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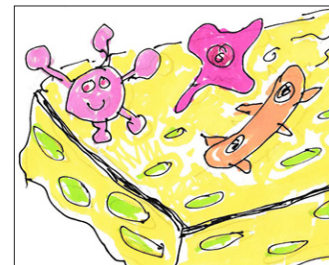


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# ICE returns to Honesdale

## Community rallies in support of local business

By LIAM MAYO

HONESDALE, PA — Three employees of Elegante Pizzeria in Honesdale were arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents on Thursday, May 29. The raid marked the second time in two months ICE had visited Elegante; the previous raid took place on March 19.

All four employees—the one arrested in March and the three arrested in May—had legal asylum status, according to a statement released by Elegante management. According to Elegante, the employee arrested in March had ultimately been released when officials confirmed his legal status.

“We remain hopeful that the same thorough process will lead to a fair outcome for the individuals involved,” said Elegante. (See page 4 for the full statement.)

### How it happened

ICE agents arrived in Honesdale around 11 a.m., with borough resident Connor Simon spotting six men in polo shirts, embroidered with ICE, standing outside the county courthouse around 11:10 a.m. They went into the courthouse, before coming back out and gearing

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RR photo by Liam Mayo

A neighboring business owner talks with an ICE agent.

## MEMORIAL DAY



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## Land of the free

HONESDALE, PA — Wayne County turned out in force for Honesdale’s Memorial Day parade, with fire trucks, flags and festivities traveling down Main Street to end at Honesdale’s Central Park. There, Honesdale held a Memorial Day ceremony, emphasizing

the ultimate sacrifice so many veterans have paid to ensure American freedoms.

For more photos, see online at <https://riverreporter.com/photos/>. See page 3 for coverage of Lumberland’s and Highland’s Memorial Day ceremonies.

## Sullivan Leg. opposes Trump budget cuts to Job Corps

*Delaware Valley Job Corps in Callicoon at risk*

By RUBY RAYNER-HASELKORN

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY — The Sullivan County Legislature unanimously decided to sign a letter urging Congress to stop the Trump administration’s 2026 proposed discretionary budget that would cut the U.S. Department of Labor’s Job Corps funding. The cut would eliminate the Delaware Valley Job Corps in Callicoon, which provides over 100 local jobs and training for over 300 young adults.

With the exception of District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, who was absent, the entire county legislature—both Democrats and Republicans—were in agreement when District 5 Legislator Cat Scott suggested at the May 29 session that a letter be sent “in support of the Job Corps program and our local Job Corps, which not only employs over 100 people in Sullivan County but also has an impact on our local economy.”

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■ IN BRIEF

DEC announces launch of \$100 million fish hatchery modernization

NEW YORK STATE — New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton on May 30 announced the launch of a nation-leading \$100 million freshwater fish hatchery modernization plan. The funding supports the first of three phases of modernization projects for 12 hatcheries operated by DEC across the state. The hatcheries are integral to effective fisheries management and conservation, and contribute up to \$5 billion in economic benefits provided by New York’s recreational freshwater fishing industry.

First established in 1864, New York’s fish hatchery system is the oldest in North America. DEC operates 12 hatcheries that annually produce up to 850,000 pounds of fish that are stocked into more than 1,200 waterbodies for recreational and restoration purposes. The average age of DEC’s hatcheries is 93 years and the integrity of many buildings, water supply assets and fish-rearing structures are at risk. In recent years some of the most crucial needs have been addressed with a steady flow of DEC capital funding, but more extensive work is needed to sustain and improve operations to truly modernize the hatchery system for the future.

The historic \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 dedicated up to \$75 million for hatchery improvements as part of the \$650 million specified for improving access to and protecting nature. This funding, combined with funding from New York Works and other capital funds, provides a solid foundation for creating a modern hatchery system that is technologically advanced, more efficient, adaptable, and environmentally responsible. DEC will use Bond Act monies and capital funds to leverage other state and federal funding to modernize the hatchery system in multiple phases over the next 10 years. Improvements center on employing contemporary culture technologies to maximize fish production and ensuring greater sustainability by using the best technology available to reduce energy use and minimize the facilities’ carbon footprint.

Write-in results conclude primaries for Honesdale, Hawley

WAYNE and PIKE COUNTIES, PA — Several of the general election slates for Wayne and Pike counties have firmed up as write-in results have been released for May’s primary races.

Scott Mead took the majority of write-in votes for Hawley Borough mayor, winning both the Democratic and the Republican primaries. He takes this primary election over the current incumbent mayor, John Nichols, who received only a handful of write-in votes.

In Honesdale, current councilmember Jim Hamill took the Democratic line for borough mayor in the primary race, with 150 of the votes cast; Hamill was the only candidate on the ballot for mayor in the primary election. Current mayor Derek Williams received 101 write-in votes for the Democratic line.

Williams took the Republican primary for borough mayor with 76 write-in votes; that primary did not have a candidate on the ballot.

Write-in candidates rounded out the slates for the Honesdale Borough Council race as well.

In addition to Hamill, who was the sole candidate on the ballot for the Democratic primary, voters chose William McAllister, Joe Mele and Derek Williams as write-in candidates.

McAllister, a current councilor, also received write-in votes for the Republican council primary, and will join Kim Fisch, Jason Newbon and Jamie Cordaro on the Republican ballot.



Image provided by the Upper Delaware Council

The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) has joined the National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River in promoting a safe summer recreational season by sponsoring a public river safety campaign.

UDC sponsors river safety billboards campaign

UPPER DELAWARE RIVER — The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) has joined the National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River in promoting a safe summer recreational season by sponsoring a public river safety campaign.

Three billboards were installed by Adams Outdoor Advertising on May 19 to encourage the use of life jackets while swimming, boating, fishing or floating.

The locations are at common entrance points to the bi-state Upper Delaware River region, including a brand-new digital billboard on Interstate 84 East, and poster boards on U.S. Route 6/209 East between Milford and Greeley, PA, and on PA Route 652 between Honesdale, PA and Narrowsburg, NY.

The 2025 design illustrates four individuals standing next to each other wearing orange personal flotation devices, as seen from behind gazing out at a waterway, with a couple of hands on each other’s shoulders. The message reads, “Always have their backs! Tell friends: WEAR IT”.

The UDC nonprofit organization, whose voting members are 13 local governments, the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that border along the river, are partnering on the \$5,000 campaign to keep the motivational billboards up through September 7.

Adams Outdoor Advertising’s Pocono Region office in Hawley, PA created the design, maintains the billboards and

donated the rental cost for the Route 6 location as a public service.

The UDC serves on the NPS Upper Delaware’s national-award-winning Water Safety Committee, reviews its activities through the council’s Water Use/Resource Management Committee, and holds annual pre- and post-season Water Safety Partners meetings for commercial livery businesses, the volunteer National Canoe Safety Patrol, and regional law enforcement officials at its Narrowsburg office.

On average, two people drown each year in the Upper Delaware River. No one who was wearing a properly fitted life jacket has ever drowned, however. By law, every person on the river using any aquatic device or vessel is required to have a life jacket within reach. Children 12 years and younger must wear those life jackets. During high water events (six feet in depth or more) and in cold water months (between November 1 and April 30), life-jacket wear becomes mandatory for everyone.

The NPS offers life jacket loaner stations along the river between Memorial Day and Labor Day for those who need to borrow them, as well as a recorded hotline to check on river conditions at 845/252-7100. Alerts are also posted along with site-specific river safety precautionary information at [www.nps.gov/upde/planyourvisit/river-safety.htm](http://www.nps.gov/upde/planyourvisit/river-safety.htm).

For more information on the UDC and its activities, call 845/252-3022, visit [www.upperdelawarecouncil.org](http://www.upperdelawarecouncil.org), or follow Upper Delaware Council on Facebook and Instagram.

Honesdale to hold zoning hearing

HONESDALE, PA — The Borough of Honesdale Borough Council will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 23, to review proposed zoning amendments providing for multi-family housing development in additional areas of the borough. The public hearing will take place at City Hall, 958 Main St., Honesdale PA and will be followed by a council meeting to take place at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 23 to adopt the proposed zoning amendments.

The amendment will revise the § 210-4.1 definition of Mixed-Use Development to read as follows: “MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT: The development of a tract of land, building, or structure with two or more different but compatible uses such as residential, office, retail, service,

or public/semi-public uses. This shall include, but not be limited to, upper-story apartments combined with retail and/or service uses on the ground floor, providing that residential uses shall not occupy the first floor of any mixed-use building or structure.”

The amendment will also revise the § 210-8 Schedule of District Regulations to: (a) Add “Multi-Family Dwellings (Not including first floor dwellings on parcels bordering Main Street)” to the list of permitted conditional uses in the C-1 Central Commercial District; and (b) Add “Multi-Family Dwellings” to the list of permitted conditional uses in the C-2 Highway Commercial District.

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# Do more than simply remember

*A call to recommit to a life of service, to compassion, to one another*

By SUSAN WALIGUNDA WADE

The towns of Lumberland and Highland held their respective Memorial Day observances with a common theme of remembrance and recommitment.

The participative service at Lumberland was emceed by town historian Frank Schwarz, who led in the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner, “America the Beautiful” and “God Bless America,” during which more than a few attendees surreptitiously wiped away a tear.

Lumberland Supervisor Suzanne Edzenga addressed the group, reviewing the background of the day of remembrance. In the nearly 250 years of the nation’s existence, more than 1.3 million service members have lost their lives in the nation’s wars. Each of those individuals represents a story—a life cut short, a family forever changed, and a sacrifice that echoes through generations.

Edzenga brought the conversation to the here and now, saying that “Memorial Day is not just about looking back. It’s about reflecting on how we carry their legacy forward. Every flag placed on a grave, every wreath laid at a memorial, and every word spoken here today is a promise that we will not forget them; that we will live our lives in a way that honors their sacrifice.”

She continued, “Here in our town, Memorial Day is not just a tradition. It is a teaching moment for our children, a call to unity for our community, and a reminder of what binds us together as Americans.”

Members of Boy Scout Troop 102 then laid flowers at the memorials to those community members who have served in the numerous conflicts starting with World War II, under the watch of members of American Legion Post 1363, who concluded the solemn ceremony with a three-gun salute and the playing of taps.

In the afternoon, Highland residents gathered at Heroes Park in Eldred, pausing to pay their respects as well. Emceed by VFW Post 6427 Commander Pete Carmeci, prayers were offered by Rev. Nancy Vonderhorst of the Pond Eddy Church and Father Richard Bretone of St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church in Yulan.

American Legion Commander George Haas offered a challenge. “For all of us who stand here today, we must consecrate ourselves to emulate [the fallens’] sacred service that those who rest in heroes’ graves



RR photos by Susan Wade

Scouts from Troop 102 placed flowers at the memorials honoring Lumberland servicemen who have served during wartime as part of the town’s Memorial Day observance. Pictured from left to right are Aiden Smith, Declan Brady, Henry Scully, Steele Daletto and Jack Scully.

may not have died in vain in service to our great country.”

Rev. Susan Storms of the Eldred Congregational Church continued the theme when delivering the benediction, praying, “Father God, as we remember and honor those that have given their life for our country, let us leave from this site stirred to action in their memory. Enable us to do all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. Empower us to love our neighbors, both near and all over Your world. Strengthen us to do the work You call us to do for Your glory in this world, and when our mission here is complete, welcome us by Your grace into eternity in Your Kingdom. Amen.”

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13



Under a sun-drenched sky, Town of Highland residents joined with members of the local VFW and American Legion posts at Heroes Park in Eldred to pay their respects to the war dead in a solemn and dignified service.

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A letter sent by Jim Dannic, the Delaware Valley Job Corps center director, reads, “Each year, the Delaware Valley Center provides education, vocational and career readiness training across eight in-demand career areas (encompassing the construction, security, healthcare and culinary industries) to 312 young adults.”

Scott pointed out that the Delaware Valley Job Corps has also expanded their programming to include health care in addition to traditional trades like electrical and carpentry.

“This program is open to local kids, and there is a financial requirement; it’s for

low-income folks and available to local folks, and right now we need as many people in the health care field as we can possibly get,” she said. Read about health care needs in Sullivan at [www.riverreporter.com/stories/is-a-lack-of-health-care-pushing-families-out-of-sullivan,164297](http://www.riverreporter.com/stories/is-a-lack-of-health-care-pushing-families-out-of-sullivan,164297).

The center employs 101 workers in the area and has an estimated local community economic impact of \$18.1 million annually, based on a calculation of \$1.91 in impact for every dollar spent, according to Dannic.

The center has contributed to a host of local projects and is currently finishing the construction of a pavilion in the Town of

Tusten in Narrowsburg. The labor is funded by Job Corps and thus comes at no cost to the town. Read more about the project at [www.riverreporter.com/stories/pavilion-progress-building-to-resume-weather-permitting,181008?](http://www.riverreporter.com/stories/pavilion-progress-building-to-resume-weather-permitting,181008?)

District 4 Legislator Nick Salomone, a Republican, and Scott, a Democrat, don’t always align. But Salomone said, “I do agree with Cat and I’m willing to go along with it... If you look at it, it’s \$50,000 to educate a kid, and only 39 percent graduate. That’s a lot of money. However, if five of them end up in jail because they didn’t go to school, it would cost us more money.”

Salomone is referring to a comment made by the U.S. Secretary of the Department of Labor Lori Chavez DeRemer at a Senate subcommittee meeting discussing Job Corps. Chavez said the entire program nationally has a graduation rate of a little under 39 percent and costs \$50,000 per student.

“While I agree the program could be improved, it’s a vital program for these youth,” Scott said.

See more information from the Delaware Valley Job Corps on how to support the program at [riverreporter.com/ny-news](http://riverreporter.com/ny-news).



# Commissioners recognize mental health awareness month in Wayne County

By JAMIE FALGIE

WAYNE COUNTY, PA — During a meeting on May 1, the Wayne County Commissioners officially declared the month of May as mental health awareness month across the county. There to receive the proclamation were employees from Wayne County's office of behavioral health and participants who have benefited from this office and their programs.

One participant, Vanessa Reeser, spoke about her own mental health journey and her gratitude for these programs.

"Living with a mental health disability is a struggle every day, but we can get through it," Reeser said. "I would like to help others through their everyday struggles. That's why I am [speaking] today."

According to the proclamation, only 50 percent of people with a serious form of mental illness seek treatment. This is due to a variety of factors, including a fear of social stigma, discrimination and feelings of shame.

"We do what we do because of individuals

like [Reeser]," said Carol Kneier, community relations manager at Wayne Memorial Hospital. "Mental health awareness is just showing our community what services we have available, and that there is support for individuals that are out there and are willing to accept it."

The commissioners also wanted to emphasize the importance of this month.

"So often [the commissioners] are talking about funding. Rarely do we get the chance to see how well [the funding] works," commissioner Jocelyn Cramer said. "So when someone like [Reeser] is here and shares their story, we all see how important those dollars are and how well they are spent.... We need to be talking about that just as much as we are talking about the dollars."

Commissioner James Shook also commented on the importance of this month. "Unless you've dealt with this close to home, it is a very hard topic to understand and to relate to. It really helps to have this day, this proclamation, to make more awareness of the compassion that we must have as

individuals to help others get through this."

Currently, Wayne County is in the process of establishing a behavioral health urgent care center in Honesdale for anyone who needs mental health care immediately or for a few days. "We are hoping that it becomes a big part of people's healing.... I think it is a great step in the right direction for our community and we are very proud of it," said commissioner Brian Smith.

## In other county news:

Over the previous two weeks several employees were recognized for their contribution to the county. Connor Ford, Laura Harris and Gloria Rivera all celebrated one year of work in maintenance, the public defender office and behavioral development programs, respectively. Lori Rescigno was also congratulated on her 20 years of work for the county. Rescigno (the psych rehab director) also works in behavioral development programs.

Additionally, the commissioners approved another letter of support for the proposed Wayne/Pike Career and Technical Center

(CTC). The CTC is seeking \$1.5 million for Wayne County and an additional \$1.5 million for Pike County.

These funds will aim to modernize the CTC's facilities, expand the amount and variety of programs that will be offered and invest in the latest technologies.

Currently, Wayne and Pike are the only counties in Pennsylvania that do not have a CTC. According to the commissioners, a CTC "plays a critical role in preparing students and adult learners with the skills needed for high-demand careers, supporting local businesses and strengthening the overall economic vitality of the community."

## Resources

If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health issues, call:

New Perspective Crisis—570/992-0879 (Pike County)

Center for Community Resources—833/55REACH (Wayne County)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline—800/273-TALK or dial 988

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up, according to borough mayor Derek Williams.

The agents went to Elegante just before noon, locking the doors and positioning cars at the front and the back of the building. Around 12:45 p.m., ICE agents led three Elegante employees in handcuffs out the back exit of the building, two men and one woman. One man appeared to be in good spirits; the woman brought her shirt up to cover her face.

Around 3:10 p.m., a Department of Homeland Security agent left out the back of Elegante. The agent and ICE agents brought out a computer tower and several boxes of papers.

No information was available about the agents' rationale for the raid, or whether the people arrested had been charged with a crime.

District Attorney A. G. Howell told the **River Reporter**, "On Thursday, 05/29/2025, federal agents from Homeland Security served warrant(s) at a local business in Honesdale, Wayne County. Two detectives from the Wayne County District Attorney's Office provided assistance to the federal agents." Howell said he was not at liberty to discuss the matter further, as it was an open investigation not being handled by his office.

## How the community responded

Community members responded in force to the raid, with 20 to 30 Honesdale residents taking pictures and videos and questioning agents throughout the afternoon..

Agents refused to answer questions from press representatives and members of the public on the scene, and kept their faces covered. People looked in through the front



An ICE agent looks out the side door of Elegante.

windows and took pictures; ICE agents cordoned off the front of the building with caution tape, blocking the sidewalk and stating that anyone stepping over the tape would be arrested for obstruction, and put paper bags over the windows.

One resident told the **River Reporter**, "We shouldn't have to be watching... but we do have to."

"I wanted to see what they [ICE agents] really look like, and what the car looks like," she said.

She added that the raid made it clear that what citizens had been told about the protections of the rule of law did not apply.

Williams released a statement following the raid, calling for residents to get to know their neighbors and to extend them the benefit of the doubt.

"We should invite other levels of gov-



RR photos by Liam Mayo  
An Elegante employee is led out of the building.

ernment to accept some local values when they visit our community," Williams wrote. "Perhaps some of those values are to not intimidate, to not frighten, to not traumatize, to not disrupt traffic, to not harm the downtown economy, to not obscure governmental activities, to share authorizing paperwork, to drive vehicles with government plates and to be identifiable as representatives of the state when performing official duties?"

"I recall some reasonable challenges to federal mask mandates here in Honesdale, during another stressful time, not too long ago. People around here don't like being told what to do. I respect that. Right now, a reasonable and similarly freedom-based challenge to masked, federal law enforcement agents from out of town taking people who live here away from their homes might simply be have some compassion for families peacefully living next door," he added.

## To our valued customers

We want to address a situation that occurred recently at our restaurant. This week, agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) visited our premises, and three of our employees were detained. To our knowledge, each of these individuals has legal asylum status in the United States, and we are fully cooperating with the authorities as they conduct their investigation.

This is not the first time we've faced such a situation. In a similar instance in the past, a valued team member was detained but ultimately released after immigration officials confirmed their legal status. We remain hopeful that the same thorough process will lead to a fair outcome for the individuals involved.

These employees are not just staff—they are hardworking, dedicated individuals who are like family to us. We are deeply saddened by the way people can be judged based solely on appearance or where they come from, rather than who they are and how they live their lives.

We kindly ask for your respect and understanding as we navigate this difficult time. We are doing our best to continue daily operations while supporting our team and cooperating with the authorities.

We also want to be clear and honest: if it is ultimately determined that these individuals are not legally permitted to remain in the U.S., we understand that the law must be upheld. Our hope, however, is that due process will bring clarity and fairness to this situation.

Thank you for your continued support, kindness and patience.

Sincerely, Sam and ToniAnn, Elegante Restaurant and Pizzeria



## NEWS FEATURE SERIES: THE LACKAWAXEN RIVER

# Rivers as roads

## Trailblazing efforts open up river access

By LIAM MAYO

*From new river access points in Honesdale and Lackawaxen Township to a shelved proposal for a Wild and Scenic River designation, the Lackawaxen River has seen its fair share of activity over the past few months and years.*

The **River Reporter** set out to talk with elected officials, conservationists and other people who care about the Lackawaxen River to better understand how all these different initiatives connect and conflict. Here is what we found.

The energy for public infrastructure along the Lackawaxen River, a movement now organized as Lackawaxen River Trails (LRT), started off by looking at the possibility of a rail trail connecting Honesdale and Hawley.

A feasibility study completed in 2020 found that such a trail could be built, and had public support behind it. Plans continue for the trail's construction—according to Honesdale Mayor Derek Williams, the land necessary for the trail is currently being assessed for a potential easement.

However, the immediate fruits of LRT's efforts have been smaller projects, in the form of individual trail segments and river access points.

### Out on the water

The Lackawaxen River has legal status as a publicly accessible river. It's designated as a "navigable stream" by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), with a sub-designation as a "public highway."

"The allowable uses in public waters are quite broad... When entering a public waterway lawfully (e.g., through a public access point), the public can wade, boat, fish, float or otherwise be in the waterway

from bank to bank where it passes through private property," reads a portion of the 2020 Wayne County Trail Feasibility Study.

However, that legal, public access to the river has been in short supply.

"The Lackawaxen River, until we got involved, had no public access in Wayne or Pike counties directly to the river," says Grant Genzlinger, an LRT member since the group's inception.

The idea of public access to the Lackawaxen River was the part of the trail feasibility study most strongly supported by the community, he adds. And, he says, it has benefits to those beyond the members of the public who may use them for river recreation—the difficulty of water access can cause people to access the river by means of trespassing, causing harm to the owners of the private property on whom they're trespassing, and the lack of public river accesses hinders emergency responders as they try and get out onto the river in emergency situations.

The past few years have seen three public access points open up along the Lackawaxen River, with more in the works.

Hawley has a public river access point at Bingham Park. That access was joined by one at White Mills Recreation Park in October 2023, and another a year later with Sycamore Point Park in Honesdale. A fourth is planned for Indian Orchard, along Route 6 between Honesdale and Hawley; according to LRT, it's expected to be complete by the end of the year.

In addition, LRT has put together a trail connecting Lake Wallenpaupack and downtown Hawley, called the Gorge Trail. That trail, which underwent construction in late 2024, is almost ready for public use, and LRT says there will be an official opening once all approvals are finalized.



RR photo by Liam Mayo

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### Who counts as the public

There's another river access point soon to open further downstream of the LRT's projects, this one created by Lackawaxen Township.

Lackawaxen Township's ordinances prevent anyone from operating a commercial launch operation into the river from township property. The one exception is a property known as Threshman's, which operated as a commercial river launch for decades, and where commercial use was grandfathered into the town's ordinances.

While Threshman's no longer operates as its own independent operation, an agreement with Kittatinny Canoes allows that livery to launch from Threshman's, which they do in a limited capacity.

The township began to hear rumors—though supervisor Mike Mancino can't confirm if they were true—that someone planned to buy Threshman's and to turn it into more of a commercial entity. He adds, "We were like, 'That's contrary to our entire vision of the river.'"

The township made plans to buy it, to keep it from becoming more of a commercial entity and to have it available for development as a public resource.

However, the decision from the township to buy the property was contentious. The public meeting where the purchase was discussed included heated public discussion, with residents saying they would prefer for the property to remain in private hands.

The land along the Lackawaxen River is mostly held by private landowners, particularly in the Pike County portion of the river. Some of these landowners have little interest in encouraging public use of their river.

"There's a mentality or a philosophy that, 'Hey, you want access to the river, buy a piece of land on the river,'" Mancino says.

Mancino says the township believed it would be better to own the property itself and to offer it for residents to use than to have someone else come in and increase commercial activity along the river.

The township also agreed to try and restrict access to the site to only Lackawaxen Township residents. While township supervisors have said that enforcement of that rule will be difficult, they will at least put up signs indicating the launch is only for use by township residents.

Additionally, Mancino says, the property's use by the public could be a positive thing. He says a lot of people in the township live paycheck to paycheck, and aren't able to afford waterfront property, but would still enjoy being able to go down and sit by the river.

Stay tuned for future installments of this series in upcoming editions of the **River Reporter**.

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# Buyers squeezed as Sullivan home prices top \$300K

By RUBY RAYNER-HASELKORN

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY — In the past, the price of a median home in Sullivan County has been lower than in neighboring counties. However, in the first quarter of 2025, the median sale price for a home in Sullivan County has surpassed \$300,000, according to the nonprofit Patterns for Progress (PFP) report.

The jump is proportionally the biggest year-over-year increase in median home price of any county in the Mid-Hudson area, according to PFP. See full report at [www.pattern-for-progress.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Housing-Q1-2025.pdf](http://www.pattern-for-progress.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Housing-Q1-2025.pdf).

That's great news—if you're a homeowner. For the growing number of non-homeowners, the steady rise in price moves homeownership further and further out of reach.

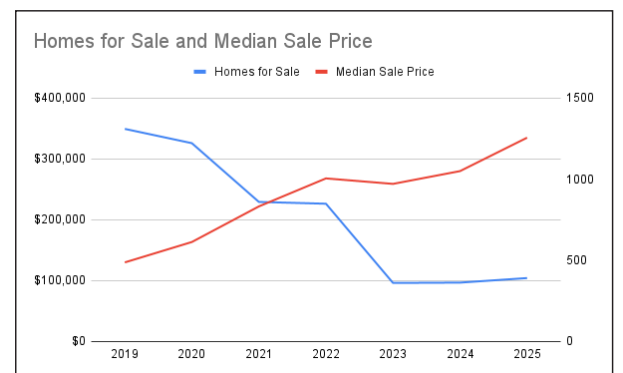
Already, median home prices were between about \$30,599 to \$134,199 higher than the maximum mortgage first-time homebuyers could qualify for in Sullivan, according to a 2024 PFP report.

If first-time home buyers aren't able to purchase a home, it leaves more individuals in rentals for longer, putting pressure on Sullivan's rental market.

According to the report, between 2019 and 2025, the median sale price in Sullivan increased by 157.6 percent.

Unlike some other counties in the area, which saw an increase in closed house sales for the first time since the pandemic, the number of closed house sales in Sullivan continued to decrease between 2024 and 2025 by five percent.

Home inventory, which has decreased by over 70 percent in Sullivan since 2019, could be a contributing factor to lower sales.



Graphic by River Reporter team

Data collected by Patterns for Progress shows the number of homes for sale decreasing by 70.2% between 2019 and 2025; in that same period of time, the median sale price of a home rose 157.6%.



## ■ EDITORIAL



# They took our neighbors today

By NICO BLEU

They took three today.

The mayor summed it up perfectly. “Those are neighbors. We saw their faces a couple of times a week, depending on our situations, but they were familiar faces. Then strangers show up, and under whatever rules they follow, come and take them away.”

I saw them. Maybe six of them. Fat-ish men, black polo shirts, guns in holsters, in cargo pants or jeans, standing outside the courthouse. I walked through the crowd of them, feeling the hair on the back of my neck stand up. “F\*%king fascists,” I thought. Their cheaply-embroidered ICE patches on ill-fitting, Chinese-made polo shirts—only the finest for America’s finest. I tried to discreetly snap a picture, but caught more of my own face than I’d like.

I passed the news up the chain and within 10 minutes, there were eyes in the park. We took plates and stood around, tuned to anything suspicious. Someone had already made some calls—the press, local business owners, friends—thankfully, the network was working.

Then they filed out. Massed their cars behind the courthouse and with one of them jumping the curb, they were off, Lisa on her bicycle behind them. They didn’t go far. Elegante again. We reckoned on revenge this time.

I walked right up to the door—locked—Officer Thatcher walked out and I said wryly, “No pizza today, huh?” He wasn’t amused. I sat at the coffee shop, thinly veiled behind a chai, phone and camera at the ready. There wasn’t much to see for a while. One of the (alleged) officers came in and out a few times, bringing in totes and supplies into the restaurant, a woman in a “Back the Blue”-type sweatshirt signed some papers.

After a while, there were several of us outside, front and back. I kept my cafe seat—can’t stop someone from sitting at a cafe, right? The guy doing most of the footwork was a young-ish black man, likely in his 20s. He wore sneakers with red soles—real official—and a tan body armor vest. His tag read “Gregory”—though I doubt that was his name. He wouldn’t talk to Liam when asked about credentials and kept things trite with an occasional “Don’t interfere.”

They claimed to be ICE, DHS and the IRS. That things were “Deeper than we knew.” That there was fraud and corruption for years. They blocked the sidewalk. They took three. Two in cuffs, one seemingly unrestrained. I only saw the two enter the car from the back. They didn’t look scared. I saw later on a friend’s video that they both actually mustered a smile. I admire that dignity so much. I will remember them.

And at 3:37, just like that—poof—as if nothing ever happened, the hideous spectre of fascism disappeared seamlessly into the backdrop of everyday American life. Its tinted-and-barred SUVs pulling into an endless stream of traffic, leaving nothing behind except restaurant windows shaded out by taped-up paper bags and a closed sign that will linger for god-only-knows how long. God bless America.

It’s a strange world where the guy making your pizzas for the last 25 years is a sub-human gangster terrorist, and the masked man with a gun who shows up in an unmarked car to take him away is the good guy.

*Nico Bleu lives in Wayne County, PA. They have been granted anonymity by the **River Reporter**.*

## ■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Tim Dymond will be an exceptional sheriff

I was recently asked what qualities I am looking for in a sheriff. As I reflected, I thought about my family’s long history in law enforcement. My great-uncle, Harry Borden, served as Sullivan County sheriff for 18 years. My late uncle, John Whiffen, worked in several departments, including the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Department and the Spring Valley Police Department. He was chief of police for the Town of Highland and ran for Orange County sheriff. These experiences, along with my own values, have shaped my perspective.

I am looking for an exceptional sheriff.

An exceptional sheriff is more than a skilled officer—they are a public servant grounded in fairness, integrity and transparency. They build trust through accessibility, responsiveness and honest dialogue, while leading with accountability and strength, especially in times of crisis.

Tim Dymond’s late father, Calvin Dymond Sr., was a licensed social worker who owned a practice in Neversink and specialized in addiction. He was a trusted figure in the school community during crises—a legacy of service and compassion that lives on in Tim.

Great sheriffs lead with heart and a strong moral compass. They engage the community, support their deputies, and work to address the root causes of crime to build a safer, more unified future.

I believe Tim Dymond brings all of these qualities. After a decorated 20-year career with the New York State Police, he retired as a senior investigator and continues to serve his community with integrity and commitment. I’m confident he will lead with professionalism, compassion, and purpose making him an excellent choice for Sullivan County sheriff.

I deeply respect those who have served before, but I believe it’s time for a new chapter in law enforcement leadership. Honor our legacy, embrace new leadership. Learn more about Tim Dymond’s dedication, experience, and the heart he brings to our community at [timdymond.com](http://timdymond.com).

Corey Borden

Town of Neversink, NY

## Reelect Sheriff Schiff

Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff has been a steady figure in Sullivan County government. His leadership led to a modern county jail; the successful transfer of operations and inmates from the old, antiquated facility; navigating Sullivan County through the COVID pandemic; and the foresight to protect children in their schools.

Sheriff Schiff recognizes the need to do more with less, and that budgets demand what we have to have, not what is nice to have.

Sheriff Schiff has made and continues to make strides in the changing landscape of law enforcement. Without equivocation, Sheriff Mike Schiff is the only candidate with the experience, vision and comprehensive plans to lead the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office.

As past president of the New York State Sheriffs’ Association and the longest serving sheriff in the history of Orange County, NY, I am proud to give my endorsement to Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff for reelection in the Republican primary on Tuesday, June 24.

Hon. Carl E. DuBois

Orange County Sheriff, Ret.

Orange County, NY

## Sturm seeks another term as Bethel supervisor

The Committee to Re-elect Daniel Sturm Town of Bethel Supervisor has officially announced his candidacy for reelection. He will be running on the Democratic and Sullivan United party lines in the November 4, 2025 general election.

Daniel Sturm has proudly served on the Town Board for 22 years: four years as councilmember, and the last 18 years as supervisor. During his tenure he has continually improved the image of Bethel as a place to live and to do business.

The goals are to keep taxes as low as possible and to continue to seek grant opportunities to help improve our town. Creating jobs and economic opportunities are always a priority for our residents. It will also continue to be a priority to protect our natural resources, quality of life and community character.

“I work hard every day to serve the residents to the best of my ability, and we are moving in the right direction with a positive future,” Sturm said. “Running a town government in these times is particularly challenging. I think my experience in this office helps tremendously. I do try to be open to new ideas about how things are done, and to listen to our residents and staff about making things better. I will continue to try my best.”

He looks forward to meeting and speaking with as many citizens as possible in what he hopes to be a successful campaign season.

Committee to Re-elect Daniel Sturm Town of Bethel Supervisor

White Lake, NY

## Tim Dymond will lead with strength, fairness and purpose

My name is Kate Foster and I’ve lived in this county my entire life. I had a safe, happy childhood—but now, as a mother of two, I worry that my children won’t experience the same freedom and security.

Rising crime, homelessness and drug abuse have changed our communities for the worse. I’ve watched firsthand as crimes take place, and when all was said and done, the criminal was free to walk away and target the next victim.

This is not just a result of bail reform, but poor leadership. Our children deserve better.

Under Sheriff Schiff’s leadership, these problems have reached a boiling point. A recent tragedy involving drug abuse led to the death of a child—an unthinkable loss. In towns across Sullivan, drug-related crimes often go unchecked, creating more victims and making our neighborhoods feel increasingly unsafe. I’ve seen it myself in the vicinity where my son goes to school.

We need strong, fair and consistent leadership. That’s why I’m voting for Tim Dymond. With hands-on experience getting dangerous offenders off the streets, he knows what it takes to make our communities safer. Unlike Sheriff Schiff, he’s not afraid to stand up to Albany and the reckless policies that have made New York a haven for criminals.

Policing can’t just be about appearances or casual conversations—it has to mean action. Sheriff Schiff seems more interested in pandering for votes than facing the concerns of year-round residents.

Our county deserves better. We need someone who sees the crisis clearly and is ready to lead with strength, fairness and purpose. We need Tim Dymond.

Kate Foster

Livingston Manor, NY

## Put patients first in the race to curb costs

Nothing can be more frustrating and disheartening than managing a chronic condition. As a nurse, I dealt with my fair share of patients suffering from chronic diseases, but nothing prepares you for receiving the diagnosis yourself.

After receiving a diagnosis of arthritis, I tried just about everything to keep my symptoms at bay. As with any other chronic condition, there’s no magic pill to cure arthritis. But thankfully, due to innovation, researchers and scientists have made great strides to improve patients’ quality of life. As a patient myself, I still hold great hopes for the innovative new treatments that could come soon.

That’s why I’m increasingly concerned about how the administration wants to use Most Favored Nation status regarding prescription medications. This is a form of government price-setting, which could eventually lead to limited investments in developing new medications. Without investment in research, we will not see the development of new medications.

I hope we put patients first by focusing on



## ■ PEACE AND JUSTICE FILES

BY SKIP MENDLER

# The cold hard face of power, revisited

I've told you this story before: how in the spring of 1978, my senior year at Harvard, the university decided to address the increasing controversy regarding its investments in South Africa.

The members of the Harvard Corporation, that's the group that actually runs the place and manages its enormous endowment, held a town hall of sorts. They invited anyone who wanted to come to speak about the situation in South Africa and advise them about what they should do. I, being mostly clueless about matters in the Big Wide World, decided to find out what all the fuss was about.

I learned a lot during that meeting, and not just about the horrors of life for Black South Africans under the apartheid regime. I learned what the cold hard face of power looked like. I watched these powerful men, supposedly some of the sharpest minds on the planet, listening to what no doubt they already knew, but remaining apparently unmoved and uncaring.

I was astonished. How could anyone react in this way? That moment would be the start of my "radicalization," if you will, to whatever small extent I might be said to be "radicalized."

I was reminded of all this by today's news (5/21), about the visit by South African President Cyril Ramaphosa to the White House. No doubt at the behest of Elon Musk, he wanted to berate Ramaphosa about a supposed campaign of "white genocide." Ramaphosa was prepared for trouble, though. He brought some white government officials, and some others who were friends of Trump, to provide evidence to the contrary. (The irony of it all was awfully thick.)

On reflection, I realize that same horrid face, that same visage of arrogance, privilege and cruelty, has been popping up again and again ever since then. You can see it in the gleeful expressions of the American soldiers in the "enhanced interrogation" photos from Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo. You can see it in the pictures of children separated from their parents from the detention centers on the southern border. You see it in the face of Benjamin Netanyahu, and the other supporters of the Israeli campaign against Gaza. You can see it in Kristi Noem's "photo op" at the CECOT hyperprison in El Salvador, in Marco Rubio's callous dissing of supposed "gangbanger" Kilmar Abrego Garcia.

It's not hard to find more examples, of course, and not only in recent American history. This approach to power is always tempting, though now may be its most blatant and shameless emergence in history.

But history also reminds us that those who fall for this temptation never last for long.

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policy solutions that truly help lower costs at the pharmacy counter without threatening the innovation that Pennsylvanians like me rely on. Our elected leaders can start by reforming pharmacy benefit managers and the way they do business.

Veronica Comfort  
Allentown, PA

## Dem voters: Your job now is to remember

There is common ground for those who voted for, or against, Donald Trump to be president of the United States again. First, we can all agree that he won the election. Second, Kamala Harris did not whine and lie to the American people that she really won. And third, since it was a free democratic election, the American people will get the government they deserve.

For those citizens who feel disappointed that a majority

## ■ MY VIEW

BY EDWARD SALTZBERG

# The Medicaid you didn't know you had

What if one-third of Americans receiving federal health care didn't know they had it? And what if, in that confusion, they unknowingly cheered on efforts to take it away?

That's precisely what's happening with Medicaid. In 35 states, the program operates under different names—for instance, MassHealth in Massachusetts, TennCare in Tennessee, and Apple Health in Washington. These state-specific brands have successfully reduced perceived stigma but obscure the program's federal identity.

And now, with Congress considering up to \$880 billion in Medicaid cuts as part of budget negotiations, millions of Americans might not realize they could lose coverage.

A 2024 study by KFF Health News found that one-third of Medicaid enrollees don't know they're on Medicaid. They might assume some other state-run benefit covers them. That gap in understanding has serious consequences. When lawmakers discuss slashing Medicaid, many people think it won't affect them. However, if you're on SoonerCare in Oklahoma, KanCare in Kansas, or HUSKY Health in Connecticut, you're on Medicaid. If this budget finally passes, your health care is at risk.

Medicaid is often viewed as a program only for the very poor. In reality, it provides health care to 80 million Americans, including working-class families, low-income children, seniors in nursing homes and people with disabilities. Medicaid is crucial in preventing medical bankruptcy, funding hospitals and supporting state economies.

Because states administer the program, many have rebranded it with names that omit the word "Medicaid." It's the nation's most extensive health safety net—and one of its most misunderstood.

During the first Trump administration, efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act included significant Medicaid cuts. These proposals sparked widespread resistance, especially once people realized their local programs were at risk.

In 2024, a federal court in Tennessee ruled that TennCare had wrongly terminated coverage for thousands of people, often without providing proper notice or an opportunity to appeal. Many of those affected didn't realize their benefits were part of Medicaid until the system failed them, reflecting the deeper awareness gap that leaves coverage vulnerable to political and administrative actions.

Awareness drove action. When people understood their coverage was Medicaid, they organized, contacted lawmakers, changed the course of the debate, and helped stop the repeal effort.

Let's be clear: Medicaid is not a minor line item. It is 13 percent of the federal budget.

Reforming Medicaid should focus on efficiency and waste reduction, not slashing the safety net millions rely on. Rooting out fraud and misuse is essential to reducing the

of voters chose as their leader a demagogue who believes the rule of law does not apply to him, your duty now is to bear witness to the consequences. And remember. For history's sake.

Stay awake as the herd nods off and avoids evidence of an insurrection that happened before their very eyes. Observe the idiot wind that blows constantly from the mouths of all those Trump-pets pretending that traitors are patriots. Don't fall for the false equivalencies, like convincing you that their retribution is the same as real justice.

And stop thinking about King Trump. Entertainment is his game. He's the best at keeping everyone distracted while he performs his con. He knows what he's doing.

Also, don't waste your time trying to convince your friends and relatives who have slid down the rabbit hole of self-delusion. This election proved Mark Twain was right when he observed that "It is easier to fool a man than to convince him he has been fooled."

James Tweed  
Ocean City, NJ

federal deficit, but it must be done without forcing millions into financial and medical crises.

The stakes couldn't be higher with Medicaid funding decisions now before Congress. House Republicans have advanced a budget reconciliation bill that would slash Medicaid over the next decade to offset the extension of Trump-era tax breaks. The bill is expected to move forward, putting tens of millions of Americans at risk.

This is the moment to pay attention and make some noise—before Congress finalizes a decision that could unravel health care access for millions.

Here is what you can do:

Find out what your state's program is called. Awareness is power. [Ed. note: In New York, Medicaid is usually called Medicaid or New York State Medicaid, although the name could be different if you use managed care. In PA, Medicaid is sometimes called Medical Assistance.]

Talk to friends and family. Help others understand that what's happening in Washington affects them directly.

Call your representatives.

Share this article. If you care about health care, help others understand what's at stake.

Amplify if you're in health care or policy. Professionals and advocates: share this with your networks. You can help correct the record and inform your community.

Write a letter to the editor, pitch a story to your local TV or radio station, post your story online, and tag reporters or outlets. Local media coverage can drive public awareness and influence policymakers. Statewide and national publications can elevate the issue.

Email your state lawmakers. Show up at a town hall. Ask how they plan to protect your state's Medicaid coverage.

It is not too late for you to make a difference.

Edward Saltzberg is the executive director of the Security and Sustainability Forum. He wrote this for InsideSources.com.

## ■ QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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**"June is the time for being in the world in new ways, for throwing off the cold and dark spots of life."**

**— Joan D. Chittister**

## DR. PUNNYBONE



Two Minute Drill



## ■ DEATH NOTICES

### Charles F. Baumgardner Sr.

Charles F. Baumgardner Sr., 89, passed away May 31, 2025 at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Honesdale, PA. Charles was born February 16, 1936 in Port Jervis, NY. A funeral service was held June 4 at Gray-Parker Funeral Home in Port Jervis. Burial will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Matamoras, PA.

### Catherine Mahoney Cottell Bigart

Catherine Mahoney Cottell Bigart, 90, passed away May 28, 2025. Catherine was born August 17, 1934 in Staten Island, NY. A Mass will be held Saturday, June 7 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 414 Church St. in Honesdale, PA. A burial service will be held immediately following the Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery in Honesdale.

### Thomas Colwell Jr.

Thomas Colwell Jr., 66, of Hawley, PA, passed away May 22, 2025 at home. Thomas was born June 21, 1958 in Trenton, NJ. Services are private at this time.

### Kenneth Norman Dill

Kenneth Norman Dill, 91, of Narrowsburg, NY, passed away May 22, 2025. Kenneth was born July 27, 1933 in Greenville, SC. Funeral service was held May 30 at Harrison Rasmussen Funeral Home in Barryville, NY. A burial service followed at Glen Cove Cemetery in Narrowsburg.

### Louis 'Eddy' Edwards

Louis "Eddy" Edwards passed away May 28, 2025. He was born September 15, 1935 in Hornell, NY. As per his wishes, there will be no services.

### Leo Thomas Kehoe

Leo Thomas Kehoe, 82, of Clearwater, FL and Hawley, PA, passed away May 23, 2025 at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center in Wilkes Barre, PA. Leo was born June 8, 1942 in Cassagh, Kilkenny, Ireland. Private services will be held at the convenience of the family.

### Marylou Mullally Kohler

Marylou Mullally Kohler, 67, passed away May 29, 2025. Marylou was born March 11, 1958 in Callicoon, NY. Marylou's wish was to not make a fuss after her departure.

### DIY energy-saving tips

JEFFERSONVILLE, NY — All are invited to join Steve Bonds-Liptay, energy advisor from Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCE), for an energy-saving session on Tuesday, June 10 at 6 p.m. at the Jeffersonville Branch.

Participants will learn how to take simple do-it-yourself actions to reduce energy waste and save money on utility bills. CCE will also cover heat pumps, insulation, incentives for home energy upgrades, EmPower+ and HEAP.

Every participant will receive a DIY energy-saving kit (\$80 value) at no charge. Supplies are limited, so registration is necessary.

To register, visit the calendar at WSPOnline.org. Questions? Email Ciera at [wsplprograms@rcls.org](mailto:wsplprograms@rcls.org).

### Mary Louise Patt

Mary Louise Patt, 83, of Monticello, NY, passed away May 14, 2025. Mary was born November 26, 1941 in Bay Minette, AL. A funeral service was held May 30 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home in Woodbourne, NY. Burial followed at Rock Ridge Cemetery in Monticello, NY.

### Rev. Dr. Dale Sandstrom

Rev. Dr. Dale Sandstrom, 91, of Hawley, PA, passed away May 27, 2025. Dale was born June 24, 1933 in Enderlin, ND. A service of celebration and thanksgiving for Dale will be held on Monday, June 9 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 508 Green Pond Road, Lake Telemark, Rockaway Township, NJ. Viewing and prayers will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Service will be at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Marcella Union Cemetery in Rockaway, NJ, following the funeral service.

### Kim Schooley

Kim Schooley, 68, of Manassas, VA, passed away May 23, 2025 at home. Kim was born November 14, 1956 in Suffern, NY. There will be a celebration of life on Saturday, June 28 from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by a prayer service at noon, both to be held at Teeters' East Chapel, 505 Church St. in Hawley, PA.

### Carol Smythe

Carol Smythe, 91, of Grahamsville, NY, passed away April 26, 2025 at home. Carol was born August 10, 1933. A memorial service was held May 31 at the Claryville Cemetery in Claryville, NY.

### Patrick J. Taraschuk

Patrick J. Taraschuk, 74, formerly of Damascus, PA, passed away May 24, 2025. Patrick was born February 22, 1951 in Honesdale, PA. In accordance with his wishes, there will be no public services.

### David Rolfe Thornbury Sr.

David Rolfe Thornbury Sr., 66, of Lackawaxen, PA, passed away May 22, 2025 at home. David was born October 15, 1958, in Winchester, MA. A celebration of life will follow.

### Get your food safety certification

ONLINE — Penn State Extension will offer a new webinar series titled "Food Safety Manager Certification Prep Course," designed to equip food industry professionals with the knowledge to ensure food safety and achieve certification. Sessions will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on two Wednesdays, June 18 and 25. The registration deadline is Sunday, June 8.

The course is designed for those who need food protection manager certification, including restaurant managers, food service managers, chefs and caterers. Local health officials and inspectors also might benefit from the course.

Participants should be comfortable using Zoom, as sessions will utilize live, interactive instruction from food safety experts.

The fee is \$65.

Learn more at [extension.psu.edu/food-safety-manager-certification-prep-course](http://extension.psu.edu/food-safety-manager-certification-prep-course), or call 877/345-0691.



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Pasture Walk with Extension: Weed, Fertility, and Livestock Management, will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11 at Lopatofsky Farm, 207 Cavage Road, Waymart.

### Penn State Extension to offer pasture walks

WAYMART, PA — Graziers, livestock owners and dairy producers interested in learning about improving pasture quality for their grazing animals can attend upcoming Penn State Extension workshops, including one in Waymart.

Pasture Walk with Extension: Weed, Fertility, and Livestock Management, will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11 at Lopatofsky Farm, 207 Cavage Road, Waymart. The registration deadline is Monday, June 9.

The Lopatofsky family raises 80 head of livestock in their cow-calf operation and produces hay, pasture and corn to raise and finish their animals. While this is a beef operation, many of the grazing principles apply to all grazing species, organizers noted.

The farm currently hosts a pasture herbicide demonstration plot, which allows local extension staff to compare the weed-control performance of several common pasture

herbicides applied in the spring and the fall.

Topics will include soil testing, livestock nutrition, weed management, grazing management and species selection.

Pesticide applicator licenses are not required to attend this workshop, but participants can earn one core credit and one credit in private category, category 01 and category 18 toward their Pennsylvania pesticide applicator license, pending approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

The registration fee is \$5. In the event of inclement weather, the rain date is June 18. Organizers will make the final decision regarding postponement by the registration deadline.

More information about the workshop and numerous options for pasture walks across the state is available on the Penn State Extension website at [extension.psu.edu/pasture-walks](http://extension.psu.edu/pasture-walks).

### Pike youth, get ready for work

SHOHOLA, PA — The Pike County Career Center is gearing up for another session of its Summer Youth Employment and Training Program. The federally funded county program is intended to provide job readiness training and competitive wages to Pike County youth aged 14 to 24. The deadline to apply is Friday, June 13.

This summer's participating worksites include automotive shops, day cares, construction companies, local offices and more.

The Career Center attempts to match participants with a position that aligns with their interests and career ambitions. Participants will develop new skills and gain work experience—setting themselves apart from their peers, the career center said—while earning a steady paycheck.

To learn more, call the Career Center at 570/296-2909 or complete the interest form at [www.pikepa.org/careercenter](http://www.pikepa.org/careercenter).

The Youth Orientation will take place on Monday, June 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

at the career center, located at 837 Rte. 6, Unit 2.

#### Employers needed

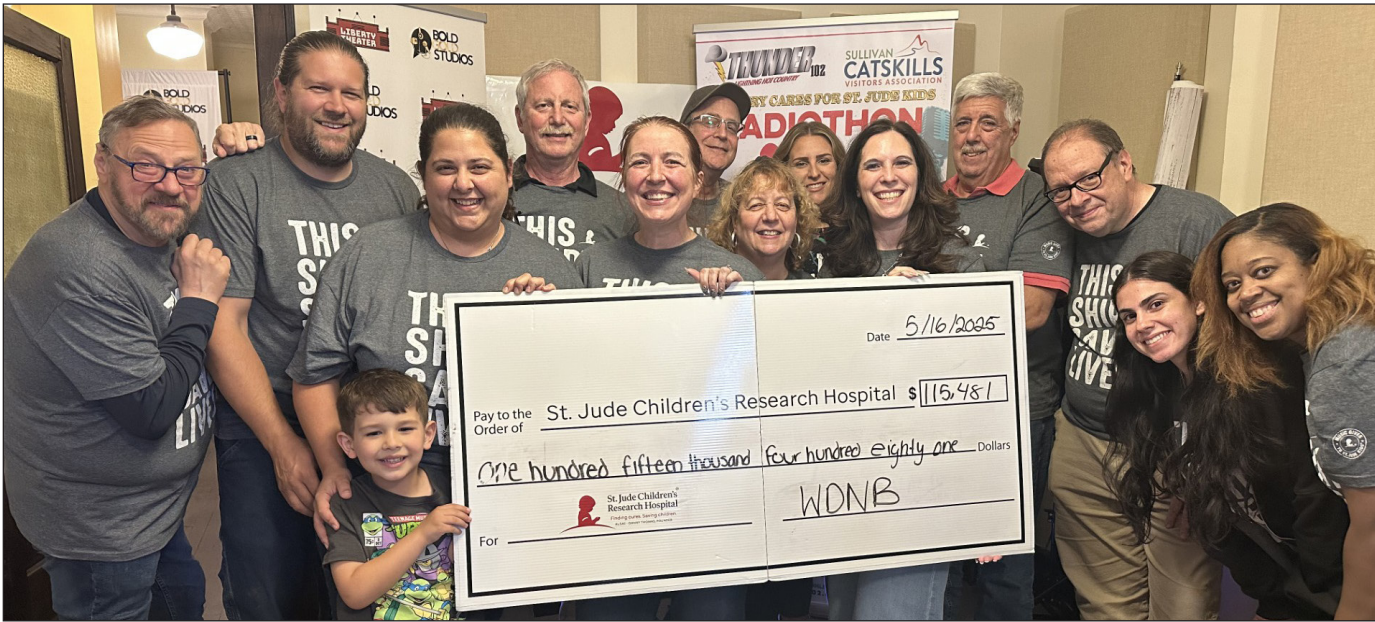
Employers can help shape the future of the workforce by becoming a worksite for the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program. The program depends on local employers to share their expertise by mentoring area youth. The federally funded program covers all costs, so employers have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Many employers have even found competent full-time permanent employees in the process.

Interested in learning more about the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program? Contact the Career Center at 570/296-2909 or complete the Employer Interest form on [www.pikepa.org/careercenter](http://www.pikepa.org/careercenter).

The employer orientation will be held on Tuesday, June 17 at 9 a.m., at the Pike County Workforce Development Agency office, 837 Rte. 6, Unit 2.





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The 14th annual Thunder 102 Country Cares for St. Jude Kids Radiothon, held on May 15 and 16, raised over \$115,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

## Thunder 102 raises over \$115,000 in the fight against childhood cancer

MONTICELLO, NY — The 14th annual Thunder 102 Country Cares for St. Jude Kids Radiothon, held on May 15 and 16, raised over \$115,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The event has raised close to \$900,000 to date.

During the 26-hour-long radiothon, Bold Gold Media on-air personalities were joined by committee members, sponsors, dignitaries and special guests.

In addition to donations, money was raised throughout the year at events such as the Bold Gold Open Golf Tournament, celebrity bartending nights and more. Dozens of local businesses displayed

SUNY Sullivan Boot Cards at locations throughout the county.

"I'm honored to be part of this amazing effort. This is a perfect example of community leaders, organizations, individuals and our listeners joining together to be part of local radio, making a positive impact on the community," said Paul Ciliberto, senior advisor, Bold Gold Media NY and St. Jude committee leader.

"It's amazing to see a community pull together for an important cause, and we are proud to support this through the power of local radio," said Dawn Ciorciari, general manager at Bold Gold Media NY.

## Homestead hosts Garden of Growth

CALLICOON, NY — The Homestead School will hold its inaugural Garden of Growth Gala on Thursday, June 5 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Seminary Hill, 43 Wagner Lane.

The evening raises funds to support student scholarships, financial aid and the continued growth of Homestead School's hands-on educational programs. It invites families, alumni, local businesses and supporters to celebrate a shared commitment to equitable, student-centered learning.

The evening will offer music, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and a recognition ceremony honoring Aileen Gunther and Marisa Scheinfeld.

All proceeds from the gala will directly support student scholarships and financial aid programs; this will make it possible for more families to access the school's approach to education—"one that honors the individual student through inclusive classrooms, farm-based learning and real-world impact projects that develop compassionate, capable changemakers," a Homestead spokesperson said.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for individuals, businesses and organizations that wish to support the school's vision for the future.

Tickets cost \$100 per person, and are available at [go.rallyup.com/homesteadgala](http://go.rallyup.com/homesteadgala).

The Homestead School serves students from pre-K through early college across its Glen Spey and Hurleyville campuses. Rooted in Montessori philosophy and impact-based learning, the school emphasizes sustainability, service and community involvement.

For more information, visit [go.rallyup.com/homesteadgala](http://go.rallyup.com/homesteadgala).

## Swap some plants in Narrowsburg

NARROWSBURG, NY — The Narrowsburg Beautification Group will host its biannual plant swap on Saturday, June 7 at the Narrowsburg Farmers' Market, 7 Erie Ave. It takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This is an opportunity to exchange plants, seeds, bulbs and more from your garden for someone else's beloved plants. Label your items with the plant name and information.

Nothing to exchange? You can make a donation instead.

For more information, visit [Facebook.com/NBGtusten](https://www.facebook.com/NBGtusten).



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Milford United Methodist Church invites the community to its annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located at 206 E. Ann St.

## Milford UMC hosts strawberry festival

MILFORD, PA — Milford United Methodist Church invites the community to its annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located at 206 E. Ann St.

The event provides outdoor and indoor fun for the whole family.

Outdoors: Vendors will offer handmade crafts and unique flea market treasures.

Indoors: Browse the bake sale, enjoy some of Everett's homemade ice cream, sit with a cup of coffee or tea, and don't miss the fresh strawberry shortcake available for purchase, the church said.

In addition to shopping and treats, visitors can enjoy family-friendly music and kids' activities throughout the day.

Milford United Methodist Church, a fixture in the community for nearly 200 years, will also welcome guests inside to explore its historic sanctuary and learn more about its mission: "to love boldly, serve joyfully and lead courageously into the future."

Admission is free and all are welcome to join in the fun, food, and fellowship.

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# HEALTH WELLNESS



■ **YOU AND YOUR HEALTH**  
BY JAMES D. LOMAX

## Facts about measles

Measles is an infection caused by a highly infectious virus that primarily affects unvaccinated children and adults. It is spread by droplets from sneezing or coughing. Droplets can remain airborne for more than two hours, even when the infected person is no longer in the area. Surfaces can also be contaminated and picked up on your hands and transferred to the mucous membranes of the eyes and mouth.

Symptoms include high fever, cough, runny nose, rash (Koplik spots) and red eyes ("pink eye") or conjunctivitis. These symptoms and signs appear generally eight to 12 days after exposure. Other associated conditions include ear infections, pneumonia and diarrhea. A serious complication is acute encephalitis, which can cause permanent neurologic and respiratory injuries and death.

If you were born before 1957, most people had measles and are considered immune. Because of a highly effective public health program in 1990s to immunize children and adults with the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine by the year 2000, these infections were considered eliminated.

Most of us have been reading about the growing spread of measles, which started in Texas and is now spreading south and up into the Northeast. While there are no confirmed cases of measles in Sullivan County, NY so far, local public health officials are advising health care providers and summer camp operators to be aware of recent measles cases in neighboring Orange County.

It is conjectured that the new cases were brought into the U.S. by young children who were too young for MMR vaccinations. Children and adults who were unvaccinated quickly became infected. By mid-March there 301 cases of measles reported with two deaths. This exceeded the total cases for all of 2024.

The CDC reports as of May 15 that a total of 1,024 confirmed measles cases were reported by 31 jurisdictions, including New York State, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Fortunately for most people who become infected, it is not life-threatening. Before the

MMR vaccine, there were 500 deaths each year from measles, and now it is totally preventable. Recently, *varicella* (chickenpox) has been added to the MMR formula. MMR or MMRV should be given to children at 12-14 months of age and again close to the time that children are going to school (four to six years of age).

### Who should get MMR vaccinations:

For older children and adults, CDC recommends the vaccine for:

Students at post-high school educational institutions

Health care personnel

International travelers

Women of childbearing age, before they get pregnant

Groups at increased risk for mumps because of a community outbreak

### People who should not get the MMR:

Those who had allergic reactions to prior MMR or MMRV vaccinations

Those who might be pregnant

People with immune system diseases

Those who have had recent blood transfusions—wait for the M.D. to advise

People who have tuberculosis

Those who have a history of seizures

### To document immunity:

For places that require documentation of immunity, one of the following should be provided:

Written documentation from a physician, public health nurse of two MMR or MMRV vaccines

Laboratory evidence of immunity

Birth of person before 1957

Health care workers born before 1957 who do not show immunity should get two MMR vaccines.

### Treatment if you are ill with measles:

Contact your doctor's office if you are

### Breakdown of current reported cases of measles

May 15, 2025

#### Age

Under 5 years: 303 (30 percent)

5-19 years: 388 (38 percent)

20-plus years: 325 (32 percent)

Age unknown: 8 (1 percent)

#### Vaccination status

Unvaccinated or unknown: 96 percent

One MMR dose: 1 percent

Two MMR doses: 2 percent

U.S. hospitalizations in 2025 : 13 percent

suspicious that you or a family member has a measles infection. Do not just show up without calling first.

Use acetaminophen or ibuprofen to lower fever. Avoid aspirin.

Use cool mist to soothe cough.

Drink fluids.

Remain isolated from family and work for at least four days after the rash appears.

Limit activities. Rest.

Avoid taking cod liver oil and other home remedies. If you want to use vitamin A, use only low-dose multivitamin-strength vitamin.

Antibiotics will not treat a virus. If you have an indication of pneumonia your doctor can prescribe them.

My recommendation is that if you are unaware of your measles status, you should contact your doctor's office. MMR/MMRV vaccines provide adequate protect regardless of your age and have few side effects.

Measles is considered a dangerous infection that can lead to serious health problems. Immunization is a very effective prevention if you or a family member do not have adequate protection.

At some point we will have documented measles in our community.

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# Clinically dead

## A COVID-19 walking miracle

By **CARRIE HATTON**

My name is Carrie Hatton, and I am a COVID-19 survivor. I am a mother of two boys and a private music teacher.

Back in 2021, I was fatally ill with COVID-19 and was hospitalized for three months. I was placed on the ventilator and the ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation machine) to survive. I was life-flighted with three chest tubes inserted into my right lung, because the lung collapsed several times from COVID pneumonia and COVID ARDS (acute respiratory distress syndrome).

Doctors did not expect me to live. I was sedated on fentanyl, and my pastor prayed with me for what we thought was my last time. My desire to live was to see my children again. I prayed to God so I could have more time with them.

I had my final visit with my boys but miraculously, I started to breathe on my own.

Doctors shut off all the equipment to slowly wean me off.

Before COVID, I worked with preschoolers in a classroom for 10 years. I taught private music lessons, and that included vocal lessons. I used my singing voice to model while I taught my lessons.

After COVID, I can no longer sing. My vocal cords are not damaged, but my lungs cannot hold enough volume of air for me to sing properly. My right diaphragm is shoved up into my right lung, which reduces my lung volume.

I survived because God kept me here for a greater purpose. My purpose is to find those COVID long haulers and be their support coach. I have a support page on Facebook. There, we can communicate and share ideas on strengthening our health needs.

My strength and my faith in God have led me to share my story and how to overcome such a horrific experience as being clinically dead. I believe with my faith in God that I am a walking miracle.

During COVID, medical doctors and nurses worked overtime and took on as many as 15 to 20 patients per shift. The mental stress was exhausting for them, and they deserve so much credit for working through this tragedy.

Who am I now? I was raised to be an independent individual, and excuses for anything were not acceptable. I learned goal setting at an early age and read books on success. In my younger years, I was surrounded by mentors who thought outside the box. Partly because of that, I started back to graduate school. I am studying to achieve my teaching certificate, as I never finished taking the state tests years ago. My challenge since I was sick is my cognition and memory.

I am currently enrolled in online classes at Eastern University, working toward a master's degree in curriculum instruction. Due to my inability to pursue a career in music, as my lungs are not strong enough for singing, I now aim to co-teach English alongside special education.

In the meantime, I am promoting my latest book, "Clinically Dead: A COVID-19 Walking Miracle." I also teach music lessons out of my home and with Dave Figura, DNF Brass and Woodwind, in Honesdale, PA.

I am disabled for the rest of my life. If I do anything that requires exertion, I need oxygen to breathe. I sleep with oxygen and CPAP. But I can do most everything to live a normal life. I just had to learn to adjust and manage my care. I go to the gym as much as I can, because it does make me feel good. I bring my oxygen tanks with me so I can function on the treadmill at a faster pace.

Having a positive attitude, fighting for your health needs, and having the will to never give up is so important.

*"Clinically Dead: A COVID-19 Walking Miracle," by Carrie Hatton, can be purchased on Amazon at a.co/d/br4XinQ.*

## Chill out with Meditate Sullivan County

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY — As if daily life didn't already bring enough stress—balancing work, supporting families, maintaining health and home—people now face waves of political division, misinformation, extreme weather and global conflict. The pressure is palpable. What's needed isn't just more resilience, but a deeper, more lasting form of relief. "We need to chill out. We need to meditate, America. We need to Meditate Sullivan County," a new group writes.

Through an initiative called Meditate Sullivan County, certified teachers are offering free talks and courses in Transcendental Meditation (TM).

The TM technique isn't a religion or philosophy, and it doesn't require changing your lifestyle. Practiced twice daily for 15 to 20 minutes, it helps the mind settle inward to a deeply restful state of

pure awareness.

"For the first time in my life, I learned how to completely clear my mind and just be still," said Dominique Jenkins, a long-time local restaurant owner and real estate agent. "In that stillness, I experienced a greater sense of awareness—something they call 'transcending.'"

Sarah Sica, a certified TM teacher, will hold a free introductory talk on the technique at the Liberty Library in Liberty at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10. Other talks at other libraries are being scheduled.

For more information or to reserve a spot, contact ssica@tm-women.org or visit [www.tm-women.org](http://www.tm-women.org).

For the full press release, visit [riverreporter.com/health](http://riverreporter.com/health).

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# Sullivan 180 celebrates growth of Spartan Clubs across county schools

LIBERTY, NY — Sullivan 180's Empowering a Healthier Generation (EHG) Program is proud to announce the continued expansion and success of Spartan Clubs across Sullivan County school districts. In past years, the EHG program, with generous support from Spartan, has assisted in establishing a Spartan Club at Monticello's Robert J. Kaiser Middle School, contributing to a growing movement that now includes six Spartan Clubs in four school districts.

"A Spartan is someone who does their best in things and perseveres in activities that are hard. And even if things are hard, remember that you are brave, you're strong and you can do hard things!" said Alanna, age 11.

Spartan Clubs have taken root in the following schools: Livingston Manor Middle/High School, Sullivan West Elementary School, Monticello's George L. Cooke Elementary School, Robert J. Kaiser Middle School and Monticello High School. In addition, Sullivan BOCES is piloting a Spartan Club through their physical education program, furthering the reach of this wellness-focused initiative.

Now in its third year of collaboration, Spartan has increased support by providing 125 free race registrations for Sullivan County public school students who form a Spartan Club, enabling them to participate in the annual Bethel Woods Spartan Race. This incredible support removes financial

barriers and empowers students and staff to engage in physical activity, build resilience and strengthen school community spirit.

"We believe every child should have the chance to test their limits, build confidence and enjoy the thrill of a Spartan race. Our work with Sullivan 180 is a meaningful way to bring that vision to life in a community that's all-in on health and empowerment," said Dan McDonald, chief of staff for Spartan.

Sullivan 180 continues to encourage school districts countywide to establish the clubs at the elementary, middle and high school levels, reinforcing its mission to empower a healthier generation through wellness, resilience and collaboration.

"Sullivan 180 is deeply grateful to Spartan for their continued and generous partnership," said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, director of health and wellness at Sullivan 180. "Together with the school staff and students who have created new Spartan Clubs, this initiative is helping to inspire, empower and uplift our youth, building stronger futures through connection, leadership and team spirit."

The Spartan Race at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8. To learn more about the races, to register or to sign up, visit [www.bethelwoodscenter.org/events](http://www.bethelwoodscenter.org/events).

*Submitted by Sullivan 180.*

## Neha Pancholy, MD joins WMCHC

TAFTON, PA — Board-certified internal medicine physician Neha Pancholy, MD, recently joined the medical staff of Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC). She is currently seeing patients at the Pinnacle Family Health Center, WMCHC's primary care practice in Tafton. Dr. Pancholy is one of three providers at the Pike County practice dedicated to the treatment of adult patients.



Contributed photo  
Neha Pancholy, MD, Pinnacle Family Health Center

"Dr. Pancholy is a true complement to our staff," said Gail Peterson, Pinnacle Family Health Center practice manager. "She has been well received by our patients and we are fortunate to have her as part of our team."

Dr. Pancholy earned her medical degree from the Sidney Kimmel Medical College (formerly Jefferson Medical College) in Philadelphia. She completed both her residency and internship in internal medicine at Penn State Health in Hershey. She has a special interest in the practice of integrative medicine, having received training through the University of Arizona.

Dr. Pancholy has worked as a telemedicine physician for organizations such as

Circle Medical and the New York Independent Assessor Program. During these assignments, the majority of Dr. Pancholy's patient base was either the geriatric population or those with complex medical issues.

She said she's excited to have transitioned to in-person care as opposed to utilizing "exclusively telemedicine modalities."

Dr. Neha Pancholy is the daughter of local physicians Drs. Samir and Dipti Pancholy. She was raised in northeastern PA and continues the tradition of providing outstanding health care to the region. She said it was due to "WMCHC's high standard of care and respect the organization demonstrated for everyone—patients, staff and collaborators across the board—including physicians," that she decided to continue her career with WMCHC.

To learn more about WMCHC's services and office locations, visit [www.wmchc.net](http://www.wmchc.net).

WMCHC is a Federally Qualified Health Center and the clinical affiliate of Wayne Memorial Health System, Inc.

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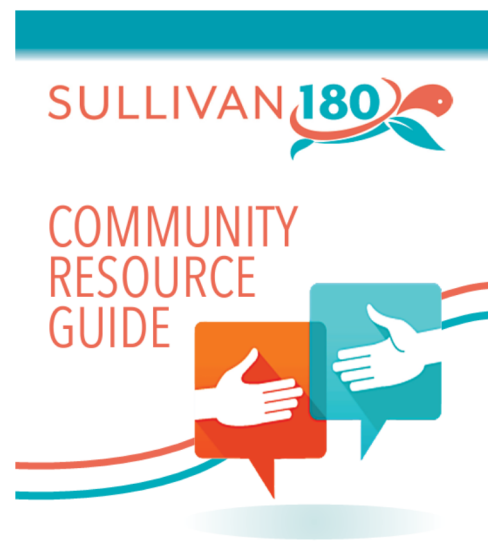
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# The dangerous kitchen sponge

By PROF. MICHAEL KOSSOVE

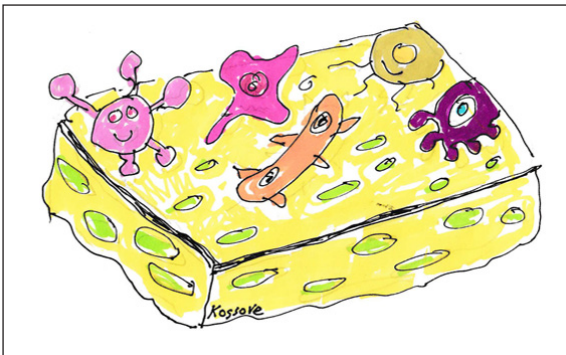
When it comes to your home, you might expect the highest number of microbes will be found in the bathroom. You just might be wrong.

As a professor of microbiology, I pretty much practice what I preach, and I am probably into more disinfection and sanitizing in my own house than most of you would be. But even I can overlook the smallest things that have the potential to be extremely dangerous, like a kitchen sponge.

I went to the kitchen this morning and there was a terrible odor. Upon investigation, it wasn't coming from the garbage receptacle but from a small kitchen sponge. I went to my computer and began to research microbes that can contaminate kitchen sponges.

The kitchen sponge is the perfect cleaning tool, and the harder you scrub, the more you spread the pathogens. Bacteria love to hide and grow in the kitchen sponge. One researcher, Dr. Linchong You from Duke University, described the kitchen sponge as a perfect apartment complex for bacteria, in which they have their own free delivery of food and water from the spills we wipe up.

A study in Scientific Reports that outlined research from Furtwangen University in Germany found 362 different species of bacteria isolated from kitchen sponges. PubMed Central published a study conducted in 10 kitchens in the United States; it found that 67 percent of the tested sponges were positive for *Escherichia coli* and fecal coliforms. Fifteen percent were contaminated with *Salmonella*. Sponges also tested positive for *Campylobacter*, *Enterobacteria*, *Klebsiella*, *Proteus*, yeasts, molds and more.



Cartoon by Prof. Michael Kossove

These names might have no meaning for you, but the microbes can be pathogenic. A National Science Foundation study of 22 families over a one-month period (NSF 211) found that 75 percent of the household sponges and dish clothes had coliform bacteria (*E. coli*), indicating fecal contamination.

Remember, chicken, meat and vegetables brought home from the supermarket are not sterile. You prepare these dishes on the kitchen surfaces, uncooked, and then you clean the surface with the kitchen sponge.

When we use a contaminated sponge with our hands, it can cross contaminate our hands and any surface it touches,

Researchers found that recommended cleaning methods, such as microwaving a sponge, only kills about 60 percent of microbes, and resistant strains recolonize. Why even bother? Online I found a pack of 50 kitchen sponges for \$14.95. You can probably do better at other locations.

At the end of the day, clean your kitchen surfaces with a disinfectant like Clorox wipes and dry with towel. Throw out the kitchen sponge.

Michael Kossove is a professor emeritus and adjunct professor of microbiology at Touro University, School of Health Sciences, NY.

## Wayne Memorial Hospital earns ACR accreditation

HONESDALE, PA — Wayne Memorial Hospital (WMH) has been awarded a three-year term of reaccreditation for the facility's two computed tomography (CT) scanners as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

CT scanning—sometimes called CAT scanning—is a noninvasive medical test that helps physicians diagnose and tailor treatments for various medical conditions.

Wayne Memorial's Imaging Services

By DOUGLAS KLAMP, M.D.

I don't need to tell you how vital nurses are to our health care system. They are, without question, the most essential of essential personnel—skilled, compassionate, dedicated and absolutely indispensable to physicians like me. Nurses are the ones at the bedside day and night, answering calls, comforting patients, coordinating care and often serving as the bridge between patients and the rest of the care team.

Their impact is immeasurable.

That's why I'm especially glad to have recognized National Nurses Month—and more specifically, National Nurses Week, which is observed annually from May 6-12. It's a time to thank nurses for their tireless efforts, professional excellence and the deep humanity they bring to everything they do.

The idea for the observance came from Dorothy Sutherland, an employee of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, who sent a letter to President Dwight Eisenhower in 1953 proposing a specially designated day for nurses for that October. While Eisenhower never signed the proclamation, the first National Nurses Week was celebrated in October 1954—the 100th anniversary of nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale's service in the Crimean War.

It took two more decades before the observance gained official recognition. In 1974, President Richard Nixon issued a proclamation designating National Nurses Week. Then, in 1981, the state of New Mexico took it a step further by declaring May 6—Nightingale's birthday—as a National Recognition Day for nurses. President Ronald Reagan formalized this recognition the following year.

This year, the American Nurses Enterprise promoted the theme "The Power of Nurses." It's a fitting tribute to the remarkable contributions that nurses make every day, often

while navigating enormous challenges such as staffing shortages, public health emergencies and increasing demands on their time and expertise.

At The Wright Centers for Community Health and Graduate Medical Education, we're proud to celebrate our exceptional team of nurses and nurse practitioners. They are not just caregivers; they are educators, advocates and leaders in every sense of the word. In fact, several of our nurse practitioners serve as clinical leads in our community health centers, managing teams and ensuring all of our patients—from pediatrics to geriatrics—receive affordable, high-quality, whole-person primary health services.

Recognizing the need to prepare more nurses for advanced practice roles, The Wright Center launched a 12-month Nurse Practitioner Fellowship in Family Medicine, one of the few programs of its kind in Pennsylvania. The fellowship provides newly certified nurse practitioners with intensive hands-on experience and mentoring during their first year in practice.

As the demand for health care continues to grow—particularly in underserved areas—nurse practitioners and other advanced-practice nurses will play an increasingly central role. So, whether you're a nurse practitioner, registered nurse or licensed practical nurse, know this: Your work is seen, valued, and deeply appreciated. You are the lifeblood of health care. On Nurses Week, and every week, I tip my hat to you.

Thank you for all that you do for our patients, our clinicians, our care teams and our communities.

Douglas Klamp, M.D., is senior vice president, chief medical education officer, and physician chair of resident and fellow talent acquisition at The Wright Centers for Community Health and Graduate Medical Education.

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Wayne Memorial's CT scanners have been reaccredited. Pictured are Kim Rodney, left; Kathleen Dey; Doug Buchinski; Michelle Murray; Patty Carcione; and Rob Brzuchalski.

Department performs about 22,000 CT scans annually. CT equipment produces cross-sectional images—sometimes called “slices”—using X-rays and computers to discern changes in the anatomical structure being scanned.

Wayne Memorial utilizes the Aquilion PRIME from Toshiba, which is capable of producing 80 images or “slices” per rotation.

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Image quality, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality

control procedures and quality assurance programs are assessed.

Additionally, Wayne Memorial's mammography services completed the annual three-day Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) inspection. The results for all three locations—the hospital in Honesdale, the Pike County facility in Lords Valley, and the Mobile Unit—show full compliance with all standards and regulations.

“The continued accreditations and favorable inspections confirm our commitment to the highest quality of care for our patients,” Brzuchalski said.

For a complete list of WMH imaging services, visit [www.wmh.org](http://www.wmh.org).



# Currents

## Metamorphosis and transformation

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARTS,  
LEISURE AND OUTDOORS

*The Deep Water Literary Festival returns, digging into the mutability of life*

By ANNEMARIE SCHUETZ

NARROWSBURG, NY — Dylan and Becky Ann Baker perform Dorothy Thompson's essay on becoming a Nazi. Thomas Bosket will inhabit a temporary "drawing cave"—a raw shelter built from cardboard, scrap wood and duct tape—where he will receive one visitor at a time. In "Ordinary Rebels," Rebecca Donner, Peter Pomerantsev and Suzanne Cope consider resistance as not a grand gesture, but as daily acts of courage by ordinary people transformed by circumstance. Dasha Ziborova and Corinna Grunn dance their way through the metamorphosis demanded by sudden, massive change.

There are many ways of looking at transformation, at the shifting landscape of thought and perspective. From Friday, June 20 through Sunday, June 22, the Deep Water Literary Festival will blossom throughout Narrowsburg and embrace it all.

Venues in the hamlet will host writers and readers and artists. All explore the theme. When the world changes, who do we become? What happens when you see something, read something, that disrupts the way you view the world?

What about those seismic shifts, when everything you thought was solid (think your history, think truth) turned out to be mutable?

In the words of the organizers (they're talking about the opening event, but it truly applies to the whole weekend), it is about "where poetry becomes music, grief becomes art, and memory becomes a bridge between worlds."

What follows is only some of what's on offer. You'll have to check the website for the full schedule.

The opening event is a concert at the Tusten Theatre at 7 p.m. on June 20. Titled "I Am Living. I Remember You," the work takes poetry by Marie Howe—written after her brother's death—and Ricky Ian Gordon transforms it into a song. It is performed by soprano Jennifer Zetlan, and then is followed by Kevin Hays' improvisatory riff on Philip Glass's "Metamorphosis."

An opening-night "reverie" at the Parlor (9:30 p.m.) concludes the day.

Saturday is packed. It starts with a memoir-writing workshop at the Tusten-Cochecton Library (9:30 a.m.) and at the same time but at the Darby across the river, illustrator Doug Salati ("Hot Dog") holds a reading and interactive-drawing demo focused on dogs.

You'll find the second Deep Water Independent Book Fair (10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Narrowsburg Union); Susan Choi, Douglas Stuart and Geoff Dyer discuss "Becoming" (11 a.m. at the Tusten Theatre); Alejandro Heredia, Andre Aciman and Madeleine Thien contemplate the loss of home in "Elsewhere People" (2 p.m. at the Tusten Theatre); and poet Marie Howe and author Ayana Mathis ("The Unsettled") appear in a talk moderated by Hafizah Augustus Geter, probing how literature maps the enduring shifts within and around us (3:30 p.m., Delaware Valley Arts Alliance).

Raphael Shirley stages an installation created with 200 pink smoke signal flares at 6 p.m. on Firemen's Field; the festival party takes off at 8 p.m. at the Darby in Beach Lake, PA; and there are many more events in between.

Sunday, the festival's final day, explores topics from "Who Goes Nazi?" (2 p.m. at

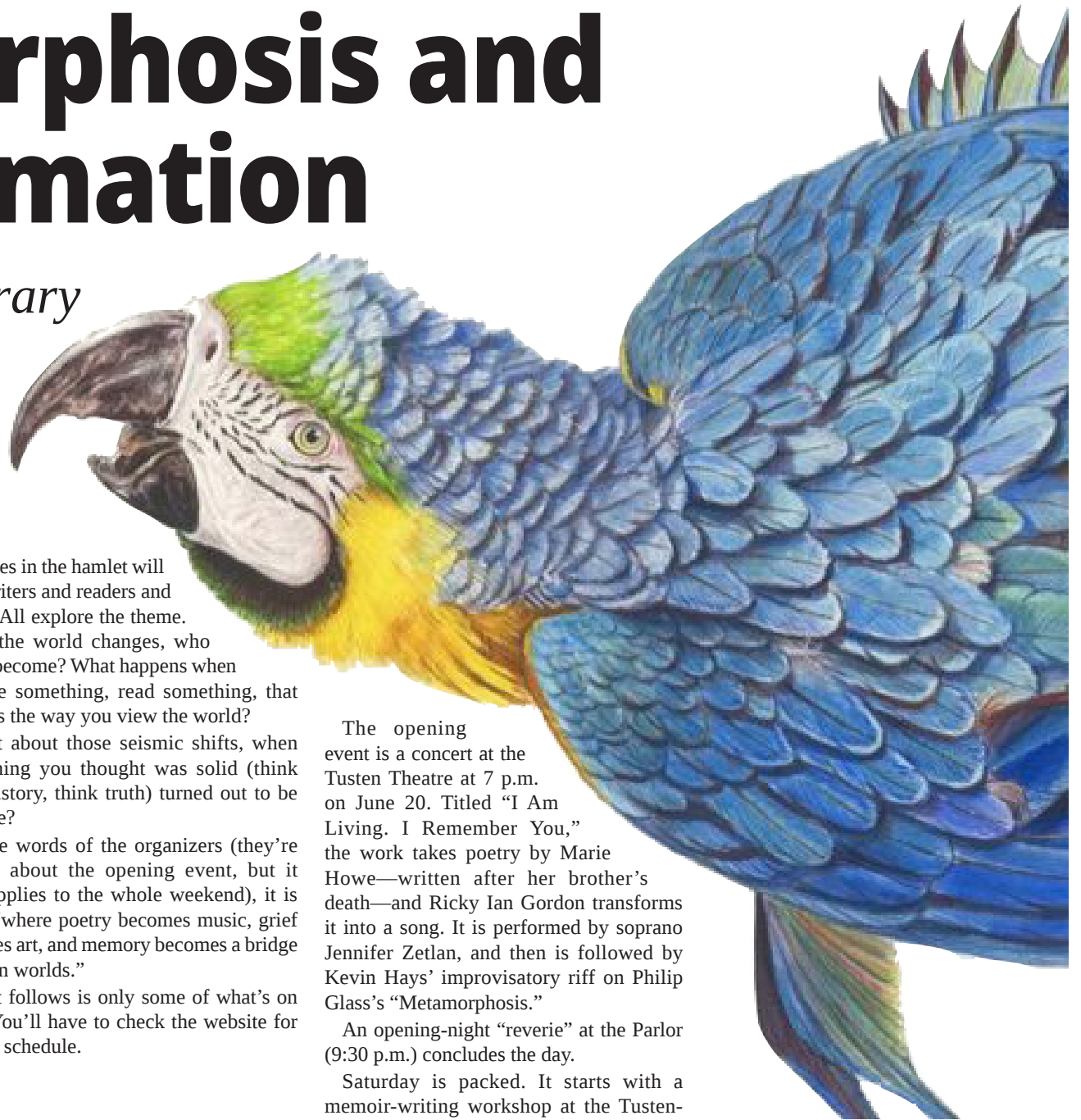


Image from the Deep Water Literary Festival website  
Lyla June, John MacNeill Miller and Kate Marvel ask us to reimagine the climate story on Sunday, June 22 at 12:30 p.m. at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance in Narrowsburg, NY.

the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance) to the Yarnslingers' take on metamorphosis (4 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church).

"It's thrilling to be able to bring two Booker Prize winners, two National Book Critics Circle Award winners and a recipient of the National Book Award to this special river town of 370 people on the New York/Pennsylvania border," said founder and director Aaron Hicklin. "There's something indescribably magical about bringing together writers and readers for a weekend of conversation, storytelling and communion."

In keeping with its mission to keep the literary arts accessible, two-thirds of the festival events are free of charge, while prices for the rest are \$15 each.

The full program and the addresses for the various event locations are available at [Deepwaterfestival.com](http://Deepwaterfestival.com). For inquiries for the Deep Water Book Fair, email [info@thehoundbooks.com](mailto:info@thehoundbooks.com).



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"Olaf and His Girlfriend," the Fete Arts dance piece from the 2022 Deep Water Literary Festival.





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Adam Lovitz's work is part of "The Delphic," on view at the Ruffed Grouse Gallery.

## And at the Ruffed Grouse Gallery...

NARROWSBURG, NY — In conjunction with the 2025 Deep Water Literary Festival, all are invited to an artist talk at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, featuring artists Adam Lovitz, Stuart Shils and Misha Wyllie. It will be held at the Ruffed Grouse Gallery.

The talk is part of "The Delphic," the gallery's current exhibition.

Adam Lovitz, Stuart Shils and Misha Wyllie issue visual pronouncements "that open into the spacious and unfamiliar," the announcement reads. It's a chance to hear

from the artists, as they guide the audience through the work.

"The Delphic" is the first exhibition at The Ruffed Grouse Gallery for these three Philadelphia-based artists and features new paintings, ceramics and works on paper. It is on view through July 13.

The event is free and no ticket is necessary.

The gallery is located at 144 Main St.

Learn more at [deepwaterfestival.com](http://deepwaterfestival.com).



Image contributed by the Forestburgh Playhouse

Drag Me to the Catskills in 2024 featured a dazzling array of performances at the Forestburgh Playhouse. Be sure to check out the lineup for 2025!

# Forestburgh Playhouse holds Pride Weekend

## Drag Me to the Catskills returns June 13-15

FORESTBURGH, NY — The Forestburgh Playhouse will launch its 79th season with a celebration of LGBTQ+ pride and performance excellence during a weekend of drag entertainment, Friday through Sunday, June 13-15.

In partnership with the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association, Drag Me to the Catskills returns "for its second year of fabulous fun, bigger and better than ever," the playhouse said.

The weekend kicks off June 13 at the Tavern at the Forestburgh Playhouse, featuring Comedy Queens of the Catskills, a show hosted by "RuPaul's Drag Race" star Mrs. Kasha Davis.

On June 14, the legendary drag icon Lady Bunny takes center stage for the first-ever "Wigstock in the Catskills," a mainstage event paying tribute to the glamour, music and history of drag performance.

## Tusten Repair Cafe coming soon

NARROWSBURG, NY — "Putting away winter? Digging out your spring needs?" The Tusten Repair Cafe team of volunteer fixers recently announced they can help on Saturday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tusten Town Hall, 210 Bridge St.

"Whether it's an article of clothing, a broken chair, your vacuum, a favorite old lamp... If you can carry it in, we'll do our best to bring it back to life! Sometimes what you hope gets fixed becomes a consultation, but we are sure you will enjoy your interactions with our team," a press release states.

No microwaves, unless the repair involves something like a door or cord; nothing

The festivities continue on June 15 with the return of "Drag Me to Brunch" at the Tavern. The show features **River Reporter** columnist and photographer Jonathan Charles Fox, among other performers.

Guests will enjoy a delicious brunch menu, refreshing cocktails and a vibrant drag show to round out the weekend.

All events offer VIP experiences, the playhouse said, and are expected to sell out quickly. Tickets are available now at [www.fbplayhouse.org](http://www.fbplayhouse.org) or by calling the Forestburgh Playhouse Box Office at 845/794-1194.

"Join us in Forestburgh to celebrate Pride Month and the opening of our 2025 season with this extraordinary weekend of love, laughter, and live performance," the playhouse added.

gas-powered or labeled "smart" will be accepted.

"Our incredible volunteers will work to get your favorite items repaired while bringing our community together! And it's free, although we do accept donations. Limit of two (clean) items per person, please!"

Attendees are asked to bring a canned or boxed donation for the Ecumenical Food Pantry. More information is available on the "Repair Café Tusten" Facebook page or by calling 845/252-6783.

The repair cafe thanks the Town of Tusten and The Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce for their support.

## Local rail trail alliance hosts walking adventure

HURLEYVILLE, NY — On Saturday, June 7 through Sunday, June 8, the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance will host ROAM, a free, two-day walking adventure exploring the scenic trails and historic landmarks of the Sullivan Catskills. Participants can choose between guided and self-guided hikes ranging from four to 12 miles in length, with a complimentary shuttle service available for those preferring shorter distances.

For those looking to extend their experience, an optional \$15-per-family camping opportunity is available on Saturday night at the Mamakating Little League Field.

Check-in opens at 7 a.m. on Saturday at Emma Chase School in Wurtsboro. The adventure begins at Emma Chase School

and follows routes along the O&W Rail Trail and the D&H Canal Trail, with stops at the D&H Canal Interpretive Center, the Mamakating Environmental Education Center and the Bashakill Boat Launch.

ROAM encourages participants to connect with nature, local history and one another while promoting wellness and community engagement in one of New York's most beautiful rural settings. The weekend includes nature walks, interpretive tours, time to explore the village of Wurtsboro and more.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. More information is available at [www.sullivannoandw.com](http://www.sullivannoandw.com).

## Delaware Highlands Conservancy creates new community garden

BEACH LAKE, PA — The Delaware Highlands Conservancy recently announced a community garden workday, to be held on Saturday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The conservancy will begin creating a new community garden space at the Van Scott Nature Reserve, and this workday will focus on preparing the site for planting and community use. The conservancy is looking for five to 10 volunteers to help with tasks such as clearing the fence line, cleaning up debris and laying the groundwork for a shared growing space.

While volunteering, attendees will learn about the conservancy's vision for the garden, and gain valuable tips for preparing their own gardens this growing season from representatives of the Cornell Cooperative

Extension of Sullivan County.

Advance registration is requested.

The garden site is in a full-sun area. Participants are asked to bring sun protection, insect repellent and a refillable water bottle. They're also asked to wear closed-toe shoes and clothing they don't mind getting dirty (long-sleeve shirts are recommended). Work gloves will be provided. Lunches should be packed. Rain date is June 14.

The Van Scott Nature Reserve is located at 571 Perkins Pond Road. Events require advance registration. More program and registration details are available at [www.DelawareHighlands.org/events](http://www.DelawareHighlands.org/events) or by calling education and volunteer coordinator Rachel Morrow at 570/226-3164 ext. 2.



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# RIVER REPORTER



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The Young Entrepreneur Fair draws young vendors from across Pike County and beyond, including students from Delaware Valley School District, Ascend Academy Milford and local homeschool communities.

### Local young entrepreneurs set to shine at Milford Business Fair

MILFORD, PA — Budding business owners ages six to 16 will take center stage at the Young Entrepreneur Fair on Sunday, June 8 from noon to 3 p.m. at 116 West Harford Ave. in the Pike County Licensing rear lot.

This one-day, outdoor marketplace is a unique opportunity for children to launch their own businesses, sell their goods or services and gain real-world experience in sales, customer service and product presentation. From handmade crafts and baked goods to original artwork and creative services, every booth will be entirely youth-run.

The event draws young vendors from across Pike County and beyond, including students from Delaware Valley School District, Ascend Academy Milford and local homeschool communities.

Past fairs have drawn large crowds of supportive community members, eager to shop and be inspired by the creativity and dedication of local children.

“This event is all about empowering kids to think big, take initiative and learn by doing,” said Alyssa Verdi, founder of Ascend Academy Milford. “It’s a celebration of creativity, courage, and community.”

Admission is free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to come out and support these inspiring young entrepreneurs while enjoying a fun, family-friendly afternoon.

Businesses include handmade jewelry, candles, crochet, and terrariums, original art, 3D prints, woodwork, baked goods, snacks and refreshing beverages, beauty products, books, pet treats, live plants and balloon animals, to name a few. Each child vendor has been preparing in advance by attending a business planning workshop and building their brand from the ground up. All proceeds from their booths go directly to the young business owners.

### ‘Lucy Joseph’ premieres at Farm Arts Collective

DAMASCUS, PA — “Lucy Joseph” is a new performance written by Mimi McGurl and produced by Farm Arts Collective, an “agri-cultural” collective of artists and farmers located on Willow Wisp Organic farm. The show will run June 5-8.

It is based on the life of a 19th-century, gender non-conforming pioneer Lucy Ann Joseph Israel Lobdell. The performance is written and directed by Mimi McGurl with contributed story and texts from local author William Klaber, historical texts by L.A. Lobdell and others.

The original musical performance features Jess Beveridge in the title role, as well as Doug Rogers, Pam Arnold, John Roth, Samantha Mehlman, Annie Hat and Laura Moran. Dramaturgy is by Mark Dunau.

Performances take place at 7 p.m. at the collective’s new agri-cultural center.

The historical figure at the center of the play is Lucy Ann/Joseph Israel Lobdell, aka The Female Hunter of Long Eddy, who lived in the Delaware River Valley in the mid-1800s. During Lobdell’s well-documented

years, colorful labels were attached to them in newspaper articles, histories and medical records. Raised as a girl, Lobdell, by 30 years of age, clearly preferred to live their life as a man. Lobdell’s life speaks volumes to the cultural shifts that squeezed through so much religious and political turmoil during the 19th century.

“The play captures the historical times while drawing parallels to contemporary socio-political arguments, how, nearly two centuries later, there are still powerful and influential people who insist that genetic markings at birth remain forever the essential truth of who we are,” according to a press release. “Lobdell’s life stands as a beacon of exactly how much more work still needs to be done for all of us to have the freedom to determine, for ourselves, our own gender identities and our own personal truths.”

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at [www.farmartscollective.org](http://www.farmartscollective.org) A limited number of pay-what-you-can tickets are available for all shows this season.



## PEEC announces weekend programs

DINGMANS FERRY, PA — The Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) has announced upcoming the following events and programs this weekend:

Bug Exploration, Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.-noon, \$5 per person. “Bugs are everywhere! Come join us as we go exploring to find as many as possible. Don’t worry, they won’t bite or sting you. Please call to register.”

EcoZone Discovery Room, Saturday, June 7, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., \$3 per person. “Climb into a bald eagle’s nest, crawl into a bat cave, explore a beaver lodge and dig in a fossil pit! Explore this indoor discovery room and enjoy hands-on exhibits on natural history, sustainability and the local environment. No registration required.”

Fishing for Beginners, Sunday, June 8, 9

a.m.-noon, \$10 per person. “There are plenty of fish waiting to be caught in our ponds! Spend the morning learning some of the basics for fishing with a rod and reel and see how many you can get. We’ll supply the rods and bait! Strictly catch and release. Call ahead to reserve your spot. Participants over 16 must have a valid fishing license. Please call to register.”

Nature at Night Sunday, June 8, 8 p.m.-9:30 p.m. \$5 per person. “A pleasant summer evening is the perfect time to head outside. Take a walk in the woods to listen for owls, look at stars and enjoy the music of the night. Enjoy fun activities that test your night vision. We recommend you bring a flashlight! Please call to register.”

PEEC is located at 538 Emery Road and can be reached at [www.peec.org](http://www.peec.org) or 570/828-2319.



Photo contributed by The Times and the Valley Museum

The Times and the Valley Museum has opened for the 2025 season.

## Time and the Valleys Museum open now

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY — The Time and the Valleys Museum, on State Rte. 55, recently opened for the season. The museum’s exhibitions include:

“Water and the Valleys,” an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century.

“Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City’s Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story,” an exhibition on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system/

“1930s Catskill Family Farm,” an outdoor, open-air experience with several early farm buildings, all illustrating life on a Catskill family farm during the 1930s. The farm is about to be removed for the building of a NYC reservoir. Buildings include a farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk

house, outhouse and workshop with working waterwheel.

The museum is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. through September or by appointment. Adults admission is \$10, Children under 16 get in for \$5, and children under six can enter for free. Museum members receive free admission. Free admission is offered to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members through its status as a Blue Star Museum. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs to Labor Day.

Residents can call 845/985-7700, email [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org) for more information. Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

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Delaware Valley Opera presents opera for kids

LAKE HUNTINGTON, NY — On Saturday, June 7 at 10 a.m., the Delaware Valley Opera (DVO) will present the “Knightly News,” an opera for children by Jonathan Stinson and Sarah Rogevich; Stinson is the artist in residence at DVO for 2025.

Originally commissioned by Chicago Opera Playhouse, productions of “Knightly News” have been performed by Atlanta Opera, Green Light Vocal Productions in Illinois and multiple schools throughout the country.

Pike County Historical Society celebrates 95 years, announces banquet

GREENTOWN, PA — The Pike County Historical Society invites all on Wednesday, June 11 to the Promised Land Inn for a celebration of milestones and a program highlighting the work of the Civilian Conservation Corps in PA.

Promised Land State Park was established in 1905 and hosted three CCC camps between 1933 and 1941. The CCC is credited with substantially improving the layout and safety of the park, planting thousands of trees and developing many of the recreational facilities present today.

The project, Pocono Camp S-139, saw the building of roads, the Promised Land Lake dam, the Bear Wallow cabins, the CCC Pavilion and more. The Masker Museum, located on Pickerel Point Road in the park, will be open from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on the day of the banquet. Guest speaker Joshua Heath

Characters from “Cinderella,” “Little Red Riding Hood” and “The Three Little Pigs” make up the cast. Little Red has a crush on Prince Charming who has become a television news reporter. Pig and Little Red decide to look for Pig’s brothers and Little Red’s grandmother who all disappeared after witenesses heard a “huff and a puff,” and the epic tale ensues from there.

Admission is \$10 for adults and free to children under 14 years of age, available at [www.MyRiverTickets.com](http://www.MyRiverTickets.com).

will host a visit to the museum where attendees can learn about the history and natural environment of Promised Land State Park. This small but informative museum features exhibits on the park’s wildlife, geology and cultural history.

The banquet will commence at 5 p.m. with a cash bar cocktail hour and complimentary cheese and crackers, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. There will be historical items including books, prints and art offered for raffle, and of course the obligatory basket of cheer and lottery tree as well.

Tickets to the banquet cost \$65 and can be purchased online by visiting [www.PikeHistorical.org](http://www.PikeHistorical.org) at the the Column Museum Facebook page. Liz Steen at the museum can be reached at 570/296-812 for those looking to place a congratulatory ad in the banquet program.

‘Peter and the Wolf’ and ‘Peer Gynt’

MONTICELLO and NARROWSBURG, NY — The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) invites families and music lovers of all ages to special performances featuring two works “that promise to enchant and inspire,” a chamber arrangement of Sergei Prokofiev’s “Peter and the Wolf” alongside an original arrangement of Edvard Grieg’s “Peer Gynt Suite No. 1.” Performances are Saturday, June 7 at 6 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church (15 St. John St. in Monticello) and Sunday, June 8 at 1 p.m. at the Tusten Theater (210 Bridge St. in Narrowsburg). The latter is presented by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

The program will open with Grieg, arranged for chamber orchestra. Originally composed for Henrik Ibsen’s play, the four-movement suite reflects the dramatic

and fantastical journey of its protagonist, the SCCO said.

This concert will also feature a celebration of youth talent. Students from the Aspiring Young Musicians (AYM) program, an educational initiative of SCCO. These talented young musicians will perform solo pieces in front of a live audience, sharing the stage with the accomplished orchestra.

The concert will conclude with “Peter and the Wolf,” described as “one of the most enduring and delightful musical stories of all time.”

Tickets are available for Saturday at [www.linktr.ee/nesinculturalarts](http://www.linktr.ee/nesinculturalarts) and Sunday at [www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org/event/](http://www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org/event/). Tickets are also available at the door. There will be a bake sale during the event.

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**■ IN MY HUMBLE OPINION**  
BY JONATHAN CHARLES FOX

# Lightning in a bottle

## *The Center for Discovery does the impossible*

I'm fairly certain that The Center for Discovery (TCFD) often accomplishes things that others (like me) might have once deemed impossible. But where special education is concerned, I'm just now learning how impactful TCFD can be.

Being a neophyte on the subject, I've done just a small amount of research, other than perusing their comprehensive website. It's fair to say that I know little to nothing, and have just begun to delve further into the organization and what life-changing services it provides.

The campus, located on 1,500 beautiful acres in Sullivan County, NY, is a place "where individuals receive the most highly advanced care and access to groundbreaking research for a myriad of complex conditions, including autism."

I do know that the children's specialty hospital, training and consultation offerings, and both pediatric and adult programs, are highly regarded world-wide, contributing to TCFD becoming "a leader in educational, residential and clinical services."

I recently learned that the center also offers a creative arts program in addition to recreational services, and that's where I come in. Last year I had the distinct pleasure of attending the Discovery Dramatic Arts' production of "The Wizard of Oz," produced at the Michael Ritchie Big Barn Theatre in Hurleyville, NY, and I was blown away by everything and everyone involved.

So when I got a call asking if I'd like to attend and express my humble opinion about this year's musical—Andrew Lloyd Webber's theatrical phenomenon "CATS"—I was a bit hesitant for a couple of reasons.

"There's no way they can top 'Oz,'" I said to a pal. "It was a triumph. And besides," I added, "'CATS' is my second favorite musical of all time."

When asked which show comes in at number one, my response was somewhat dramatic, if you can imagine that. "All the rest!" I hollered, gesticulating wildly. "Even 'Rockabye Hamlet,'" (look it up) "and that's saying a lot!"

I went on to explain that the show I saw last year could only be described as "lightning in a bottle," which refers to something being so powerful and rare that it is nigh on impossible to achieve, much less repeat.

I implied the same sentiment to the music therapy team leaders for "CATS": Conio Loretto, the director, and musical director Amanda Belcastro. When I included recreation director Erin Atkins in the conversation, all three chimed in.

"I hope we can change your mind," Loretto said with a smile.

"I think you'll be pleasantly surprised," added Atkins, while Belcastro recalled me saying some "nice words" last time around.

"We'll see," I said with a haughty, flippant air. "I don't think that's possible."



RR photos by Jonathan Charles Fox

Tommy Abelson's portrayal of "Old Deuteronomy" in The Discovery Dramatic Arts production of "CATS" lit up the stage last week at the Michael Ritchie Big Barn Theatre in Hurleyville, NY.



Antwain Jackson had the audience cheering for more as the tap-dancing Skimbleshanks the Railway Cat in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "CATS" at The Center for Discovery's Michael Ritchie Big Barn Theatre in Hurleyville, NY.



Kathia Caban's portrayal of Grizabella in "CATS" at the Center for Discovery's Michael Ritchie Big Barn Theatre was mesmerizing.

The lights dimmed, a hush fell over the audience and as the music swelled and the show began—it happened again. Lightning, bottle, the works. Boasting an impressive cast of more than 25 incredibly talented performers, all of whom are TCFD residents or day school students, this production of "CATS" is one of the most creative interpretations of a musical that I've ever experienced.

Through lighting, sound, set design and execution, the audience was instantly transported to the grimy alley behind a Broadway theatre, where much of the action takes place. Keep in mind—there are no humans

in this musical play, only felines played by humans, and now that I've seen it as reimagined by Loretto and Co., I can never look at "CATS" in the same way again.

Trust me, this is not just a bunch of people (at last count, more than 60) getting together to put on a show. This is incredibly well-produced theatre in every sense of the word. And like any successful theatrical endeavor, the overall production is elevated by the dedication and talents of those who perform, operate the sound, light the stage, play the music, and costume the cast.

Although I'm not usually a fan, the use of

projections on- and off-stage was (IMHO) inspired.

Additionally, kudos to the folks who design and build the sets and choreograph the show with innovative techniques specifically catered to those who call TCFD home. They are very special people, with very special needs, talents and abilities.

As for the stunning overall design of the show, I learned a thing or two from recreation specialist Erin Atkins.

"The set was built and painted by individuals in The Center For Discovery's school and day habilitation programs with the help of recreation director Sam Rose," she informed me. "When we start the design process, whether it is for props, costumes or the set, we always take into consideration how much meaningful work can be included for the people who live and go to school here."

Flabbergasted, I asked Atkins for more. "We use both adapted and standard tools so that we can include people with varying skill levels and abilities," she explained.

"It's really important to us as a program that we [involve] everyone who is interested, and that includes everything behind the scenes. It's really special to share the moment when someone recognizes something they worked so hard on in the show, and to see the same pride from their families. It takes a community to put on a show, and it's no different here."

When theatre is done right, it is a shared experience, one which ripples through the cast, the crew and the audience alike. We laughed, we cried and we cheered, because this production was done right and epitomizes what theatre is all about. Making magical memories to last a lifetime. I know I'll never forget it.

Once the last bow had been taken and the deafening applause a mere whisper, I had the opportunity to ask director Conio Loretto for some final thoughts on this year's musical.

"What a true gift it is to direct productions at The Center," Loretto said. "With 'CATS,' we set out to highlight the incredible range of talent in our performers. Our adaptation gave our actors, singers and dancers a chance to shine—whether on stage or onscreen. And shine they did! Whether bursting onto the stage for the first time or soaring to new heights as one of our veteran performers, they didn't just exceed expectations—they crushed them!"

After arriving home, I picked up the phone. "Well, The Center for Discovery did it again," I told my pal after having assured her that it was not possible. I guess from this point forward when someone asks about Andrew Lloyd Webber's fantastical felines, I have to say "I love 'CATS'—now and forever. Thanks to The Center for Discovery."

For more photos of The Center for Discovery's production of "CATS," visit [riverreporter.com](http://riverreporter.com).



# Where & When

FOR MORE EVENTS VISIT [RIVERREPORTER.COM/CALENDAR](http://RIVERREPORTER.COM/CALENDAR)

## Thursday, June 5

### Dahlia Cultivation @ WELC

HAWLEY, PA — The Country Gardeners dahlia cultivation with Eva Schwartz, 1pm, at Wallenpaupack Environmental Learning Center, 126 Lamberton Ln. 201/956-3229.

### 'Lucy Joseph' @ FAC

DAMASCUS, PA — Farm Arts Collective "Lucy Joseph," performance June 5-8, 7pm, 38 Hickory Ln. myrivertickets.com.

### Sage Sessions @ DVAA

NARROWSBURG, NY — Tusten Social & Growing Old Together Sage Sessions, 1:30-3:30pm, 37 Main St. tustensocial.org.

## Friday, June 6

### Annual Gala @ CHS

PORT JERVIS, NY — The Can't Hurt Steel Community Foundation, 10th annual gala, 6pm, 1 Jersey Ave. canthurststeelfoundation.org.

### Fish Fry @ WSSFD

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, NY — White Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church fish fry, 4-7pm, 3352 Route 52. \$15/person, eat-in or take-out. sbuzzell8483@gmail.com.

### Fork & Cork Dinner @ LSFS

LAKE ARIEL, PA — Lacawac Sanctuary Field Station Fork & Cork fundraising dinner, 6pm, 192 Sanctuary Rd. Register lacawac.org/programs.

### Friday Fitness @ CCE

LIBERTY, NY — Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County Friday fitness series, 10-11am, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd. Register 845/292-6180, ext.101.

### 'Hamlet' @ The Parlor

NARROWSBURG, NY — The Parlor "Hamlet" with Clown Daddy, Fri. & Sat. 8pm, 90 Main St. Age 13+, myrivertickets.com.

### Movie in the Park @ JEMS

JEFFERSONVILLE, NY — Jeffersonville JEMS "The Lion King," 8:30pm, 21 Lovett Lane. Sue 845/796-6966.

### Networking Breakfast @ SCCoC

LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY — Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Friday Networking Breakfast, 7:30am, 5 New Hope Comm. Dr. Register business.catskills.com/events.

## Saturday, June 7

### 2025 Spartan Event @ BW

BETHEL, NY — Bethel Woods 2025 Tri-State NY Spartan event weekend Sat.-Sun., 200 Hurd Rd. Register bethelwoodscenter.org.

### A Moveable Feast @ Grey Towers

MILFORD, PA — Grey Towers a moveable feast: historic tour of Milford with the Pinchot Family, 10am-noon, 201 Broad St. Register greytowers.org/events.

### Artist Reception @ WSPL-J

JEFFERSONVILLE, NY — Barryville Arts artist reception & exhibition for Stone Arch Bridge plain air painting, noon-2pm, Stone Arch Bridge, 19 Center St. barryvillearearts@gmail.com.

### Auditions @ RCP

HAWLEY, PA — The Ritz Company Playhouse summer auditions for "Dare to Dream Jr.," 12 noon, 512 Keystone St. ritzplayhouse.com.

### BBQ Festival @ Grahamsville

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY — Sullivan Catskills & Grahamsville Little World's Fair Catskills barbeque festival & competition, noon-6pm, 8230 St. Rte. 55. facebook.com/SullivanCatskills.

### Book Fair @ SCHS

HURLEVILLE, NY — Sullivan County Historical Society author & illustrator book fair, noon-4pm, 265 Main St. 845/434-8044.

### Chicken BBQ @ BLVFC

BEACH LAKE — The Beach Lake Fire Company take-out chicken BBQ, 4-6pm, 1033 Beach Lake Hwy. Billy 866-0442.

### Fly Tyers Series @ CFFCM

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — Fly tyers series with Mike Stewart, 11am-3pm, 1031 Old Rte. 17. Register cffcm.com.

### Garden Workday @ DHC

BEACH LAKE, PA — Delaware Highlands Conservancy community garden workday, 10am-4pm, 571 Perkins Pond Rd. Sign up, 570/226-3164, ext. 2.

### June Pride @ TCP

HONESDALE, PA — The Cooperage Project June pride: drag bingo, 7pm, 1030 Main St. thecooperageproject.org.

### Katie's Cafe @ Narrowsburg

NARROWSBURG, NY — St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Katie's Cafe, a free community luncheon, noon-1pm, 31 Erie St. facebook.com/St.Pauls.Narrowsburg.

### Kickball @ S-MVFD

MONGAUP VALLEY, NY — Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Department 2nd annual kickball tournament, 9am, 47 Kits Rd. Text Becca 845/701-1897.

### 'Knightly News' @ DVO

LAKE HUNTINGTON, NY — Delaware Valley Children's Opera "Knightly News," 10am & 2pm, June 14&15, 2pm, 6692 Rte. 52. myrivertickets.com.

### Media Literacy @ Hawley Library

HAWLEY, PA — The River Reporter presents a workshop on media literacy. 11:30am. At the Hawley Community Library. 845/252-7414, ext 133.

### Plant Swap @ Narrowsburg

NARROWSBURG, NY — The Narrowsburg Beautification Group Plant Swap, 10am-2pm, 7 Erie Ave. nbgtusten@gmail.com.

### Repair Café @ Narrowsburg

NARROWSBURG, NY — Repair Café, 10am-1pm, Tutsten Town Hall, 210 Bridge St. Free repair of items, repaircafetusten@gmail.com.

### ROAM @ Wurtsboro

WURTSBORO, NY — Sullivan O&W Rail Trail ROAM multi-day walking adventure. Sat. & Sun. 7am, 28 Pennsylvania Ave, Register facebook.com/sullivananoandw.

### Rummage Sale @ Beach Lake

BEACH LAKE, PA — The Whispering Pines Community Church rummage sale & community yard sale, 8am-3pm, 7 Milanville Rd. Register spot whisperingpines.susumc.org.

### Sports Field Dedications @ Narrowsburg

NARROWSBURG, NY — Multigenerational park sports facilities dedications, 1pm, 75 Third St. welcometonarrowsburg.com.

### Spring Clean-Up Day @ Lackawaxen

LACKAWAXEN, PA — Lackawaxen Township spring clean-up day, 9am-1pm, 169 Urban Rd. growinglackawaxen.com/events.

### Strawberry Festival @ Milford UMC

MILFORD, PA — Milford United Methodist Church strawberry festival, 10am-4pm, 206 E. Ann St, facebook.com/MilfordUMC.

### 'The Goonies' @ Milford Theater

MILFORD, PA — Milford Theatre & Performing Arts Center "The Goonies," 3pm, 114 E. Catherine St. themilfordtheater.com.

### 'The Outrage' @ NACL

HIGHLAND LAKE, NY — North American Cultural Laboratory "The Outrage: A Queer Writer's Residency," 7:30pm, 110 Highland Lake Rd. NACL.org.

### Thurman Barker Quartet @ CAS

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — Catskill Art Space Thurman Barker Quartet, 4pm, 48 Main St. catskillartspace.org.

### Volleyball Tournament @ Hope Alive

HURLEVILLE, NY — Hope Alive 845 Volleyball D/E Tournament, 9am-5pm, 11 Morningside Park Rd. ages 16+. hopealive845.com.

### Warriors on the Trail @ LSFS

LAKE ARIEL, PA — Lacawac Sanctuary Field Station & Environmental Education Center Warriors on the trail, 10am, 182 Sanctuary Rd. Register lacawac.org/at-ease-veteran-program.

## Sunday, June 8

### Buffet Breakfast @ BGVFD

LORDS VALLEY, PA — Blooming Grove Volunteer Fire Dept. buffet breakfast with Spiderman, 8:30am-noon, 484 St. Rte. 739. facebook.com/BGVFD.STA25.

### PAG @ CAS

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — Catskill Art Space parents in the avant garde arts program, Sundays 10am. catskillartspace.org.

### Sunday Bingo @ Liberty Elks Lodge

LIBERTY, NY — Liberty Elks Lodge #1545 Sunday bingo, 1:30pm, calling 2:30pm, 21 John St. facebook.com/libertyelks1545.

### Tractor Parade @ Callicoon

CALLICOON, NY — The Delaware Youth Center 30th annual Tractor Parade, begins at noon, 8 Creamery Rd. visitcallicoon.com.

## Monday, June 9

### Blood Drive @ Rausch Memorial Hall

HANCOCK, NY — Red Cross blood drive, 1-5:30pm Father Rausch Memorial Hall, 316 W. Main. Schedule redcrossblood.org or 800/733-2767.

### Grant Workshop @ SCCoC

MONTICELLO, NY — The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce grant workshop, 9-11am or 6:30-8:30pm, 100 North St. catskills.com.

## Tuesday, June 10

### Bingo @ Monticello Elks

MONTICELLO, NY — The Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 Bingo, doors 5pm, calling 7pm, 46 North St. 845/794-1544.

### COMMUNITY Cooking Class @ SIC

PORT JERVIS, NY — The Spectrum Inclusion Center COMMUNITY cooking class, 1:30pm, 100 Faith Dr. Register inclusioncenter.us.

### Eat Healthy, Be Active @ CCE

LIBERTY, NY — Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan Eat Healthy, Be Active, 10-11am, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd. 845/292-6180, ext. 101.

## Wednesday, June 11

### Annual Banquet @ PCHS

GREENTOWN, PA — Pike County Historical Society annual banquet with presentation on the Civilian Conservation Corps, 5-8pm, 1045 PA 390. pikehistorical.org.

### Blood Drive @ RRFD Community Center

ROSCOE, NY — American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6pm, 1968 Old Rte. 17. Schedule redcrossblood.org. 800/733-2767.

### Gardening 101 @ CCE

ONLINE — Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County gardening 101, 5-6pm on Zoom. Register 845/292-6180, ext. 123.

### Grief Support Group @ WCAAoA

HONESDALE, PA — The Wayne County Area Agency on Aging grief support group, 2-3:30pm, 323 10th St. 570/253-4262.

## Thursday, June 12

### Family Support Group @ NAMI

ONLINE/HAWLEY, PA — NAMI family support group, 6-7:30pm, Grandma's Bakery, 110 Hemlock Farms Rd. and virtually. Register info@naminepa.org.

### Lunch & Learn @ CCE

ONLINE — Cornell Cooperative Extension Lunch & Learn with NY Farmlink, noon-1pm, on Zoom. Register sullivanvance.org/events.

### Mobile DMV @ Hortonville

HORTONVILLE, NY — Sullivan DMV mobile DMV registration appointments, 13 North Rd., schedule sullivanvny.gov/Departments/Clerk/DMV.

### Music in the Park @ Wurtsboro

WURTSBORO, NY — The Wurtsboro Board of Trade music in the park, 6:30pm, Veteran's Park, wurtsboro.org.

## Friday, June 13

### Baby Cafe @ PJFL

PORT JERVIS, NY — Port Jervis Free Library baby cafe support group, 10:30am-12:30pm, 138 Pike St. Register portjervislibrary.org.

### Blood Drive @ WMH

HONESDALE, PA — Red Cross blood drive, 10:30am-3:30pm, Wayne Memorial Hospital, 601 Park St. Schedule redcrossblood.org.

### 'Drag Me to the Catskills' @ FBPH

FORESTBURGH, NY — Forestburgh Playhouse, "Drag Me to the Catskills," 39 Forestburgh Rd. Schedule of events fbplayhouse.org.

### 'Iroquois Confederacy' @ MHS

MAMAKATING, NY — Mamakating Historical Society "Iroquois Confederacy" with Frank Salvati, 7pm, 136 Summitville Rd. mamakating.org.

### June Pride @ TCP

HONESDALE, PA — The Cooperage Project June pride film, "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar," 7pm, 1030 Main St. PG-13, thecooperageproject.org.

### Landbird Migrants @ DHC

BEACH LAKE, PA — Delaware Highlands Conservancy stopover ecology of landbird migrants, 10am-noon, 571 Perkins Pond Rd. Register, 570/226-3164, ext. 2.

### 'Sister Act' @ SCDW

SOUTH FALLBURG, NY — Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop "Sister Act," Fri.-Sat. 7pm, Sun. 1pm, Rivoli Theater, 5243 St. Rte. 42. scdw.net.

### Tattoo Fundraiser @ Foundry 42

PORT JERVIS, NY — Foundry 42 & The Shop-Tattoo Studio, fundraiser for ACT Through Music, noon-8pm, 42 Front St. facebook.com/Foundry42Home.

### 'The Aging Smorgasbord' @ PDA

HAWLEY, PA — Pennsylvania Department of Aging "The Aging Smorgasbord" trainings, 8:30am, 135 Pike County Blvd. Register trains@penncares.org.

## Saturday, June 14

### America the Beautiful Festival @ Port Jervis

PORT JERVIS, NY — New Century America the Beautiful Festival, June 14, 11am-9pm, June 15, 10am-7pm, 517 Neversink Dr. newcenturyfestivals.com.

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- Approx. figures
- Apology from the owner of a loud cat?
- Groupie
- Epps and Sharif
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- Saxophone legend, familiarly
- "Don't \_\_\_\_\_ stranger"
- Apt question that applies to 17-, 23-, 45- and 57-Across
- Long time
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- Brunch time
- Slice of fairway
- Org. offering jumps
- Confront the playwright of "Blithe Spirit"?
- Senseless
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gay (WWII plane)
- Santa portrayer in "Elf"
- Prefix with culture
- Comment about Liberace?
- Some are deadly
- Christmas \_\_\_\_\_
- "Haven't a clue!"
- John who composed the theme music for "The NBA on NBC"
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- Night, in Napoli
- Cultural spirit
- "This is only \_\_\_\_\_"
- Supports
- Former Sony brand
- He lost to Hayes in the 1876 presidential election
- Petting \_\_\_\_\_
- Miscalculate
- Mustachioed character on "The Simpsons"
- Principles
- Slow to catch on
- "As a result ..."
- Cockatoo cousin
- Brazilian \_\_\_\_\_
- Popular pistol
- First name in civil rights
- Scand. land
- "Now I get it!"
- Snug retreat
- Thus far
- Sloppy joe holder
- Pitching stat
- Vatican City is the only place in the world where people can use one in Latin
- Band with the 1990 album "Greatest Misses"
- Top position
- "Yum!"
- Extras
- Eat like a king
- Actress Harmon
- Toes' woes
- Home phone number abbr.
- Battery terminal
- Not as many
- \_\_\_\_\_ I might ..."
- Not worth \_\_\_\_\_
- Confine, with "in"
- Mendes of "Hitch"
- Survey check-off

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1 DAINE BOULEVARD LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/19/25. Office in Sullivan Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC PO Box 297094 Brooklyn NY 11229. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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3 CRESCENT LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/28/25. Office in Sullivan Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1501 Methel Rd., Roscoe, NY 12776, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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V E N T O P S Y C H O L O G I C A L SERVICES PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/22/25. Office: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, PO Box 412, Callicoon, NY 12723. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Psychology.



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Sealed bids for the following will be received by the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Central Services at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York 12701, (845) 807-0515, until 1:00 P.M. on Friday, June 20, 2025 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read.

1. Purchase and Install an Electric Wire Rope Hoist with a Motorized Trolley (B-25-32) Bid Forms, including specifications, may be obtained from the Director at the above address, and all bids are subject to the terms and conditions therein set forth.

Dated: June 6, 2025

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KRIPA MICRO LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/26/25. Office in Sullivan Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 184 Rockhill Dr 2, Rockhill, NY 12775. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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The Articles of Organization of OH2H LLC were filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 1, 2025. Office location: 60 French Clearing Road Forestburgh, NY 12777 Sullivan County, New York. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to 60 French Clearing Road Forestburgh, NY 12777. Purpose is: all lawful acts or activities.

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Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Tallow LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/23/2024. 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 Jill Boynton: 16 Roe Road Bloomingburg, New York 12721. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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WHERE & WHEN

Car Show @ CFHFC

EAST BRANCH, NY — Cooks Falls-Horton Fire Company 1st annual car show, noon-5pm, East Branch Fireman's field, facebook.com/cfhfd116a.

Coffee & Conversation @ DVAA

NARROWSBURG, NY — Delaware Valley Arts Alliance Coffee & Conversation with Bobby Abate, 1-2pm, 37 Main St. delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

Community Chorus @ St. John's Episcopal

ELLENVILLE, NY — Sullivan County Community Chorus performs Mozart's Requiem and Dan Forest's Breath of Life at 1pm at St. John's Memorial Episcopal Church, 40 Market Street. \$10 suggested donation.

Duo Mantar @ Kindred Spirits

MILFORD, PA — Kindred Spirits Duo Mantar, 5:30pm, pool pavilion, 151 Grey Towers Dr. kindredspiritsarts.org.

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Flora & Foraging Walk @ Outside Institute

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY — The Outside Institute, flora & foraging walk, 10am-noon, destination emailed to participants, theoutsideinstitute.org.

Gallery Talk @ WCAA

HONESDALE, PA — Wayne County Arts Alliance gallery talk featuring Jeff George, 5pm followed by closing reception, 959 Main St. waynecountyartsalliance.org.

Painting Party @ WSPL-C

CALLICOON, NY — The Delaware Free Branch & Barryville Area Arts "Picasso Was Right" children's painting party, 12:30-3:30pm, Register wsplonline.libcal.com/calendar.

Plein Air Painting @ Milford

MILFORD, PA — Barryville Area Arts 8th annual Plein Air, 10am-3pm, Zimmerman Estate, Rte. 209 & Zimmerman Farm Rd. Register barryvilleareaarts@gmail.com.

Speaker Series @ Fort Delaware

NARROWSBURG, NY — "God Save Benedict Arnold: The True Story of America's Most Hated Man," 4pm, 6615 NY-97. facebook.com/TheDelCo.

Spring Speaker Series @ SHFL

ELDRED, NY — Sunshine Hall Free Library film & talk, Bill Stanton: "Images from the Catmosphere," 4pm. Register sunshinehallfreelibrary.org.

'The Birdcage' @ Milford Theater

MILFORD, PA — Milford Theatre & Performing Arts Center "The Birdcage," 4pm, 114 E. Catherine St. themilfordtheater.com.

The Monthly Muster @ LSFS

LAKE ARIEL, PA — Lacawac Sanctuary Field Station monthly muster, 10am, 182 Sanctuary Rd. Register lacawac.org/at-ease-veteran-program.

Trout Parade @ Livingston Manor

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce 19th annual Manor Parade at noon, livingstonmanor.ny.com.

Sunday, June 15

Colin Dempsey @ RVSH

LONG EDDY, NY — Rock Valley Schoolhouse live music with Colin Dempsey, 4pm, 9598 County Hwy 28, therockvalleyschoolhouse.com.

Pancake Breakfast @ CVFD

CLARYVILLE, NY — Claryville Volunteer Fire Dept. pancake breakfast, 8am-noon, 1500 Denning Road. 845/985-7270.

MEETINGS

Thursday, June 5

Council Meeting @ UDC

NARROWSBURG, NY — The Upper Delaware Council, 7pm, 211 Bridge St. 845/252-3022.

Monday, June 9

Callicoon Town Board Meeting

JEFFERSONVILLE, NY — Town of Callicoon board, 7:30pm, 19 Legion St. 845/482-5390, ext. 300.

Tuesday, June 10

Highland Town Board Meeting

ELDRED, NY — Town of Highland board, 7pm, 4 Proctor Rd. townofhighlandny.com.

Tusten Town Board Meeting

NARROWSBURG, NY — Town of Tusten board, 6:30pm, 210 Bridge St. townoftusten.org.

Wednesday, June 11

Bethel Town Board Meeting

WHITE LAKE, NY — Town of Bethel board, 7:30pm, 3460 Route 55 or Zoom. townofbethelny.us.

Cochecton Town Board Meeting

LAKE HUNTINGTON, NY — Town of Cochecton board, 7:30pm, 74 Smalles Rd. townofcochectonny.org.

Delaware Town Board Meeting

HORTONVILLE, NY — Town of Delaware board, 7pm, 104 Main St. 845/887-5250, ext. 105.

Fremont Town Board Meeting

FREMONT CENTER, NY — Town of Fremont board, 7pm, 12 Cty. Rd. 95, 845/887-6605.

Hawley Borough Council Meeting

HAWLEY, PA — Hawley Borough Council, 7pm, 94 Main Ave. 570/226-9545.

Lumberland Town Board Meeting

GLEN SPEY, NY — Town of Lumberland board, 7pm, 1054 Proctor Rd. 845/856-8600, ext. 7.

Thursday, June 12

Berlin Township Planning Commission Meeting

BEACH LAKE, PA — Berlin Township Planning Commission, 7pm, 50 Milanville Rd. berlintownship.org.

Board of Ed Meeting @ Eldred JSHS

ELDRED, NY — Eldred Central School District board of education, 6-8pm, 600 Rte. 55. 845/456-1100.

Damascus Planning Commission Meeting

DAMASCUS, PA — Township of Damascus Planning Commission, 7pm, 60 Conklin Hill Rd. planning@damascustwp.org, 570/224-4410.

Shohola Board of Supervisors Meeting

SHOHOLA, PA — Shohola Township Board of Supervisors, 6:30pm, 159 Twin Lakes Rd. 570/559-7394.





## TALKING SPORTS BY TED WADDELL

JEFFERSONVILLE, NY — “This has been an awesome group of girls,” said Sullivan West’s long-standing varsity softball coach Anthony Durkin. This was moments after the Lady Bulldogs anchored the team’s spot in the upcoming sectional finals.

In the semifinal matchup, held on Thursday, May 29, the home team swatters (11-1) defeated the visiting Lady Blue Devils of Ellenville 6-1 at Lauren Hughson Memorial Field.

Heaping on the praise for this season’s softball squad, Durkin talked about his team. It is composed mostly of juniors, with nary a senior on the roster. “These guys just love to play softball, and they surpassed a lot of our expectations.”

Demonstrating once again that ballplayers and their coaches can be a superstitious lot, Durkin sported a baby-blue T-shirt proclaiming that the team of a few years past were “2017 Undeclared Division Champions.” It proudly listed the players’ names and jersey numbers.

And now, in 2025, both teams traded runs in the third frame, but after that it was all Sullivan West. The Lady Bulldogs posted another run in the fifth, and closed it out in the sixth with four runners crossing the plate.

Previously on the road to victory, Sullivan West defeated the Lady Blue Devils (7-7) 8-6 on May 20 at Ellenville.

This season, the home-team battery is made up of Mary Chellis, a sophomore hurler and Rowan Hubbert, a freshman catcher.

“It’s a great team to be part of, and I’m really proud of where we’re going,” said Chellis, the home team’s 15-year-old starter on the mound. “A lot of us have been together since Little League, and this is the year we’ve been waiting for.”

“It’s a lot more challenging than junior varsity,” said Hubbert, the 13-year-old starting varsity catcher for Sullivan West. “It’s fun being with all the girls.”

With the continued onslaught of rainy weather lashing the region, Saturday’s Section IX softball championship game between Sullivan West and the Lady Huskies of Highland was postponed until Sunday, June 1. The game will be held at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY.

For more photos, visit [www.riverreporter.com/sports](http://www.riverreporter.com/sports).

# Lady Bulldogs swat Ellenville



Catch as catch can. The Lady Bulldogs’ catcher scores a run for Sullivan West on the way to a 6-1 win.



RR photos by Ted Waddell  
Adding to victory. Mary Chellis, the Bulldogs’ sophomore pitcher, scored a run.



McKayla Chevalier is pictured posting a run for Sullivan West.



One more for the scorebook. Sullivan West’s Meghan Kelly, a junior, is pictured crossing the plate.



Guardian of the plate. Sullivan West’s freshman catcher Rowan Hubbert sets up a peg to second under the watchful eye of the home-plate ump.



Off to a good start. Ellenville’s pitcher Victoria Bonitz scored the first run of the game in the top of the third inning.

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■ THE WAY OUT HERE  
BY HUNTER HILL

# A cathedral for creatures

Spring turkey season is one of my favorite hunting seasons of the year for many reasons, but right at the top is the more agreeable climate. In terms of large game, most of the predominant seasons are in the fall during the imminent chilling of the outdoors. Spring turkey, however, exists as the name would suggest: In spring.

I have always envied southern states, in which deer seasons are held in warm weather, and a single layer of clothing is all that is needed to prepare for the hunt.

Up here, I've rarely enjoyed much time in fall's archery season before it turns brisk. In spring, however, the only thing I've had to seriously consider is the waterproofing factor of my clothes. Spring turkey normally entails a lot of walking, mud and wet foliage. I've been famous for forgetting my butt cushion when turkey hunting, and being forced to sit on the wet ground. After one or two sits, it becomes less fun to hike around with a wet butt.

With all the hiking involved, I do appreciate wearing fewer layers. Less weight and more mobility make for a less arduous quest. On top of that, I'm of the mindset that when hunting, everything should be as simple as possible—no extra gadgets or accessories that aren't needed. You have to carry whatever you need with you all day, so why overdo it? A few shells, a call or two, tags, whatever you're wearing including a mask and hat, your weapon and of course my infamous butt cushion.



RR photo by Hunter Hill

There are two kinds of church. This one reminds me of the title Creator.

Yes, it's necessary. Once you hear that gobble, you need to sit right down wherever you are. Standing in a swamp? Get to the base of the nearest tree and sit right there in the mud on the roots. Didn't bring your cushion? The turkey doesn't care. Not wearing waterproof pants? Better hope that hunt is about to pay off or you'll be walking with a muddy bottom for the rest of the day.

As it would happen, I had a lovely day out turkey hunting recently. And yes, I remembered my cushion for once. We hiked a few miles, calling in different areas of my father's leased hunting grounds, not hearing anything in the way of turkeys. It's been a very wet month, and turkeys don't fare particularly well in the rain. It deters their desire to talk or behave as they would in dry conditions, which adds to the difficulty of hunting them.

While driving from one spot to another, we did see a few very wet-looking birds drying themselves off in someone's driveway. As my dad so eloquently described them, they looked like they had been dunked underwater and pulled through a knothole backwards. This was to say they were thoroughly drenched and their feathers were quite disheveled. All those turkeys wanted to do was dry off, not seek out hens.

As it turned out, despite the sun coming out later in the day, they remained silent throughout our hunt, which ultimately took us over about eight miles. Were there birds nearby? Perhaps. But without a gobble to go on, we were limited in our ability to make them come to us.

Regardless, I found myself reminded of the beauty of spring as we passed through theatre after theatre of subtly changing environments adorned with different shapes of leaves and litanies of characteristic trees and accompanying fauna. We passed through tall, straight hemlocks into thick stands of beech, and back out again to the dark barks of black cherry trees. Massive stones formed natural caves and outcroppings at the top of one of our favorite mountains, where sunlight spattered the floor of the cascading hill below with a foliar stained glass effect.

As we sat to call and listen for birds, I took a moment to snap a picture of what I considered a perfectly suitable place to retire with a small one-room cabin. Maybe in my retirement I could do so and write more about what the spot inspired. But today it was a cathedral of light and life, grown from the artistic hand of God himself. It was not where I was to kill a bird that day, but it was a treat nonetheless.

The way out here hunting is an opportunity to receive God's blessings. Sometimes that is in the form of food from an animal, and sometimes He feeds my soul.

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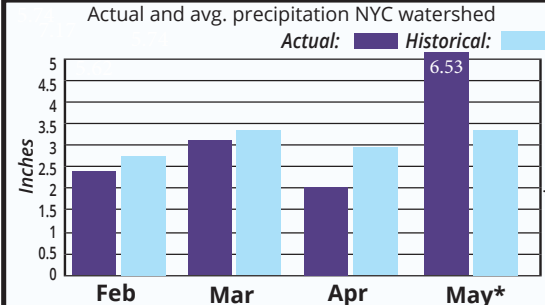
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#### Reservoir levels

**May 29, 2025**  
Cannonsville: 100.3%  
Pepacton: 99.7%  
Neversink: 100.2%  
**Total: 99.2%**  
**Normal Total: 99.9%**  
**Total in 2024: 99.8%**

Actual and avg. precipitation NYC watershed

Actual:  Historical: 



Month	Actual (inches)	Historical (inches)
Feb	2.5	2.8
Mar	3.2	3.5
Apr	2.1	3.0
May*	6.53	3.5

\*to date



## RIVER TALK

BY SANDY LONG

# ID me: Tools for nature lovers

Sometimes you just must find out what that shiny black elongated lump you discovered lying on a hillside in the snow might be. Maybe that palm-sized spider you uncovered when lifting the tarp from your woodpile startled you enough to need to know whether you're in harm's way. Then there's that plant you've seen before, but can't name right now, and that bird you've heard and still can't label, or the elusive author of the "script" carved into that log, looking like a secret message meant for you.

Wonder no more! The answer might be only a tap or two away on your smartphone. With the help of a mobile application (app), what used to require research and resources (such as field journals) is often no longer necessary.

For example, when it comes to identifying who is who-ing in the night woods, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's bird app, Merlin, is a hands-down winner. Check it out at [merlin.allaboutbirds.org](http://merlin.allaboutbirds.org). For those seeking to identify and share images of plants, animals and fungi, iNaturalist ([www.inaturalist.org](http://www.inaturalist.org)) is a terrific tool.

Both apps are free, and can provide information to satisfy amateur naturalists and scientists alike.

And as in the case of the photo app that comes with some smartphones (like Apple's iPhone) the curious can get started on their way to having that curiosity satisfied with a flick of the finger to access suggestions for what the app thinks your photo depicts. Some results are surprisingly accurate, while some will give you a good laugh.



RR photos by Sandy Long

The photo app on my smartphone suggested that this deceased but intact fish found on a hillside overlooking Shohola Lake in Pike County, PA was a black bullhead catfish. However, the app could offer no explanation for how or why it got there!

Have fun finding out what you'd like to know about the world out there. Fire up that app and figure out once and for all if that big spider is foe or friend (the latter). Just have a look, leave it alone and foray along to ID the next mysterious marvel to cross your path.

But don't throw those field guides out! They offer valuable charms not achievable with the technology mentioned here. A topic for a future column!



Inaccurate attempts at identification can be entertaining. The carver of this "script" was identified as a "reptile," or "landmark" or "bug." Clicking the link to "bug" led to a more precise set of possibilities, including the emerald ash borer, the Asian long-horned beetle and the sirex woodwasp.



This large but harmless arachnid found in a woodpile in my yard was identified as *Dolomedes tenebrosus*, a species of fishing spider commonly found in the Upper Delaware River region.

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