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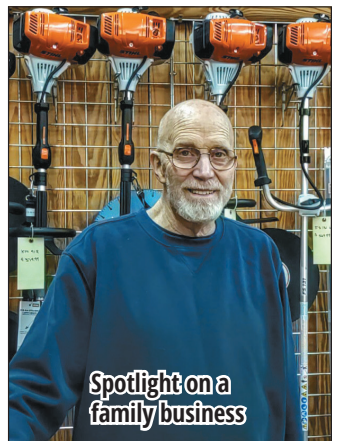
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RR photo by Pamela Chergotis

Supporters of traditional rehabilitation held up a banner while chanting, "Whose bridge? Our bridge!"

Preserve history, say Skinners bridge advocates

Public comment period ends May 26

By PAMELA CHERGOTIS

NARROWSBURG, NY — Something will be done about the Skinners Falls-Milanville Bridge, that much is for sure. And that something will fall into one of these categories:

- A faithful restoration of the historic bridge;
- A modern new bridge with elements of the 1902 original tacked on so that it looks like the old bridge;
- A modern new bridge that looks like a modern new bridge;
- No bridge at all, and the old one removed.

The "do nothing" option is not actually an option, since it would result

in the bridge collapsing into the Delaware, said Kate Farrow of NTM Engineering. Of the alternatives, the "traditional rehabilitation option comes first," she said.

It was also the runaway favorite Thursday night among the crowd at the Narrowsburg Union, where they gathered to hear about plans for the beloved but decrepit bridge connecting Skinners Falls and Milanville. Lest anyone fail to get their message, a group of local residents marched in with a banner that said SAVE THE SKINNERS FALLS BRIDGE! as they merrily chanted, "Whose bridge? Our bridge!"

Not everyone was a fan of the all-historic, all-the-way option.

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River Reporter wins awards for politics, graphics

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY — The **River Reporter** won several awards at the New York Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest for 2023.

Staff reporter Ruby Rayner-Haselkorn and editor Pamela Chergotis won second place in Division 2 for coverage of politics and elections. The judges said: "Excellent coverage. The stories were educational and engaging. Very well done!"

The winning stories include Rayner-Haselkorn's "A judge for our time," "Where did these judges come from?," "Ballot measures confuse voters" and "Sullivan County, this one's for you," and Chergotis's "Mystery mailer attacks supervisor candidate."

Amanda Reed, production manager and graphic artist, won third place for best graphic illustration throughout the paper's EMS supplement and an honorable mention for "What's in your to-go bag?"

The judges said: "Illustrator Amanda Reed's cute, metaphorical artwork serves as a great eye-catching device for an extremely useful and vitally important piece of community service journalism. The **River Reporter's** spread is a wonderful example

of how newspapers can provide its readers with so many tools to live a better life—especially for where to find help in the worst crisis situations. While not as stylistically flashy as some entries, the raw usefulness of a piece like this elevates it above the rest. (... And Reed's "Swiss Army Knife" illustration from a separate entry gets the honorable mention!)"

Chergotis also won an honorable mention, with Molly Colgan and Becca Tucker, for coverage of local government for work she did for The Warwick Advertiser in 2023. The judges said, "Topics are relevant to community and well written. Each report demonstrates the thoughtful and objective reporting of issues. The layout of section is executed well for easy readability."

Rayner-Haselkorn won first place for work she did for the Daily Catch in 2023 with Emily Sachar and Victor Feldman. The judges said, "Comprehensive coverage of the barn that caught fire and the parties impacted by the loss. Impressive multimedia approach, making the work more interactive than a standalone article."

School aid holds steady as Eldred plans for next year's cuts

Board chair: 'The first thing to go is probably going to be sports'

By NICK ROES

ELDRED, NY — Like every other school district in New York, Eldred Central let out a big sigh of relief when the state funding they'd expected was restored to them by the state legislature.

So, this year's state aid—\$3,926,429—will be the same as last year's, dollar for dollar.

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■ IN BRIEF

Milford man charged with killing grandmother

MILFORD, PA — Police are investigating the homicide of Margie S. Finlay, 67, of Milford, PA. Her grandson George F. Sisco, 28, also from Milford, has been charged with criminal homicide and arson.

The incident occurred on Friday, April 26, at their home at 108 Oak Court in Milford Township, according to the PA State Police at Blooming Grove. On the same day, the Milford and Westfall Township Fire Departments responded to a report of an interior fire at 108 Oak Court, and the state police were called to the same address by the report of a domestic incident.

The Milford firefighters acted swiftly to extinguish the fire, according to the state police. Inside, they encountered George F. Sisco covered in blood.

While tackling the blaze, firefighters also discovered the body of Margie S. Finlay, who had suffered severe physical injuries.

Sisco was taken into custody by the Milford Borough Police Department and the state police.

The state police charged Sisco with criminal homicide and arson and committed him to the Pike County Jail.

Police announce firearms denials

HARRISBURG, PA — The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) announced the number of firearms purchase denials and investigations for the first quarter of 2024.

The Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) is used by county sheriffs, chiefs of police and licensed firearms dealers to determine whether a person may legally acquire a license to carry firearms or obtain a firearm through a purchase or transfer. Under Pennsylvania law, it is a third-degree felony to make false statements on a federal or state agency form or to willfully present false identification likely to deceive the seller, licensed dealer, or licensed manufacturer. During the PICS process, some people are found to have an active warrant for their arrest.

Of the 327,272 PICS checks conducted during the same quarter last year, 4,645 people were denied a license. This year, 287,645 checks were conducted during the first quarter and 3,776 licenses were denied.

Last year during the same quarter, 25 people were arrested for a warrant at the point of purchase. This year, 22 were arrested.

The investigations were initiated by the PSP Firearms Division and referred to PSP troops, municipal police departments and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for further investigation and possible prosecution.

For more information on PICS and carrying firearms in Pennsylvania, visit psp.pa.gov.

Fire commissioners train

MONTICELLO, NY — The Sullivan County Emergency Services Training Center recently organized a training class for local fire commissioners with Greg Serio, an instructor from the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York.

The class was attended by more than 50 local fire commissioners, several secretaries and treasurers, and some chiefs from Sullivan County, as well as a few from outside the county.

Fire departments answer to the board of commissioners, which approves their chiefs and assistants before they can assume office. The commissioners are obliged to use funds wisely and protect the taxpayer. The district can enter into contracts and create equipment and capital improvement funds and more.

The training class also covered municipal laws that govern commissioners, state and federal legislation, and updated OSHA rules. Sullivan County fire coordinator John Hauschild noted that this training is critical for fire commissioners to understand and perform their role.

Liquor authority extends Alcohol To-Go and another reform measures

ALBANY, NY — The NYS Liquor Authority has made significant changes to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law with the enactment of the state's 2025 budget.

These measures aim to modernize the state's ABC laws. The budget includes several recommendations from a report issued last May by the Commission to Study Reform of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Other budget items address outdated statutes while enhancing the customer experience.

Gov. Kathy Hochul signed several recommendations into law: a five-year extension for Alcohol To-Go, one-day event permits and temporary wholesaler permits. In addition, applicants can apply for a license and notify their municipality simultaneously, and the liquor authority will not act on the application for 30 days to allow time for municipal input.

The budget removes the requirement mandating catering permits be issued only for indoor functions or events and allows spirits other than beer and wine to be served in movie

theaters. It eliminates a Prohibition-era law that required liquor stores to be located at street level to qualify for a license.

The budget also expands catering permits and makes outdoor dining permanent. These reforms are seen as bringing more opportunities to small businesses.

The liquor authority was established in 1934 as part of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. It processes permits and licenses and works with local law enforcement agencies.

"I am gratified to see positive and useful reforms to the antiquated ABC law included in the final state budget," said New York State Sen. James Skoufis, chair of the Investigations and Government Operations Committee. "Restaurants and taverns are critical to the fabric of our communities and their economic success has a wide-spreading effect, impacting communities as a whole."

Ranger, ECO recruits to begin training

ALBANY, NY — Upcoming academies will provide six months of training for 58 of the newest recruits to serve as forest rangers and environmental conservation police officers (ECO).

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is offering the training this spring. The forest ranger training will start on Sunday, May 19 at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry campus in the hamlet of Wanakena. The ECO training will begin on Sunday, June 2 at the Pulaski Academy, which has served as the home for these trainings for the last several academies.

ECOs and forest rangers are full-fledged New York State Police Officers, often called upon to support critical police deployments. Upon graduation, recruits will be assigned patrol areas.

The ECO's job duties are centered on the 71 chapters of state conservation law and range from deer poaching to solid waste dumping, illegal mining, the black market pet trade and emissions violations. Ranger duties focus on the public's use of DEC-administered state lands and easements and can span from patrolling state properties to conducting search-and-rescue operations to fighting wildland fires.

The recruits in this newest class will be selected from an eligible list of qualifications and passing scores generated from the most recent Civil Service exam, which became active in December 2022.

Input requested on 57-mile connected trail

PORT JERVIS, NY — The Open Space Institute (OSI) is working on a feasibility study to connect the 57-mile former O&W Rail Trail and D&H Towpath corridor into a continuous multi-use path.

If completed, residents and visitors will have the opportunity to walk a highly scenic trail connecting local communities from Kingston to Port Jervis. Visit the project's new web page (tinyurl.com/4k39vdwj) to learn more and sign up for updates.

As a part of the project, OSI is launching a community survey to assess how community members currently view and use trails, and what amenities they might want to see in

Help offered to PA veterans and people with disabilities

HAWLEY, PA — PA State Sen. Lisa Baker (R-20) invites veterans to schedule appointments with a VFW service officer between 9 a.m. and noon on Thursday, May 2, at her 2512 Rte. 6 office.

These appointments are available on the first Thursday of every month. The PA Veterans of Foreign Wars Service Officer Network provides assistance related to government benefits, including VA health care, compensation, pension, education and dependent benefits to veterans of all ages and service eras.

Surviving spouses may also access these services to learn about their eligibility for VA benefits.

Additionally, a representative from MyCIL (Northeast PA Center for Independent Living) will be at Baker's Hawley office on Thursday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. This visit aims to provide information and resources to people with disabilities and their families, assisting them in obtaining home and community-based services, transportation, housing and other resources to promote greater independence.

Baker said it's important for people with disabilities to know about available benefits to maintain self-sufficiency.

To schedule an appointment for either of these dates, call the Hawley office at 570/226-5960 or the Dallas office at 570/675-3931.

a completed trail corridor in the future. To take the survey, visit tinyurl.com/tam4zuma.

The corridor passes through Ulster, Sullivan and Orange counties, and there will be an open house in each. They will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the following dates:

- Wednesday, May 1: Ellenville Village Hall Meeting Room (2 Elting Court, Ellenville)
- Monday, May 6: Mamakating Town Hall Community Room (2948 Rte. 209, Wurtsboro)
- Tuesday, May 14: Port Jervis City Hall Meeting Room (20 Hammond St., Port Jervis)

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SUNY Sullivan welcomes new president

Dr. David Potash joins at a precarious time for the two-year college

LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY — SUNY Sullivan has a new president.

Dr. David Potash was appointed by the State University of New York Board of Trustees this week for a term to begin on or before July 1.

Since 2013 he'd served as president of Wilbur Wright College, an 85-year-old community college in Chicago. A statement announcing his appointment said Potash brought to Wright College "significant increases in student success, new programs and certificates; sustained efforts at equity, community service, civic engagement, career, workforce, and apprenticeships; served the community's growing Hispanic population; and led the creation of a Center of Excellence in Engineering and Computer Science."

Before that Potash was the chief academic officer at the four-year Curry College in Massachusetts, and held administrative posts at Hunter and Baruch colleges in the City University of New York system, where he worked on curricula development and student enrollment.

"I am very excited to join SUNY Sullivan, a growing institution with a crucial mission," said Dr. Potash in the statement. "Throughout the search process, I have been deeply impressed with everyone's deep commitment to student success."

Dr. Potash majored in English and philos-

ophy at Rice University. He has a Master of Arts in history from New York University and a doctorate in history from Cambridge University.

SUNY Chancellor John B. King Jr. lauded his appointment. "The SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees has chosen a president who, throughout his career, has demonstrated a focus on rigorous academics, service to an increasingly diverse student population and keen attention to wraparound services to ensure student success," he said in a statement. "I look forward to working with Dr. Potash during his tenure as we continue to build on the fantastic offerings at SUNY Sullivan."

He succeeds Jay Quaintance, who left his position quietly in July 2023, citing personal matters. Dr. Casey Crabill served as interim president.

Accreditation in jeopardy

Dr. Potash joins at a time when SUNY Sullivan, like other community colleges across the state, is struggling. The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), which offers accreditation to colleges that meet its standards, sent SUNY Sullivan a notice of noncompliance in November pursuant to a team visit to the campus over two days last August. The notice warns that SUNY Sullivan's accreditation "may be in jeopardy because of insufficient



Dr. David Potash

Provided photo/Valerie Caviness

evidence that the institution is currently in compliance with" its standards regarding "educational effectiveness," its system for evaluating students' work, and its planning and budgeting processes "to support its educational purposes and programs."

In 2022, a former SUNY Sullivan employee brought to the county legislature a bill from the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) showing the college

had a \$6 million backlog in health insurance premiums. Then-president Quaintance said at the time that NYSHIP raised the cost of its plans around 12 percent a year while the college's expenses rose, revenues stayed flat, and enrollment declined.

See related story "Funding ups and downs: Budget time for SUNY Sullivan" at riverreporter.com.

Clarification

Caroline Akt reached out to the **River Reporter** regarding the recent article "Special counsel hired for Highland conflict of interest."

In that article, Highland supervisor Johnny Pizzolato told the **River Reporter** that the town hired its special counsel, Javid Afzali, to handle a case involving Caroline Akt, the wife of town board member Jim Akt. But Caroline Akt clarified that she had little to do with the case at the heart of the matter.

"The application before the [zoning board of appeals] for a variance is for a Guillermo Morales," she wrote in an email to the **River Reporter**. "Guillermo hired surveyor Bob Ewald of Conrad, Close and Ewald to represent him before the ZBA and planning board. I was only supplying Bob with some background that he was not fully aware of as I had handled all the sales within the subdivision. Bob Ewald is a friend and I always help when asked."

She said there was a conflict of interest because Morales had previously retained Steven Mogel on a different matter before Mogel became a town attorney.

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Gabriel and Floarea Vladu live right next to the bridge on the New York side. Gabriel said his preference for the middle option—a new bridge that looks like the original—comes from his experience in construction. "This business I know," he said. "The bridge will look beautiful."

The middle option will be cheaper, he said, and more practical. "You want the same stone and have it wash away?" he said. "It will look the same but be strong—stronger like it's never been before."

The information session had an open house format. Engineers and planners from the PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT), which has just published a commissioned study on the bridge, stood near easels that held posters with flow charts, photographs, and timelines. Members of the public skimmed the posters and chatted with PennDOT representatives and one other.

There wasn't a chair to be found. Some attendees had expected a more conventional format—presenters facing an audience—and had come prepared to deliver statements.

"Divide and conquer," said one attendee.

'Outstandingly remarkable'

The bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and contributes to the "outstandingly remarkable values" of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. Nels Raynor of Bach Ornamental and Structural Steel described the bridge as "an extremely rare example of a multi-span pin-connected Baltimore

truss bridge" and "one of the oldest known bridges associated with the American Bridge Company." She notes the geometric beauty of the truss configuration and ornate flower motifs and other decoration.

The bridge was built with a nine-ton capacity that, as it deteriorated, was lowered to seven tons in 2007 and four tons in 2013. The bridge was closed to all traffic in 2019.

William Lothian has property on both the New York and Pennsylvania sides of the river, in the immediate vicinity of the bridge. In a prepared statement, he called the bridge "a historic treasure and one of probably only a few left in existence." As a retired highway and traffic engineer, he believes the bridge could be reopened without delay: "The expertise of today's engineers and contractors could have this existing bridge open to light traffic in a lot less time than doing years of study to satisfy some regulation that was not intended for a structure of this type."

Of the options currently on the table, each has its benefits and drawbacks:

- **Traditional rehabilitation:** To comply with standards set by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior (SOI), a rehabilitation that gave the bridge a capacity of four to seven tons would have a life of 10 to 15 years. An extensive rehabilitation that brought the capacity to 10 tons will have a 25-year life. Traditional rehabilitation is the only option that the study found would not have an adverse effect on the Milanville Historic District.

- **Non-SOI-compliant rehabilitation:** This middle option would add the original trusses,

which were built to support the bridge, as a decorative element to the outside of a two-space steel girder. It would have no weight limit. Heather Gerling, an architectural historian with PennDOT, said the stone abutments would be difficult to preserve but that the original stones might be used as decorative facing on new abutments.

- **Full replacement:** The full replacement option would also have no weight limit. Although no one seemed to be supporting this option, it's the only one that would accommodate pedestrians and cyclists. The study says the current bridge "does not provide adequate accommodations for pedestrians, bicyclists, and recreational users."

The public comment period for the bridge study began on April 11 and will conclude on May 26. Submit comments to skinnersfallsbridge@aecom.com, or mail them to Amy Lolli, PennDOT Assistant Liaison Engineer, Department of Transportation, District Office 4-0, 55 Keystone Industrial Park, Dunmore, PA 18512. The study can be viewed online at tinyurl.com/2wjzs544 or at the following locations:

- Wayne County Library (Honesdale branch), 1406 North Main St., Honesdale, PA
- Western Sullivan Public Library (Tusten-Cochecton branch), 198 Bridge St., Narrowsburg, NY
- Damascus Township Hall, 60 Conklin Rill Rd., Damascus, PA
- Town of Tusten Hall, 210 Bridge St., Narrowsburg, NY

Riverkeeper works for the constitutional right to a clean environment

Landfill emissions case tests New York's 'Green Amendment'

NARROWSBURG, NY — The Delaware Riverkeeper Network wants to enshrine the right to a clean environment in the New York Constitution.

"Here in the U.S. people have rights to free speech and religion, the right to bear arms and to freely assemble, but they do not have the right to clean water and air, a stable climate and healthy environments," says a statement from Green Amendments for the Generations, a national organization. "Because environmental rights are not recognized across the U.S., government decision makers are often free to disregard them in favor of other political or economic priorities."

On April 5, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network and Green Amendments for the Generations filed an amicus brief to support an environmental group, Fresh Air for the Eastside, that sued New York for allowing the High Acres Landfill in the Towns of Perinton and Macedon to operate while emitting greenhouse gases. The brief was filed in the New York Appellate Division.

The case accuses the defendants—New York State, NYS Department of Conservation (DEC), New York City (which sends waste to the landfill), and Waste Management of New York LLC—of violating the group members' rights under the New York Constitution's environmental rights amendment. The last states that "each person shall have a right to clean air and water, and a healthful environment."

The complaint alleges that the quantity of methane emitting from the landfill equals the emissions from 3.3 billion miles driven in an average car, or 146 million gallons of gasoline consumed or 1.4 billion pounds of coal burned. The complaint also says many methane leaks were not being identified or repaired.

The group says the DEC and the state violated their constitutionally protected rights by permitting activities at the landfill that produce odors and emissions, and by failing to control them through enforcement.

The court dismissed the Green Amendment claim against the landfill's operator, concluding it did not authorize claims against private entities. The court also dismissed the claim against New York City, the waste of which represents 90 percent of the waste disposed at the landfill. The court said the city was "merely a customer" of the landfill, and the city's garbage would be replaced by the garbage of another customer.

All eyes on NY

The court did, however, deny the state's motion to dismiss the case.

"The nation is watching New York, and how its Green Amendment is being used to advance needed environmental protections and justice," said Maya van Rossum, who is the chief executive officer of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network as well as the founder of Green Amendments for the Generations. "New York is only the third state in the nation to have added a Green Amendment to its state constitution. The other two states are Pennsylvania and Montana."

In 1972, after the first Earth Day, Montana passed an addition to its constitution that detailed the state's responsibility to "maintain and improve a clean and healthful environment in Montana for present and future generations." Last summer, young activists in Montana used the law to bring the first-ever climate case in the United States to trial. A Montana judge agreed with the activists that state agencies were violating their Constitutional right to a healthful environment by allowing fossil fuel development.



Facebook photo

Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and founder of Green Amendments for the Generations, in Narrowsburg during the anti-fracking campaign.

A victory in Pennsylvania preceded the Montana case. In 2013, the Riverkeeper and seven municipalities re-invigorated Pennsylvania's constitutional environmental rights provision to defeat pro-fracking legislation.

Van Rossum says Pennsylvania's Green Amendment made that victory possible. She founded Green Amendments for the Generations to help communities understand and pursue this powerful protection nationwide. The movement uses the tools of education and community engagement, and provides legal expertise. The organization is working with communities more than 20 other states seeking to secure their own Green Amendment protections.

"This case is of significant public interest because it is the first appellate case to interpret Article I, section 19 of the New York Constitution—New York's Green Amendment," said van Rossum. "This court's ruling is likely to have a statewide impact and may even impact the interpretation of Green Amendments in other states."

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This sum reflects about 20 percent of Eldred's proposed \$19,815,851 budget for 2024-25, of which 66 percent will be raised from taxes, according to the school district.

The draft budget reflects a 1.6 percent increase from 2023-24. The year-over-year increase in tax bills as proposed are as follows: \$110 in Highland, \$105 in Lumberland, \$107 in Deerpark, and \$202 in Tusten. The budget is up for a vote on Tuesday, May 21.

"The good news is nothing changed," reported business administrator Caleb Russell at Eldred's April 23 school board meeting. "On the negative side, we didn't get any raises in state aid."

Looking ahead to the 2025-26 school year, Eldred and other school districts in the state are bracing for cuts. A new state commission has been formed to overhaul the foundation aid formula to fund local school districts.

In anticipation, Eldred is reducing staff through attrition, looking into saving money on software, and hoping to reduce out-of-district placements.

"The first thing to go is probably going to be sports," board chair Scott Hallock lamented.

He went on to stress the importance of the athletic program.

Eldred enrollment, 1999-2023

1999-2000:	778
2000-01:	759
2001-2:	725
2002-03:	725
2003-04:	733
2004-05:	725
2005-06:	706
2006-07:	686
2007-08:	702
2009-09:	684
2009-10:	686
2010-11:	647
2011-12:	650
2012-13:	650
2013-14:	618
2014-15:	581
2015-16:	570
2016-17:	546
2017-18:	529
2018-19:	500
2019-20:	464
2021-22:	448
2022-23:	448

"I went to school for sports," he said. "I kept my grades up so I could play sports. It's sad what Albany's doing to us."

He added, "We'll just have to roll with it and do the best we can."

Earlier this year, Gov. Kathy Hochul said she would end the "hold harmless" provision that guarantees no district receives less aid than it did the year before so that cuts do not disrupt budget planning. Even though she has pulled back from that intention this year, Hochul said she wanted to take another look at the school aid formula which she said is funding "empty classrooms" in districts that have lost population.

Rural schools are particularly affected by this shift. Eldred has lost 43 percent of its K-12 student population in 23 years, since the 1999-2000 academic year (see sidebar). That's the same percentage lost by Sullivan West during the same period.

The school board approved two budget initiatives for the May 24 ballot: The school budget of \$19.8 million, and a separate ballot initiative asking for \$38,000 to fund the Sunshine Hall Free Library.

See related story "Sullivan West waits for state aid number" at: riverreporter.com.

Casino revenue is up statewide but down in Sullivan

Resorts World needs to remarket itself, supervisor says

By RUBY RAYNER-HASELKORN

MONTICELLO, NY — State gambling revenue is up, but Sullivan County's casino revenue is down.

The Sullivan County treasurer, Nancy Buck, told the Budget and Management Committee in March that county tax revenue for 2023 is at the lowest since 2021.

Gaming revenue in Sullivan decreased a little over 21 percent between 2022 and 2023, from \$3.2 million to \$2.8 million. The gaming revenue reported for 2023 is nearly \$700,000 dollars less than in 2022.

Resorts World Catskills, which opened in 2018 in the Town of Thompson, had projected revenues of \$309 million for 2019. The pandemic put a wrench in the casino's grand plans, but there were concerns even before COVID about how realistic its projections really were.

The lower-than-expected revenue seems unrelated to the pandemic. In 2023 the American Gaming Association reported that New York's gaming revenue increased by 11.6 percent from the previous year.

Thompson Supervisor Bill Rieber told the **River Reporter** the tax revenue was nowhere close to what was predicted for the town. "When there isn't an outside economic reason, you need to look internally," he said.

Rieber said the casino needs to remarket itself.

Resorts World received significant sales and tax exemptions from the Sullivan County IDA. According to an article published in The News Journal, IDA records show the casino appears to have gotten a "\$35 million sales and use tax exemption, as well as a 16-year payment in lieu of taxes for the golf course that will save it about \$1 million, as well as a \$1.5 million exemption on the entertainment village."

Resorts World did not return a request for comment.

Upper Delaware Scenic Byway wins national award for shad festival

Highland supervisor Pizzolato to travel to Colorado to accept award

MILLERSBURG, OH — The Upper Delaware Scenic Byway (UDSB) won the 2024 Byway Partnership Award. The honor consists of eight awards presented annually by the National Scenic Byway Foundation (NSBF).

The byway won for its Festival of the Founding Fish, “ten days full of history, music, food, fish, and fun” held last May.

Byway volunteers joined forces with The Delaware Company, history preservation nonprofit; the Sullivan County Legislature; the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association; the National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River; and media sponsors, businesses and community organizers.

Activities centered on the migratory American shad, which plays an important role in Delaware River history dating back to the 1600s. It sustained the Colonial army through the winter under Gen. George Washington, and rebounded as a spawning species after a population plummet in the 2000s.

The second annual Upper Delaware Shad

Fest added a Shad Bus Run to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the byway’s designation. The popular round-trip tour from one end (City of Port Jervis) to the other (Village of Hancock) along NYS Route 97 featured narration by Sullivan County historian John Conway and stops to partake in local celebrations, educational programs, treats and libations.

“We are immensely proud of the collaborative effort and community engagement demonstrated by the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway,” said Richard H. Lowe III, UDSB chair. “The Shadfest not only celebrates the rich heritage and scenic beauty of the area, but also fosters a strong sense of community and cooperation among the various stakeholders involved. This award underscores the importance of partnership and collaboration whilst preserving and promoting the scenic, historic and cultural values that our scenic byway offers to the public.”

John Pizzolato, the current Town of Highland supervisor, coordinated the 2022 and 2023 shad festivals as UDSB’s program manager. He will attend the NSBF’s Colorado Byways Symposium from May 1



Contributed Photo

Route 97 on the Hawks Nest, Port Jervis.

to 4 to accept the award.

The vision for the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway is to highlight what is already an exceptional feature of the region’s appeal to residents and visitors alike: the highway itself and its spectacular scenic highway vistas, access to the Delaware River, and the uniqueness of its communities.

The byway traverses the state’s western border along a 70-mile stretch of the Delaware River, connecting the rafting

and bluestone-focused Village of Hancock in Delaware County through six Sullivan County towns to the railroad City of Port Jervis in Orange County. It provides a link between State Route 17 and I-84 along NYS Route 97 with historic, natural, scenic, recreational and cultural features that tempt motorists to explore the valley.

For additional information visit www.upperdelawarescenicbyway.org or www.TravelByways.com.

Olsommer wins special election and GOP primary

He will face Democrat Robin Schooley Skibber again in November

PIKE AND WAYNE COUNTIES, PA — Republican Jeff Olsommer won last week’s special election for the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

He will fill the vacancy in the 139th District left by Joe Adams, who resigned on February 9 for personal reasons.

Olsommer beat Democrat Robin Schooley Skibber, 7,140 to 4,696. Skibber had a good showing in her home county of Pike but did not make up the difference in Wayne. Olsommer did well in both counties (see sidebar for vote breakdown).

The two will face off again in November’s general election. Olsommer is a small-business owner who chairs the Sterling Township board of supervisors and serves on the Wayne Memorial Health Foundation. Skibber is the former director of the Pike County Area Agency on Aging.

Olsommer also prevailed over Matthew Contreras, 4,975 to 2,195, in the Republican primary held at the same time. Olsommer was nominated by the local Republican committees.

Skibber was unopposed in the Democratic primary, where she received 3,957 votes.



Photos provided

Jeff Olsommer won the special election and will face off with Robin Schooley Skibber again this November.

The 139th includes parts of Pike and Wayne counties, including Blooming Grove, Dingman, Greene, Lackawaxen, Milford, Palmyra, Shohola, Westfall Township,

Matamoras, Milford Boroughs, Cherry Ridge, Dreher, Lake, Lehigh, Palmyra, Paupack, Salem, South Canaan, Sterling Township and Hawley Borough.

139th vote breakdown by county

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Robin Schooley Skibber (unopposed):

Wayne County: 1,433

Pike County: 2,524

Total: 3,957

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Jeff Olsommer:

Wayne County: 2,505

Pike County: 2,470

Total: 4,975

Matthew Contreras:

Wayne County: 559

Pike County: 1,636

Total: 2,195

SPECIAL ELECTION

Robin Schooley Skibber:

Wayne County: 1,500

Pike County: 3,196

Total: 4,696

Jeff Olsommer:

Wayne County: 3,172

Pike County: 3,968

Total: 7,140

(Tallies do not include write-ins.)

■ MY VIEW

BY DANIEL ORTEGA

Route 17 upgrade will enhance the area

It will improve safety and mobility, create jobs and more

When faced with a challenge, leaders act. Problems require solutions—they seldom resolve themselves—and if ignored, usually worsen over time. Case in point: Route 17, a major corridor in the Hudson Valley region.

Efforts are underway to improve mobility on Route 17 in Orange and Sullivan counties by adding a third lane east and west, and making other upgrades.

Enhancing safety on Route 17 is of paramount importance, and we cannot afford further delays.

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has been very responsive to local concerns and has addressed considerations ranging from safety, the environment, quality-of-life and projected financial costs. The need for an additional travel lane has been confirmed by two separate NYSDOT studies and has bipartisan support at all levels of government. The project has long been supported by U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer. Gov. Kathy Hochul last year announced the start of an environmental review of Route 17, which followed the inclusion of up to \$1 billion in the state budget—funding for which our 17-Forward-86 coalition advocated.

17-Forward-86 members are vocal proponents of this project. Yes, we are stakeholders—we live here, work here and travel on Route 17. Our main priority is safety. An additional lane will improve mobility and provide critical access for police, fire and ambulance services. It will make the corridor safer for all of us traveling on it each day.

An additional lane will alleviate traffic to our many tourist destinations and help local businesses that depend on deliveries and transports by allowing vehicles to move more efficiently. Less traffic means less idling—and fewer emissions polluting our environment.

Widening Route 17 will not draw more traffic—it will facilitate the existing level more expeditiously. In 2014, the New Jersey Turnpike opened its newly widened highway in central New Jersey. The region, similar to the Hudson Valley, had seen an increase in population and jobs amid company expansions and the roadway reached capacity resulting in a chronically congested 35-mile stretch. The turnpike expansion resulted in reduced traffic and idling emissions, fewer accidents and fatalities, and renewed

economic development opportunities.

If we build another lane, will more people come? The fact is, we're already here. Our region has seen a dramatic rise in population. Orange County has the fourth-fastest growing population in the state, increasing at a rate of more than nine percent between 2010 and 2023. Sullivan County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the state. Tourism is booming! Some six million people visit Orange County each year. The Sullivan Catskills draw upward of four million. They travel along Route 17.

Route 17 reaches beyond Orange and Sullivan counties. It is a key transportation corridor in New York State and a link for commercial and noncommercial traffic between New York City, Northern New Jersey, Pennsylvania and regions within our state (Hudson Valley, Catskills and the Southern Tier). It also is the main corridor for students traveling to institutions of higher learning.

Investment in public transportation is an important part of the long-term sustainability for our region, and a one-seat ride into midtown Manhattan from Port Jervis or Middletown should be part of the plan. However, we know vehicles—cars and trucks, electric or internal combustion—will continue to be part of our lives.

Infrastructure upgrades are investments in our future. Consider the \$4 billion Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, which generated more than 6,600 living-wage jobs and tens of thousands of indirect jobs in the region.

Our region is growing and we must ensure our infrastructure can safely handle the current and future capacity. Enhancing mobility on Route 17 is the responsible thing to do for our residents, visitors, environment and region.

Daniel Ortega is a founding member of 17-Forward-86, a broad-based coalition of industry, trade and civic representatives who share a common vision for expanding the capacity of Route 17 to ensure the safety and economic well-being of the Hudson Valley and Sullivan Catskills. He also serves as the Community Affairs Chief for Engineers Labor-Employer Cooperative Local 825. To learn more, visit www.17Forward86.org.

DR. PUNNYBONE



Going Home

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Michele Frazier to appear in Callicoon

State Senate candidate Michele Frazier is planning a seven-county tour the weekend of May 4 and 5, making campaign stops in Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster counties. On Sunday, May 5 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Frazier will be at the Callicoon Farmers' Market in Callicoon, NY.

Frazier grew up in her family's flower and greenhouse business in Oneonta, NY—one of the largest geranium growers in the state.

A former Oneonta City Council member, Frazier now lives in Delhi, where she is an assistant professor of criminal justice at SUNY Delhi. She lives with her spouse and three sons, two of whom are neurodivergent. She is also a real estate agent for a locally owned real estate company.

Michele Frazier for 51

www.michelefrazierfor51.com

Camille O'Brien earns Conservative Party endorsement for Assembly District 100

Assembly candidate Camille O'Brien received the Conservative Party endorsement in Assembly District 100 for her message championing middle-class families.

"My message advocating for middle-class families and fighting the fentanyl crisis in Sullivan County resonates with people everywhere I go," O'Brien said. "There's more work to be done though. Albany continues to take money from people's paychecks while avoiding the illegal immigration issue impacting our communities in New York State."

Ed Magilton, chairman of the Conservative Party in Sullivan County, added his support. "Camille O'Brien is a principled leader with a proven track record of service to our community. Her dedication to combating the opioid crisis and her unwavering support for individual liberties make her the ideal candidate to represent Sullivan County in the New York State Assembly. We are proud to endorse her and look forward to her continued advocacy on behalf of our residents."

Camille O'Brien will appear on the Conservative ballot line in the November general election. With her steadfast commitment to the people of Sullivan County, she aims to bring positive change and a strong voice to Albany.

Camille O'Brien for NYS Assembly

www.camilleobrien.com

Molinaro endorsed by NYS Law Enforcement Officers Union

The New York State Law Enforcement Officers Union, Council 82, AFSCME, AFL-CIO has endorsed Congressman Marc Molinaro for reelection in New York's 19th Congressional District.

Molinaro is building significant support from the labor community, with recent endorsements from unions such as the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 325 in Binghamton, Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA-NY), and Binghamton-Oneonta Building Trades Council.

Ronald Walsh, President of Council 82 said, "The New York State Law Enforcement Officers Union, Council 82 is honored to endorse and stand with Marc Molinaro in his reelection for the 19th Congressional District. Council 82 represents over 3,200 police officers, deputy sheriffs, county correction officers, state correction lieutenants, emergency 911 dispatchers and other public safety personnel across New York State, including members who live and work in the 19th Congressional District. Our endorsement of Marc recognizes his strong and unwavering support for law enforcement, veterans, and military families."

"Being in law enforcement is becoming harder and harder," Molinaro said. "Albany continues to pass reckless laws like bail reform, the HALT Act, and Clean Slate—tying the hands of police and making them less safe. It's no wonder veterans of the profession are retiring in droves and departments struggle to recruit. I'm continuing to fight

■ QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable."

[Remarks on the first anniversary of the Alliance for Progress, March 13, 1962]

— John F. Kennedy

[The RIVER REPORTER welcomes letters on all subjects from its readers. They must include the correspondent's phone number. The correspondent's name and town will appear at the bottom of each letter.

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■ RIVER MUSE

BY CASS COLLINS

‘And the greatest of those is love’

I love her red-gold hair.
 I love her coy smile, reminding me of my Great-Aunt Biz.
 I love her wild abandon as she plays with a dog three times her size.
 I love the caution she shows around the little dog she has learned to be wary of.
 I love the way she looks at her books as she “reads” the pages to herself.
 I love her games of “Peek-a-boo” and the gurgling laughter they provoke.
 I love the way she says “No, no, no, no, no” as she reminds herself not to bang on the glass-front bookcase.
 I love the way she says “shoe.”
 I love how she lights up at the sight of her Uncle Conor.
 I love how she embraces me when her Mama brings her in the morning.
 I love how she hates me to wash her face.
 I love how she tells us what she wants. I love how she knows.
 I love to watch her climb in the playground and slide down the slide.
 I love how she says “Mama.”
 I love how she marches into daycare now as if she owns the place.
 I love how she signs “more.”
 I love how she disengages herself from the car seat like a little pro.
 I love how she goes down for a nap. Sometimes she needs me to stay near but mostly she just cuddles her blanket and falls asleep in her crib.
 I love to watch her wake up and remember where she is.
 I love to watch her run down the driveway, her arms and her torso swinging in opposition, her little feet moving so fast.
 I love her side-eye glance.
 I love how she dances to Taylor.
 I love how she sits on the toy piano to make it play.
 I love how she learned to climb the stairs safely.
 I love how she sits on the hearth.
 I love how she studies her Grandpa with love.
 I love how she offers us food from her plate.
 I love how she wants to cook with us,
 I love how she hands me my jacket when she wants to go outside.
 I love how she made her uncle realize what life is about.
 She is only one little girl and we love her so much. What about all the children who are dying and dead in all the stupid wars in the world? Where does all that love go?

■ POETRY

Comfort Food

By LLOYD BARNHART

Weather is turning colder;
 It's time for comfort food.
 Food for the budget-minded,
 But fit for a king!
 Grandma's ham pot pie,
 Or her New England boiled dinner.
 Mom's savory pot roast or beef stew,
 Or her just right chili, served with cornbread.
 Dad's rabbit or venison stew,
 Or his chicken 'n dream biscuits.
 Hand-me-down recipes like these
 And the memories they evoke are sure to please.
 But it's having family and friends as dining companions
 That really puts the comfort in Comfort Food!

Editor's note: This poem was originally left as a comment under Jonathan Charles Fox's "Comfort Food" column, published in the March 28, 2024 edition of the River Reporter.

■ MY VIEW

Opposing the proposed Faith-Based Affordable Housing Act

What follows is a letter written to NY Gov. Kathy Hochul. It is slightly edited.

The Association of Supervisors of Sullivan County voted unanimously on April 3, 2024 to send this letter to you strongly opposing the proposed Faith-Based Affordable Housing Act.

As elected officials and citizens of New York State, we strongly oppose all laws in place or proposed (such as this one) that strip local authorities of Home Rule as defined in Article IX, Sec 2 of the Constitution of the State of New York.

We understand that there may be a lack of affordable housing in NYS, especially in NYC; however, we are most concerned about the environmental impact. It is apparent that the people who wrote this bill have no concept of how its passage would affect the rural areas of the state (like Sullivan County) as they are proposing “generally 30 dwelling units per acre for small municipalities with less than 50,000 people,” and “full environmental reviews under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) would not be required so long as the landowner submits the following certifications: that a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) has been completed, that soil and water testing has been completed pursuant to Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) standards, and that a qualified environmental professional attests that the building will not violate state wetland or drinking water laws.”

This proposed law eviscerates adherence to the current New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This proposal is unsustainable for our rural area. How do small municipalities like ours provide services to a large high-density development of 30 dwelling units per acre? A 10-acre parcel could result in 300 dwelling units, and this could grow exponentially from there, resulting in a huge influx of residents in need of services.

That is not just one small development. Services such as water, sewer, fire, ambulance, schools, roads and transportation, and refuse hauling, would all need to be upgraded. Our small towns and villages are not prepared at all for such massive developments. It would be impossible as well as cost-prohibitive for our towns and villages to build the infrastructure required to support this number of new residents. We would

have no protection against the loss of air and water quality and the additional burdens on public services.

What about the protection of our open spaces? We are not just talking about a few little buildings here. We are talking about a growing population of people changing the nature of our surroundings including clear-cutting of forests, littering, less habitat for indigenous species of plants and animals, an impact on agriculture, and huge increases in traffic.

Additionally, Sullivan County cherishes its natural environment, which is essential to support the substantial and still growing tourism industry.

Meanwhile, New York State's population is shrinking. This “urban sprawl” due to overpriced housing in the metropolitan area should not become a burden for small towns and villages in the rest of the state.

Sullivan County has also been a huge agricultural producer for generations, and particularly since the pandemic, it is imperative that we do everything that we can to protect our nation's food supply. Allowing the amount of development that would be possible with this type of legislation would negatively affect that!

We urge you instead, as governor, to help support existing local zoning laws rather than allowing rules that override our local zoning laws, such as the one proposed here. Local municipalities understand the needs of their current and future residents best and are perfectly capable of creating the conditions that support appropriate housing opportunities.

Sincerely,

Daniel Sturm, President, Sullivan County Association of Supervisors; Bethel Supervisor Daniel Sturm; Callicoon Supervisor Tom Bose; Cohecton Supervisor Gary Maas; Delaware Supervisor Scott Dubois; Forestburgh Supervisor Dan Hogue; Fremont Supervisor Brian Brustman; Highland Supervisor John Pizzolato; Liberty Supervisor Frank DeMayo; Lumberland Supervisor Suzanne Edzenga; Mamakating Supervisor Michael Robbins; Neversink Supervisor Chris Matthews; Rockland Supervisor Robert Eggleton; and Thompson Supervisor Bill Rieber.

The letter was cc'd to multiple state and local officials.

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back for the proud men and women who serve and protect our communities.”

Marc for US

www.marcforus.com

Paula Elaine Kay endorsed by NYS Police Investigators Association

Paula Kay (D-Rock Hill) received the endorsement of the New York State Police Investigators Association (NYSPIA) on the steps of the Lawrence Cooke Sullivan County Courthouse. Kay is running for the state assembly seat for District 100.

In his endorsement, NYSPIA president Timothy Dymond said, “It is with great honor and pride that we endorse your candidacy for the state Assembly, a position for which you are tremendously qualified.” He added that Kay's experience as a town attorney and prosecutor “demonstrated a deep understanding of the

law, and we look forward to working with you to find reasonable ground on bail reform, discovery reform and getting judges the discretion necessary to keep the people of this district safe. The membership of the New York State Police Investigators Association has great confidence in your ability and foresight. We offer our support and assistance in your candidacy and send best wishes for your continued success.”

Kay said she welcomed the NYSPIA endorsement and has deep respect for the police, firefighter and EMS volunteers who protect the community

NYSPIA represents over 2,500 active and retired members of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) of the New York State Police.

The 100th Assembly District includes Middletown, the Town of Wallkill and most of Sullivan County.

Paula for Assembly 100

Rock Hill, NY

LAKE HUNTINGTON NEWS

BY JENN POWELL



Photo by jenn_inthewoods

The Diehl Me In Middle School Western IEA Team has clinched a historic qualification for the International Equestrian Association (IEA) Western National finals as a team, marking a first-time achievement. Pictured are Mia Powell, left; Abigail Haff; Riley Eggleton; and Emily Olsen.

Diehl Me In Middle School Western IEA Team qualifies for Nationals!

The Diehl Me In Middle School Western IEA Team has clinched a historic qualification for the International Equestrian Association (IEA) Western National finals as a team, marking a first-time achievement.

Mia Powell, Riley Eggleton, Abigail Haff and Emily Olsen, students at Sullivan West, will proudly represent the New York Region at the National Finals in Fort Worth, TX on June 22. Under the expert coaching of Megan Diehl Blumenthal, these dedicated students have been rigorously training since the start of the Western IEA Season in late August 2023.

The team's hard work will be showcased in Horsemanship and Ranch Riding classes, with Emily Olsen also qualifying as an individual rider in the Ranch Riding Class.

But what is the IEA? It's a nonprofit organization providing youth in grades 4-12 with opportunities to compete in team and individual equestrian events without the financial burden of horse ownership. Offering competitions in hunt seat, Western

and dressage disciplines, IEA promotes skill development and camaraderie among young riders.

With the excitement of Nationals on the horizon, the team is seeking sponsorship to cover entry fees, flights and accommodations for themselves, their chaperones and Coach Blumenthal.

An online fundraising platform has been set up to support these talented riders in their quest for national recognition. To contribute, visit spot.fund/pgcx3sc and help make their dreams a reality. Let's rally behind the Diehl Me In Middle School Western IEA Team as they ride towards victory on the national stage!

If you have a local business that would like to be spotlighted in an upcoming column, get in touch. Email jenn@jennpowelldesigns.com with any news, events and happenings. Catch me online at www.everafterinthewoods.com for delicious recipes too.

LCSD recognized nationally for music education

LIBERTY, NY — The Liberty Central School District (LCSD) has been honored as one of the Best Communities for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation for the fifth year in a row.

To qualify for the designation, the district answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs. Responses were verified by school officials and reviewed by the Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

"Music education offers a multifaceted array of benefits, touching on cognitive, emotional, social and physical development," said LCSD director of music Eric Aweh. "Its impact is profound, laying the groundwork for well-rounded individuals who are capable of thinking creatively, expressing themselves and contributing positively to society."

The community will be able to see the students perform several

times before the end of the school year, in a series of spring concerts.

High school mixed ensembles will be featured Tuesday, May 9; seventh and eighth graders on Tuesday, May 14; high school honors students on Thursday, May 16; fifth and sixth graders on Tuesday, May 21, and the elementary students on Monday, June 3.

All concerts will be held in the high school auditorium at 7 p.m., except the elementary concert, which will begin at 6:30 p.m.

"Music is a vital part of the educational experience," LCSD superintendent Dr. Patrick Sullivan said. "We appreciate the NAMM Foundation's continued recognition of our dedication to providing a quality music education for our students."

Now in its 23rd year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants.

DEATH NOTICES

Marian 'May' Daniels

Marian "May" Daniels, 91, of Asheville, NC and formerly of Honesdale, PA, passed away April 16, 2024. Marian was born January 28, 1933 in Newark, NJ. A celebration of life will be planned for the summer of 2024, with burial at Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Black Mountain, NC.

Edward Gabriel

Edward Gabriel, 80, of Equinunk, PA and formerly of Cochection, NY, passed away April 23, 2024 at home. Edward was born October 25, 1943 in Monticello, NY. A memorial service was held April 27 at the Stewart-Murphy Funeral Home in Jeffersonville, NY.

Clifford B. Hewlett

Clifford B. Hewlett, 88, of Loch Sheldrake, NY, passed away April 25, 2024 at Achieve Rehab and Nursing Facility in Liberty, NY. Clifford was born January 26, 1936 in Hurleyville, NY. Funeral services were held April 28 at the Harris Funeral Home in Liberty. Burial will be in the Hurleyville Cemetery in Hurleyville.

Anna L. Huber

Anna L. Huber, 83, of Hawley, PA, passed away April 23, 2024 at home. Anna was born September 14, 1940 in Oetigheim, Germany. A memorial service will be scheduled in the near future.

Girls' night out for shopping and fun

HONESDALE, PA — On Thursday, May 9 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Greater Honesdale Partnership will hold its annual Girls' Night Out. Upwards of 28 businesses are signed up.

Main Street shops will stay open late, and of course you can grab a bite to eat too.

Specials and giveaways will be offered.

The cost to register is \$10 and you receive a free tote bag, plus a map and a list of all participating businesses and deals specifically for Girls' Night Out.

Registration and bag pick-up take place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Main Street next to the Fred R. Miller Pavilion, 640 Main St.

You can also register at bit.ly/3UgUQ30.

To learn more about the GHP and its events, go to visithonesdalepa.com.

Arthur C. Meyer

Arthur C. Meyer, 80, of Beach Lake, PA, passed away April 21, 2024. Arthur was born September 1, 1943 in the Bronx, NY. Funeral services will be private and held at the convenience of the family.

Edward J. Perry

Edward J. Perry, 60, of Lakewood, PA and formerly of Hawley, PA, passed away April 21, 2024. Edward was born July 16, 1963 in Honesdale, PA. A celebration of Edward's life will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 2 p.m. at the Lookout Fire Hall.

Richard A. Santoro

Richard A. Santoro, 82, of Fremont Center, NY, passed away April 20, 2024. Richard was born July 25, 1941 in Brooklyn, NY. A celebration of life will take place at a date to be determined.

Roberta Ann Yakin

Roberta Ann Yakin, 72, passed away April 21, 2024 at Garnet Health Medical Center in Middletown, NY. Roberta was born July 22, 1951 in Somerville, NJ. A memorial service took place April 26 at Vanlnwegen-Kenny Funeral Home in Monticello, NY.

Forest City Area Historical Society to meet

FOREST CITY, PA — The Forest City Area Historical Society (FCAHS) will meet on Sunday, May 5 beginning at 6 p.m. at the society's headquarters at the corner of Dundaff and Main Streets.

Anyone interested in joining the FCAHS should call membership chair Juliann Doyle at 570/499-4908 or email jdoyle@nep.net.

Membership applications are available on the website and should be sent to Juliann at 305 Martin St., Browndale, PA 18421.

"We would love to keep in touch and hear about your stories of the past," Doyle said.

To learn more, visit www.forestcityareahistoricalociety.org.

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Wayne Bank is a corporate sponsor of Lacawac Sanctuary. Pictured are Craig Lukatch, Lacawac president, left; and Jim Donnelly, Wayne Bank president/CEO.

Wayne Bank donates to Lacawac

LAKE ARIEL, PA — Wayne Bank will once again support Lacawac Sanctuary with a corporate sponsorship of \$1,000.

Lacawac Sanctuary Field Station and Environmental Education Center is an independent, nonprofit environmental education organization located on the shore of Lake Wallenpaupack in the northern Poconos. The sanctuary is dedicated to inspiring lifelong connections to nature and shaping the next generation of scientists and earth stewards through research, education and preservation.

“We are so happy to continue our sponsorship of the sanctuary for 2024,” said Jim Donnelly, president/CEO of Wayne Bank. “This partnership allows us to help preserve the beauty of this natural habitat within our community and ensure the continuation of

Baby shower for the community

LIBERTY, NY — The Perinatal and Infant Community Health Collaboratives (PICHC) Program of the Maternal Infant Services Network (MISN) will host a community baby shower on Friday, May 3 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of Liberty.

The event offers breastfeeding support, car seat safety checks, refreshments and games, and door prizes and raffles.

MISN is a community-based nonprofit

Lacawac’s beneficial programs and environmental education.”

Lacawac works with an association of colleges and universities to provide research partnerships and a pristine location for undergraduate and graduate students.

As a member-supported organization, Lacawac Sanctuary relies solely on grants and private donations to help deliver year-round environmental education to the whole community. For more information, visit www.lacawac.org/.

Wayne Bank is a subsidiary of Norwood Financial Corp., Member FDIC, and is located in Honesdale. The bank has 29 community offices serving counties in PA and New York. The stock trades on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol NWFL.

perinatal network. Established in 1990, our goal is to improve birth outcomes and reduce racial and gender disparities that result in infant and maternal mortality, preterm birth and low birth-weight babies.

MISN also focuses on family and community health and wellness across the lifespan.

To learn more about MISN or the baby shower, visit misn-ny.org/f/join-us-in-may-for-a-free-community-baby-shower.

‘From fundamentalism to atheism’

NARROWSBURG, NY AND ONLINE — Biblical scholar Art Kolbjornsen will present “From fundamentalism to atheism” at the Upper Delaware Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (UDUUF) service on Sunday, May 5 at 10:15 a.m.

Now teaching at the University of North Carolina, Kolbjornsen has made significant contributions to critical scriptural study and has evolved in his faith understanding, he said. That moving process was not based on the deficits of the “Word of God,” but rather the notion of a living God active in a painful world.

To attend services online, use this link: zoom.us/j/99359135643?pwd=RS9kb-3FKMEF6Y1hNMG9uRFpwa2V3UT09

Meeting ID: 993 5913 5643

Passcode: 885087

The Union is located at 7 Erie Ave., and the UDUUF service is in Room 102.

For more information about this or upcoming weekly programs, see uduuf.com

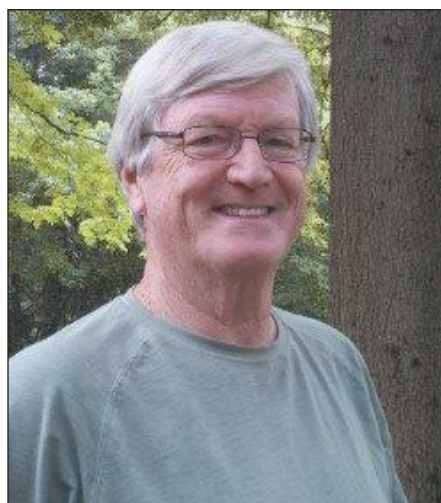


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or email uduuf2022@gmail.com.

Western Sullivan Public Library vote results

WESTERN SULLIVAN LIBRARY DISTRICT — The Western Sullivan Public Library’s 2024-2025 budget vote and trustee election was held on April 17. The budget was approved 91 to 17.

Linda Pomes was reelected to a five-year term starting July 1 and Michelle Schroeder won the write-in vote for the second seat. The Western Sullivan Public Library will continue its mission to provide welcoming

centers of information and discovery to our communities and provide tools for lifelong learning, creativity and enrichment.

Visit the library’s website at www.WSPLonline.org for more information, access to the digital library and the calendar of events.

The library thanked everyone their continued support.



Photo contributed by Honesdale Rotary

Three student writers received scholarship money from Honesdale Rotary for their essays on the mental health crisis affecting the nation’s youth. Pictured are students Jillian Hoey, left; Amanda Kuta; Luke Murray; and Rotarian Kathi McKenna.

Creating hope in the world

HONESDALE, PA — Honesdale Rotary recently awarded scholarship money to three student essayists. The theme of the contest was “Create hope in the world: How can communities, schools, families and friends support mental health with caring, giving and compassion?”

Three Honesdale High School students were recognized by Honesdale Rotary for their outstanding essay submissions. Luke Murray won first place and \$250, Amanda Kuta received second place and \$100, and Jillian Hoey took third place and received \$50.

The students were invited to read from their essays during an awards ceremony on April 23 at a Rotary meeting at Two Guys Restaurant.

Rotarians said they chose the theme in view of “today’s post-COVID, social-media-swamped environment, which for some young people causes stress and anxiety and even serious mental health issues. How can we all help?”

Many of the submitted essays focused on showing compassion by reaching out and getting involved in ways to support friends and families in need.



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Jeffersonville Bancorp held its annual shareholders’ meeting. Pictured are George W. Kinne Jr., left; Wayne Zanetti; Tanya Hahn; Raymond Walter; and Arthur Keesler.

Jeffersonville Bancorp hosts annual shareholders meeting

JEFFERSONVILLE, NY — Jeffersonville Bancorp, the single-bank holding company for Jeff Bank, held its annual shareholders meeting at the Town of Callicoon Town Hall on April 23.

The financial information presented by the executive management team included net income of \$11,175,000 in 2023.

“The bank had another fantastic year in

2023,” said George Kinne Jr., president/CEO. “With the continued growth in our core earnings, the bank was able to pay out another special dividend in February 2024.”

At the meeting, the company’s shareholders reelected Andrew Pavloff and Karen Fisher to three-year terms as directors. They also ratified the appointment of S.R. Snodgrass as the company’s independent public accounting firm.

HEALTH WELLNESS



■ YOU AND YOUR HEALTH

BY JAMES D. LOMAX

Health care safety issues

The health care system of the United States is a loosely structured system composed of many parts (hospital, outpatient, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, insurance payers etc.) that do not directly communicate within one centralized, nationwide information system. Because of its complexity, errors can be made that adversely affect the individual seeking care.

An example is medication errors. There are well over 6,800 different medication prescribed along with thousands of health supplements, herbs, ointments, potions and lotions. Each year, according to the National Institutes of Health, 7,000 to 9,000 people die due to medication errors. In addition there are hundreds of thousands of people who suffer side-effects from taking combinations of medication that are not reported.

This article describes the different types of potential problems that can occur and ways that institutions and health care professionals are attempting to decrease errors and hospitalizations, and improve outcomes for all of us.

Definitions

When discussing patient safety, it is essential to use clearly defined terms. An “adverse event” has taken place when any harm occurs from the treatment and not from the disease.

An error, as defined by the National Quality Forum (NQF), is “the failure of a planned action to be completed as intended or the use of a wrong plan to achieve an aim.” (The NQF is a nonprofit organization with a stated mission of working to improve health care outcomes, safety, equity and affordability.)

Other terms used in the medical literature include “near miss” (an event that did not produce harm, but only because of intervening factors or a last-minute intervention) and “preventable event” (an event that could have been anticipated and prepared for, but occurs because of an error or system failure).

Common types of medical errors

“Diagnostic error” is the most common reason for malpractice claims against physicians or institutions. It is estimated there are over 12 million errors made each year, which could be underreported per the



By Mazko Vadim, image by Freepik

Communication between doctor and patient is one way to prevent errors, or to catch them before they happen.

National Library of Medicine. The term refers to either failure to diagnose or a delayed diagnosis. It is estimated that five percent of adults seeking ambulatory care will experience a diagnostic error that has to potential to be harmful or fatal.

Drug error can occur at any point in the process of obtaining a prescription medication and taking it correctly. Incorrect prescribing by the health care practitioner, dispensing errors by the pharmacy, incorrect understanding of how to take the medication, and delayed monitoring of the effect of the drug can all lead to preventable hospitalizations, permanent harm and potential death.

Many older adults are taking five or more drugs that can lead to potentially harmful drug interactions and adverse side effects.

Testing errors occur due to the breakdown of ordering a test, processing the test in the lab or facility, a mix-up in correct patient reporting, the failure to report a result (lost/misfiled test results) and delayed follow-up with the patient of an abnormal result. The exact incidence of this problem is unclear, but because of the large volume of test

results received in a busy practice, it does occur. This can lead to a situation where the patient isn’t notified of an abnormal result and to delays in obtaining further diagnostic testing and treatment.

Care transition communication issues are the leading cause of adverse events and higher medical costs from readmissions to the hospital. Examples of transitions are when a person is discharged from the hospital back to his/her primary care physician, the transfer to a rehabilitation center or nursing home, and communication between physicians. There is the potential for incomplete or incorrect information in the discharge documents.

What are physicians and hospitals doing to address these issues?

Electronic medical records (EMR) systems

Hospitals and physician offices are now routinely using EMR software to document all interactions, order tests, prescribe medication and remind the health care provider

about needed testing or screening. These systems have decreased errors due to poor handwriting and misinterpretation of names of drugs and dosages. These systems are not perfect and depend on the accuracy of data entered into the system.

Because many test results are transmitted back to physician offices by digital methods, systems exist that require a designated person in the practice to review the result and then transfer it to the person’s file. Many doctors and hospital systems in our area have created patient ports that allow the individual to view the written results online as well as to communicate questions with the physician without needing a telephone call.

Hospital-based interventions

Hospitals are responsible for following up on individuals after discharge. Lack of follow-up with a community health care provider is a major reason why a person is readmitted within 30 days.

Because of EMR systems, written reports are generated at the time of discharge that are shared with the patient and family, along with discharge summaries, laboratory testing and consultant reports, which are sent or transmitted back to the treating doctor.

Getting a home-alone patient with chronic health problems to find transportation to the clinic or medical office for follow-up remains a persistent problem in our area. One approach that is used more frequently in some practices and hospitals is following up with patients using video technology. The physician and patient “meet” via Zoom to monitor how the person is doing.

Patient responsibility

An equal part of preventing errors from occurring is for the individual and his/her family to have a clear understanding of the diagnosis and treatment prescribed. Asking for clarification of treatment procedures and follow-up is essential. If English is not the person’s primary language, hospitals and doctor’s offices can provide translation services.

You need to be a persistent health care advocate for yourself and your family. Understand the risks and benefits of all the medications you are taking and the risks of medical procedures.



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What do you do if a friend or loved one is suffering from mental health problems? How do you convince them to seek help?

Know someone in need of mental health help?

Here are tips to convince them to get it

By STAN POPOVICH

There are many reasons why some people are reluctant to get help for their mental health or addiction issues.

In addition, many people are not sure how to encourage someone to get that help.

To address this issue, here are seven suggestions on how to convince a person struggling to get some assistance.

1. Talk to the person instead of talking at them. Nobody wants to be lectured or yelled at. The person who is struggling is scared and they need help in overcoming their fears and resistance to getting some guidance. Treat others the way you would want to be treated if the roles were reversed.

2. Find out why the person won't get help. Ask the individual who is struggling the reasons why they are reluctant to get some assistance. Although most people might not admit it, fear of the unknown and/or some kind of frustration are usually the main factors. It might take a few tries, but it's

important to find out what is stopping your friend or loved one from getting treatment.

3. Address the reasons why the individual won't get help. Once you know why he or she won't get some help, the next step is to find ways to deal with those factors. Addressing one's fears and concerns might convince them to take some action that will get their life back on track.

4. Get some advice from a professional. Talk to your doctor or a mental health counselor for recommendations on how you can help someone who is struggling. A medical professional in the mental health field will be able to give you some ideas and options that you can use to help convince someone you know to get some help.

5. Find someone who understands. Ask someone who has struggled with their mental health for their advice. For example, a person who used drugs and alcohol in the past could use their past experiences and insights to convince the individual to seek treatment. A person who used to struggle with addiction or mental health might be better able to relate to the person who is struggling.

6. Get them to attend a support group. Another way to convince someone to get help is to get them to go to a mental health support group. This may or may not work depending on the individual, but it is still worth a try. A person who goes to a support group can at least listen to those who are also struggling.

7. Be persistent. Continue to be persistent with your loved ones in getting them the help they need. Keep in contact with the doctor and any mental health counselor on progress. If things do not improve, continue to find other alternatives in getting the person some help.

Stan Popovich is the author of "A Layman's Guide to Managing Fear," which covers a variety of techniques that can drastically improve your mental health. For more information, visit www.managingfear.com.



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Time-restricted eating might be bad

More research would be good

NATIONWIDE — An analysis of over 20,000 U.S. adults found that people who limited their eating to less than eight hours per day—aka a time-restricted eating plan—were more likely to die from cardiovascular disease compared to people who ate across 12-16 hours per day, according to preliminary research presented by the American Heart Association in March.

Time-restricted eating, a type of intermittent fasting, involves limiting the hours for eating to a specific number of hours each day. This could range from a four to a 12-hour time window in a given 24-hour period.

Many people who follow a time-restricted eating diet follow a 16:8 eating schedule, where they eat all their foods in an eight-hour window and fast for the remaining 16 hours each day, the researchers noted.

Previous research has found that time-restricted eating improves several cardiometabolic health measures, such as blood pressure, blood glucose and cholesterol levels.

“Restricting daily eating time to a short period, such as eight hours per day, has gained popularity in recent years as a way to lose weight and improve heart health,” said senior study author Victor Wenzhe Zhong, Ph.D., a professor and chair of the department of epidemiology and biostatistics at the Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine in Shanghai, China. “However, the long-term health effects of time-restricted eating, including risk of death from any cause or cardiovascular disease, [were] unknown.”

So the researchers investigated. They reviewed information about dietary patterns for participants in the annual 2003-2018 National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys (NHANES) in comparison to data about people who died in the U.S., from 2003 through December 2019, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Death Index database.

The analysis found:

People who followed a pattern of eating all of their food within 8 hours per day had a 91 percent higher risk of death due to cardiovascular disease.

The increased risk of cardiovascular death was also seen in people living with heart disease or cancer.

Among people with existing cardiovascular disease, an eating duration of a minimum of eight but less than 10 hours per day was also associated with a 66 percent higher risk of death from heart disease or stroke.

Time-restricted eating did not reduce the overall risk of death from any cause.

An eating duration of more than 16 hours per day was associated with a lower risk of cancer mortality among people with cancer.

“We were surprised to find that people who followed an eight-hour, time-restricted eating schedule were more likely to die from cardiovascular disease. Even though this type of diet has been popular due to its potential short-term benefits, our research clearly shows that, compared with a typical eating time range of 12-16 hours per day, a shorter eating duration was not associated with living longer,” Zhong said.

“Our study’s findings encourage a more cautious, personalized approach to dietary recommendations, ensuring that they are aligned with an individual’s health status and the latest scientific evidence,” he continued. “Although the study identified an association between an eight-hour eating window and cardiovascular death, this does not mean that time-restricted eating caused cardiovascular death.”

The study’s limitations included its reliance on self-reported dietary information, which could be affected by a participant’s memory or recall and might not accurately assess typical eating patterns. Factors that could also play a

role in health were not included in the analysis.

Future research might examine the biological mechanisms that underly the associations between a time-restricted eating schedule and adverse cardiovascular outcomes, and whether these findings are similar for people who live in other parts of the world, the authors noted.

“Overall, this study suggests that time-restricted eating may have short-term benefits but long-term adverse effects. When the study is presented in its entirety, it will be interesting and helpful to learn more of the details of the analysis,” said Christopher D. Gardner, the Rehnberg Farquhar Professor of Medicine at Stanford University in Stanford, CA.

“One of those details involves the nutrient quality of the diets typical of the different subsets of participants. Without this information, it cannot be determined if nutrient density might be an alternate explanation to the findings that currently focus on the window of time for eating. Second, it needs to be emphasized that categorization into the different windows of time-restricted eating was determined on the basis of just two days of dietary intake,” he said.

“It will also be critical to see a comparison of demographics and baseline characteristics across the groups that were classified into the different time-restricted eating windows—for example, was the group with the shortest time-restricted eating window unique compared to people who followed other eating schedules, in terms of weight, stress, traditional cardiometabolic risk factors or other factors associated with adverse cardiovascular outcomes? This additional information will help to better understand the potential independent contribution of the short time-restricted eating pattern reported in this interesting and provocative abstract.”

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MONTICELLO, NY AND ONLINE — Garnet Health is offering a 12-month diabetes prevention program for qualified individuals.

There is no charge to attend.

Participants can select an online-only group, which starts at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14 and continues on Tuesdays. An in-person program will also be held, starting Thursday, May 16 and continuing on Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library.

This scientifically proven and effective CDC-led National Diabetes Prevention Program (National DPP) is a lifestyle-enhancement program that can help prevent or delay Type 2 diabetes, a Garnet Health spokesperson said. It is designed to teach individuals how to make better food choices and increase physical activity. It also provides helpful ways to stay motivated, manage stress and identify problems that can slow progress. Qualified participants will work together to achieve their goals, under the guidance of certified lifestyle coaches.

“One in three American adults has prediabetes, so the need for prevention has never been greater,” said Shelly DeHaan, R.D., the director of Garnet Health’s Diabetes and Nutrition Counseling Services. “The program is proven to motivate and support people with prediabetes to make practical, real-life changes while decreasing the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes by more than half.”

To be eligible for the Diabetes Prevention Program, participants must:

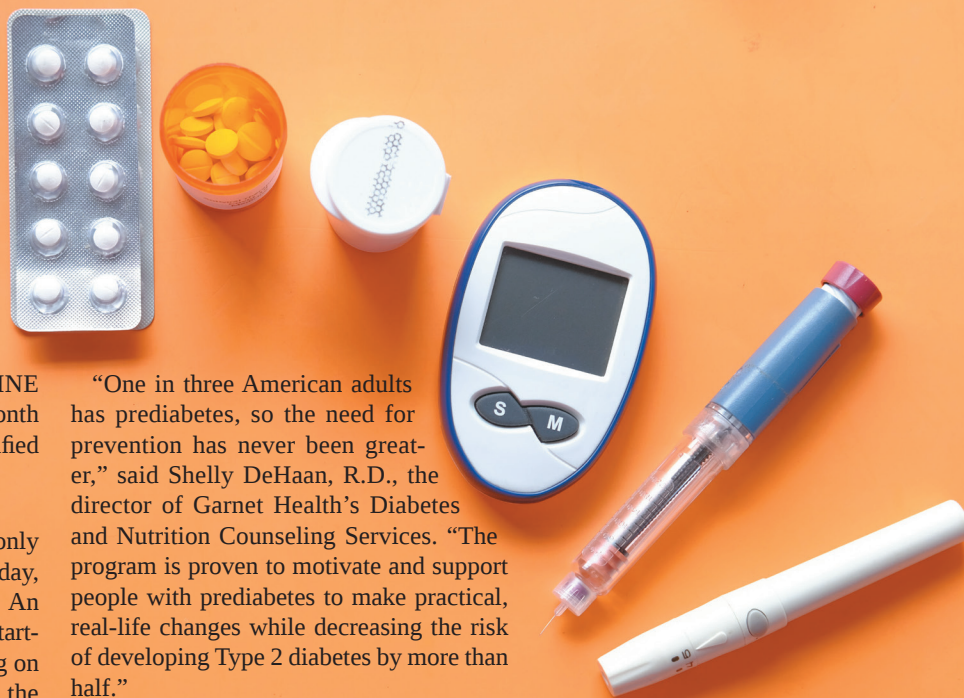
Be at least 18 years old

Be overweight (body mass index higher than or equal to 25; higher than or equal to 23 if Asian)

Have no previous diagnosis of Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes

Have either:

A blood test result in the prediabetes range within the past year (hemoglobin A1C: 5.7 percent to 6.4 percent);



Fasting plasma glucose of 100-125 mg/dL

Two-hour plasma glucose (after a 75-gram glucose load) of 140-199 mg/dL

Or a previous diagnosis of gestational diabetes or positive screening for prediabetes based upon the CDC prediabetes screening test

To learn more about Garnet Health’s Diabetes Prevention Program or to see if you qualify, call 845/333-2705 or visit garnethealth.org/preventdiabetes.

WMH Pulmonology adds nurse practitioner

HONESDALE, PA — Brant Adomiak, a certified registered nurse practitioner (CRNP) who specializes in pulmonary nursing, has joined Wayne Memorial Hospital’s pulmonology department.

Adomiak, who will work closely with Sean McVeigh, M.D. and family nurse practitioner Christina Cobb, diagnoses and treats pulmonary diseases.

Those include COPD, asthma, interstitial lung disease and COVID-19-related respiratory illnesses.

Adomiak comes to Wayne Memorial after close to five years of employment as a pulmonary nurse practitioner with Geisinger Wyoming Valley Hospital.

“I chose Wayne Memorial in part because of its size and location—small and rural,” he said. “After talking with Dr. McVeigh and Tina [Cobb], it seemed like a perfect fit. Plus, they have the same patient philosophy I do, which is to prioritize the patient. Do what’s best for them—the patient comes first.”

Adomiak received his bachelor’s degree in nursing from Wilkes University in Wilkes Barre and his master’s degree as a family nurse practitioner from the University of Scranton. He is board certified in Pennsylvania and lives in the Old Forge area of Lackawanna County.

Adomiak said he was drawn to pulmonology after a stint in occupational health at Mid-State Occupational Health in Dunmore from 2015 to 2019.

In addition to pulmonology, Wayne Memorial offers physician services in general and interventional cardiology, gastroenterology, nephrology, general surgery, neurology and orthopaedic procedures.

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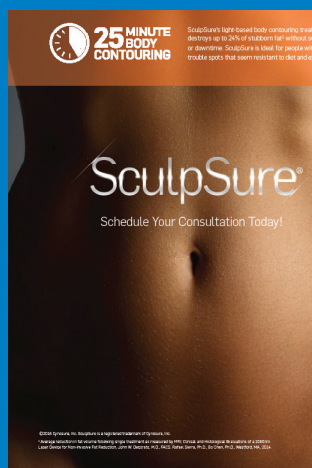
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Sleep more: shorter night can lead to high blood pressure

NATIONWIDE — Bad news for night owls: Sleeping less than seven hours a night could increase the risk of developing high blood pressure over time, according to a new study by Dr. Aayushi Sood, a doctor at The Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education.

The study found that sleeping less than seven hours increased the risk of developing high blood pressure by seven percent, and sleeping less than five hours increased the risk by 11 percent.

Dr. Sood, a third-year internal medicine resident physician in Scranton, PA, worked primarily with cardiologists Dr. Kaveh Hossein and Dr. Rahul Gupta, as well as other doctors. The research team presented the findings at the American College of Cardiology’s (ACC) 73rd Annual Scientific Session & Expo last month.

Using information from 16 studies conducted between January 2000 and May 2023, Dr. Sood and her fellow researchers evaluated hypertension, also known as high blood pressure, in more than one million adults from six countries. None had a prior history of hypertension.

Several potential confounding factors could contribute to the link between less sleep and higher blood pressure, including lifestyle factors such as poor diet, physical inactivity, smoking, alcohol consumption and psychological stressors. Those factors were not explicitly adjusted for in the study and could influence both sleep patterns and blood pressure, Dr. Sood said.

“So often, not getting enough sleep is something we take lightly,” Dr. Sood said. “It’s something you should talk to your doctor about because it can affect your health.”

Dr. Sood said more study is needed to understand the link between sleep and hypertension, and she is interested in pursuing further research.

“There are a lot of different theories attached to this research topic,” she said. “It could be that the lack of sleep is stimulating the sympathetic nervous system. If you do not sleep enough, your body could be stressed, which can also make your blood pressure go up.”

The native of Punjab in northwest India earned her medical degree from Washington University of Health & Science in San Pedro Town, Belize, in December 2019.

After returning home to assist her parents, who are both physicians, in treating patients during the COVID-19 pandemic, she came to the United States in July 2021 to begin her internal medicine residency at The Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education.

This isn’t the first time she’s worked with other doctors across the world on medical research.

“I believe that if you want to make a difference, you have to bring minds from all over the world together,” Dr. Sood said. “Everyone’s mind works differently, and each idea can bloom into something new.”

The Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education is one of the nation’s largest Health Resources and Services Administration-funded teaching-health center consortiums, with about 250 physicians in training. It offers residencies and fellowships.

For information about The Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education, visit TheWrightCenter.org or call 570/866-3017.

Garnet Health expands hospitalist services

MIDDLETOWN, NY — Garnet Health Doctors has increased its hospitalist team to 46 providers; they care for inpatients at Garnet Health Medical Center and Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills. Hospitalists are board-certified internists and family practitioners who care for and oversee the safety of hospitalized patients. They work with other specialists to guide all major aspects of treatment during a patient’s hospital stay, from admission to discharge.

Inpatient care can be complex. Hospitalists at Garnet Health Hospitalists specialize in managing the day-to-day care of hospitalized patients. They facilitate collaboration and communication with all care team members within the hospital, respond to emergencies, are there when questions arise and are a key component in preparing patients for discharge and their return to their primary care provider.

“A hospitalist is a crucial member of a patient’s care team,” said Leroy Cordero Floyd III, M.D., Garnet Health’s chief clinical transformation officer. “The addition of 12 hospitalists across our health system allows patients faster access to the same high-quality care.” The hospitalists are on staff 24 hours a day.

To learn more about Garnet Health’s hospitalist services, visit garnethealth.org/hospitalist-program.

Taking down tobacco

SULLIVAN COUNTY — Area students joined schools across the United States in participating in National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week in March as well as Take Down Tobacco National Day of Action in April.

Students from Liberty, Robert J. Kaiser and Eldred Middle Schools competed in poster contests, created inhaler tubes and learned about vaping and e-cigarettes from the CATCH My Breath youth vaping prevention program, which is led in Sullivan County by Sullivan 180.

Take Down Tobacco Day and National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week are observed annually to educate students on the effects of addictive habits such as vaping, and to empower them to help make a change in their community.

This year, Sullivan County middle school students competed in classroom poster contests on the theme “Vaping’s Not Our Thing.”

At Robert J. Kaiser Middle School, 48 students recently graduated from CATCH My Breath and the program is currently in progress at Liberty Middle School.

To bring the CATCH My Breath program to a school, organization or youth group, email Nicole Blais, Sullivan 180 prevention coordinator, at Nicole@Sullivan180.org or call 845/295-2684.



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Tomatoey goodness

TOMATO WORLD — Scientists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) and Ohio State University (OSU) have been investigating the health benefits of tomato consumption in a recently published study.

Studies in animals have shown that incorporating tomatoes into the diet can reduce the prevalence of chronic illnesses such as prostate and liver cancers.

It has been thought that compounds naturally produced by tomatoes are responsible for these effects. After absorption from a meal, many of the chemical compounds found in the fruits of the tomato plant travel to the liver, where they are metabolized. Some compounds remain for some time, while others are quickly removed from the body.

Meanwhile, in the liver or other tissues, some of these compounds can alter gene expression in ways associated with positive health benefits. Researchers in the past have largely focused on lycopene, a pigment that gives tomatoes their red color. However, tomatoes produce thousands of compounds, and it has been shown that tomato consumption offers more benefits than lycopene alone. A “big picture” view was missing.

“We know that eating tomatoes is associated with a number of health benefits, and our study intended to dive deeper into what happens when you eat tomatoes from the standpoint of what is absorbed and how gene expression is altered,” said Michael Dzakovich Ph.D., a scientist with USDA-ARS Children’s Nutrition Research Center. “Rather than focusing only on one compound, we utilized a technology called metabolomics to broadly profile how hundreds of chemical compounds were changing in the liver as a result of tomato consumption. We also used transcriptomics to measure how all the detectable genes in the liver were changing at the same time.

“We discovered a series of metabolites [molecules produced by metabolism] that have never been reported in the liver. Several of these compounds have been found in blood, skin and urine, but our data show that these molecules are more extensively metabolized than we realized,” said Dzakovich. The metabolites are from steroidal alkaloids uniquely produced in tomatoes.

“Steroidal alkaloids have been shown in both in vitro [in the laboratory] and animal studies to lower the absorption of cholesterol, reduce cancer cell proliferation and reduce muscle atrophy. They also resemble many important signaling molecules made by the



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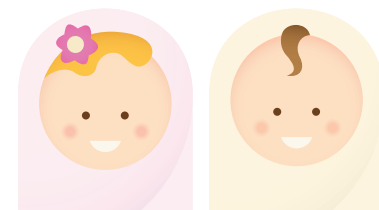
Research is starting to show just how good tomatoes are for you. (The answer: very good.)

body. It seems reasonable to hypothesize they might be a part of a suite of compounds found in tomatoes that benefit human health,” he said.

In addition, scientists observed that regardless of the tomato variety, there was an increase in the activation of genes related to xenobiotic metabolism, a series of biological processes that help our body detoxify itself. This led the authors to hypothesize that one way in which tomatoes could benefit human health is in the ability to promote the production of the enzymes that allow the excretion of potentially toxic compounds. Similar gene expression profiles have been associated with the prevention of cancer development due to consuming vegetables such as brassicas (e.g. broccoli).

More details about this study can be found in Molecular Nutrition and Food Research.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARTS,
LEISURE AND OUTDOORS

Spotlight on a family business

John H. Eschenberg, Inc.

By MARK CASNER

CALLICOON, NY — Dennis Eschenberg is the proprietor of John H. Eschenberg, Inc. The store and showroom are located on a particularly scenic stretch of the road.

The winding creek behind the store looks inviting, especially now as spring is here and trout season is coming up.

The oldest building in the group of buildings on that spot was once a barn. It was built in 1917, and the family-owned business has been in operation since 1947.

Dennis Eschenberg began working there when he was nine years old, in 1959, doing light work. He compared this to family farm work. "Everybody chips in," he said.

The two-person hand saw used by Dennis and his brother when they were 12 and 13 years old is there on the wall in the showroom, along with various power saws the family used in the 1960s. You can see other saws and tools for sale throughout the room. Shiny New Ones, I mean.

Dennis' father, who moved to this area in the early 1930s, ran the business for years, and when he got sick and stopped working, the store and the repair shop passed to the son, who runs it today.

Dennis says he and the shop were lucky that there are so many nice people in the area to do business with.

With that in mind, he says they always strive to keep it friendly at Eschenberg's.

As with anything, there are obstacles.

Keeping parts in stock, keeping pieces on site, requires attention. "You have to work on it," Dennis said.

He showed me around the showroom on my recent visit. We saw Mowers by Bad Boy, Bob Cat and Husqvarna. In the next room, you see rows of chainsaws by Stihl, various leafblowers and trimmers. Dennis is justifiably proud of the neat appearance in the two showrooms. Everything is in its place.

Since they specialize in small engine repairs and service, another room houses their busy workshop. A garden tractor or mower was being worked on, as well as power tools. I have seen people bringing in chainsaws for repair. The estimates are free.

Garden tractors, they sell them there; they also sell riding lawn mowers, walk-behind mowers, stand-on mowers, self-propelled mowers, pull-behind mowers and zero-turn mowers.

You'll find Kawasaki engines, Kohler engines, Briggs and Stratton engines, chainsaws, leaf blowers, stone saws, trimmers, pole saws, portable work lights, tillers, trimmers and pressure washers.

Hand tools on hand include Cant hooks, Peaveys, hand pruners, pole pruners, pruning saws, hedge shears, log stands, axes and loppers.

They carry safety equipment such as hearing protectors, safety glasses, chaps, helmets and gloves.



RR photo by Mark Casner

Dennis Eschenberg is pictured in front of a display of leaf blowers and weed whackers at John H. Eschenberg, Inc.

We spoke about community and doing business in this unique area. I asked Dennis about advice for a person starting a business now.

He said, "This is a pretty difficult thing to do these days. It's hard to give advice under current circumstances."

On the other hand, Dennis says things that sound like advice to me. Keep smiling; be polite; service with a smile.

Mark Casner is a longtime union member, activist and representative. Former resident of Pennsylvania, New York, Washington, D.C. and Maryland. Current resident of Pennsylvania.

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Art and the Callicoon bridge

Two organizations invite all to capture the connection in paint

CALLICOON, NY — Bridges are more than structures that span a gap.

Bridges connect people and communities; every bridge is a symbol of the triumph of hope over the obstacles to creating it.

A “View From the Bridge” community painting party will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 4 to celebrate the bridge that connects Callicoon and Damascus Township, PA.

Whether you’re an experienced painter or just looking to explore your artistic side, the “View From the Bridge” outdoor painting party will be a day filled with fine food, fine wine and fine art.

The view from the bridge in Callicoon is breathtaking—no matter which direction you look. It’s where the Delaware River runs through a narrow, heavily wooded valley with mountains rising as high as nearly 700 feet above.

The views of the bridge, from Callicoon Creek Park and other local landmarks are equally impressive. The nearby train depot and railroad tracks are also sure to attract some painters.

“We’re hoping artists will immerse themselves in the scenic views and the spring breeze,” said Ciera Moore, event coordinator. “It’s a chance for art lovers to connect

in a welcoming and supportive environment and share the joy of creation.”

Complimentary coffee and pastries will be available during on-site sign-in at the Delaware Free Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library. Artists are also invited to take a break for a complimentary lunch.

Art lovers and artists of all levels are welcome; art supplies will be available for beginners.

There is no charge to attend.

The painting party is co-sponsored by the Western Sullivan Public Library and the Barryville Area Arts Association, but pre-registration is required. Email barryvil.leareaarts@gmail.com to register.

This project is sponsored by the Western Sullivan Public Library and the Barryville Area Arts Association, and made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a program of the NYS Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the NY State Legislature and administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Association.

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Breaking down and building up

DVAA exhibits explore life and beauty



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This work is part of "Beauty in Breakdown," by Catherine Chesters. The exhibit is on display in the Loft Gallery at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance in Narrowsburg, NY.

NARROWSBURG, NY — As spring awakens with vibrant colors and newfound life, the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) presents two exhibitions that contemplate the unfurling growth of spring, as well as the delicate balance between beauty and decay in the natural world.

In "Tendrils, Limbs, Bellies and Blooms," artist Hanna Washburn creates anthropomorphic sculptures of fabric and repurposed objects.

"Beauty in Breakdown," by Catherine Chesters, creates mixed media compositions exploring themes of decay and regeneration.

The opening reception will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 4 at the gallery. Both Washburn and Chesters will give artist talks on Saturday, May 11. See delawarevalleyartsalliance.org for details, including time.

About Hanna Washburn

Hudson Valley, NY-based Hanna Washburn constructs sculptures from repurposed materials, such as clothing, furniture and household items. The objects

are sourced from her own life and those of her friends and family.

She sews by hand, and the forms evolve into complex aggregates of color, pattern and texture.

Employing textile techniques such as quilting, embroidery and upholstery, she creates anthropomorphic sculptures that blur boundaries between objects and lifeforms. The resulting sculptures suggest growth and change as they extend into space.

"Tendrils, Limbs, Bellies, and Blooms" reflects the season we find ourselves in: springtime, a moment of change, lengthening and growth. The works in this exhibition are materially and thematically concerned with cycles of life and care. The works are on display in the Alliance Gallery.

About Catherine Chesters

"Beauty in Breakdown," an exhibit of work by Catherine Chesters, explores the intricate relationship between beauty and the breakdown of conventional forms. Through her mixed media artworks, Chesters contemplates the beauty that emerges from

fragmentation and disarray.

This is Chesters' second solo show at DVAA. These works wrestle with the past and further explore ideas of decay and destruction. "Beauty in Breakdown" challenges traditional notions of perfection.

Chesters, who is originally from County Durham, U.K. and is now based in Narrowsburg, draws inspiration from the discarded elements found in everyday life—items natural or unnatural. Much like the mycorrhizal networks that weave through the forest floor, connecting trees in a symbiotic relationship, these fragments reflect the unseen bonds that unite us all.

"Beauty in Breakdown" is exhibited in the Loft Gallery.

The Loft and Alliance Galleries are located in the DVAA building at 37 Main St.

Both exhibits will be in place until Sunday, June 9.

For more information, visit delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

Contributed by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Literary contest to precede Deep Water Literary Festival

NARROWSBURG, NY — In advance of this year's Deep Water Literary Fest (June 21-23), a literary contest will be held in collaboration with Black to Nature, The Black Library and Catskill Mountainkeeper. It plays on the theme of this year's festival—"Another Eden," a deep dive into utopian communities, and the rich tapestry of ideas that have inspired idyllic societies.

The contest calls for narratives showcasing the diversity and richness of experiences within the environmental and outdoor

communities.

The deadline to enter is Wednesday, May 15. Enter in one of three categories: youth, young adult or adult.

To contribute a narrative, visit amsterdamnews.com/reflectionssubmissions/.

Winners will be announced on Sunday, June 23 at the Deep Water Literary Festival.

Learn more at amsterdamnews.com/reflections/.

Jonathan Wells to read at the library in Callicoon

CALLICOON, NY — On Friday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m., visiting poet Jonathan Wells will read from his work at Western Sullivan Public Library's Delaware Free branch.

Wells is the author of three collections of poetry: "Debris" (2021), "The Man with Many Pens" (2015) and "Train Dance" (2011), all published by Four Way Books.

His work has appeared in the New Yorker, Ploughshares and more.

The evening will include an open mic.

It's part of the First Friday events at the library.

For more information, email Ciera Moore, WSPL adult programmer, at c.moore@rcls.org.

A celebration of art and maternal love

CALLICOON, NY — On Sunday, May 5 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., ENGN Weigh Station will host "Mother's Day Art Exhibition."

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As part of the day, ENGN invites all

attendees to a communal drawing session, "a symbol of our shared appreciation for mothers everywhere," a staff member said. All materials will be provided.

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LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — Catskill Art Space (CAS) will hold an exhibition of new work by Lenore Malen, Debra Pearlman, Samantha Modder and Amy Yoes beginning on Saturday, May 4.

The exhibitions will be on view in the ground floor galleries of Catskill Art Space, 48 Main St. Exhibition hours are Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Malen and Pearlman will present a joint exhibition of their photographic work in the Eastern Gallery on the ground floor.

The two artists have been deeply engaged in each other's work for several years and share an interest in spontaneous role-playing and play-acting. In both bodies of work, tension, rules, teasing, order and violence prevail. The interactions of adults in Malen's images and children in those of Pearlman's illuminate the complexities of conflicts and provisional, always fragile, resolutions in our current culture.

Learn more about the artists and the CAS at www.catskillartspace.org.

Contributed by Catskill Art Space.

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TESS pop-up to feature surrealist Evgeni Gordiets

NARROWSBURG, NY — The gallery TESS Mainstreet will host the work of Ukrainian-born artist Evgeni Gordiets, starting with an opening reception that takes place from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 4.

This is the fourth in a series of artist pop-ups.

Gordiets was first lauded as a prodigy at age five. "There is nothing in this world that makes more sense to me than the balance and beauty of nature," said the artist. "To me, today, life and painting are one."

The reception is being held in conjunction with the opening reception for Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's exhibit of artists Hanna Washburn and Catherine Chesters.

Gordiets' work will be on view until Sunday, June 9.



Contributed image

"Bird of Small Town" by Evgeni Gordiets. The artist's work will be on view at TESS Mainstreet beginning Saturday, May 4.

TESS is located at 15 Main St. and is open Thursday-Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; it is open on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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IN MY HUMBLE OPINION

BY JONATHAN CHARLES FOX

Never on Sunday

While I was chatting with fellow theatre reviewer Lori Schneider about attending a Yarnslingers event scheduled for April 28 at the Arts Nest in Lake Huntington, NY last weekend, she audibly gasped. “Really?” she said, “I’m dumbfounded. I thought your column deadline was on Sunday and that you never, ever went out on that day of the week.

“Yes, of course, you’re right,” I lamented. “Never on Sunday. What was I thinking?”

Not that there isn’t plenty (IMHO) to see, hear or do in the Upper Delaware River region on a Sunday, but if I dare to venture outside the confines of Camp Fox before completing my work for the week, I’m distracted and constantly looking over my shoulder; checking the time to make sure that I won’t miss said deadline which is written in stone. No wiggle room, no excuses and “no rest for the wicked,” as Barbara Fox would say.

It’s almost as surprising to find me out and about on a Wednesday, as it’s traditionally my day off and I’m likely to stick close to home, pattering around with the dog, making myself busy with this, that and the other thing. This past Wednesday, the “other thing” turned out to be happening at Shadowland Stages in Ellenville, NY.

“Have you heard?” Lori asked in a text. “Your pal Jefferson McDonald is coming to Shadowland with his new show. We’re going, right?”

Not only had I heard, but several people had already mentioned that they’d heard as well, and it was my understanding that the one-night-only appearance was selling like hotcakes. So Lori and I made plans to go together, “even though” I intoned, “it’s my day off.”

My first exposure to McDonald was in 2019, when he vividly portrayed the incredible Jerry Lee Lewis in “Million Dollar Quartet” at the Forestburgh Playhouse. It’s a role he has reprised no fewer than 14 times, most recently last year at Shadowland, where he was proclaimed the “breakout star” of an ensemble show. More recently, the actor/singer/musician extraordinaire has created a new one-man show (aided and abetted by a revolving crew of ridiculously talented musicians) that expands on that notion.

Don’t miss “Jefferson McDonald’s Great Balls of Fire,” Shadowland’s Facebook page announced, proclaiming that the show had sold out in 48 hours and that they had added a second performance. Thankfully, Lori and I had secured our seats to see McDonald and friends rock and roll their way through what turned out to be two frenetic, entertaining acts covering not only Jerry Lee Lewis, but also including musical tributes to Chuck Berry, Willie Nelson, Ray Price and Elvis, to name but a few.

Neither of us had actually planned to “review” the show (“it’s only one night” Lori reminded me). It features the talents of Colin Summers (guitar/vocals), Jerry Scaringe (bass/harmonica), Michael Olivieri (guitar), James White (sax) and Michael Klopp (drums). But I’d feel remiss not ex-



Photo by Andy Gill

I wish I had taken this fantastic pic, but thankfully photographer Andy Gill did, capturing the essence of “Jefferson McDonald’s Great Balls of Fire.”



RR photo by Jonathan Charles Fox

Fellow theatre reviewers Lori Schneider, left, and Carol Montana joined me and the insanely talented star of the show, far right, for a group pic following the sold-out smash hit “Jefferson McDonald’s Great Balls of Fire” at Shadowland Stages in Ellenville, NY.

pressing my thoughts, since McDonald is bound to make his way back to the Catskills, hopefully sooner than later—so I took notes.

“Where can he possibly go from here?” I hastily scribbled in my program after an opening number that blew the roof off the place. No clue what the song was—since I simply scrawled the word “electrifying”—

but the guys followed it with insanely exciting renditions of familiar tunes such as “That’s Alright Mama,” “Blue Suede Shoes,” “Folsom Prison Blues” and a song I’d never heard, but now can’t get out of my head, called “Flip, Flop and Fly.”

“Thank goodness for intermission,” I said to Lori as we greeted familiar faces in the

audience when the lights came up. “I need to catch my breath.”

After watching McDonald careen across the stage as he and his band literally tore it up—rumor has it he “broke” a piano the night before—there was little room left for doubt. This guy is the real deal. Not only does he have serious rock and roll chops, but he has the rare ability to invite the audience to join in, sing along, dance in the aisles and just plain whoop it up as if we were all old friends out together for a night on the town.

While it’s hard to believe, the second set built upon the groundwork that McDonald had laid out in the first. I wrote words like “talent literally oozes from his pores” as Jefferson and his band rocked the house with “Johnny B. Goode,” “Suzy Q” and “Little Sister”—a raucously fun rendition that he hilariously referred to as “a classic hillbilly love song.”

One by one, McDonald graciously gave his bandmates opportunities to shine, while thoroughly charming the audience. He encouraged those seated to get up and shake it out, offering “free merch” as incentive, mugging his way through musical salutes to rock and roll legends, all the while poised to become one himself.

Following an incredibly energetic rendition of Bill Haley’s “Shake, Rattle and Roll,” Jefferson ran offstage and I turned to another pal/reviewer seated behind me, the inimitable Carol Montana. “I don’t think he’ll do an encore,” I said. “I mean really, how could he?”

“Have you forgotten what the show is called, Jonathan?” Carol asked with a laugh. She had just joined other audience members who were catapulted out of their seats—singing, dancing, hooting and hollering. “Oh, right,” I replied with a laugh, as Carol, Lori and I simultaneously uttered the words “Great Balls of Fire.” Just then Jefferson McDonald returned, mopping his brow, and hit the stage running to perform the title song.

All three of us stayed after the show to pay homage (I mean, say hi) to Jeff and grab a pic for posterity. “Thanks,” I whispered as we exchanged a hug. “I had no idea how much I needed this evening. I laughed; I sang—I even gave you a standing ovation, along with every other person in the theatre, and I rarely stand. Wow, man—what a freakin’ show.”

On the way home, Lori asked the inevitable question. “What if the show had been scheduled for a Sunday? Would you have gone? You always say ‘Never on Sunday.’”

Without hesitation, I reminded her that there’s “an exception to every rule and Jefferson McDonald is that exception.” Run, don’t walk—you can thank me later.

For more information, visit www.jeffersonmcdonald.com

Fun Fact: “Never on Sunday” is a 1960 film (and Academy Award-winning song) set in Greece, starring Melina Mercouri. Jules Dassin is an American scholar determined to improve the life of a prostitute with whom he is infatuated.

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LAKEVILLE, PA — The National Alliance on Mental Illness support group 7-9pm, 10 Daniels Rd. Register at info@naminepa.org.

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CALLICOON, NY — Oak Rose Forest School open house, 11am-noon, at 217 Cty. Rd. 131. www.oakroseforestschool.com.

Poetry Open Mic @ LMFL

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — Livingston Manor Free Library Poetry Open Mic, 6-7pm, 92 Main St. livingstonmanorlibrary.org.

Blood Drive @ Mongaup Valley

MONGAUP VALLEY, NY — Red Cross blood drive, 1-6pm at the Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Department, 181 Ballard Rd. Schedule at www.redcrossblood.org or call 800/733-2767.

First Friday Networking @ SCCoC

LAKE HUNTINGTON, NY — Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce First Friday Networking Breakfast, Delaware Valley Opera Center, 7:30am, 6692 State Rte. 52. \$25-35. business.catskills.com/events.

Life Skills Group @ ATI

MONTECELLO, NY — Action Toward Independence life skills group, 5-6pm, 309 East Broadway. Recreation night is every 4th Friday for age 13-31. info@atitoday.org.

Resolving Generational Conflict @ WPWA

HONESDALE, PA — The Wayne Pike Workforce Alliance Generational Conflict Workshop, 9am-noon, at 646 Park St. scrantonoutreach@psu.edu.

Saturday, May 4

4-H Saturdays @ CCE

LIBERTY, NY — Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan 4-H Saturdays, 10am-12:30pm, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd. For ages 5-18. Register at bjm292@cornell.edu.

Artist Reception @ DVAA

NARROWSBURG, NY — The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance artist reception for "Tendrils, Limbs, Bellies, and Blooms" by Hanna Washburn, and "Beauty in Breakdown" by Catherine Chesters, 4-6pm at 37 Main St. delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

BBQ @ A.B.A.T.E.

LACKAWAXEN, PA — Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education (ABATE) 29th annual BBQ, 1-7pm at the Lackawaxen Firehouse, 774 Rte. 590. www.pikecountyabate.org.

City-Wide Yardsale @ Port Jervis

PORT JERVIS, NY — City-Wide Yardsale, 9am-4pm. www.portjervisny.gov, info@portjervisny.gov.

Craft Fair/Yard Sale @ Liberty Elks Lodge

LIBERTY, NY — Liberty Elks Lodge #1545 craft fair & yard sale, 10am-3pm at 21 John St. Vendors, makers, prizes & food. libertyelks1545@gmail.com, 845/292-3434.

Designer Purse Bingo @ DYC

CALLICOON, NY — The Callicoon Business Association Mother's Day Designer Purse Bingo 1-5pm at 8 Creamery Rd. \$40/advance, \$50 door. RSVP at events.callicoon@gmail.com.

Discover SUNY Day @ SCCC

LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY — Discover SUNY Sullivan day, noon-3pm at 112 College Road. Learn about everything that SUNY Sullivan has to offer! sunysullivan.edu.

Elisa Mark & June Bender @ Arts Nest

LAKE HUNTINGTON, NY — Delaware Valley Opera presents Elisa Mark & June Bender, 7-9pm, 6692 St. Rte. 52. \$20/person, myrivertickets.com.

Expectant Parent Support Group @ PCPL

MILFORD, PA — The Milford branch of the Pike County Public Library Expectant Parent Support Group, 10:30am-noon, 119 East Harford St. programs@pcpl.org, 570/296-8211.

'Fairy Tale' @ MEEC

WURTSBORO, NY — Mamakating Environmental Education Center movie night, "Fairy Tale" 1-3pm at 762 South Rd. Tickets on sale Apr. 9. Register at 845/644-5014.

Hand Building Pottery @ Bodhi Tree

HONESDALE, PA — Bodhi Tree Studio Hand Building Pottery Workshop, Saturdays through June 8, 2-4pm at 214 6th St. Register at bodhitreeart.squarespace.com

Kite Festival @ SUNY Sullivan

LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY — 31st annual Sullivan Kite Festival, 11am-4pm at SUNY Sullivan, 112 College Rd. www.sunysullivan.edu.

Lock House 31 Clean-up & Pot Luck @ Hawley

HAWLEY, PA — The Lackawaxen River Conservancy & the Wayne Co. Historical Society Lock House 31 clean-up & pot luck lunch, 9am-1pm at Lock 31, Rte. 6. lackawaxenriver.org.

Manor Flea 1 @ Catskill Brewery

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — The Catskill Brewery Recurring Flea Market, Sat. & Sun, noon-5pm at 672 Old Route 17. Table fee \$25/weekend. www.catskillbrewery.com/events.

Opening Reception @ CAS

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — Catskill Art Space artist talk & opening reception for Lenore Malen, Debra Pearlman, Samantha Modder & Amy Yoes, 3-4pm at 48 Main St. www.catskillartspace.org.

Opening Reception @ Old Stone House

WOODBORNE, NY — The Old Stone House opening reception for "Spring," an art exhibit by Helena Clare Pittman, 4-7pm, 282 Hasbrouck Rd. www.oldstonehouse.org.

Penny Social @ YFH

YOUNGSVILLE, NY — The Youngsville Fire House penny social benefiting the Youngsville St. Francis Church 11:30am, calling at 1pm, 1822 Shandeleer Rd. 845/482-4292.

Plein Air @ BAAA

CALLICOON, NY — Barryville Area Arts Association Plein Air "View From the Bridge," 10am-2pm at the Callicoon Library, 45 Lower Main St. Refreshments & lunch included. Register at barryvilleareaarts@gmail.com.

Pond Paddle @ PEEC

DINGMANS FERRY, PA — Pocono Environmental Education Center Bridge the Gap: Pond Paddle, 10am-noon at 538 Emery Rd. Register at 570/828-2319.

Port Jervis Bike Event @ Port Jervis

PORT JERVIS, NY — 12 Hours of Port Jervis bike event, at Elks-Brox Memorial Park. www.portjervisny.gov.

Run For The Roses @ Stourbridge Line

HONESDALE, PA — Stourbridge Line & Runaway Train Brewery present Run for the Roses, a 2.5-hour round trip excursion from Honesdale to Hawley at 3pm. Tickets at www.facebook.com/RunawayTrainBrewery.

Spin-In @ Fiber on Main

HURLEYVILLE, NY — Fiber on Main spin-in open studio, noon-3pm at 227 Main St. fiberstudioonmain@gmail.com.

Spring Open House @ WCHS

HONESDALE, PA — Wayne County Historical Society Spring Open House, 11am-4pm at 810 Main St. Tour the museum, enjoy new exhibits, & shop in the gift shop. www.waynehistoricalpa.org.

The MacGyver Secret @ Narrowsburg Union

NARROWSBURG — Narrowsburg Union hosts The MacGyver Secret for Veterans, taught by Lee Zlotoff, creator of the MacGyver TV series, May 4-5, 9am-3pm, at 7 Erie Ave. www.facebook.com/narrowsburgunion.

Watres Lodge Tour @ Lacawac Sanctuary

LAKE ARIEL, PA — Lacawac Sanctuary tour & open house of its historic Watres Lodge, 10am at 195 Sanctuary Rd. Register at www.lacawac.org.

Wildflower Field Trip @ SCAS

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY — Sullivan County Audubon Society Wildflower Field Trip to the Mulholland Wildflower Preserve in Ithaca. Register with Renee Davis 845/798-3266.

Sunday, May 5

Bonsai for Beginners @ MEEC

WURTSBORO, NY — Mamakating Environmental Education Center presents Bonsai for beginners, 1-2:30pm at 762 South Rd. Register at 845/644-5014.

Delaware River 5K Run/Walk @ Port Jervis

PORT JERVIS, NY — The City of Port Jervis 30th annual Delaware River 5K Run/Walk, 9am at Riverside Park. www.portjervisny.gov/events.

Designer Bag Bingo @ SCCoC

ROSCOE, NY — Sullivan Co. Chamber of Commerce Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser, at Rockland House, 159 Rockland Rd., noon-5pm. \$45/person, register at business.catskills.com/events.

Intro to Orienteering @ PEEC

DINGMANS FERRY, PA — Pocono Environmental Education Center Bridge the Gap: Intro to Orienteering, 10am-noon at 538 Emery Rd. Call to register, 570/828-2319.

Morning Bird Walk @ Lacawac Sanctuary

LAKE ARIEL, PA — Lacawac Sanctuary Morning Bird walk, 8:30am at 195 Sanctuary Rd. Register at www.lacawac.org.

Painting Party @ WSPL-J

JEFFERSONVILLE, NY — The Barryville Area Arts Assoc, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance & Western Sullivan Public Library present a painting party, 4pm at 19 Center St. Register wsplonline.libcal.com.

'Stone Structures' @ Time & the Valleys

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY — Time & the Valleys Museum presents "Native American Stone Structures of the Catskill Mountains," with Glenn Kreisberg, 2pm, 332 Main St. www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

Wingspan Game @ MEEC

WURTSBORO, NY — Mamakating Environmental Education Center Wingspan board game event, 2-4pm at 762 South Rd. Register at www.facebook.com/Mamakatingnaturecenter.

Monday, May 6

Acting Academy @ CPT

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — Catskill Public Theater presents Acting Academy, 8-week class Mondays & Thursdays through June 27 at Livingston Manor Consolidated School, 19 School St.

Afterschool Creative Arts @ Narrowsburg

NARROWSBURG, NY — Tusten Social Afterschool Creative Arts Program, 4:30pm, Mondays at the library, 210 Bridge St. For grades 7-12. Free but register at info@tustenyouth.org.

Caregiver Cafe @ CCE

LIBERTY, NY — Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County Caregiver Cafe: Alzheimer's & Dementia support group, 10-11am at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd. Register at tinyurl.com/3s4uhzc9.

Open House @ Mamakating

WURTSBORO, NY — Sullivan County Trail Keeper Open House for the O&W Rail Trail Corridor Study, 4-7pm, 2948 US-209, www.facebook.com/TrailKeeper.

Tuesday, May 7

Alzheimer's Support Group @ WMH

HONESDALE, PA — Wayne Memorial Hospital Alzheimer's Support Group, 5:30-6:30pm at 601 Park St, David Katz conference room. Registration recommended 800/272-3900.

Blood Drive @ Park St Complex

HONESDALE, PA — Red Cross blood drive, 12:30-6:30pm, Wayne County Park Street Complex, 648 Park St. Schedule at www.redcrossblood.org or 800/733-2767.

Life After Loss @ Monticello UMC

MONTECELLO, NY — Monticello United Methodist Church Life After Loss bereavement series, 6:30-7:45pm, at 445 Broadway. Register at 845/303-5205.

Momma Bears Support Group @ NAMI

ONLINE — The National Alliance on Mental Illness presents a virtual Momma Bears connection support group, 7-8:30pm, Register at info@naminepa.org.

Sage Sessions @ Narrowsburg

NARROWSBURG, NY — Tusten Social & Growing Old Together Sage Sessions, 1:30-3pm, at the Bridge Street Bakehouse, 175 Bridge St. Ages 60+ www.tustensocial.org.

Wednesday, May 8

Body Art Tattoo @ WCPL

HONESDALE, PA — Wayne County Public Library presents Body Art Tattoo with Craven, 4-5:30pm, 1406 Main St. Register at mkeesler@waynelibraries.org.

Caregiver Support @ CCE PM

ONLINE — Cornell Cooperative Extension presents virtual caregiver support, 4-5pm on Zoom. Register sullivanccce.org/events.

How Money Works @ DPL

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY — Daniel Pierce Library presents How Money Works, 6pm, 328 Main St. Register at www.danielpiercelibrary.org.

Open Studio @ Fiber on Main

HURLEYVILLE, NY — Fiber on Main open studio, 4-7pm, 227 Main St. Bring a small project to work on & chat with fellow crafters. 845/707-8769, fiberstudioonmain@gmail.com.

Parents for Parents @ ATI

ONLINE, MONTECELLO, NY — Action Toward Independence Parents for Parents group, 5-7pm, 2309 East Broadway & on Zoom. www.atitoday.org.

Pedestrian Count @ Hurleyville

HURLEYVILLE, NY — Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County Pedestrian Count, 2-4pm at Hurleyville O&W Rail Trail, 218 Main St. sullivanccce.org/events.

Tusten Youth Club @ Narrowsburg

NARROWSBURG, NY — Tusten Youth Club meets Wednesdays at 3-6pm for ages 11-16, & 4:30-6pm for ages 7-16, at 198 Bridge St. Register at info@tustenyouth.org.

Thursday, May 9

Coffee Talk @ Tusten Cup

NARROWSBURG, NY — Sullivan West School District Coffee Talk, a discussion of the 2024-2025 budget, 8-10am at 8 Main St. www.swcsd.org.

Family Support Group @ NAMI

ONLINE/HAWLEY, PA — The National Alliance on Mental Illness family support group, 6-7:30pm, Grandma's Bakery, 110 Hemlock Farms. Register at info@naminepa.org.

Girl's Night Out @ Honesdale

HONESDALE, PA — The Greater Honesdale Partnership Girl's Night Out, 5-9pm. Register online at visithonesdalepa.com for \$10 and get a free tote bag.

Race & Rally @ MMC

MONTECELLO, NY — Monticello Motor Club & Access Support Race & Rally, noon-7pm at 67 Cantrell Rd. Register at accessupports.org, 845/673-7127.

Senior Cinema Social @ HPAC

HURLEYVILLE, NY — The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre Senior Cinema Social, 2pm, 219 Main St. www.hurleyvilleartscentre.org/senior-cinema.

Spring Afternoon Tea @ Settlers

HAWLEY, PA — Settlers Inn Spring Afternoon Tea, 2pm, 4 Main Ave. \$39, reservations 570/226-2993.

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Friday, May 10

'Blithe Spirit' @ SCDW

SOUTH FALLSBURG, NY — Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents "Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward, Fri-Sat through May 18, 8pm at 5243 State Route 42. \$12-\$15/person. www.scdw.net.

Break a Hundred Weekend @ SCAS

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY — Sullivan County Audubon Society presents Break a Hundred weekend. How many birds can you find on May 10-12? Report to Patrick Dechon 914/388-7298, or pdechon@gmail.com.

Free Food Distribution @ CCE

LIBERTY, NY — Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan presents Free Food Mass Distribution, noon-2pm at Majek Furniture parking lot, 312 E. Broadway, sullivan.cce.org/events.

'Guys & Dolls' @ Milford

MILFORD, PA — Hotel Fauchere presents "Guys & Dolls: The Musical," 8-10pm, Fri. & Sat. at the Milford Theatre, 114 E. Catherine St. \$40/person at hotelfauchere.com.

Members Plant Sale @ PEEC

DINGMANS FERRY, PA — Pocono Environmental Education Center members plants pre-sale, 5-7pm at 538 Emery Ed. peec.org, 570/828-2319.

Spring Afternoon Tea @ Settlers

HAWLEY, PA — Settlers Inn Spring Afternoon Tea, Fri, Sat, Sun, 2pm, 4 Main Ave. \$39, reservations 570/226-2993.

Wild Foods Cooking Class @ Outside Institute

NARROWSBURG, NY — Outside Institute Wild Foods Cooking Class, 6-7:30pm at 39 Lower Main St. \$75/person. www.theoutsideinstitute.org.

Saturday, May 11

Annual Benefit @ CFFCM

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum annual benefit featuring Catskill legends, 5:30-9:30pm at 1031 Old Rte. 17. Register at cffcm.com.

Annual Golf Tournament @ Riverside UMC

HANCOCK, NY — The Riverside United Methodist Church 13th annual Captain & Crew Golf tournament & chicken BBQ, start at noon, 1744 St. Rte. 97. \$65/golfer, 845/887-5112.

At Home with the Pinchots @ Grey Towers

MILFORD, PA — Grey Towers presents At Home with the Pinchots, 11am-2pm, at 151 Grey Towers Drive. Tours run every 20 minutes. \$15/members, \$20 GA. www.greytowers.org/events.

Author Series @ CFFCM

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum author series with Dave Coggins, 2-4pm, at 1031 Old Rte. 17. Register at cffcm.com, 845/439-4810.

Bird Watching @ Outside Institute

HUGUENOT, NY — Outside Institute presents Bird Watching, 8-10:30am at Neversink Preserve, Huguenot. \$40/person. Register at www.theoutsideinstitute.org.

Bridal Expo @ Seminary Hill

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Civil War Encampment @ PCHS

MILFORD, PA — Pike County Historical Society annual Civil War Encampment, 10am-4pm at the Columns Museum, 608 Broad St. \$10/person, pikehistorical.org.

Creative Writing Group @ PCPL-M

MILFORD, PA — The Milford Branch of the Pike County Public Library presents Blue Fox Creative Writing group, 2nd Saturdays, 10:30am-12:30pm, at 119 E Harford. pikecountypubliclibrary.com/events.

Fairy Festival @ MEEC

WURTSBORO, NY — Mamakating Environmental Education Center Fairy Festival, 10am-3pm at 762 South Rd. \$5/person, \$20/family, tickets at www.eventbrite.com.

Frog Frolic @ PEEC

DINGMANS FERRY, PA — Pocono Environmental Education Center Bridge the Gap: Frog Frolic, 1-3pm at 538 Emery Rd. Register at 570/828-2319.

'Journey Along the Bashkill' @ MEEC

WURTSBORO, NY — Mamakating Environmental Education Center presents "Journey Along the Bashkill," a photographic exhibit by Elly Knieriemien, 10am-3pm at 762 South Rd. Free with admission to Fairy Festival, www.eventbrite.com.

Kid's Gardening @ HPL

HAWLEY, PA — The Country Gardeners Club (TCG) & Hawley Public Library present Kid's Gardening Saturdays, 10:30am through June 15, in the Community Garden at 103 Main Ave. For ages 5-12. Register at form.jotform.com/231354703207145.

Lock 31 House Tour @ WCHS

HAWLEY, PA — The Wayne County Historical Society Spring Canal Park Guided Tour of Lock 31, 10-11:30am at 179 Texas Palmyra Highway. \$10/person, reserve tickets by May 8 at visithonesdalepa.com/events.

Native Plant Sale @ PEEC

DINGMANS FERRY, PA — Pocono Environmental Education Center native plant sale, Sat & Sun, 9am-4pm at 538 Emery Ed. peec.org, 570/828-2319.

Pollinator Project @ PCPL-D

MILFORD, PA — The Dingman Branch of the Pike County Public Library & Pike Co. Conservation Project Pollinator Project, Saturdays through May 18, 10:30am, at 100 Bond Court. pikecountypubliclibrary.com.

Season Opening @ PJTHC

PORT JERVIS, NY — Port Jervis History Transportation Center season opening with Turntable Train rides, noon-4pm at 86 Pike St. www.erieturntable.org/events.

Second Saturday Book Sale @ WCPL

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

'The Catastrophist' @ DVO

LAKE HUNTINGTON, NY — River Rep Theatre presents "The Catastrophist," featuring Arthur Aulisi, 8pm, 6692 St. Rte. 52. \$25/person, myrivertickets.com.

Tree Planting @ DHC

BEACH LAKE, PA — The Delaware Highlands Conservancy Wayne County Conservation District Tree Planting, May 11 & 18, 10am-4pm at 571 Perkins Pond Rd. Register at delawarehighlands.org.

Wild Edibles @ Lacawac Sanctuary

LAKE ARIEL, PA — Lacawac Sanctuary Field Station & Environmental Education Center presents Spring Wild Edibles with Nathaniel Whitmore, 6pm at 192 Sanctuary Rd. \$7/person, www.lacawac.org.

Wine & Cheese Train @ Stourbridge Line

HONESDALE, PA — Stourbridge Line's Wine & Cheese Experience a 1.5-hour round trip excursion from Honesdale to Hawley, noon-3pm, \$45/adult 21+, includes Calkins Creamery Charcuterie. Tickets at www.thestourbridgeline.net.

Sunday, May 12

Breakfast @ St. Vincent DePaul Church

MILFORD, PA — Knights of Columbus Breakfast, 9-11am, Vincent DePaul Church, 101 St. Vincent Dr. \$5/person, \$20/family.

Second Sundays @ Eldred

ELDRED, NY — Sullivan Public presents Second Sundays art projects, etc, 16 Proctor Rd. www.sullivanpublic.com.

Mother's Day Tea @ Lacawac Lodge

LAKE ARIEL, PA — Lacawac Sanctuary Field Station & Environmental Education Center presents a Mother's Day Tea at 195 Sanctuary Rd. \$30/person at www.lacawac.org.

ONGOING

'5 Gallery Exhibit' @ Narrowsburg Union

NARROWSBURG — Narrowsburg Union presents "5 Gallery Exhibit" through May 26 at 7 Erie Ave. www.narrowsburgunion.com.

Art Contest @ DPL

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY — The Daniel Pierce Library art contest for its 125th anniversary. Deadline for entries is May 18. \$500 prize. www.danielpiercelibrary.org.

Art Exhibition @ CAS

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — Catskill Art Space art exhibit with Lenore Malen, Debra Pearlman, Samantha Modder & Amy Yoes through June 22 at 48 Main St. www.catskillartspace.org.

Call for Submissions @ SCCoC

HURLEYVILLE, NY — Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce & Hope's Compass present a call for submissions for poetry, prose, painting, photography, artwork to be displayed at the Sullivan County Museum. Deadline is June 29. 845/747-8352.

Camp Staff Needed @ Hurleyville

HURLEYVILLE, NY — The Town of Fallsburg & Boys & Girls Clubs are seeking camp staff for the 2024 summer camp program. Apply at www.bgorange.org by May 10.

Donna Kalleser @ Chant Realtors

LORDS VALLEY, PA — The Office/Gallery at Chant Realtors presents an art exhibition featuring artwork by Donna Kalleser through June 27, at 631 Rte. 739. 570/775-6896.

Fundraiser Raffle @ Claryville FD

CLARYVILLE, NY — The Claryville Fire Department presents a raffle fundraiser for injured firefighter Tony Costa, \$10/ticket. Drawing June 9 at Grahamsville Firehouse. claryvillefd@gmail.com.

'Metamorphosis' Exhibition @ Arts Nest Gallery

LAKE HUNTINGTON, NY — Delaware Valley Opera presents "Metamorphosis," on display through May 31 at 6692 St. Rte. 52. www.delawarevalleyopera.com.

Playwriting Competition @ SPT

HANKINS, NY — Standing People Together (SPT) playwriting competition, On Belonging: A Project in 4 Acts, deadline May 30. Email submissions to info@wasteforlife.org.

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- Long arm?
 - Verdi classic
 - Dud
 - Best imaginable
 - Potential atty.'s exam
 - Carpet calculation
 - 1970 Joni Mitchell song, with "The"
 - Beatty and Kelly
 - Virgil epic
 - Expedition's cry at the top of a mountain
 - Tone-_____
 - Gush
 - Modern navig. tool
 - Wine glass part
 - Seer
 - Wife of Jacob
 - Alternative to Israil
 - Got a good look
 - Prefix with sphere
 - Deep-_____ (throw away)
 - The triple in a triple play
 - Shaggy's dog, to Shaggy
 - Home (in on)
 - Hawaii's state bird
 - Lather
 - "What did I ever _____ you?"
 - Spain's Costa del _____
 - Neatnik's opposite
 - Desires
 - Eater's digest?
 - _____ Tomb
 - Hyatt alternative
 - Gang boss ... or what 17-Across, 10-Down and 36-Down each have
 - Serengeti sound
 - "_____ stands ..."
 - "On the Record" host Van Susteren
 - "Cut it out!"
 - French noodle?
 - Lip cover
- DOWN**
- Costa _____
 - Romeo's last words
 - Nonflowering plant
 - Ripped (into)
 - Prestigious magazine awards
 - High school math subj.
 - "The First Time Ever _____ Your Face"
 - Matriarchs
 - At the original speed, on a score
 - It's jumped on by followers
 - Willie _____, the "Jackie Robinson of the NHL"
 - Prefix with care
 - Rope fiber
 - Match.com meetings
 - Prefix with nautical
 - "_____ Navidad!"
 - It may be stained
 - San Diego's _____ Park
 - Margaret Mead study site
 - At the limit, with "out"
 - This puzzle has 78 of them
 - "_____ Man Write My Epitaph" (1960 Burl Ives movie)
 - 1957 Detroit debut
 - Dress for Scarlett O'Hara
 - Painter Neiman
 - "I'm all ears"
 - Light source
 - Not skilled in
 - What a recipe for steak tartare usually calls for
 - Capital city whose name means "wooded" in French
 - Motorist's headache
 - Extension _____
 - 1847 Melville novel
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'Spring' Art Exhibit @ Old Stone House
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Spring Art Show @ Woodloch
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Trail Litter Pluck @ Sullivan County
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'Turning Pages' @ WCAA
 HONESDALE, PA — Wayne County Arts Alliance presents "Turning Pages," an exhibit by John Kascht through June 15, at 959 Main St. waynecountyartsalliance.org.

Window Display @ LMAC
 LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — The Liberty Museum & Arts Center presents a window display featuring face jugs through May 31 at 46 S. Main St. www.libertymuseum.com.

MEETINGS

Thursday, May 2
Council Meeting @ UDC
 NARROWSBURG, NY — The Upper Delaware Council monthly meeting at 7pm, 1211 Bridge St. 845/252-3022, www.upperdelawarecouncil.org.

Rockland Town Board Meeting
 ONLINE/IN-PERSON — Town of Rockland regular board meeting, 7pm at 95 Main St. & on Zoom. www.townofrocklandny.com/town-board.

Saturday, May 4
Board Meeting @ TLRC
 ONLINE/ROWLAND, PA — The Lackawaxen River Conservancy's monthly board meeting, 4-5pm online/in-person 4-5pm at 101 Solversen Road. info@lackawaxenriver.org.

Monday, May 6
Planning Board Meeting @ Bethel
 WHITE LAKE, NY — Town of Bethel regular planning board meeting, 7pm workshop & 7:30pm meeting, 3460 Route 55. 845/583-4350, ext. 101.

Tuesday, May 7
Board of Ed Meeting @ Port Jervis HS
 PORT JERVIS, NY — Port Jervis School District's monthly board of education meeting at the high school cafe, 7pm at 10 Rte. 209. webadmin@pjschools.org, 845/858-3100.

Board of Ed Meeting @ Roscoe Central School
 ROSCOE, NY — Roscoe Central School District's monthly board of education meeting, 7-8pm at 6 Academy St. 607/498-4126, slivsey@roscoe.k12.ny.us.

Town Board Meeting @ Mamakating
 ONLINE, WURTSBORO, NY — Town of Mamakating regular board meeting, 6pm virtually & in person. 845/888-3000, www.mamakating.org.

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Plaintiff, Vs Abraham Malek If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, 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 Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devises, 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, Devises, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Suri Malek, Bank Of America, N.A. Successor By Merger To Fleet National Bank, Rsbm Management, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The Irs John Doe (Those Unknown Tenants, Occupants, Persons Or Corporations Or Their Heirs, Distributees, Executors, Administrators, Trustees, Guardians, Assignees, Creditors Or Successors Claiming An Interest In The Mortgaged Premises.) Defendant(S). Mortgaged Premises: 11 Achim Way, Unit A12 Lock Scheldrake, Ny 12759 To The Above Named Defendant: You Are Hereby Summoned To Answer The Complaint In This Action, And To Serve A Copy Of Your Answer, Or, If The Complaint Is Not Served With This Supplemental Summons, To Serve A Notice Of Appearance, On The Plaintiff(S) Attorney(S) Within Twenty Days After The Service Of This Supplemental Summons, Exclusive Of The Day Of Service (Or Within 30 Days After The Service Is Complete If This Supplemental Summons Is Not Personally Delivered To You Within The State Of New York). In Case Of Your Failure To Appear Or Answer, Judgment Will Be Taken Against You By Default For The Relief Demanded In The Complaint. The Attorney For Plaintiff Has An Office For Business In The County Of Erie. Trial To Be Held In The County Of Sullivan. The Basis Of The Venue Designated Above Is The Location Of The Mortgaged Premises. To Abraham Malek Defendant In This Action. The Foregoing Supplemental Summons Is Served Upon You By Publication, Pursuant To An Order Of Hon. Meagan Galligan Of The Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, Dated The Fifteenth Day Of April, 2024 And Filed With The Complaint In The Office Of The Clerk Of The County Of Sullivan, In The City Of Monticello. The Object Of This Action Is To Foreclose A Mortgage Upon The Premises Described Below, Executed By Abraham Malek And Suri Malek Dated The February 16, 2001, To Secure The Sum Of \$100,000.00 And Recorded At Instrument No. 2001-00003648 In The Office Of The Sullivan County Clerk, On The July 9, 2001; The property in question is described as follows: 11 Achim Way, Unit A12, Lock Scheldrake, NY 12759 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: April 19, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 80506

Town Board Meeting @ Thompson
 ONLINE, MONTICELLO, NY — Town of Thompson regular board meeting, 7pm in person at 4052 Rte. 42 or on Zoom. 845/794-2500, www.townofthompson.com/events.

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

DAVOS RIVERVIEW LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the S S N Y o n 03/12/24. Office: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o J. Joseph Morrissey, III, 231 Main Street, Suite 201, New Paltz, NY 12561.

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Construction Compliance Service LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/25/2019. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to Mariusz Zapala, 11 Junco Trail, Wurtsboro, NY 12790. General Purpose

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

PASQUALE GIUSEPPE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/24/24. Office: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 159 Yankee Lake Road, Wurtsboro, NY 12790. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Formation of HIGH RIDGE MANAGEMENT LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/28/2024. Office loc.: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to 1608 Rte. 88, Ste. 200, Brick, NJ 08724. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Tennanah Lake Cottage LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/18/2024. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to Alice Treyz, 107 Bedford St, New York, NY 10014. General Purpose

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Meow Enterprises LLC, Arts of Org. f/k/a Meow Enterprises L.P., Certificate of Conversion filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/18/2024. Cty: Sullivan. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to 13 Deforest Rd, Box 2000, South Fallsburg, NY 12779-2000. General Purpose

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of Basbousa LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/26/2024. 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 Samara Ferris: P.O. Box 6, Mountain Dale, NY 12763. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of Formation of 555 Ashford LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/14/2024. 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 SSNY: 2035 58th St, Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.



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**SULLIVAN WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET, ANNUAL
MEETING, SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND VOTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education of the Sullivan West Central School District, Sullivan County, New York that a Public Hearing on the Budget will be held at the Elementary School in said School District, Jeffersonville, New York, on Wednesday, May 7, 2024 at 5:30 PM, for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2024-2025 School Year.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for School District purposes during the 2024-2025 school year (the Budget), exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, commencing April 30, 2024 except Saturday, Sunday or holidays at each of the District's schoolhouses and at the Administrative Offices.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual Meeting, Election of Members of the Board of Education and Vote on the Budget, will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 12:00 PM and 9:00 PM, prevailing time, at the polling places hereinafter listed, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting:

1. To elect three members to the Board of Education for three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2027, due to the expiration of the terms of Katrina Chellis, Brian Kitson and Kristy Sigelakis.
2. To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for School District purposes for the 2024-2025 School Year (the Budget).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the polling places for the purposes of voting at the Annual School District Election and Vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, shall be as follows:

Election District #1 - Polling Place at the Delaware Youth Center - for those who reside within the boundaries of the former Delaware Valley Central School District;

Election District #2 - Polling Place at the Western Sullivan Public Library in Jeffersonville - for those who reside within the boundaries of the former Jeffersonville-Youngsville Central School District;

Election District #3 - Polling Place at the Tusten-Cochecton Library - for those who reside within the boundaries of the former Narrowsburg Central School District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District, by no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day preceding the School District Election, Monday, April 22, 2024. Vacancies on the Board of Education are considered separate, specific offices and a separate petition is required to nominate a candidate to each separate office. The nominating petition must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; shall describe at least the length of the term of office and contain the name of the incumbent; must state the name and residence address of each signer; and must state the name and residence address of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained at the Office of the School District Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular business hours, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. When picking up petitions, you must indicate which position you are running for: Katrina Chellis, Brian Kitson or Kristy Sigelakis.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that personal registration of voters is required pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law. If a voter has heretofore registered to vote with the School District and has voted at an annual or special school district meeting within the last four calendar years, they are eligible to vote at this Election and Vote to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. If a voter is currently registered to vote with the Sullivan County Board of Elections, they are also eligible to vote in this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register with the District Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that continuous registration has been authorized in the Office of the District Clerk. The hours during which continuation registration is authorized is between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM. The latest date on which the District Clerk will register voters is May 16, 2024.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Register of Voters so prepared shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the District, Sullivan West Elementary, 33 Schoolhouse Road, Jeffersonville, NY, where the same shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District on each of the five days prior to the day set for the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, except Saturday and Sunday, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM, prevailing time. Said Register will be open for inspection at the polling place on the date of the Election and Vote, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots for the School District Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk. The application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or the day before the election, if the ballot will be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the Office of the District Clerk between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM until the day of the Election and Vote. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at the Sullivan West Elementary, 33 Schoolhouse Road, Jeffersonville, NY by no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on the date of the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for early mail ballots for the School District Election and Vote may be applied for in person at the Office of the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the School District Election and Vote if the ballot is to be mailed, and no later than the day before the School District Election and Vote if the ballot is picked up personally by the voter. Early mail ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the School District Election and Vote, May 21, 2024. A list of all persons whom early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available in the Office of the District Clerk, Jeffersonville, New York, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the day of the School District Election and Vote, except Sundays, and such list will also be posted at the polling place or places at the election of the members of the board of education.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the school district. Military voters, as defined by Education Law 2018-d, may request an application to register as a qualified voter from the District Clerk. Military voter registration application forms must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the twenty-sixth (26th) day before the election. A military voter may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. Such designation shall remain in effect until revoked or changed by the military voter. Ballots for military voters shall be mailed, or otherwise distributed, no later than twenty-five (25) days prior to the election. The military ballot must be received in the Office of the District Clerk of the School District no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election in order to be canvassed.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized to amend the Notice of the Public Hearing on the Budget and Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, from time to time, as in her discretion, such amendment may be required.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District Clerk shall cause the Notice set forth above to be published once each week for four (4) weeks within the seven (7) weeks preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, the first such notice to be published at least 45-days prior to the Election and Vote, in accordance with Section 2004 of the Education Law.

Date: March 21, 2024
By Order of the Board of Education
Sullivan West Central School
Christina Kautz, District Clerk

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**ELDRED CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**BUDGET HEARING AND
ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION
ELDRED CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Eldred Central School District will hold a Budget Hearing at the Junior Senior High School, 600 Route 55, Eldred, New York, in said district on Thursday, May 9th, 2024 at 6:00 pm (Prevailing time) for the purpose of discussion of the expenditure of funds and the budgeting thereof proposed by the Board of Education for the school year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to Section 1716 of the Education Law, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which may be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, and the Real Property Tax Exemption Report annexed to the budget of which it forms a part may be obtained by any resident in the District at the District Office, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, New York, and at each of the two school buildings in the District: The George Ross Mackenzie Elementary School, Glen Spey, NY, and the Eldred Junior/Senior High School, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, NY during the 14 days immediately preceding the annual budget vote and election, between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm prevailing time, other than a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, together with the text of any resolution to be presented to the voters and will also be available at any public or free association library in the District and on the District website. A copy of the detailed statement of estimated expenditures will also be made available at the Budget Hearing to be held **May 9th, 2024**.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Annual Vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2024-25 school year and the election of members of the Board of Education and any other business that may legally come before this meeting will take place on May 21, 2024, between the hours of 11:00 am and 9:00 pm prevailing time, at the Eldred Junior/Senior High School, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, New York.

NOTICE IS GIVEN: that any qualified elector who desires to submit any proposition to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting and Election, except as to a question or proposition required by law to be stated in the published or posted notice of meeting, shall file with the Board of Education a petition setting forth such proposition, not less than 30 days (by 5:00 pm on Monday, April 22, 2024) prior to the Annual District Budget Vote and Election and such petition shall be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District.

NOTICE IS GIVEN: that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm, prevailing time and no later than Monday, April 22, 2024 at 5:00 pm. Nominating petitions are "at large" to fill one (1) five-year term effective July 1, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2028.

The following "at large" vacancy is to be filled by the Board of Education:

One - four-year term (position of Stacey Kuhn)

Stacey Kuhn

Candidates for office of member of the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition and each petition must be filed with the Clerk of the District, shall be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District. The petition shall state the residence of each signer and shall state the name and physical residence of the candidate. No person shall be nominated by petition for more than one separate vacancy.

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

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the following resolution be approved?

The annual budget of the Eldred Central School District for the fiscal year 2024-2025 is hereby adopted and the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the School District is hereby authorized \$19,815,851.00 to levy taxes thereof.

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education of the Eldred Central School District, Sullivan County, be authorized to make the expenditures shown in the budget presented by the Board of Education for the 2024-2025 school year

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall the following resolution be approved?

That the Board of Education of the Eldred Central School District is hereby authorized to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$38,000.00 and to pay over such monies to the Board of Trustees of the Sunshine Hall Free Library.

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education of the Eldred Central School District, Sullivan County, be authorized to make the expenditures shown in the budget presented by the Board of Education for the 2024-2025 school year.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to section 2014 of the Education Law, Personal Registration of voters is required, and no person shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and Election to be held on May 21, 2024, whose name does not appear on the register of the District or who does not register as hereinafter provided, except a person who is otherwise qualified to vote and is registered under the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law. The times and place of registration are set forth below, and any person shall be entitled to have that person's name placed upon such register, that person is known or proven to the satisfaction of the District Clerk, to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared.

The District Clerk shall prepare a register for said Annual Meeting and Election which shall include all persons who shall have presented themselves personally for registration for any annual budget vote and election or special district meeting or election and who shall have voted at any Annual or Special Meeting or Election or conducted at any time during the 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 calendar years.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that Personal Registration may be achieved on any day, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm prevailing time at the Eldred Central School District Office, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, NY up until Thursday, May 15, 2024.

NOTICE IS GIVEN: that the register of the district, so prepared, will be filed in the office of the School District Clerk at the Eldred CSD District Office, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, NY, where the same shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election, weekdays between the hours of 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, prevailing time or Saturday by pre-arranged appointment only. Said register will be open for inspection at the Eldred Junior/Senior High School, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, NY during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election.

NOTICE IS GIVEN: the Annual Meeting and Election on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the Eldred Junior/Senior High School, 600 State Route 55, Eldred, NY, between the hours of 11:00 am and 9:00 pm, prevailing time, where and when the Annual Meeting and Election will be held for the purpose of preparing a register of the school district for meetings or elections held subsequent to such Annual Meeting and Election.

NOTICE IS GIVEN: that applications for Early Mail Ballots and Absentee Ballots may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk. The completed application for Early Mail Ballot or Absentee Ballot must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than 30 days before and no later than 7 days before the election (by May 9, 2024) at 3:00 pm, prevailing time, if the ballot will be mailed to the voter. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or the voter's designated agent set forth in the application, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than Monday, May 20th, 2024 at 3:00 pm, prevailing time. Early Mail Ballots and Absentee Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 pm prevailing time on May 21, 2024.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2018-a of the Education Law, qualified voters who meet the criteria for "permanently disabled" and are so certified by the Sullivan County Board of Elections, will receive paper ballots by mail. A list of all persons to whom Early Mail Ballots and a list of all person to whom Absentee Ballots shall have been issued, as well as a list of Military Voter to whom Military Ballots shall have been issued, will be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting and Election, weekdays between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm, prevailing time, until the day of the Annual Meeting and Election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter, whose name appears on any such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that Military Voters who are not currently registered to vote may register as a qualified voter of the District by contacting the District Clerk at 600 State Route 55, Eldred, NY 12732; Telephone (845) 456-1009 or email: sibirtzeff@eldred.k12.ny.us, to receive an application to register as a qualified voter of the District for the Annual Meeting on May 21, 2024. The Military Voter may indicate their preference for receiving the registration application by mail, by facsimile or electronic mail (email). The application to register must be received by the

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District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on April 22, 2024. The register of voters prepared and filed in the District Clerk's office shall include the names of all military voters who submit a valid military voter registration. A military voter means a qualified voter of New York State who is in actual military service and will, therefore, be absent from the District in which he or she is qualified to vote on the day of registration or election or is discharged from military service within 30 days of an election or a spouse, parent, child or dependent of the military voter if a qualified voter of New York State and a resident of the same school district as the military voter or military personnel residing on a military base within a school district in New York State for a period of 30 days immediately preceding the election.

Military ballots will be mailed or otherwise distributed no later than 25 days before the election. Military ballots must be received by the District Clerk (1) before the close of the polls on election day and showing a cancellation mark of the U.S postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the U.S. government or (2) by 5:00 PM on election day and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereof, with a date which is ascertained to be not later than the day before the election. A list of all persons to whom military ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the said Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, prevailing time, until the day of the Annual School District Election and Vote.

Eldred Central School District
Eldred, New York
Lisa Sibirtzeff, District Clerk

**COUNTY OF SULLIVAN
NOTICE OF
FORMATION OF A
LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of DAU Legal, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/07/2023. Office location: 46 Beattie Road, Roscoe, NY 12776. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Rocket Corporate Services Inc.: 2804 Gateway Oaks Dr. #100, Sacramento, CA 95833. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of attorney and counselor-at-law.

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NOTICE OF
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Notice of Formation of The Wine Shop at Basbousa LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/26/2024. 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 Samara Ferris: P.O. Box 6, Mountain Dale, NY 12763. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**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, May 17, 2024:

1. Summer Youth Employment Program for Sullivan County Marketing and Communication Program (R-24-20) Specifications may be obtained from the Director at the above address.
Dated: May 3, 2024

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Dated: May 3, 2024

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■ TALKING SPORTS
BY TED WADDELL

Manor gears up for Wildcats softball tourney

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — A couple of days before the annual Wildcats softball tourney, the Lady Wildcats varsity softball squad squared off against the Ellenville Lady Blue Devils. It was in preparation for the popular event, scheduled for Saturday, April 27 at Manor.

Hosted by Livingston Manor and Roscoe Athletics, the opening rounds of the Varsity Baseball/Softball Spring Tournament will feature the home town hardballers vs. Sullivan West, while Hancock-Deposit takes on Liberty. On the softball field, the Lady Wildcats will face Liberty and Monticello will take on Sullivan West.

For coverage of these games, see next week's Talking Sports in the **River Reporter**.

But now, a few words and pics from Manor's varsity softball home game on April 25, which is also known as World Penguin Day.

In the softball match-up, the Lady Wildcats (0-5) got pounded 15-0 by the Lady Blue Devils of Ellenville (3-4).

Nick Wyss, third-year helmsman of the Lady Wildcats, said, "Overall, especially on the defensive side, we're seeing a lot of improvements since the first four games... we have a lot of ninth and 10th graders, so we're a very, very young varsity team."

He noted that when comparing their first game of the season to facing Ellenville, "They look like two different teams on defense...

Obviously the bats need work."

In the fifth frame, just before the invocation of the 12-run-ahead "mercy rule," Manor had a glimmer of hope with the deck stacked, but a pop-up ended that with a double play.

Coach Wyss said he considers senior Zaylee Cox and Alexandra Potosek, an eighth-grade first-year hurler, standouts of the young squad. He noted of Potosek, "She's developing into a really good pitcher."

The Lady Wildcats are led on the field by senior captains Jillian Carlsen and Zaylee Cox.

Cox, a 17-year-old upperclassman, has been playing varsity-level softball since the ninth grade.

"I think we've come a long way since the first day of practice," she said. "We still have a lot of little things we need to work on, and as one of the leaders of our very young team, I just help out as much as I can, trying to fix things in practice."

For more photos, visit www.riverreporter.com/sports.

Since picking up a camera and pen as a freelance photojournalist, Ted Waddell has received 26 awards from the New York Press Association. His most recent recognition was the Phil Pines Award from the Monticello-Goshen Chapter of the United States Harness Writer's Association in 2022. Waddell is a member of the International Freelancer Photographers Organization.



RR photos by Ted Waddell
Catch as catch can. Behind the mask is Manor's catcher, sophomore Leah Ladenhauf.



Connection. Manor's Clara LeRoy, a 10th grader, is pictured about to swat the sphere.



Lady Wildcats pitcher
Gianna Dutcher,
a sophomore.

■ RAMBLINGS OF A CATSKILL FLY FISHER
BY TONY BONAIVIST

Hendrickson revisited

Looking back in the archives of the **River Reporter**, I found that I first wrote about the Hendrickson mayfly in the May 3, 2017 edition. I believe that was my first column for the paper. That, my fellow anglers, was seven years ago.

So what has transpired with the Hendrickson/red quill hatch since that time? What I can say is that Hendrickson and red quill hatches have—as is the case with a lot of Catskill mayfly hatches—dwindled.

Although we don't refer to this hatch as the Hendrickson/red quill hatch, that is exactly what it is. The red quill is the male, and smaller. *Ephemereilla subvaria* is the scientific name of the species, and only mayfly that I'm aware of where the male and female are distinctly different in color.

Last year toward the end of April, a friend and I found a Hendrickson hatch along the upper East Branch of the Delaware River around 3:30 p.m. I don't know if this was the beginning of the hatch or a few days in, but there were not very many flies. Which in some ways is a good thing, because too many flies can often be just as much of a problem as too few. There were enough flies, however, to get a few trout rising.

Sadly, a few days later the rains came, and that was the end of Hendrickson fishing in 2023.

Every year, anglers throughout the Northeast and the Catskills in particular eagerly wait for the Hendrickson mayfly hatch. Although Hendricksons are preceded by quill Gordons, which appear up to two weeks earlier and often overlap, anglers look to Hendrickson for the best fishing.

First of all, in their heyday, Hendrickson hatches were huge, emerging when the water and weather had warmed considerably, making for better and more comfortable fishing. I can recall fishing the lower East Branch with my friends Willie and Heidi one late afternoon in the 1990s. There were hundreds of Hendricksons and red quills on the water, with trout rising freely. I think we caught a few fish that day.

By the time this piece goes to press, the Hendrickson hatch should be about a week away, if the emergence takes place as it did in the past—the third to fourth week in April. There are a lot of variables, which of course can impact the hatch itself and certainly the fishing. If water temperatures remain too chilly, and fail to reach 50 degrees Fahrenheit for a few days, Hendricksons will be repressed until temperatures rise accordingly.

Then of course there are all the issues associated with stream flow. Right now, and immediately after checking the U.S. Geological Survey streamflow site (see waterwatch.usgs.gov/?id=pa07d), all West Catskill reservoirs are spilling, with additional water being released by the DEP. Flows range from 810 cubic feet per second (cfs) for the Neversink at Bridgeville; 1,130 cfs for the East Branch at Downsville; and 2,660 cfs for the West Branch at Hale Eddy.

Of all Catskill rivers, the Willowemoc remains in decent shape at 245 cfs near Livingston Manor. The Beaver Kill is at 1,000 cfs at Cook's Falls. If the rain stays away, the freestone streams should be in decent fishing condition by the time Hendricksons begin to hatch.

Since all Catskill reservoirs are spilling, it's not very likely that those rivers will be fishable, at least not by wading anglers. Unfortunately, almost every spring anglers are confronted with very high flows at the beginning of or during the Hendrickson hatch. So it's a rare year when the weather cooperates, stream flows remain normal, and we have a decent opportunity to fish the Hendrickson/red quill hatch. Right now, looking at current conditions, other than the freestone rivers, conditions are not looking very good for Hendrickson. Hopefully by the time the emergence of the species begins, conditions will have normalized.

Fly fishers need to keep in mind too that regardless of the flow, Hendricksons and red quills will hatch once the water temperature reaches 50 degrees.

If all goes well, anglers should plan to be on the river no later than 1 p.m. A hatch of little blue quills—*Paraleptophlebia adoptiva*—almost always precedes Hendrickson/red quill hatches. I've observed blue quills on the water as early as 12 noon. Later they mixed with Hendricksons and red quills as the day progressed.

It's been my experience that Hendricksons begin to hatch right around 2 p.m., depending on the day. Yet I've seen duns on the water as late as 4 p.m.

Fly fishers should also keep in mind that just because they find a good hatch of flies, that does not always mean there will be rising fish. I recall too many occasions where I watched hundreds of Hendrickson and red quill duns float along unmolested for several hours, without seeing a rise.



RR photo by Tony Bonavist
The Hendrickson dun, female of the species.

Sometimes the water is warm enough for those flies to hatch, but not warm enough for trout to feed extensively at the surface. All too frequently, most of the feeding during early-season hatches, including that of Hendrickson, is done subsurface, frustrating the dry-fly man completely.

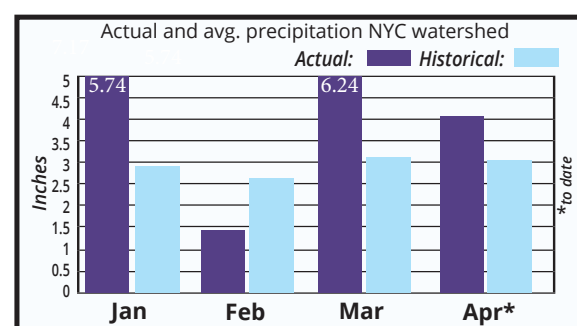
Many times, after a few hours fishing a Hendrickson hatch, I've stayed around for the spinner fall. That can occur as early as 6 p.m. and will usually bring trout to the surface. I've had some of my best dry-fly fishing during these spinner falls. So anglers should keep this in mind before leaving the river too soon.

Tony Bonavist has a degree in aquatic biology from the University of Montana, and was a fisheries biologist with the New York State DEC for over 25 years. He has been an instructor at the Wulff School of Fly Fishing, and at the Frost Valley YMCA. Tony resides in Hurley with his boxer, Marley.

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■ RIVER TALK
BY SCOTT RANDO

Spring eagle youngsters

It's hard not to hear the increasing sounds of bird life while outside this time of year. The drumming of woodpeckers and the calling of various birds are very evident. Other species of birds will arrive soon in our area to start breeding.

Yet, one well known species got an early start on breeding, laying eggs during the late winter and contending with keeping those eggs warm enough to survive: the bald eagle.

Most of the area bald eagle nests start incubating around the beginning of March. With an incubation period of 35 days, that means they hatch around the middle of April.

This spring, it looks as though the young I see are a little more developed and larger for this time, by about two weeks on the average; this past winter was milder than usual, and some of the eagle pairs could have gotten an early start with incubation. Some pairs have been known to be on eggs in late February.

Bald eagle young need plenty of time in the spring and summer to develop and reach the stage where they are independent enough to fend for themselves and survive their first winter.

After hatching, an eaglet needs about 12 weeks to develop enough to be able to fledge from the nest; usually this happens during the first part of July. In this timeframe, the eaglet has grown from a few ounces in weight to 10-12 pounds, with a wingspan of over six feet.

Eagle young spend the next few weeks improving their flight skills and learning how to catch prey. The adults will feed and even let the young fledglings steal food from them at first; the adults become less tolerant of this with time. The young are largely on their own by September.

You might spot eagle fledglings flying around nest areas starting in July. After a couple of weeks, they will venture a little further away from the nest. You might even see a couple of nest siblings cavorting in the air, displaying talons. They are playing and developing the skills that they will need in the near future and as adults. If luck is with them, these same young will be seen in the region in four to five years as adults rearing their own young eaglets.

Scott Rando is a naturalist and outdoor person. He has been writing for the River Reporter since 2006.



RR photos by Scott Rando

These are two young from a New York nest seen on May 12, 2006. These four-week-old young are getting feathers, but still have some secondary down left; some of the dark gray down can be seen on their breasts. They stand about half as high as the adult does in this image. Sometimes they can be seen exercising their wings at this stage, but their flight feathers are not yet developed. It looks as though it's eel for breakfast on this rainy morning.



Here are the same two young a month later, on June 13. The young are the size of the adults now, and their flight feathers are fully developed. Notice the eagle on the left is perched out on a branch. When it comes to young eagles in the nest, this is called "branching out" and is a sign that fledging is not too far off.

The first flight of a young eagle is not without risk; the nest is usually 80-90 feet off the ground, and an eagle has to produce lift and thrust (and not run into anything) with its newly tested wings.

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