy neighbor Calvin. (I had a loner-boy neighbor named Happy, believe it or not.)

I devoured their wild and crazy adventures through space and time in a quest to find and connect with their too-often-absent father. The magical, engrossing Nebula Award-winning story made me think, learn, laugh and cry.

Just last month I came across an article about this very same subject, written by CNN analyst Eric Bradner. In it, Bradner states that “As kids, teachers and librarians head back to school this fall, bookshelves around the country are a bit emptier than usual. 1,145 books have been banned by school districts across the United States between July 1, 2021, and March 31, 2022.”

“These numbers are at a historic high,” said Deborah Caldwell-Stone, who has tracked and analyzed book bans across the country during the more-than-two-decades she worked with the American Library Association (ALA).

A partial list of banned titles includes “A Wrinkle in Time,” “The Catcher in the Rye,” “To Kill a Mockingbird,”



RR photo by Jonathan Charles Fox

Books being banned across the country include Madeleine L’Engle’s “A Wrinkle in Time” and the entire Harry Potter series, all of which can be found on my shelves at home.

“The Color Purple,” the entire “Harry Potter” series and “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.”

I was lucky enough to have had a mom who told me to “look it up in the dictionary” when I came across a word I did not recognize. As a result, reading actually taught, inspired, nurtured and ever so gently nudged me forth into a “Brave New World” (yes, Aldous Huxley is on the list)—a world that the Sarah Palins of the planet would control if they could.

“This frightening thought gives me pause,” I wrote back in 2008. If Palin had been around in 1962 to dictate what books I checked out of the library, would I be who I am today? Would I have matured into the writer I am? Would I have

developed the desire to write my thoughts on a blank page?

There are other writers currently being banned across the country, including Chaucer, D.H. Lawrence, Shakespeare, Steinbeck and the Brothers Grimm. I can’t imagine a world without them. Thankfully, in today’s world, students can read all of these books simply by going online. But the message being sent is just plain wrong, and incredibly scary. In my humble opinion.

Fun Fact: According to the Google, the most frequently banned book is “1984” by George Orwell. I think that’s the definition of irony. Look it up in the dictionary, while you still can.

Where & When

Thursday, September 8

Albi Beluli @ CPH

COCHECTON, NY — The Cocheton Pump House presents live music with Albi Beluli, 5-8pm at 7895 St. Rte. 97. 845/932-5277, pumphouseevent@gmail.com.

Auditions @ SUNY

LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY — The SUNY Sullivan Theater Programs presents auditions for “In The Heights,” 6-9pm on Sep. 8 & Sep. 9 at 112 College Rd. www.facebook.com/SullyPerformingArts, jbank@sunysullivan.edu.

Blood Drive @ Lake Huntington

LAKE HUNTINGTON, NY — The Red Cross presents a blood drive, 1-6pm at the Cocheton Volunteer Ambulance, 70 County Rd. 116. Appointments are needed. Schedule online at redcrossblood.org or call 800/733-2767.

‘Codes + Seeds’ @ Narrowsburg Union

NARROWSBURG — Narrowsburg Union Digital Gallery presents “Codes + Seeds,” an experimental immersive art installation by Alexis Siroc & Claudine Luchsinger at 7 Erie Ave. On display through Sep. 30. 845/252-3100, contact@narrowsburgunion.com.

Community Tapestry NEPA @ Narrowsburg

NARROWSBURG, NY — This art project consists of pieces once considered garbage that are reconstructed to create something new. On display through Sep. 30 between the DVAA & USPO on Main St. www.facebook.com/CommunityTapestryProject.

In the Works @ FB Playhouse

FORESTBURGH, NY — Forestburgh Playhouse presents its In the Works Festival, Sep. 8 to Sep. 11 at Forestburgh Playhouse, 39 Forestburgh Rd. A new, annual theatre festival dedicated to nurturing playwrights, composers, lyricists & emerging. \$150-\$1,000. More information & tickets at www.fbplayhouse.org/itw. info@fbplayhouse.org.

Little Sparrow @ EBCPL

MONTICELLO, NY — Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library presents live music with Little Sparrow, 6-7pm on the outdoor stage at 479 Broadway. Register at https://ebcpl.libcal.com/calendar. 845/794-4660.

Open Mic Night @ The Cooperage

HONESDALE, PA — The Cooperage presents Open Mic Night, 1st Tues. of the month, 6-9pm at 1030 Main St. For all ages. Donations appreciated. 570/253-2020, www.thecooperageproject.org/happenings.

‘Picking up the Pieces’ @ The ARTery

MILFORD, PA — The ARTery Gallery presents an exhibit called “Picking up the Pieces” featuring the works of Bill Rabsey, Liza J. Smith-Simpson & Carol M. Mainardi, available Thurs.-Mon. 10am-6pm through Oct. 3 at 210 Broad St. Opening reception on Sep. 10 from 6-9pm. 570/409-1234, www.arterygallerymiford.com.

Pond Walk @ PennState Extension

DINGMANS FERRY, PA — PennState Extension presents a Twilight Pond Walk, 6-8pm at the Delaware Township complex pond, Wilson Hill Rd. \$10/person. Register at www.extension.psu.edu/pond-twilight-walk. 570/296-3400.

Robert Tellefsen @ BLM

KAUNEONGA LAKE, NY — Bethel Lakeside Music presents live music with Robert Tellefsen, 6-8pm at 3562 St. Rte. 55. Part of the summer series. bethellakesidemusic@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/2017BLM.

‘Shifts in Space’ @ DVAA

NARROWSBURG, NY — Delaware Valley Arts Alliance presents “Shifts in Space,” an exhibit by Colleen O’ Hara, 11am-4pm, Thur.-Sat., through Sep. 18 at the Loft Gallery, 37 Main St. 845/252-7576.

Text for Teens @ Sullivan County

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY — Sullivan County Text for Teens invites any & all teens to access free & confidential support through their texting service, Mon.-Fri. 4-10pm & Sat.-Sun. 5pm-midnight. For help with a variety of issues, text “Start” to 845/637-9486. More information at www.accessupports.org.

Trivia @ Catskill Brewery

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — A Dose of Los Trivia presents trivia, 6-8pm at 672 Old Rte. 17. litosindo25@yahoo.com, 845/741-7475.

‘Watch the Curve’ @ DVAA

NARROWSBURG, NY — Delaware Valley Arts Alliance presents “Watch the Curve,” an exhibit by Kate Coughlin, 11am-4pm, Thur.-Sat., through Sep. 18 at the Alliance Gallery, 37 Main St. 845/252-7576.

Friday, September 9

4-H Hors’n Around @ CCE

JEFFERSONVILLE, NY — Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan presents 4-H Hors’n Around Friday Night Fun Program, 6:30-7:30pm at Stone Wall Farms, 136 Callicoon Center Rd. For ages 5-18 to learn basic equine knowledge. Register at bjm292@cornell.edu, 845/292-6180, ext. 109.

Autumn Art Show @ UpFront

PORT JERVIS, NY — UpFront Exhibition Space presents an autumn art show by several local artists, Sep. 2 to Oct. 23, Fri.-Sun. 1-6pm at 31 Jersey Ave. Artists reception on Sep. 18 from 1-6pm. 845/754-1808.

Blood Drive @ Browndale

BROWNDALE, PA — The Red Cross presents a blood drive, 1-6pm at the Browndale Fire Station, 620 Marion St. Appointments are needed. Schedule online at redcrossblood.org or call 800/733-2767.

‘Edgar Allan Poe Show’ @ SCDW

SOUTH FALLSBURG, NY — The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents “The Edgar Allan Poe Afterlife Radio Show” at the Rivoli Theatre, 5234 Main St. Showtimes are 8pm on Sep. 9, 10, 16, 17 & 2pm on Sep. 11, 18. \$15/general admission, \$12/students, military & seniors. Purchase tickets at www.myrivertickets.com.

First Friday Networking @ SCCoC

ROCK HILL, NY — Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce presents First Friday Networking Breakfast, 7:30am at Bernie’s Holiday Restaurant (BHR), 277 Rock Hill Dr. Prepare a 30 second pitch for you & your business & bring business cards. \$25/members, \$35/future members. 845/791-4200, president@catskills.com.

Funky Folk Rock @ Creative Compound

HONESDALE, PA — Creative Compound presents Funky Folk Rock, 6:30-9:30pm at 630 Main St. BYOB. \$5 suggested donation. 570/884-8899, info@creativecompound.biz.

Hospitality Night & Parade @ Hamlin

HAMLIN, PA — Hamlin Fire & Rescue present its 60th anniversary celebration, Sep. 9, 7:30-10:30pm for hospitality night & Sep. 10, 2-4pm for parade. \$15/advance, \$20/at the door for hospitality night. Parade runs from Assembly of God Church to McDonalds.

Rodmakers Gathering @ CFFCM

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum presents the 2022 Rodmakers Gathering, Sep. 9 to Sep. 11 at 1031 Old Rte. 17. \$120. Register at www.cffcm.com/eventscalendar. 845/439-4810.

The Casper Band @ CPH

COCHECTON, NY — The Cocheton Pump House presents live music with The Casper Band, 5-8pm at 7895 St. Rte. 97. Confirmation of show time announced one week prior to event. 845/932-5277, pumphouseevent@gmail.com.

Tri-ality @ Rafter’s

CALLICOON, NY — Rafter’s Tavern presents live music with Tri-ality, 7-9pm at 28 Upper Main St. rafterstavern@gmail.com, 845/887-9882.

Saturday, September 10

18th-Century Herbalism @ Fort Delaware

NARROWSBURG, NY — The Delaware Company presents 18th-Century Herbalism with Richard Mandelbaum, 1pm at 6615 NY-97. \$10/individuals, \$25/family, \$0/under 5. fortdeleware@thedelawarecompany.org, 845/252-6660 (Apr. - Sep.)

A Moveable Feast @ Grey Towers

MILFORD, PA — Grey Towers presents A Movable Feast—Pinchot Family & Milford Historic Walking Tour, 10am-noon at 151 Grey Towers Dr. \$25/members, \$30/non-members. Register at www.greytowers.org/events. 570/296-9630.

Car Cruise @ WCHS

HAWLEY, PA — The Wayne County Historical Society presents Car Cruising at the Canal, 11am-3pm at Lock 31 Historical Park, 179 Texas Palmyra Highway. Car registration at 10am. Live music, food & a raffle drawing. \$10. wchs@ptd.net, 570/253-3240.

Car Show @ Equinunk

EQUINUNK, PA — Villa Capri Cruisers Car Club Inc. presents an Equinunk Vol. Fire Car Show, 10am-2pm at 362 Hancock Hwy. More information at www.villacapricruisers.org/events.html, 570/470-3094.

Catskill Challenge @ DVAA

NARROWSBURG, NY — The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance presents a Catskills Challenge, 8am-midnight at Beaver Brook Pavilion, 70 Dexheimer Rd. \$25/5k, \$30/10k, \$15/kids’ race. Register at www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org/event/catskills-challenge. info@delawarevalleyartsalliance.org, 845/252-7576.

DIY Solar Tour @ SEEDS

WAYNE COUNTY, PA — SEEDS presents its DIY Solar Tour, 9am-3pm, starting in Damascus Township & ending in Dyberry Township. Register at bit.ly/SEEDSDIYSolar. info@seedsgroup.net, 570/245-1256.

Fall Music Festival @ Dorflinger

HONESDALE, PA — The 6th annual Fall Music Festival returns, noon-9pm at Dorflinger-Suydam Wildlife Sanctuary, 55 Suydam Dr. \$20/advanced, \$25/at the door. Purchase tickets at www.myrivertickets.com/events/fall-music-festival-dorflinger-9-10-2022.

Forest Bathing Walk @ Lacawac

LAKE ARIEL, PA — Lacawac Sanctuary presents Forest Bathing Walk with Certified Forest Therapy Guide Steve Ruelke, 91m at 94 Sanctuary Rd. \$5. Register at www.lacawac.org/programs. info@lacawac.org, 570/689-9494.

French Nostalgia @ Kindred Spirits

MILFORD, PA — Kindred Spirits presents French Nostalgia: Tatiana Eva-Marie & Avalon Jazz Band, 5:30-7:30pm at Grey Towers, 151 Grey Towers Rd. \$25. Purchase tickets at www.kindredspiritsarts.org. kindredspir@yahoo.com, 570/409 1269.

George Kilby @ Rafter’s Tavern

CALLICOON, NY — Rafter’s Tavern presents live music with George Kilby & the Coolerators, 7-9pm at 28 Upper Main St. rafterstavern@gmail.com, 845/887-9882.

Grandparents Dance @ Belle Reve

MILFORD, PA — Belle Reve presents a Grandparents Dance, 3-6pm at 404 East Harford St. RSVP at 570/409-9191, ecallanan@bellerevesl.com, www.bellereveseniorkiving.com/senior-living/pa/milford/events.

Main Street Farmers’ Market @ The Cooperage

HONESDALE, PA — The Cooperage Project’s Main Street Farmers’ Market open every Saturday, 11am-1pm at 1030 Main St. Preorder from the online vendor list & pick up at the market. 570/253-2020, info@thecooperageproject.org.

Medicinal Plant Walk @ PEEC

DINGMANS FERRY, PA — Pocono Environmental Education Center presents an edible & medicinal plant walk, 10am-noon at 538 Emery Rd. There will be no collecting or consumption during the program. \$5. Register at peec@peec.org, 570/828-2319.

Oxford Station Band @ CPH

COCHECTON, NY — The Cocheton Pump House presents live music with Oxford Station Band, 6-9pm at 7895 St. Rte. 97. pumphouseevent@gmail.com, 845/932-5277.

Pancake Breakfast @ Damascus Community Center

DAMASCUS, PA — The Damascus Community Center presents a pancake breakfast, 8am-noon at the Township Building, 60 Conklin Hill Rd. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon & more. \$8/adults, \$4/children 12 & under. 570/729-7270.

Perspectives on Cancer @ Honesdale

HONESDALE, PA — The Showing Up: Perspectives On Cancer with Tim Sohn, 10am-4pm at Park Street Complex, 648 Park St. Register at www.perspectivesoncancer.com. tim@sohnsocialmediasolutions.com, 973/255-8110

Pets Alive @ Rock Hill Farmers’ Market

ROCK HILL, NY — Pets Alive invites you to spend time with adoptable dogs & learn about its community programs, 10am-1pm at the Rock Hill Farmers Market, 223 Rock Hill Dr. info@petsalive.org, 845/386-9738.

Rainbow Walk @ Honesdale

HONESDALE, PA — A Wayne County Rainbow Walk, 10am at 600 Maple Ave. Family/kids, friendly dogs welcomed. Wear bright colors. Walk from the parking lot down Park St.

Run to the Music @ Wayne County YMCA

HONESDALE, PA — The Wayne County YMCA presents its 13th annual 5K Tail Run/Walk, 8:30am. 570/253-2083, www.wymca.com/specials-and-events.html.

Saturday Brunch @ Creative Compound

HONESDALE, PA — Creative Compound presents Saturday Brunch with live music from a rotating roster of local artists, 10:30am-12:30pm, every Saturday at 630 Main St. 570/884-8899, info@creativecompound.biz.

Second Saturday Book Sale @ WCPL

HONESDALE, PA — Wayne County Public Library’s Second Saturday Book Sale, 10am-3pm at 1406 Main St. Books cost \$2/bag plus tax & the sale excludes DVDs. 570/253-1220.

Shinrin-yoku Concert @ Momo Global Flowers Farm

JEFFERSONVILLE, NY — Kaya McGee presents a Shinrin-yoku Concert with Monday Michiru & Sean Harkness, 4pm at Momo Global Flowers Farm, 414 Swiss Hill Rd. \$20. RSVP at kayamagee@me.com, 908/489-0665.

Spare Parts @ BPL

BETHANY, PA — Bethany Public Library presents Music in the Bandshell with Spare Parts, 7pm at 8 Court St. Bring a blanket or chair & a picnic if desired. Donations appreciated. 570/253-4349.

Spin-In @ Fiber on Main

HURLEYVILLE, NY — Fiber on Main presents a Spin-In open studio, noon-3pm at 227 Main St. Bring your spinning wheel or drop spindle & chat while you spin. 845/707-8769, fiberstudioonmain@gmail.com.

Symphonious Sounds @ HPAC

HURLEYVILLE, NY — The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) presents “Symphonious Sounds” 6pm at 219 Main St. \$25. Purchase tickets at www.hurleyvilleartscentre.org/scco-22-23. info@hacny.org, 845/985-4722.

Volunteer Day @ PEEC

DINGMANS FERRY, PA — The Pocono Environmental Education Center presents a volunteer day, 1-4pm at 538 Emery Rd. Help out with seasonal projects. Register at 570/828-2319.

Walktalks @ Outside Institute

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY — The Outside Institute presents a guided walk & botanical mixology, 3-6pm. Join Laura Chávez Silverman for a walk followed by wild-foraged refreshments. \$75. Register at www.theoutsideinstitute.org/events. info@theoutsideinstitute.org, 845/557-6058.

Women in the Arts @ Creative Compound

HONESDALE, PA — Creative Compound presents Women in the Arts, 6:30-9:30pm at 630 Main St. A monthly event celebrating & showcasing the creativity of women. info@creativecompound.biz, 570/884-8899.

Sunday, September 11

Blueberry Pancake Breakfast @ Blooming Grove FD

LORDS VALLEY, PA — Blooming Grove Volunteer Fire Dept. presents a blueberry pancake breakfast, 8:30am-noon at 484 St. Rte. 739. \$9/adults, \$5/children 10 & under, \$0/children 3 & under. 570/775-7355.

Car Show @ Honesdale

HONESDALE, PA — Villa Capri Cruisers Car Club Inc. presents Cruisin with Honesdale HS Friends of Tennis, 9am-3pm at 409 Terrace St. \$10/pre-register, \$15/donation. More information at www.villacapricruisers.org/events.html, 570/729-7683.

Drag Brunch @ HPAC

HURLEYVILLE, NY — Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre presents Yas Queen! Drag Brunch featuring Pixel the Drag Jester, shows at 1pm & 3:30pm, 2nd Sunday of the month at the HPAC’s Tango Cafe, 219 Main St. \$40/person. Price includes brunch, show, & one drink. info@hacny.org, 845/985-4722.

Ecozone Discovery Room @ PEEC

DINGMANS FERRY, PA — Pocono Environmental Education Center presents Ecozone Discovery Room, 1-4pm at 538 Emery Rd. No registration required. \$2/person. 570/828-2319, peec@peec.org.

Good Fellas Band @ CPH

COCHECTON, NY — The Cocheton Pump House presents live music with The Good Fellas Band, 2-5pm at 7895 St. Rte. 97. pumphouseevent@gmail.com, 845/932-5277.

Grand Puba Run @ A.B.A.T.E

SHOHOLA, PA — ABATE PA, Pike County Chapter #41’s presents its annual Grand Puba Run, 10am-6pm at 6W Bar & Grill, 875 US-6. \$20/person. More information at 845/820-2428.

Introduction to Orienteering @ PEEC

DINGMANS FERRY, PA — Pocono Environmental Education Center presents Bridge the Gap: Introduction to Orienteering, 10am-noon at 538 Emery Rd. Learn how to use a map & compass on this orienteering course. Register at 570/828-2319. peec@peec.org.

Jude’s Polka Jets @ FCAHS

FOREST CITY, PA — The Forest City Area Historical Society presents live music with Jude’s Polka Jets, 2pm at 629 Main St. Donations accepted.

Take-Out Dinner @ St. Ann’s

SHOHOLA, PA — Knights of Columbus presents Food for Families & Friends take-out dinners, 1:30-3pm at St. Ann’s Church Parking Lot, 121 Richardson Ave. Donations appreciated. Register at 570/832-4275, 347/466-9636.

Monday, September 12

Mental Health Support Group @ NAMI

ONLINE — The National Alliance on Mental Illness presents a mental health support group for individuals & families affected by mental illness, 7-9pm, 2nd & 4th Monday of the month virtually. Provide name & contact info, reason for attending & emergency contact. Register at info@naminepa.org.

Open Mic Night @ Creative Compound

HONESDALE, PA — Creative Compound presents an open mic night hosted by Louis West, 6-9pm, every Monday at 630 Main St. 570/884-8899, info@creativecompound.biz.

Planning Board Meeting @ Lumberland

GLEN SPEY, NY — Town of Lumberland regular planning board meeting held 2nd Monday of the month, 7pm work session & 7:30pm regular meeting at 1054 Proctor Rd. 845/856-8600 prompt 7.

Teen Taste Test @ EBCPL

MONTICELLO, NY — Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library presents Teen Taste Test, 4:30-5:30pm in the RDN Community Room, 479 Broadway. Try an assortment of new & interesting foods. For ages 12-17. 845/794-4660.

Town Board Meeting @ Callicoon

JEFFERSONVILLE, NY — Town of Callicoon regular board meeting held 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30pm at 19 Legion St. Any questions contact 845/482-5390, ext. 300.

Town Board Meeting @ Fallsburg

SOUTH FALLSBURG, NY — Town of Fallsburg regular board meeting held 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month at 6pm at the Town Hall. 845/434-8810, ext. 1.

Tuesday, September 13

Cab’raoke @ Cabernet Frank’s

PARKSVILLE, NY — Cabernet Frank’s & Sullivan Catskills present Cab’raoke, 7:30-10:30pm, Tuesdays at 38 Main St. 845/292-1230, wade@cabernetfranks.com.

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Town Board Meeting @ Tusten

NARROWSBURG, NY — Town of Tusten regular board meeting held 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm at 210 Bridge St. 845/252-7146, ext. 1001.

Wednesday, September 14

Family Caregiver Support Group @ CCE

ONLINE — Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan presents Virtual Family Caregiver Support Group, every Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm on Zoom. Register at http://sullivanccce.org/events. pja77@cornell.edu, 845/292-6180, ext. 122.

Family Support Group @ NAMI

HAWLEY, PA — The National Alliance on Mental Illness presents a family support group, 6-8pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at Grandma’s Bakery, 110 Hemlock Farms. Register at info@naminepa.org.

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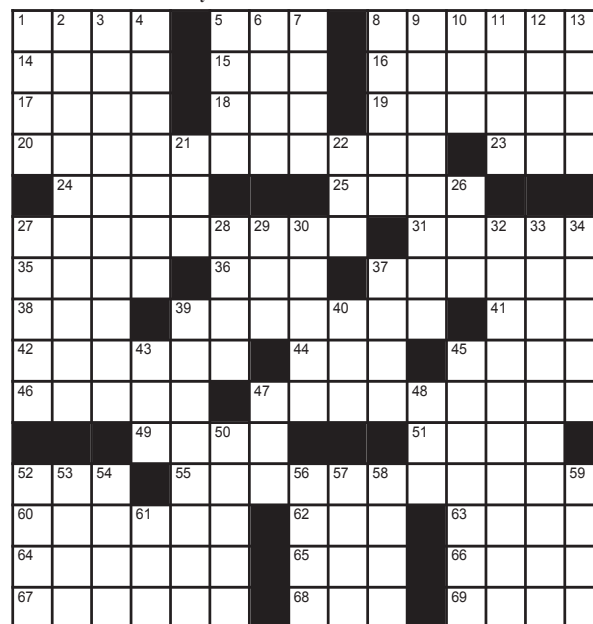
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- "Yeah ... whatever!"
- Limit
- Low-volume sound
- George Herman Ruth, Jr.'s nickname
- "What ____ the odds?"
- Nissan model
- Five-dollar bills, slangily
- ____ se
- X-ray follow-up
- "Animal House" fraternity
- Pres. elected in '48
- "Children of the Tenements" author Jacob
- Bausch's partner
- Secretary of Energy under Obama
- State Farm competitor
- Lewis Carroll's "slithy" thing
- Liverpool lav
- "Sophie's Choice" author
- Abbr. in a help wanted ad
- 2005 Pussycat Dolls hit
- Suffix with ranch
- Vermont skiing mecca, for short
- Fort Worth sch.
- What a myrmecologist studies
- Riverboat hazard
- 2003 Ana Menendez novel
- Weather service agcy.
- Slangy denials
- Opposite of post-
- "I'm the One That I Want" comedienne
- Private line?
- Noted convert to Islam in 1964
- Part of a parka
- Not on time for
- Wild scene
- Switzerland's longest river
- Number of colleges in the Big Ten
- "District 9" characters, for short
- Fr. holy women

DOWN

- Bon Jovi's "You Give Love ____ Name"
- Physical feature of the extinct Smilodon
- "That's my understanding"
- Holidayish
- Skipper; Abbr.
- It may be gray
- Where the Guinea pig was first domesticated
- Like a manly man
- Final proposals
- NFL blockers: Abbr.
- Wisc. neighbor
- Thurman and Pemmaraju
- Tirade
- Enzyme suffix
- Gulager of "The Virginian"
- Jazz singer Andy
- They support plants
- Sweet' ____
- Bamboozle
- Too ____ handle
- McGruff the Crime Dog wears one
- Popular Hawaiian vacation spot
- Win by ____
- Feng
- Mineral in marble
- 205, in old Rome
- Tandoor-baked bread
- Christie and others
- Choreographer Lubovich
- Opposite of SSW
- "The West Wing" creator Sorkin
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Notice of Formation of Barryville Kitchen & Creamery LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-05-27. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Sonia Brown: PO Box 66 Barryville NY 12719. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of NY Southport I, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-08-08. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Delaware River Solar: PO Box 384 Callicoon NY 12723. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of NY Thompson V, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-08-03. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Delaware River Solar: PO Box 384 Callicoon NY 12723. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

FJ Publications LLC. Filed 7/28/2022. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 171 Hooper St, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of NY Thompson IV, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-08-03. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Delaware River Solar: PO Box 384 Callicoon NY 12723. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

48 Maplewood Garden Property LLC. Filed 7/14/22. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1925 49th Rd Unit 304, Bklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of 48 TIGER DRIVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-05-25. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 48 Tiger Drive LLC: 48 Tiger Dr Mountindale NY 12763. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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COUNTY OF SULLIVAN
PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

INDEX NO. 2019-1051

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:
28 SCHAEFER ROAD
JEFFERSONVILLE, NY 12748
Section: 27,
Block: 1,
Lot: 12.3

BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES RICHARD, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ELEANOR SCHENCK; BARBARA MANGO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ELEANOR SCHENCK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF ELEANOR SCHENCK, and any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; SULLIVAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE BY VIRTUE OF POSSIBLE UNPAID TAXES FROM THE ESTATE OF ELEANOR SCHENCK; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY VIRTUE OF POSSIBLE UNPAID TAXES FROM THE ESTATE OF ELEANOR SCHENCK,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12", the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,
Plaintiff designates SULLIVAN as the place of trial situs of the real property

Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on 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 entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$240,000.00 and interest, recorded on March 02, 2006, in Instrument Number 2006-00002932, of the Public Records of SULLIVAN County, New York, covering premises known as 28 SCHAEFER ROAD, JEFFERSONVILLE, NY 12748.
The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.
SULLIVAN County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.
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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.

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Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the 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.

Dated: August 2, 2022

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
By: Ankit Mehta, Esq.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310
Westbury, NY 11590
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Sullivan at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 18th day of August 2022, a true and correct copy of the original thereof, and of the whole thereof as follows:

Local Law 3 of 2022 “A Local Law to Amend the Sullivan County Charter Section C2.01” To Reapportion the Legislative Districts in Accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law of New York State

DISTRICT	POPULATION
District 1	
Town of Highland	2197
Part of Town of Bethel	3760
Parts of census tract 9519.00	
Blocks: 1004-1008, 1011, 1015-1017, 1021-1038, 2004-2014, 2018-2073	
Parts of census tract 9520.00	
Blocks: 1000-1058, 2000-2077, 3000-3093	
Part of the Town of Callicoon	369
Parts of census tract 9504.00	
Blocks: 3002, 3017-3030, 3043-3044	
Part of the Town of Liberty	580
Parts of census tract 9506.00	
Blocks: 2000-2003, 2022-2024, 3001-3002, 3004-3012, 3023-3028, 3030-3032	
Parts of census tract 9507.02	
Blocks: 2020-2026	
Part of the Town of Thompson	1729
Parts of census tract 9516.00	
Blocks: 2018-2044, 2049-2052, 2054-2057, 4003-4018, 4020	
Parts of census tract 9518.02	
Blocks: 1004, 1006, 3004, 4001, 4003, 4005	
Total Population	8635
District 2	
Town of Forestburgh	809
Town of Lumberland	2244
Part of the Town of Thompson	5589
Parts of census tract 9515.00	
Blocks: 1010, 1023-1025, 1033-1034, 1037, 2035-2036	
Parts of census tract 9516.00	
Blocks: 1004-1017, 1023-1031, 2012, 2045-2048, 3000-3005, 3007, 4000-4002, 4019	
Parts of census tract 9518.01	
Blocks: 2000-2004, 2006-2015, 2018-2019	
Parts of census tract 9518.02	
Blocks: 1000-1003, 1005, 1007, 2001-2008, 2013-2019, 3000-3003, 4000, 4002, 4004, 4006-4008, 5000-5019	
Total Population	8642
District 3	
Town of Neversink	3370
Town of Rockland	3305
Part of the Town of Liberty	1974
Parts of census tract 9505.00	
Blocks: 2000-2018, 2020-2022, 2025, 2028-2029, 2031, 2035-2037, 4000-4061	
Parts of census tract 9506.00	
Blocks: 1000-1030, 1032-1033, 1037-1041	
Parts of census tract 9507.01	
Block: 4000	
Total Population	8649

District 4	
Part of the Town of Mamakating	8629
Parts of census tract 9512.01	
Blocks: 1000-1015, 2000-2024, 2026-2042, 3000-3036, 3038-3041, 4000-4017	
Parts of census tract 9512.02	
Blocks: 1000-1003, 1007-1008, 2000-2033, 3000-3019	
Parts of census tract 9513.01	
Blocks: 2000-2001	
Parts of census tract 9513.02	
Blocks: 1008-1013, 1017-1024, 1057-1060, 2000, 2034, 2036, 2038, 2041-2049, 2051-2054, 2056, 2058, 3001-3006, 3008, 3042-3044, 3046-3048	
Total Population	8629
District 5	
Town of Cochetcon	1450
Town of Delaware	2210
Town of Fremont	1161
Town of Tusten	1407
Part of the Town of Callicoon	2401
Parts of census tract 9504.00	
Blocks: 1000-1033, 1035-1043, 1045, 2000-2056, 3000-3001, 3003-3016, 3031-3034	
Total Population	8629
District 6	
Part of the Town of Bethel	205
Parts of census tract 9519.00	
Blocks: 1000-1003, 1009-1010, 1012-1014, 1018-1020, 2000-2003, 2015-2017	
Part of the Town of Callicoon	223
Parts of census tract 9504.00	
Blocks: 1034, 1044, 1046-1047, 3035-3042	
Part of the Town of Liberty	7654
Parts of census tract 9505.00	
Blocks: 1000-1038, 2019, 2023-2024, 2026-2027, 2030, 2032-2034, 2038-2054, 3000-3028	
Parts of census tract 9506.00	
Blocks: 1031, 1034-1036, 2004-2021, 2025-2031, 3000, 3003, 3013-3022, 3029	
Parts of census tract 9507.01	
Blocks: 1000-1008, 2000-2013, 3000-3013, 4001-4016	
Parts of census tract 9507.02	
Blocks: 1000-1033, 2000-2019, 2027-2028	
Part of the Town of Thompson	535
Parts of census tract 9515.00	
Blocks: 2000-2015, 2020, 2029-2030, 2038	
Parts of census tract 9516.00	
Blocks: 2000-2005	
Total Population	8617
District 7	
Part of the Town of Fallsburg	7078
Parts of census tract 9508.01	
Blocks: 3000-3002, 3014-3018, 3020, 3027-3028, 3030	
Parts of census tract 9508.02	
Blocks: 1000-1036, 2000-2007, 2016-2017, 2019-2025, 2030-2047	
Parts of census tract 9509.00	
Blocks: 3000, 3002-3007, 3021	
Parts of census tract 9510.00	
Blocks: 1000-1001, 2000-2023, 3000-3043	
Parts of census tract 9511.00	
Blocks: 1000-1027, 1029-1047, 1050-1051, 2000-2026, 3000-3057	

District 7	
Part of the Town of Mamakating	1527
Parts of census tract 9513.02	
Blocks: 1000-1007, 1014-1016, 1025-1055, 1061-1068, 2001-2033, 2035, 2037, 2055, 2057, 3000, 3007, 3009-3041, 3045	
Total Population	8605
District 8	
Part of the Town of Fallsburg	5916
Parts of census tract 9508.01	
Blocks: 1000-1033, 2000-2035, 3003-3013, 3019, 3021-2026, 3029	
Parts of census tract 9508.02	
Blocks: 2008-2015, 2018, 2026-2029	
Parts of census tract 9509.00	
Blocks: 1000-1026, 2000-2029, 3001, 3008-3020, 3022	
Parts of census tract 9510.00	
Blocks: 1002-1043	
Parts of census tract 9511.00	
Blocks: 1028, 1048-1049	
Part of the Town of Thompson	2697
Parts of census tract 9515.00	
Blocks: 1000-1009, 1011-1022, 1029-1032, 1038-1040, 2016-2019, 2021-2028, 2031-2034, 2037, 2039-2043, 3000-3024	
Parts of census tract 9516.00	
Blocks: 2006-2011, 2013-2017, 2053	
Parts of census tract 9517.01	
Blocks: 1017-1022, 1028, 1033	
Parts of census tract 9518.01	
Block: 2005	
Total Population	8613
District 9	
Part of the Town of Mamakating	2533
Parts of census tract 9512.01	
Blocks: 2025, 3037	
Parts of census tract 9512.02	
Blocks: 1004-1006, 1009-1026	
Parts of census tract 9513.01	
Blocks: 1000-1021, 2002-2041	
Parts of census tract 9513.02	
Blocks: 1056, 2039-2040, 2050	
Part of the Town of Thompson	6091
Parts of census tract 9515.00	
Blocks: 1026-1028, 1035-1036, 1041-1047	
Parts of census tract 9516.00	
Blocks: 1000-1003, 1018-1022, 3006, 3008-3009	
Parts of census tract 9517.01	
Blocks: 1000-1016, 1023-1032, 1034-1069, 2000-2048, 3000-3038	
Parts of census tract 9518.01	
Blocks: 1000-1011, 2016-2017, 2020, 3000-3013, 4000-4030	
Parts of census tract 9518.02	
Blocks: 2000, 2009-2012, 2020-2023	
Total Population	8624

This Local Law will become effective as of January 1, 2023

Dated: August 18, 2022

AnnMarie Martin, Clerk
Sullivan County Legislature

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A1 Mechanical Solutions LLC. Filed 5/1/22. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: P.o. Box 307, Mongaup Valley, NY 12762. Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF
FORMATION OF A
LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY

NSDWG LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 5/10/2022. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Wojciech Puk, 159 Hidden Ridge Dr., Monticello, NY 12701. General Purpose

NOTICE OF
FORMATION OF A
LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY

ZASS ROCK HILL LLC. Filed 7/7/22. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Abhishek R Patel, 9 Plymouth Ln, Rock Hill, NY 12775. Purpose: General.

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COMPANY

SL WAVERLY LLC Filed 7/7/22. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 95 Skillman St Apt 6C, Brooklyn, NY, 11205 Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF
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COMPANY

Notice of Formation of NY Ashland I, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-08-09. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Delaware River Solar: PO Box 384 Callicoon NY 12723. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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COMPANY

1040 Old Liberty LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/12/2022. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 233 Main St., #223, Hurleyville, NY 12747. General Purpose

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COMPANY

RBK Creations And Gifts L.L.C.. Filed 7/6/22. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 24 Airport Road, Liberty, NY 12754. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave Ste 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

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COMPANY

25 PRINCE LLC. Filed 7/25/22. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 10 Lizensk Blvd Unit 301, Monroe, NY 10950. Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF
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COMPANY

1 E L E V E N TRANSPORTATION LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/4/22. Office in Sullivan Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO Box 276, Hurleyville, NY 12747. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of SOUTHWOODS DRIVE LLC. Arts .Of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/30/2022. Office location: Sullivan. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY mail process to 146 SOUTH LIBERTY DRIVE, STONY POINT, NY, 10980. Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of NY Elbridge I, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-08-09. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Delaware River Solar: PO Box 384 Callicoon NY 12723. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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COMPANY

North Villas LLC. Filed 7/28/22. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: PO Box 646, Bloomingburg, NY 12721. Purpose: General.

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LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY

30 Edward Ave LLC. Filed 7/5/22. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 30 Edward Ave, Monticello, NY 12701. Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF
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LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY

Notice of Formation of 83 HESSINGER LARE LLC . Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-07-25. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to THOMAS POLLOCK: PO BOX 306 YOUNGSVILLE NY 12791. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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Notice of Formation of NY Thompson VI, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-08-03. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Delaware River Solar: PO Box 384 Callicoon NY 12723. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Speedwell Appraisal Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-04-14. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Speedwell Appraisal Services LLC: 202 Wild Tpke Rock Hill NY 12775. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF
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LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY

Studio 16P LLC. Filed 6/22/22. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Peter H Jagel, 2846 State Rte 42, Forestburgh, NY 12777. Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF
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LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY

Notice of Formation of 21 Hillside LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/17/22. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1650 Ryder St, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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COMPANY

BLACKWOOD LAKE HOUSE LLC. Filed 6/28/22. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: Peter H Jagel, 2846 State Rte 42, Forestburgh, NY 12777. Purpose: General.

NOTICE OF
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LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY

Notice of Formation of NY DRS FINCO VII, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-08-12. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Delaware River Solar: PO Box 384 Callicoon NY 12723. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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COUNTY OF SULLIVAN
PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposals for the following will be received by the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Central Services at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York 12701, (845) 807-0515, until 1:00 P.M. on Friday, September 23, 2022:
1. Psychology Services for the Care Center at Sunset Lake (R-22-30)
2. Legal Services for the Sullivan County Office for the Aging (R-22-31)
Specifications may be obtained from the Director at the above address.
Dated: September 9, 2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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1. Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding for Non-Profits
ATTENTION: Non-Profits Serving Youth
The Sullivan County Youth Bureau has Sports Opportunity funding available through the NYS Office of Children and Family Services. Non-Profit agencies are encouraged to submit a short-term program plan providing sports, physical fitness, dance or other activity to our area youth. (R-22-32)
Specifications may be obtained from the Director at the above address.
Dated: September 9, 2022

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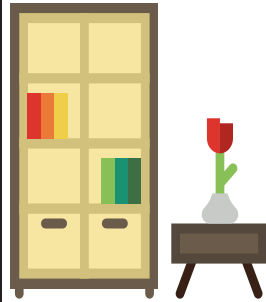
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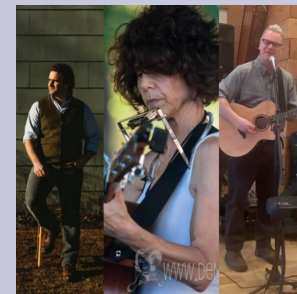
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TALKING SPORTS

BY TED WADDELL

Practice makes perfect

'Dawgs' football 2022

JEFFERSONVILLE, NY — As the roll-out date of Friday, September 9, marking the kickoff of Sullivan West's varsity football season, draws ever closer, the Bulldogs are hard at work. A series of practices were followed on September 3 by a four-team scrimmage.

As witnessed first-hand by this sports scribbler on August 24, these practices are not for the faint of heart. For a couple of hours, the coaching staff didn't let up as they put the players through a sequence of cardio exercises. Those started with warm-ups to loosen up stiff muscles, were followed by a succession of moves to improve agility, and culminated with running offensive plays designed to skunk the opposition.

If you think the coaches were cutting anybody any slack, think again.

The players rotated through a four-pack of cardio scenarios, and the final evolution entailed running up a steep incline, back down, and then upwards to the top.

Not once, but several times. Each time the players worked up a sweat as they pushed it harder and harder.

Make a mistake on offense or defense—drop and pump out 10 instead of doing flutter kicks in the rolling sandy surf.

But after each snap, the coaches would take a few minutes before the next play to review with the players, either individually or as a huddled group, the ways to make it better the next time.

Ron Bauer, head coach of the Sullivan West Bulldogs, has been in the game of building football squads for 57 years and is still going full speed downfield as he helps young men learn about the importance of life skills such as teamwork and good character.

Asked to provide a thumbnail sketch of his coaching philosophy, he recalled the words of Gerald "Jerry" Davitt (previously profiled in the *River Reporter* as "A Legend of Section IX"), "Persistence, never give up, keep your composure, and learning to take a hit and bounce back from it."

"He taught me when I started coaching to be tough, think positive, be enthusiastic, and be like a duck, let it roll off your back," said Bauer, who was also profiled as "A Legend of Section IX."

The Bulldogs helmsman graduated from Delaware Valley in 1960. There he played defensive back, and while at Cortland continued with his first love of sports on the gridiron.

Reflecting for a moment on this season's varsity football team, and their progress so far in pre-season practice, Bauer said, "Hopefully, we'll just keep getting better."

As always, the veteran coach stressed the importance of the bedrock of a successful athlete—physical strength combined with mental toughness.

Justin Diehl, a 2015 graduate of Sullivan West, is in his fourth year as a coach, and serves as the team's offensive coordinator.

He has played football since the seventh grade as a running back and linebacker, and noted that last year Sullivan West posted a 6-2 record, wrapping up the season as runners-up in the championships.



RR photos by Ted Waddell
Carrying the ball. Max Ebert, a senior, carries the pigskin during practice.



Fake it! Backup quarterback Jacob Hubert, a junior, fakes a handoff to sophomore Evan Ebert.

Last year, the Bulldogs were proud to have a couple of players move up into the ranks of college football: QB Gavin Hauschild is attending Massachusetts Maritime Academy, a DIII school, while right guard Chris Campanelli is enrolled at Lackawanna Community College, a DI institution.

This year, senior Jaymes Buddenhagen is the starting quarterback, and Jacob Hubert, a junior, takes to the field as backup.

During the post-practice meeting, both coaches had a few words to say to their players.

"Take it one game at a time," said Bauer. "Today everybody was focused; it was a good practice. Good job."

And looking ahead to an upcoming practice, he said, "On Friday, we'll start full pads, we're going to be hitting!"

Diehl kicked in a few words of encouragement, while throwing down a challenging gauntlet.

"If you feel you're not fast enough going up those hills, push yourself. If you feel you're not moving very well, cutting left and right, work harder. Find out what your weaknesses are, and work hard to make your weaknesses your strengths."

Dusting off his crystal ball, Diehl said he feels the Bulldogs will be competitive in 2022, with a "hard offense to stop and a tough defense" led by six returning seniors.

Of Jaymes Buddenhagen, Sullivan West's starting QB, he said, "Jaymes is a good player with a good head on his shoulders... We believe in him."



Cutting through the defense. Ball-carrier Jason Rodriguez, a sophomore, is challenged at the line by fellow 10th-grader Adam Ernst in the blue pinnie.



Handoff. Starting senior QB Jaymes Buddenhagen hands off to Jason Rodriguez.

"The object of what we stress as a team is brotherhood. We're out here with one objective, and that's to win, but along the way we've become a family," said Diehl.

The 2022 football coaching staff is Ron Bauer (head coach), Justin Diehl (offensive coordinator), Ronj Padu (defensive coordinator) and Shane Cruz (special teams coordinator).

Meet the team (as of August 25):

Seniors—Jaymes Buddenhagen, Nate Coy, Max Ebert, Dillan Hanslmaier, Andrew Hubert, Robert Vongerichten Juniors—Caden Allen, Sebastian Berman, Liam Cavanaugh, Rally Cruz, Jakob Halloran, Reece Hendrickson, Jacob Hubert, Peter Norton, Austin Nystrom, John Roycroft, William Roycroft, Cameron Sullivan, Allyn Walter, Rodney Wilson

Sophomores—John Bernas, Michael Casiano, Evan Ebert, Adam Ernst, Gary Milk, Jason Rodrigues, Matthew Rutledge

Freshmen—Alec Hubert

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At a glance: The 2022 Sullivan West football schedule (subject to last-minute change)

Friday, September 9—non-league, 7 p.m. against Pine Plains at Lake Huntington

Saturday, September 17—non-league, 1 p.m. against Pawling at Pawling High School

Friday, September 23—league, 7 p.m. against Eldred at Eldred High School

Friday, September 30—league, 6:30 p.m. against Fallsburg at Morningside Park

Friday, October 7—league, 7 p.m. against Ellenville at Lake Huntington

Friday, October 14—league, 7 p.m. against Roscoe at Lake Huntington

Friday, October 21—league, 7 p.m. against Tri-Valley at Lake Huntington

Friday, October 28—playoffs, 7 p.m., multiple schools, away

Saturday, November 5—playoffs, 3 p.m., multiple schools, away



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■ RAMBLINGS OF A CATSKILL FLY FISHER

BY TONY BONAIVIST

Butterflies, blue jays and katydids

It happens every year at this time, right around the beginning of August. That's when the first monarch butterflies show up at camp. They float along on the warm afternoon breeze, looking for a last bloom with a bit of nectar, in order to refuel before they undertake the long journey that will eventually lead to Mexico. At least it will for those that survive that arduous and difficult trip.

We do not see as many monarchs as we used to.

In the woodlot next to the camp, the raucous calls of blue jays have begun. These large, aggressive birds were around all summer, but for whatever reason, they seem to band together at this time of year and make quite a racket. It won't take them very long to invade and clean out the feeders. Then, as soon as dusk falls, the katydids begin their song, which is a chirping sound made by these grasshopper-like insects, as they rub their front wings together.

Although late July and early August are still considered summer, as far as the calendar is concerned, those are the subtle changes, the first signs that indicate that fall

is not far off. In fact, as much as I like the month of June, I dread the longest day, the summer solstice, because the days, ever so slowly, begin to shorten.

Looking back, it seems like just the other day we were waiting for the first mayflies at the end of April—the Hendrickson hatch. In fact, my records show that I met my friend Russ on the upper East Branch on May 5 and now it's September!

I wonder where all the time has gone. As I've aged, these fishing seasons seem to get shorter and shorter. In late winter and early spring, we wait with anticipation and excitement for the coming opening day, although few of us fish then. Nevertheless, opening day is a ritual and tradition, the birth of a new season, a new spring. The end of another Catskill winter.

This particular season has been a mixed bag. Heavy rain and very high water during the first week of April resulted in flows that almost invaded our camper. For example, the flow at the USGS Downsville gage measured 10,000 cubic feet per second on April 9. Those high flows continued in the East



RR photo by Tony Bonavist

A monarch butterfly feeds before a long migration.

Branch of the Delaware until May 11; after that, the water levels receded. Unfortunately, the Hendrickson hatch which we all eagerly awaited was washed out.

As spring gradually became summer, the rain which had been so prevalent slowly began to subside. By June, rainfall was in serious decline. A review of the DEP website revealed that the average rainfall for June, July and August was down almost five inches, compared with other years. That lack of rain had a profound impact on the amount of water in the Beaver Kill and Willowemoc, along with the rest of the Catskill freestone rivers.

The resultant low flows and high water temperatures certainly impacted the mid-summer fly hatches, and more importantly the fishing. So all rods turned to the tailwaters. Even on the cold waters of the East Branch, I didn't fish much. In fact 2022

resulted in the fewest outings in the last several years and the fewest trout landed. Last year I caught 20 good fish; this year about six.

When I drove into the camp the other day, there was a covering of dead, dry poplar leaves on the two-track. Those leaves crunched like giant potato chips under my tires, as I made my way to the river. In the meadow behind our camper, a large tree had been upended, the result of high wind during a recent storm. The grass in the meadow was turning brown.

I always check the home pool when I arrive at camp, to see if there are any flies hatching and trout rising. On this day, I found the flow down—no flies, no rising trout. The DEP had reduced its release due to the lack of rain, because of a receding reservoir.

So here we are, early September, and it appears that another season is about to end, this year prematurely. The lack of rain has impacted the flows, the water temperatures and the hatches. It has caused the trout in the freestone rivers and even the tailwaters to relocate. They'll seek refuge from the lack of water and from the freestones' high temperatures.

Before long, the first frost will appear, leaving a white mask on what's left of the lawn. There will be woodsmoke on the evening breeze. Early signs of Catskill winter. By now the monarchs will be long gone; the katydids silent. We'll close the camp a last time, lock the gate and head over the mountain to await another spring. All will be quiet on the land, except for the bluejays.

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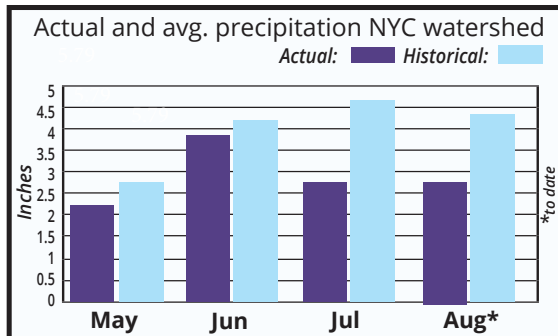
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RIVER TALK

BY SCOTT RANDO

Buzz-babies appearing now

Some of us might have run into one or more timber rattlesnakes while hiking on trails over the course of the summer. These snakes are likely to have wandered away from the den; they could be males and non-gravid females that are roaming forested areas looking for food and also to mate. There usually are not high numbers of snakes in areas where these sightings have been reported, and the sightings are widely scattered.

In late August to early September, baby timber rattlesnakes (neonates) make their first appearance in the region, but the reproductive process actually started a year ago, during midsummer when mating took place. Females that mated last year store sperm through the winter for use this past spring when they emerged from hibernation.

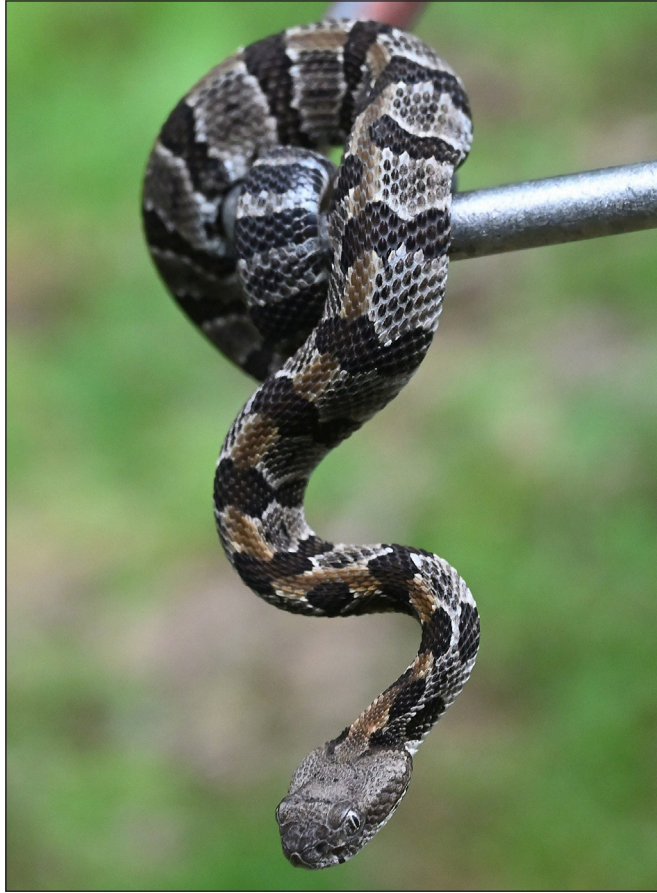
Females began the formation of eggs last summer. These eggs were ovulated this past spring with the stored sperm. The whole process, from mating to birth, averages around 13 months.

Over the course of spring and summer, females basked at communal gestation sites to keep the young they carry warm. These are usually south-facing rocky or talus slopes with crevices so they can cool off when needed, and also so the females can escape and hide from potential predators.

Now is when female rattlesnakes are giving birth to their young; a litter is usually six to nine young, with larger litters possible.

Timber rattlesnakes are ovoviviparous; the eggs hatch within the female's body and the females give birth to their young live.

Females eat little or nothing once they start basking at the gestation sites. Because of this, and given the year between mating and birth, female timber rattlesnakes only become gravid every two to three years. On their year—or more—off, they become one



RR photos by Scott Rando
This is a young-of-year yellow-phase rattlesnake at a site in central PA. It was born around the beginning of September last year and then had around three to four weeks outside before it followed other adults and young to the hibernacula, where it spent all winter. It likely emerged around early May this past spring. This individual was just over 30 centimeters long and weighed 21 grams. To give an idea of the size, the snake-handling tool that this young is coiled around has a diameter about the same diameter as a pencil.

of the snakes seen on trails, miles from any den, as they actively hunt for small mammals and perhaps find a mate.

Timber rattlesnakes are not aggressive, and will strike as a last resort. If you do

encounter one on the trail, just give it some room and go around it.

If you happen to encounter one of the newborn snakes (or neonates), leave it be. They are equipped with fangs and venom at



This was the same study site last year near the end of August. A newborn neonate's head is nestled under the head of its mother. Neonates appear gray, with easily discernible back markings, no matter what color phase it is.



This is the tail of the same animal, showing the subcaudal scales and the single rattle segment. Counting subcaudal scales on a timber rattlesnake is used to determine sex; 21 or more subcaudals indicates a male. This young has 21. Also note that to the right of the thumb is what looks like a slit bisecting a couple of caudal scales; that is where the umbilical cord was attached before this snake was born. The single rattle segment, or button, means it only shed once since birth. Later on in the summer, it will shed again and obtain another rattle segment; then it will actually be able to make an audible rattle.

birth, and are dangerous if handled.

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