



Thought for the day:  
"You have succeeded in life when all you really want is only what you really need."  
Vernon Howard

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## Here's the weather report for this winter

BY FRED STABBERT III

SULLIVAN COUNTY – Tuesday's snowstorm might have caught many in Sullivan County off guard – but not for readers of The Old Farmer's Almanac.

Right there – on page 121 – was the prediction for November 11:

"Veterans deserve thanks from us all and maybe some help when shovelin' calls."

How do it know?

Well, The Old Farmer's Almanac was established in 1792 and has been predicting the weather, with nearly 80 percent accuracy, using sunspots, which are magnetic storms on the surface of the Sun.

Don't ask us, we are just reporting what they say.

### How is this winter going to be?

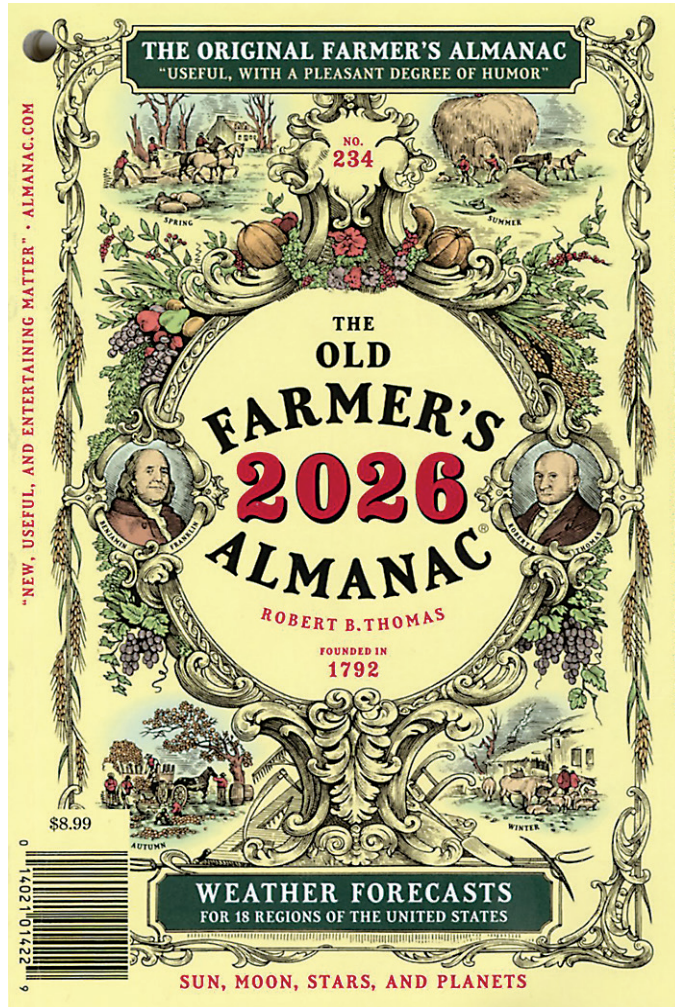
Well, the Old Farmer's Almanac says, "Winter temperatures will be above normal, with the coldest periods in December and early January.

"Precipitation and snowfall will be below normal, and the snowiest periods will be mid-November, early and mid-December and early February."

From December 1 through the 17 the Almanac says it will have "snowy periods, turning very cold."

And for Christmas? "Snow showers and very cold."

January looks like light snow during the first two



The Old Farmer's Almanac

weeks with very cold temps.

It will then turn sunny and milder, with possibly rain showers during the end of the month.

Snow, rain, snow, rain, and more snow are predicted for February, which the Alma-

nac predicts will be 7 degrees above normal, with an average temperature of 30 degrees.

And as always, no one rhymes the weather better than the editors of The Old Farmer's Almanac.

**For November:**  
"Clock hands spin, Let's Sleep in! Snowfalls begin and frost nips your skin."

Veterans deserve thanks from us all and maybe some help when shovelin' calls!

Annual feasts are now fixed, amidst a bone-chilling wintery mix."

**For December:**  
"All the cars are going slow, but can't get far in the blowing snow!"

Windchill grating, not abating. Plunging temps getting coldest right around the Winter Solstice.

Holiday season now freezin' for most... warm up with a '26 New Year's toast!"

**For January**  
"New Year's swoons for a super-moon!"

Snowy surge makes shoveling slower, time to splurge on a new snow blower.

Milder, then wilder; sun, rain and flurries float, ending the month on a chilly note."

**For February**  
"Groundhogs are snow-bound,

no shadows found. Wet and warming now, flowing creeks make lovely sound."

Presidents' Day is a time to be bold – grab hold of the sunrays, then retreat from the cold!"



**INSIDE THIS ISSUE:**  
Liberty Central School Scene



CAROL MONTANA | DEMOCRAT

### A day to show honor

Facing cold and snowy weather, Neversink residents Geri Gorton, left, and Matthew, Joan and Hannah Conjura recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the Town of Neversink Flag Exchange in Grahamsville on Veterans Day, November 11. For more stories from ceremonies across the county, go to page 1B.



Cub Scout Pack 101 and Boy Scout Troop 101 stand for the Pledge of Allegiance at the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello for a Veterans Day service on Tuesday.

## Sullivan County honors veterans

STORY AND PHOTO BY ELIZABETH RODRIGUEZ

MONTICELLO – The Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency had its annual veteran's day ceremony Tuesday morning, honoring local veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. The event began at 10:30

a.m. inside the county Government Center lobby and brought together county officials, local organizations, scouts and community members to reflect on the meaning of Veterans Day.

Veterans Service Agency Director Stephan Walsh opened the ceremony, thanking attendees for

showing their support, sharing that "the one thing we get right here, before anything else, is the unwavering support of our county."

He acknowledged the strong local participation from veterans and organizations. "I would also like to recognize the veterans in this commu-

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## Willow Wisp Organic Farm to offer free Thanksgiving pantry

DAMASCUS, PA — Seeing a need in the community, Willow Wisp Organic Farm in Damascus, PA will offer a fresh vegetable food pantry for community members, families and neighbors in need of fresh vegetables for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Free potatoes, carrots, roots, fresh herbs, and greens (weather permitting) will be available. Farmer-owners Greg Swartz, Tannis Kowalchuk and their son Simon Kowalchuk-Swartz want to lend a hand to address food insecurity this holiday season.

A farm stand will be set up at the farm on the Monday before Thanksgiving, November 24. The stand will be located at the Farm Arts Collective barn on the property. Community members are welcome to come between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to pick up fresh produce to add to the dinner table. No registration is required.

"If you know someone who could use a little extra help this holiday, please spread the word, or feel free to drop by and collect food for them," Swartz said. "Willow Wisp Organic Farm wants every-



PHOTO CREDIT: DAR YASKIL

Tannis Kowalchuk and Greg Swartz, owners of Willow Wisp Organic Farm in Damascus, PA, will offer a free fresh vegetable food pantry on Monday, November 24.

one in our community to eat well this holiday season." Please bring your own shopping bag. Willow Wisp Organic Farm is located at 38 Hickory Lane,

Damascus, PA 18415. Contact Tannis@willow-wisporganic.com with questions or for more information.

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MEETINGS

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17**  
 Village of Woodridge, Board of Trustees Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Village Hall, 2 Dairyland Rd., Woodridge.  
 Town of Liberty, Town Board, Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., 120 North Main St., Liberty.  
 White Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church, Meeting, 7 p.m., Church Hall, 3318 Route 52 White Sulphur Springs

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**  
 Village of Monticello, Village Board, Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 2 Pleasant St., Monticello.  
 Town of Mamakating, Town Board, Meeting, 6 p.m., 2948 Route 209, Wurtsboro.  
 Town of Thompson, Town Board, Meeting, 7 p.m., 4052 Route 42, Monticello.  
 Kenozia Lake Fire District, Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., Kenozia Lake Firehouse, 485 Old Taylor Rd., Kenozia Lake.  
 UDC Committee to meet at 6:30 p.m., UDC Office, 211 Bridge St., Narrowsburg  
 Liberty Central School District Board of Education Regular/Business Meeting, 6 p.m., HS Media Center, 125 Buckley Street, Liberty.  
 The Community Garden Club of Liberty will hold its monthly meeting at the Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Liberty at 1pm. Members will be crafting ornaments to decorate their Christmas tree that will be displayed in the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville. Guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

CORRECTION

In our Tuesday, November 11 edition we published a story entitled "Voices lost and found: Production honors Veterans Day through historic correspondence" that misspelled Margaret Bruetsch's name. We apologize for the error.

# Spreading important info about the Right to Farm in Sullivan County

SULLIVAN COUNTY – To raise awareness about existing Right to Farm laws, a signage initiative has been launched across Sullivan County to remind residents of the importance of agriculture and the protections in place for local farmers.

Eleven of the 15 towns in Sullivan County – Bethel, Callicoon, Fremont, Rockland, Mamakating, Never-sink, Liberty, Cocheton, Delaware, Lumberland, and Forestburgh – have enacted Right to Farm (RTF) laws.

"These laws are designed to protect farmers and promote agricultural activity, but public awareness remains low," said Sullivan County Planning Commissioner Heather Brown. "Many residents only learn about these laws when a conflict arises with a farming neighbor, often leading to frustration on both sides."

To bridge this gap, Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County; the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board; the Sullivan County Division of Planning, Community Development and Environmental Management; and local municipalities have partnered to install Right to Farm signs throughout the 11 towns. These signs serve as visual reminders of agriculture's vital role in the county and aim to foster better understanding between farmers and non-farming residents.

"RTF laws are designed to protect and promote a farmer's ability to operate a successful agricultural busi-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Charlie Kocher, Sign Shop Supervisor with the Sullivan County Division of Public Works, and Melinda Meddaugh, Ag & Food Systems Senior Issue Leader at Cornell Cooperative Extension, display a sign created by Sullivan County Division of Public Works to raise awareness around towns that have Right to Farm status.

ness. These laws affirm the right of farmers to engage in essential agricultural practices without undue interference or restrictions," explained Melinda Meddaugh, Ag & Food Systems Senior Issue Leader at Cornell Cooperative Extension.

"RTF laws are typically enacted at the town or county level to support and encourage farming activities. While the core purpose remains consistent – to safeguard farming operations – the specific provisions can vary from one municipality to another.

A town's Right to Farm law allows farmers to carry out reasonable and necessary agricultural practices, provided they do not pose a threat to public health or safety. These laws are designed to support farming operations while promoting positive relationships

between farmers and their neighbors.

"To help foster understanding, many RTF laws require real estate agents to inform prospective buyers that they are moving into a farming community, where activities like dust, noise, and odors may occur as part of normal agricultural operations," added Meddaugh.

RTF laws also often include dispute resolution provisions. If a conflict arises between a farmer and a neighbor that cannot be resolved informally, either party may submit the issue to a designated committee for mediation.

### Why does it matter?

"Farmers grow the food we rely on, and Right to Farm laws help protect their ability to do that work," Commissioner Brown explained. "Agriculture isn't always quiet or tidy, but it is a critically important piece of our community. Without these protections, farmers could face nuisance lawsuits for simply doing what's necessary to raise livestock or grow crops."

"Farming is already a challenging profession. From unpredictable weather to fluctuating market prices, farmers navigate constant uncertainty," added Meddaugh. "If towns were to impose restrictive regulations, it could make farming unsustainable—leading to fewer farms and more development. Once farmland is sold to non-agricultural buyers, it's often lost forever, replaced by pavement instead of produce."

"That's why it's critical to protect farmers from unreasonable interference and ensure the public understands these laws," she said. "Everyone in the community benefits from a strong local food system, and that means coexisting with the realities of farm life."

So next time you're stuck behind a tractor for a couple of miles, take a breath, advised both Meddaugh and Brown. That delay might only cost you 10 minutes – and it supports a way of life that feeds everyone. Turn up the radio, enjoy the view, and share the road with the people who grow your food!

The project was funded by the County of Sullivan. The signs were created by the Sullivan County Division of Public Works' Sign Shop and designed by W Design.

Contributed story from Sullivan County Division of Planning

BRIEF

## Veterans Service Agency to briefly close for trainings

MONTICELLO – Sullivan County's Veterans Service Agency will be closed today, Friday, November 14 in order for staff to complete required trainings.

Emails and calls will be answered during that time as staff are available, but appointments cannot be made for those days, and walk-ins will not be able to be accommodated.

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# Delaware Youth Center serves up renovated courts

STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY VINCENT KURZROCK

CALLICOON — “The fun is in your court”. This is the message the Delaware Youth Center conveyed to the community last Wednesday as they opened their newly renovated pickleball, basketball, and tennis courts.

Delaware Youth Center Board of Directors Chair Alex Gardner credited the result of this project to the “fantastic community” that the Delaware Youth Center has.

“There was a real need for resurfacing and expansion and everyone came together to make it happen,” explained Gardner. “We got government, businesses, and private individuals to

chip in and help out.”

Gardner gave praises to all community levels for helping make this project a reality, shouting out Delaware Town Clerk Tess McBeath, Supervisor Scott DuBois, and the rest of the Town Board. He also thanked several local officials for their logistical support and facilitation of grants.

Gardner also credited the Town of Delaware and Sullivan 180 for their assisting in securing funding through the Sullivan 180 Grant Program that came via the town’s application process.

“Without the town, we would not have been able to get this grant,” Gardner stated.

Also on the long list of contributors was Paul from



Community members got the chance to test out the new courts.

on the Youth Center’s history and longstanding resilience and community support.

She traced and told back to the Center’s 1920 beginnings with a humble running track and, armed with community efforts, expanded as the decades came and went. She stated of how in 1947, two doctors collaborated in raising enough money to construct a pool following the tragedy of several children drowning in the river.

McBeath also detailed that, come the 1960s, the hall was constructed which would go on to host roller skating events that would assist in operational funding. Through three major floods spanning 2004 to 2006, McBeath cited the Center’s standing strong as a

# Liberty board addresses unpaid water and sewer bills

BY ELIZABETH RODRIGUEZ

LIBERTY – At the recent Monday meeting held on November 7, the Liberty Town Board discussed how the town handles unpaid water and sewer bills on rental properties. The discussion came after a resident raised concern regarding delinquent accounts associated with tenants.

According to the town, the property owners are ultimately responsible for outstanding water and sewer charges, regardless of whether the bills were incurred by the renters. In such cases, the accounts are set up in the tenant’s name and when they move out or leave a remaining balance, the unpaid amount is then transferred and levied onto the property owners’ tax bill. In recent weeks, board members noted that several property owners had expressed frustration over

not receiving notice of the overdue charges prior to the amounts being added to their taxes. The concern was not about the law itself but whether property owners are being made aware of the overdue charges early enough to avoid unexpected costs.

Council members clarified that while delinquent balances may originate from tenant usage, the town has no authority to mediate the charges between the utility company and the tenant. Therefore, the town’s role is limited to only issuing the charges once it is an outstanding balance and that those notices are sent in advance.

The board did not make any changes to the current billing policy, and said that the existing procedure will remain in place, but noted that the issue is between the tenant and the property owner.

Northeast Paving and Resurfacing for the new court surfaces, with Mike Gore also helping out. Kristin Emmett of Garden Creations played a part in the landscaping, as well.

He also attributed individuals by the names of Wilbur and Deb for playing their meticulous hand in designing and placing donated equipment, helping make sure everything was just right such as placement with fences.

“This is here because we have a strong community,” Gardner attributed. “It’s a symbol of government, business, and people all working together to make something for everyone to enjoy.”

Sullivan 180 Director of Community Development & Communications Shannon Cilento highlighted and stated how projects such as this one contributed to the



The Delaware Youth Center in Callicoon cut the ribbon for its newly renovated pickleball, basketball, and tennis courts.

Youth Center’s mission of fostering healthy, connected communities across Sullivan County.

“Communities that provide access to parks, recreation, and public spaces have better health outcomes than those that don’t,” stated

Cilento. “The work that the Delaware Youth Center, the Town of Delaware, and all of you have done to create places like this is truly contributing to a healthier community.”

Town of Delaware Clerk Tess McBeath looked back

vital part of community life.

“This place has always been community-oriented,” McBeath noted. “The community is why we have this, they support it. It’s the nicest place in the county, and we’re very fortunate to have it.”

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# VETERANS DAY: In Monti

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nity that are always there, no matter what, they always show up,” Walsh said.

The Fallsburg Department and the Sullivan County Sheriff’s Office presented the colors followed by the Cub Scout Pack 101 and the Boy Scout Troop 101 who led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. Lori Orestano-James performed both the National Anthem and “God Bless America” a tradition she’s carried on for 40 years.

Pastor Seth Switzer of the Restoration Community Church delivered the invocation and benediction, reflecting on the cost of freedom and the importance of gratitude. “Freedom always comes with a price,” Switzer said, “and today we honor those who served and their families. So we give praise, honor and glory and freedom and courage for grace that never fails.”

A moment of silence was held at 11:11 a.m. marking the historic ceasefire that ended World War I, then attendees bowed their heads as Gary Siegel played “taps” echoing softly in the lobby.

Among those present was Pam Schrader of the county’s Department of Public Works who helps prepare the space every year. “It’s an honor to be part of it,” Schrader said. “Everyone comes together, it really feels like a community.”

As the ceremony concluded, the attendees joined in singing God Bless America. Their voices rising together in gratitude and service, a reminder that the unity and sacrifice of veterans will never be forgotten.

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**North Branch** - Friends of Grace Church, 999 Cty Rt 95. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Bible Study - 6:30pm - Thursday. Pastor Mark Peters.  
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**Fosterdale** - Rt. 17B near Hwy. 52. Worship 10 a.m. Pastor Bill Hagerty, 845-866-6757.  
**Jeffersonville** - Maple Ave. Sunday Worship service 10:30 a.m. Pastor Bette Sohm. Phone 1-518-231-1396..  
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Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan Board and staff

*CFOS annual reception celebrates the power of giving*

MONTGOMERY — More than 300 guests gathered earlier this month at West Hills Country Club in Middletown for the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan's (CFOS) 2025 Annual Reception. The evening celebrated generosity and community spirit, honoring the partnerships that strengthen philanthropy across the region.

This year's theme, "Forging Paths of Purpose," reflected the Foundation's ongoing mission to connect people who care with causes that matter. Guests were invited to explore the 2025 CFOS Annual Report, which highlights stories of impact, collaboration, and the growing network of funds making a difference across Orange, Sullivan, and Rockland counties.

"This year, we wanted to shine the spotlight on the work of the Foundation itself and the incredible people who make it thrive year after year," said Elizabeth

Rowley, CFOS president and CEO. "Community foundations are built, grown and sustained by people who give to and through our organization to make our region stronger. Each of you is forging your own path of purpose, and together, we're making a powerful impact."

"This year also marks a new chapter in our path of purpose as we take steps to incorporate our friends at the Rockland Community Foundation, creating one larger, stronger regional foundation," Rowley added. "We're excited to continue growing philanthropy and charitable giving across Orange, Sullivan and Rockland counties—and beyond—so that even more individuals can achieve their charitable goals and strengthen the communities we all call home."

Funds to support the Foundation's annual operations were raised through the generous support of corporate sponsors, fundholders, and

individual donors. Proceeds from the evening benefit CFOS's operating budget, enabling the Foundation to provide expert stewardship and administrative support for hundreds of charitable funds that serve communities across the region.

The event featured a cocktail reception, hors d'oeuvres, networking, and reflections on the Foundation's growing impact. Guests left inspired to continue fostering generosity and community connection in the year ahead.

"The annual reception is always a highlight of the year," Rowley said. "It's a time to celebrate the good that's being done, thank those who make it possible, and inspire continued giving that truly changes lives."

Those who could not attend are invited to support CFOS's mission by contributing to the operating budget. Learn more and view a gallery of photos from the event at cfosny.org.

**Wolf Lake Neighbors Foundation Awards Scholarship**

LOCH SHELDRAKE — Justina Wallace, a recent graduate of SUNY Sullivan, has been awarded the \$5,000 Wolf Lake Neighbors Foundation (WLNF) Transfer Scholarship in recognition of her academic excellence and commitment to higher education.

Wallace, a resident of Pine Bush, N.Y. and a graduate of Pine Bush Central High School, has recently graduated from SUNY Sullivan with an associate degree in criminal justice. She has since matriculated

to the University at Albany's bachelor of arts criminal justice program.

"As I continue my journey in criminal justice, I'm driven by a deep understanding of the societal impact of the system," said Wallace. "I recognize that the justice system affects not just individuals, but families, communities, and society as a whole. That's why I'm committed to approaching my work with empathy and compassion, particularly when it comes to vulnerable populations like children." Wallace expressed deep appreciation for the scholarship's impact on her educational journey.

"I would like to stress that none of my goals would be as obtainable had I not received the scholarship," Wallace said. "I am in need of financial support, and I am eternally grateful for the assistance I have received from SUNY Sullivan and the Wolf Lake Neighbors Foundation."

"We are thrilled to be able to assist Justina Wallace as she pursues the next step in her educational career," said Jim Gleason, a cofounder and current board member of the Wolf Lake Neighbors Foundation. "The WLNF is committed to helping students in our community reach their potential, and we wish her well as she pursues her degree at SUNY Albany."

The Wolf Lake Neighbors Foundation Transfer

Scholarship, established in



Justina Wallace

2024 in partnership with the SUNY Sullivan Foundation provides a one-time \$5,000 award to SUNY Sullivan graduates who transfer to a State University of New York (SUNY) institution to complete their bachelor's degree. The scholarship can be applied toward tuition, housing, textbooks, fees, or other educational expenses, easing the financial transition for deserving students like Wallace.

For more information about the Wolf Lake Neighbors Foundation Transfer Scholarship Program, contact the SUNY Sullivan Foundation by calling (845) 434-5750 x3188 or emailing foundation@sunysullivan.edu.



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# THE GARDEN GURU

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## Critters in the Garage



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My mower after 35 minutes in the snow Tuesday.

Well nothing says the gardening season is over than snow on the ground and on my mower. I had just purchased a new mower and brought it home Tuesday during our little snow squall and this is what it looked like after thirty-five minutes while I was making room in my garage for it. Luckily, I already mulched up my leaves and covered my perennial beds with them. Since the grass is done growing, I sharpened my mower blades, changed the oil and stabilized the gas for winter. Don't forget to stabilize gas in all your engines, it only takes a few seconds and it can save you a lot of headaches in the spring. Your pruning should be done by now and everything should be wrapped up for the winter.

The only real project I had this week was a problem I had with chipmunks. I don't see them all summer long but every fall, I have to trap and relocate a half dozen or so. The problem is that they are completely undermining a rock wall I have in my backyard that is also a retaining wall, otherwise I wouldn't care that they are eating my birdseed. They eat a lot less than the squirrels. But they have been getting in my garage where I have found seeds in places that they shouldn't be. It is that time of the year that rodents of all sizes want to come into your house for the winter and I bet you are not too happy about it.

Most people do not like roommates that don't pay rent, eat all their food and never pick up their mess. Now mice and rats are easy, the basic snap trap or poison will work fast on them. However chipmunks, red and grey squirrels are a lot harder. Unlike mice and rats, poisons will not work on these rodents as they have the ability to regurgitate the poison. So

it is either snappy traps or live traps to get rid of them. Now most people don't like to use a snap trap on a chipmunk because we think of them as cute little critters like Alvin, Simon and Theodore. So that leaves the live traps (Hav-a-hart) to catch those little critters. Just remember, never kill an animal in a live catch trap. The smell of death gets into the metal and cannot be washed off. Live traps work best for squirrels as well.

So let's skip ahead and say that you have now trapped and removed all the critters from your attic, garage or crawl space. How do you keep them from coming back? First, you have to find where they are coming in. Is it some loose siding or did they chew a hole into the wall? Loose siding is easy - nail it back fast to the building and you should be all good. If it is a hole that they have chewed, it needs to be filled. Expanding foam insulation that comes in a can is the best way to get inside the hole and make sure all the gaps are filled. But you must add the secret ingredient for it to work properly so that they will not just chew through the foam insulation.

That secret ingredient is steel wool. Not the Brillo you use to clean dishes as that detergent in it can affect the foam insulation, but just plain old steel wool like the type used for wood working and refinishing. This steel wool has no detergents and will not react badly to the foam insulation. Pack some steel wool into the hole before applying the foam insulation, the foam will go through and around the steel wool totally encapsulating it. By doing this you can ensure that the rodents will not chew through the foam to enter your home again. Stay warm and keep your castle secure.

## Sullivan County Native Laurie Maddalena Publishes Leadership Book

HONESDALE, PA - Sullivan County native Laurie Maddalena has released her debut leadership book, *The Elevated Leader: Boost Your Confidence and Transform Your Team by Mastering Coaching, Accountability, and Difficult Conversations*. Since its release, the book has quickly become an Amazon bestseller, earning national attention for its modern and relatable approach to leadership.

A graduate of Syracuse University and the University of Maryland Global Campus, Maddalena is now the founder and CEO of Envision Excellence, a leadership development firm that works with organizations across North America to build thriving, people-centered workplace cultures. Her book draws on more than two decades of experience as an executive and consultant, offering practical tools and real-world stories to help leaders navigate today's fast-changing work environment with confidence and clarity.

"Too many leaders are stuck in fixer mode—solving problems instead of empowering others," Maddalena says. "The Elevated Leader helps readers make the shift from doing to leading, from control to coaching, and from managing people to developing them."

Born and raised in Sulli-

van County, Maddalena credits her hometown roots for instilling the values of hard work, community, and integrity that have guided her throughout her career. "Growing up here gave me such a strong foundation for the way I lead today," she shares. "Those early experiences shaped my belief that great leadership is rooted in empathy and connection."

Maddalena's expertise

## ON THE ROAD WITH ROGER BAKER

# Where are we? No. 463

Where are we this week? If you know, please email editor@sc-democrat.com by 5 p.m. next Wednesday, November 19. Please include your name and mailing address with your entry, and your phone number. Last week's Roger Baker test



(at left) was a big challenge but local cartophile Jane Lake knew that this was Knickerbocker Lake in the Town of Rockland.

Good luck this week!



## Monticello and Woodridge Kiwanis Clubs

### Honor Veterans



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Displaying cards and gifts are (from Left) Arc staff member Ken McManus, Aktion Club members James Santelli and Gary Walling, Woodridge Kiwanian Diane Garritt, Monticello Kiwanian Sheila Lashinsky, ATI Director Deborah Worden and Veterans Services Director Stephen Walsh.

MONTICELLO — The Kiwanis Clubs of Monticello and Woodridge joined together to bring some happiness to veterans serviced by the Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency and Action Toward Independence (ATI). They presented little gifts and Happy Veterans Day cards to Veterans Director Stephen Walsh and ATI Executive Director Deborah Worden. The cards were provided by the Kiwanis members as well as by members of the Kiwanis service leadership clubs, including the Fallsburg High School Key Club and the Aktion Club of Sullivan County. The Aktion Club is sponsored by both Kiwanis Clubs and comprised of individuals with various degrees of disabilities affiliated with Arc, The Greater Hudson Valley, The Center for Discovery and New Hope Community.

The cards and gifts, consisting of personal toiletry items, socks, gloves, hats, Find the Word, Sudoku and Crossword Puzzles, solar dancing figures, playing cards and an assortment of candy, will be distributed to local veterans,

including homeless individuals and patients at the local nursing homes and hospitals as well as Castle Point and Albany Veterans Hospital.

Directors Walsh and Worden stated that both agencies work together to serve the local veterans, and they thanked the Kiwanis Clubs stating that the individuals will love not only the gifts and cards, but especially the idea that someone took the time to remember and thank them for their service and sacrifice to our country. Many of these veterans face multiple challenges and the time spent to convey a thoughtful message goes a long way in helping them through a difficult time.

The Kiwanis Clubs have reached out to many agencies in the past year with the main mission of giving back to the community and to let them know that there are people who care for them.

For more information about Kiwanis activities, visit the Facebook Pages for Monticello, NY Kiwanis Club or Kiwanis Club of Woodridge, NY Foundation.

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## Winter forecast

Get ready for a mild winter? Even though we had a small amount of snowfall on Tuesday, the Farmer's Almanac is predicting a mild winter for the Northeast region, with warmer-than-average temperatures and less precipitation.

If you grew up in the Northeast, you know that we would typically experience a white Christmas. It seems it's been a while since we've had a very snowy December.

"Overall, there are fewer colder winters than there were 50 years ago, and it's rarer to get prolonged cold; we still see extreme cold, and even very cold months, yet less and less are we seeing—and forecasting—multiple consecutive weeks of temperatures staying solidly 5 to 6 degrees below average," the Almanac writes.

This year, according to the Farmer's Almanac the snowiest periods will be in mid-November, early and mid-December, and early February.

How does the Farmer's Almanac predict weather? They use solar science, climatology and meteorology.

How accurate is it? While it's nearly impossible to predict the weather with total accuracy, they say their results are often very close to their traditional claim of 80 percent. That's pretty high!

The weather predictions in the Almanac (and any other forecast for that matter) compare temperature and precipitation levels to "normal." Forecasts consider normal to be the 30-year average.

Of course, "normal" has changed over the years. Every 10 years, the National Center for Environmental Information calculates a new set of normal temperatures for the U.S. based on updated 30-year averages.

Climate change affects the Almanac's predictions. The recalibrated data for the U.S. shows that warming is widespread, but not uniform.

Can natural indicators like woolly bear caterpillars and corn husks predict the upcoming weather? The Almanac can't confirm or deny it!

Whether you like a snowy winter or a mild one, sometimes it's all just up in the air.



### The Best of Nellie

Reprinted from November 9, 1961

The other day Anne and I were going on a little trip and Fritz warned us to be careful as the back tires were quite smooth. The thought of a flat tire brought to mind the days when flat tires were always expected and when the driver of a car was well educated in taking care of the situation all by himself, or herself.

I remember when my sister, Bessie, and her husband bought their first car. It was a Ford touring car and I recall my brother-in-law insisting that Bessie practice changing a tire before he would allow her to drive alone. In those days, the early years of 1900, there wasn't a garage on every corner. In fact, garages were few and far between and tires had a way of going flat on nearly every trip of more than four or five miles. Flats were expected and had to be dealt with on the spot.

Once Bessie came to our house and wanted me to go home with her. With what pride I sat beside her in the front seat as we started off. I remember that with a younger sister's natural admiration for an older sister's superior intelligence, I sat in awe as Bessie held the steering wheel with her hands, feeding gas with the little lever on that wheel and at the same time working the clutch and brake with her feet. And then, on every occasion, she would reach to the side of the car and squeeze the rubber bulb that made the horn blow. Those of my generation with recall those signs which said, "Sound your Klaxon!" Klaxon was the horn.

When Bessie and I were within a few miles of her home we had a flat. Bessie drew over to the side of the road, we both got out, lifted out the front seat under which were the tools, and set to work. There was the jack which we used to jack up the car and remove the tire. Then we took out the inner tube and looked for the damage. Having found it, we got our little mending kit, which was in a small tin can, and went to work. With the top of the can, which had been perforated, we scratched the surface around the leak removing any dirt and at the same time making a rough spot that would hold the patch. Then we applied the glue, waiting a magic number of minutes and applied the patch. Then we returned the inner tube inside the tire and with good old elbow grease pumped up the tire. Once more we were ready to go, but we were ever mindful that at any moment there could be another flat. There was quite a satisfaction in being able to take care of such things yourself.—N.C.S.

### SEND US A LETTER

The Democrat welcomes letters to the editor. We ask that they be no longer than 300 words, typewritten or neatly printed, and include the author's signature, address and a phone number for possible verification questions. With the obvious exception of the signature, this policy also applies to email. Letters longer than 300 words will be cut, rewritten by the author, or considered for inclusion in the "Counterpoint: A View From a Reader" column — at our discretion. In addition, the Democrat will not accept letters written specifically about a local newspaper article other than those printed in the Democrat. Thank you letters of any sort are considered paid advertisements. Please send your letters following the above guidelines to: editor@sc-democrat.com.



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## The first (dusting) snow

Tuesday saw the region's first swirling of snow as flakes in many towns across Sullivan County fell from the cold winter sky. Much of the snowfall melted when it reached the ground, but some of it stuck

around, leaving a white dusting on surfaces. This photo was submitted by reader Hope Belcher, who observed this pastoral scene on Ahrens Road in Parksville.

## Stepping Out

### LIFELINES

KATHY WERNER



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André Perugia's mask shoe.

Thousands, actually.

Realizing her collection was historically important, Sonja decided to create the Shoe Museum. Now 30 years old, the Bata Museum has four floors of exhibits. When we visited, we saw the All About Shoes: Footwear Through the Ages, a display which takes one from the wooden sandals of the Romans to the tiny Chinese slippers made for bound feet to the huge sneakers worn by Shaquille O'Neal. We dashed upstairs to see Art/Wear: Sneakers X Artists featuring Keith

Haring's Converse, checkerboard Vans and Virgil Abloh's "AIR" Nikes.

Rough and Ready presented the history of the cowboy boot, from the earliest boots made in Persia to today's highly decorated cowboy boots worn by the likes of Beyoncé.

But the most fabulous exhibit was Bata's latest: André Perugia: A Design Legend Unveiled. Though we had never heard of him, Perugia was an Italian-French shoe designer whose shoes adorned the most fashionable feet of the early twentieth century. Perugia's creations continue to inspire designers like Manolo Blahnik, Jimmy Choo and Christian Louboutin. The museum presents nearly 100 of his shoes in its exhibit that demonstrate his genius, evolution, and innovations. If you love beautiful shoes, the designs of Perugia are irresistible. Among Perugia's most famous designs are the heelless shoe, the heel made of spheres and the mask shoe. Delightful.

The Bata Shoe Museum is an excellent way to spend an hour or two—informative, fun, and a feast for the eyes. This gallery of footwear was the surprise jewel of our Toronto sojourn.

KATHY WERNER is a three-time National Newspaper Association Award winner for the Democrat, and a true member of the family.

## Thanksgiving Sausage Stuffing

### COOKING IN THE COUNTRY

CLAIRE BURNS

-1 tbsp ground fennel seeds  
-a package (8 cups) of stuffing cubes (Pepperidge Farm is my favorite!)  
-4 tablespoons of butter  
-2 3/4 cups of chicken stock  
-1 small package mushrooms chopped (optional) and salt and pepper to taste.

To start, brown your sage sausage in a skillet. To the sausage I add my thyme and crushed fennel seed. Adding all your fresh or dried herbs gives a really good base to this dish and builds flavor. I highly recommend Jimmy Dean sausage, but feel free to use your favorite local brand. Once your sausage is completely browned, drain the fat and set aside. Next, place about two tablespoons of butter into your unwashed skillet along with a heavy sprinkle of salt and add your minced onion and celery. Don't forget to scrape up all the browned bits from the sausage! This is where your flavor is coming from. The salt is going to draw out all the liquid from your onion and help them to become nice and tender. You do not want to brown them, you simply want to make it so the vegetables are translucent (clear).

"Sweat" your onion and celery (and if you choose, chopped mushrooms) and set that aside as well. Next, in a large bowl, combine

your sausage, bread cubes, onion/celery mixture, and chicken stock. The stock is going to become soaked up by the bread and gives additional flavor. Typically recipes will ask that you boil your stock before adding it into your croutons, but I find that it makes it too soggy for my liking. If you like your stuffing extremely moist, add your stock to your celery/onion mixture (bring to a boil first) and add it to your bread cubes. I just add it in separately and adjust the liquid based on the desired texture I like.

Bake the stuffing for 30 minutes covered in a 350 degree oven, then 10 additional minutes uncovered so the top turns golden brown.

This is a very versatile dish. I love eating this stuffing not just on Thanksgiving, but with a nice pork chop and beans. Typically, I will double this recipe and make two trays. One with sausage and one without sausage and veggie stock for the vegetarians in the bunch. P.S. It tastes even better the next day! I hope everyone has a lovely Thanksgiving holiday. Next week I will be sharing another holiday recipe.

CLAIRE BURNS is an accomplished cook who loves to try new recipes. While she does enjoy eating at restaurants, she also loves to whip up a good meal at home. Claire gets some of her cooking inspiration from her grandfather and grandmother, Fred and Shirley Stabbert as well as Great Grandma Nellie.

# National Family Caregivers Month and Loved Ones With Dementia

**To the editor:**  
November is National Family Caregivers Month. Throughout the U.S., nearly 12 million family caregivers are providing care worth over \$413 billion to loved ones with dementia. Although they are providing significant services to our country, they are not getting enough support in return.

Taking care of someone on the long journey through dementia is expensive and many of

the expenses are for goods and services not covered by healthcare insurance. Many family caregivers cut back on their food, transportation and healthcare expenses to pay for a loved one's care. Additionally, they cut back their work hours or even quit working altogether as their loved ones' care needs to be increased.

As a facilitator for an Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, I have heard many stories about the caregiving

struggles. These individuals are well respected citizens who helped out in their community; now, in their time of need, the community should support them. Unfortunately, we have seen too often where the caregiver passes before the loved one they are caring for, due to their stress and health issues.

Please join me in thanking Rep. Josh Riley for co-sponsoring the Credit for Caring Act, which will provide real financial relief

to caregivers by creating a non-refundable federal tax credit that could be used to offset some of the costs of caregiving, including such things as respite care, transportation and lost wages.

Caring for a loved one is emotionally and physically challenging; it should not cause financial hardship as well.

**Sheila Lashinsky**  
Monticello, NY  
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## JEFFERSONVILLE

November 13 – I am sitting here writing this column with snow flurries and a gloomy, cold day out there! Are we ready for what is coming? Still trying to get somebody to explain what the black versus brown lines means on a woolly bear!

Thanksgiving is getting close and "Wingmom" just posted they will provide you with some holiday help if you are hosting family and friends and it is getting more stressful than exciting! Call them if you need them to lift heavy items, go grocery shopping for you and run errands! They are an amazing group and can handle it for you. They even clean and tidy-up. To book them and for any questions, 845-293-0776 or email at [www.wingmom-catskills.com](http://www.wingmom-catskills.com).

Let Cuppie Cakes Desserts, located on Main Street in Jeffersonville, handle dessert for you and your guests while you are busy getting ready for Thanksgiving. They are taking orders now with pickup scheduled for Wednesday, November 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will also have last minute treats in the case that day for anyone who needs something a little extra sweet. Lots of delicious pies, cinnamon rolls with different flavors and dessert boxes full of an assortment of their fall treats. Stop in and try to decide what you would like. You can go on their Facebook page to order, completing their Google form too to order.

Double D Sourdough, now next to Cuppie Cake Desserts, also has a Thanksgiving Menu! Lots of cozy flavors and seasonal favorites to bring warmth to your holiday table. Herbed

dinner rolls, Olive oil, Sage and Rosemary Focaccia, a stuffing kit, and a sweet Maple Pecan Sourdough Loaf with Bose Farm Maple Syrup (yet another local person)! Text 845-807-2181 or PM on Facebook messenger to place your order. Pickup will be Wednesday, November 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or Thanksgiving morning from 9 a.m. until noon.

The Diehl Homestead Farm is making beautiful Christmas wreaths, crosses, grave blankets, table toppers, and swags – decorated or plain. FMI: Call the farmhouse at 845-482-5047 or call/text 845-796-8922. Visit the farm to see more details/prices and to order in person. They are located at 93 Diehl Road, Callicoon and are open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Great news! Liberty Blooms West is opening a satellite shop in Jeffersonville at 4886 State Rte. 52. This fantastic Florist & Gift Shop is opening on Main Street bringing Joseph's signature designs with a grab and go, by special order, and fresh bouquets on the run. They have expanded their gift selections just for you! If you see the door open, stop in. A soft opening soon and they will be open on Black Friday for the James Dworetzky Holiday Parade, opening that morning. You can reach them at 845-482-2023 or [Libertybloomsflorist.com](http://Libertybloomsflorist.com). More information coming. Such a wonderful new business for Jeffersonville.

Remember to shop local at all of our businesses both here and within the County to support the local businesses not only at holiday time but throughout the year!

## A SENSE OF DIRECTION

JUNE DONOHUE

### Halloween

There are now kids on my block in River Edge again who come around with their parents to get candy on Halloween. I never know ahead of time whether I will get no kids or groups of them. This brought my memory back to when I was a kid in Callicoon Center and what I did on Halloween.

I was once falsely accused, along with my friend, by Mrs. Sadie Maulick. She chased us away, saying she knew we had already been to her house even though we hadn't. However, I did do some

tricky things which I will confess to now. A friend and I thought it would be fun to put potatoes in the exhaust pipes of cars which were parked at Tumble Inn. We did this to three cars and then went to a look-out spot at an upstairs window of my house. It took several minutes for the drivers to figure out why they were all having trouble starting

their cars. What they never knew was who did such a mean thing. If they found out I'm sure they would have thrown us into the brook.

Around the same time, some other fresh kids took firewood which had been stored against another house and threw it at our house. Such vandalism! As my father used to say, "If

kids get any worse, they might wind up as bad as he was when he was a kid."

The night before Halloween is sometimes called Mischief Night, Gate Night, Cabbage Night, or Devil's Eve, but I no longer see any signs of mischief. No more smashed pumpkins, toilet paper strung from trees, or shaving cream on cars. We once had to park cars all the way to the back of the driveway, lock our doors, and bring pumpkins in for the night. I've gone to many Halloween parties in my life and I'll probably go again.

## MHS Music Students Selected for Area All State/All State Ensembles



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Left to right: Emily Pine (Treble Chorus), Kenny Walz (String Orchestra), Emiliano Lima (String Orchestra), Jovi Roosa (Concert Band) and Kiamesha Camacho-Torres (Concert Band)

CORNWALL — A huge congratulations to the 5 Monticello High School student musicians selected to participate in the 2025 Zone 9 Area All State Music Festival! Students were accepted to these distinguished performing ensembles based on their NYSSMA Solo Festival performances last spring.

This year's MHS Area All State student musicians include:

- Kenny Walz-String Orchestra
- Emily Pine-Treble Chorus
- Jovi Roosa & Kiamesha Camacho-Torres-Concert

The festival includes top music students from Sullivan, Orange, Ulster, Rockland and Greene counties, and will be held this year at Cornwall High School on November 21st and 22nd.

The Monticello High School Performing Arts Department is also pleased to announce that bassist Kenny Walz was selected to participate in the NYSSMA All-State String Orchestra, which takes place during the annual Winter Conference in Rochester this December!

This prestigious honor

was due in part to his phenomenal performance at last year's NYSSMA Solo Festival, where Kenny achieved a perfect score of 100 on his bass concert audition. Thousands of music students across New York State audition for these ensembles, and it is a true honor to be selected. We are immensely proud of Kenny's accomplishments and cannot wait to watch him perform in this elite NY State ensemble.

Congratulations to these students on their continued musical achievements!

## Fallsburg CSD to Host Fall Family Engagement Day

FALLSBURG – The Fallsburg Central School District is excited to announce that they will be hosting their Fall Family Engagement Day on Saturday, November 15 from 11am-2pm at the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School. All are welcome to attend the free-of-charge event, which will include live music, fun games for the children, food, and raffle prizes! There will also be a clothing drive and community organizations providing informational resources.

Free transportation by Rolling V Transportation

Services will be provided for this event. Here are the following pick-up times and locations:

- Bus One**  
10:15am: Mountindale Post Office  
10:30am: Woodridge Town Hall  
10:45am: Woodbourne Fireman's Parking Lot  
2pm: Drop-Off – Return in opposite direction
- Bus Two**  
10am: Loch Sheldrake Municipal Parking Lot  
10:15am: Hurleyville Post Office  
10:30am: Laurel Avenue by Apartments  
10:40am: Griff Court  
10:50am: Main Street Houses in South Fallsburg  
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For more information about the event, please visit the district's website at [www.fallsburgcsd.net](http://www.fallsburgcsd.net).

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### JEFFERSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the JEFFERSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT will take place on December 9, 2025 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Jeffersonville Fire House located at Main Street, Jeffersonville, N.Y. for the purpose of electing:

One Commissioner for a five (5) year term, January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2030;

All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections on or before November 17, 2025 and residing within the Jeffersonville Fire District shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates should file their names with the Secretary of the Jeffersonville Fire District at PO Box 276, Jeffersonville, NY 12748 no later than November 19, 2025 in order to insure their name appears on the ballot.

Date: November 10, 2025

Valerie A. Panich  
Secretary  
Jeffersonville Fire District  
138271

### LEGAL NOTICE KENOZA LAKE FIRE DISTRICT

Pursuant to Section 175 of the Town Law constituting Chapter 27 of the regular election of the officers of the Kenoza Lake Fire District in the Town of Delaware, Cochection and Bethel, Sullivan County, NY will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at the Kenoza Lake Fire Department meeting room, Kenoza Lake, NY.

The polls will be open between the hours from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the purpose of electing one commissioner for a term of five years and a treasurer for a term of three years. Candidates for this office must file their names with the secretary prior to November 19, 2025. Please send any nominations to Kenoza Lake Fire District, PO Box 323, Kenoza Lake, NY 12750.

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Email [patriciab@sc-democrat.com](mailto:patriciab@sc-democrat.com) to submit an almanac.

Friday 12/5 & Saturday 12/6 9 am - 2pm - Kris Kringle Mart at Monticello Presbyterian Church, 11 Jones Street, Monticello, NY (off Broadway next to Court House). Baked Goods, New Christmas items, Toys, Decorations,

Jewelry, Linens, Winter Coats, Sweaters, Boots & more! Light Breakfast and Lunch available. Thrift Store/Yard Sale Will Remain Open Saturdays till December 20, 10 am-2 pm - \$5.00 Bags- Some items priced.

BRIEFS

Tusten Social's Annual Fundraiser & Mixer to be held Nov 14

NARROWSBURG — Tusten Social will hold its annual fundraiser and mixer this Friday, November 14th from 5-7pm at The Commons, 90 Main Street, Narrowsburg.

Cocktails, mocktails, and appetizers will be enjoyed during a silent auction. Every dollar raised helps to keep their programs free and accessible to everyone in the community. Throughout the year, Tusten Social brings people together through:

Senior Programs (including Sage Sessions)  
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Adult Socials and Mixers  
Community Events like the upcoming Thanksgiving Lunch. The organization is

made possible through generous donations and grants. Facilitated by a handful of community volunteers, our programs are offered at no cost to participants.

No RSVP or tickets needed—just drop by. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Reach out to Greta at [greta@tustensocial.org](mailto:greta@tustensocial.org).

Mary Poppins Jr.

to be Performed at RJK Middle School

MONTICELLO — Mary Poppins Jr. will be performed on Friday, November 21 at 7 PM and Saturday, November 22 at 2 PM at RJK Middle School in the Hughs Auditorium. A potential snow date would be Sunday, November 23 at 2 PM.

Ticket prices for adults are \$5.00, senior citizens and students-\$3.00 and children under 4 are free.

For more information, please contact Lois at [ldidrich@k12mcsd.net](mailto:ldidrich@k12mcsd.net). RJK Middle is located at 45 Breakey Ave, Monticello, NY 12701.

Martin Colavito, community organizer, to receive 2025 SYDA Foundation Community Service Award

FALLSBURG — October 21, 2025 – The SYDA Foundation has announced that Martin Colavito of Liberty, New York, has been selected as the recipient of the 2025 SYDA Foundation Community Service Award. The SYDA Foundation sponsors this annual award to recognize and honor local citizens for outstanding and enduring service to the Sullivan County community. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the award.

The SYDA Foundation Community Service Award presentation will take place on Wednesday, November 19, at 1 p.m. at the Sullivan County Government Center's Legislative Meeting Room at 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701. Everyone is welcome to attend.

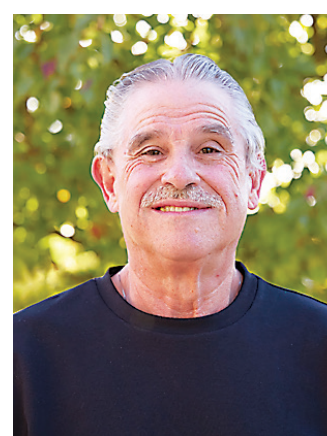
This prestigious award includes a certificate of merit for outstanding service to the Sullivan County community and a monetary gift to be distributed by the recipient to the charities of their choice. In honor of the award's 40th anniversary, the SYDA Foundation has increased the monetary gift to \$7,500.

The Community Service Award selection committee,

comprised of past award recipients and local civic leaders, chose Martin (Marty) Colavito to receive this year's award in recognition of his decades of service as a community organizer, improving his neighbors' access to food, health services, housing, educational services, and other vital services. In addition, Marty spent twelve years of his career providing substance abuse treatment and prevention in under-resourced neighborhoods.

Marty grew up in the Bronx and, in the 1970s, he became a community organizer working on tenant issues and counseling people dealing with substance use disorders. In 1982, he moved to Sullivan County with his wife, Lynn, and continued his life of community service.

Marty was Director of Prevention and Adolescent Services for Catholic Charities from 2007 to 2019, where he served as a certified clinical alcohol and substance abuse counselor. Currently, he is the Prevention Programs Issue Leader for Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, continuing to serve the community with an emphasis on sub-



Martin Colavito

and justice for all members of the Sullivan County community.

In collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, Marty in 2020 created Sullivan Fresh Community Cupboard, a food pantry and emergency food delivery service to address the growing need for food security in the area. He is actively involved in the program, which serves more than 700 people each week.

"Marty's contributions are not just about what he does but how he does it with kindness, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to making the world a better place," a member of the selection committee shared about Marty. "His daily actions serve as a testament to his exceptional character and his profound impact on the community."

Upon learning he received this year's Community Service Award, Marty said, "There are so many good people in this community—it's incredibly humbling. Truth be told, I'm nothing without the people I serve."

Marty and his wife, Lynn, live in Liberty and have two daughters and three granddaughters.

stance abuse treatment and prevention.

In 2010, Marty was instrumental in organizing Sullivan Allies Leading Together (SALT), a diverse partnership of community members, business owners, and agencies committed to compassionately guiding people in need to appropriate human services. SALT also supports harm reduction efforts through grass roots outreach and educational engagement and through supporting substance abuse prevention programs. Marty serves on SALT's Committee for Equity and Justice (CEJ), which advocates for equity

BRIEF

Claryville Fire Dept. Hosts All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

CLARYVILLE — The Claryville Fire Dept. will host an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 16 from 8:00 am - 12 Noon. On the menu will be pancakes, French

toast, eggs any style, hash brown, sausage, Man-n-Moon, Spud-eggo, orange juice, coffee or tea. Adults: \$13, Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11, Children Ages 5-11: \$5, Under 5 are free. The breakfast will be located at 1500 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 1272. Call 845-985-7270 for more information.

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**COMING UP**

In this space: special free listings of events to occur in the next few days. In the Early Bird Edition: notices for Tuesday through to the following Friday inclusive. In the Weekender Edition: notices for Friday through to the following Tuesday inclusive.

We must receive information on events to be listed in this section at the Callicoon editorial offices no later than noon Friday for Tuesday's Earlybird Democrat and noon Wednesday for Friday's Weekender Democrat.

Email [Calendar@sc-democrat.com](mailto:Calendar@sc-democrat.com) to submit an event.

**Friday, November 14**

The Roscoe Library will host Town of Rockland Historian Dr. Joyce Conroy for a presentation about Campbell Inn, a historic Roscoe resort, at 4:00 p.m. More details: [lmr-library.org](http://lmr-library.org). (607) 498-5574.  
Tusten Social's Annual Fundraiser & Mixer from 5-7pm at The Commons in Narrowsburg. Enjoy cocktails, mocktails, and delicious appetizers while browsing the silent auction. All are welcome. Questions? Reach out to Greta at [greta@tustensocial.org](mailto:greta@tustensocial.org)

Shorts & Sweets Honoring Veterans: Dear Folks - Enjoy an evening of heartfelt storytelling and humor told through short stories and jokes. In the Tusten-Cochecton Branch of the Western Sullivan Public Library at 5 p.m.. Call (845) 794-4660 ext. 9 for more information.

LUCY JOSEPH will run at 7 PM at Farm Arts Collective's new Agri-Cultural Center located on Willow Wisp Organic Farm in Damascus, PA located at 38 Hickory Lane, Damascus, PA 18415.

Medicare 101 workshop at the Narrowsburg Library Branch and Callicoon Branch at 11:00am. There are ever-changing Medicare coverages that many seniors are unaware of. Registration and more information at [WSPLonline.org](http://WSPLonline.org).

**Saturday, November 15**

Holiday Penny Social at the Neversink Fire House, hosted by the Friends of St Paul's Lutheran Church in Liberty. Doors open at 1pm; Calling at 2:30pm. \$4 Admission includes 3 cards, door prizes and refreshments.

Free Community Thanksgiving Celebration and Dinner at the United Methodist Church Hall in Liberty. With: Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls, Beverages and Dessert! Doors open at 12 noon. All are welcome.

Harvest Crafts Workshop from 10-12:00 pm. Candle Dipping, Thanksgiving Centerpieces, Cork Pumpkins, Paper Pumpkins, Pinecone Bird Feeders, and Turkey Pinecones at the Robert Nichol Nature Preserve and Science Center in Hancock. \$20 per person for All Ages. For more information - Contact Emily Kinne via Facebook Messenger or 607-637-5262.

Penny Social/Tricky Tray to support All Paws Matter & Catskill Mountain Critters. Doors open at 12:30pm, calling starts at 2:30pm. \$2 admission includes 2 penny shots and sweet treats. Penny tables, baskets, door prizes, refreshments. Located at the Duggan Community Center in White Lake.

Chili Sale at Equinunk Historical Society between 12 - 4pm. \$12 for 1 quart delicious homemade chili, 2 biscuits and 2 brownies. If no answer leave message. Call 570-224-6722 to preorder your chili for pickup.

LUCY JOSEPH will run at 7 PM at Farm Arts Collective's new Agri-Cultural Center located on Willow Wisp Organic Farm in Damascus, PA located at 38 Hickory Lane, Damascus, PA 18415.

Mamakating Library Volunteer Celebration & Friend of the Year Presentation at 12 noon. Light refreshments will be provided. Visit [mamakatinglibrary.org](http://mamakatinglibrary.org) for more.

Mercedes: Para los Callejones by Modesto "Flako" Jimenez and Oye Group. NAACL invites audiences to a reading at 6pm, of the play by Oye Group, followed by a sharing of soup and conversation with the artists. More information and reservations at NAACL.ORG.

Delaware Highlands Conservancy will present Wonderful Whitetails from 1pm-2pm at the Van Scott Nature Reserve in Beach Lake, PA. \$5 for Conservancy members and \$10 for non-members; kids under 12 are free. Register at [www.delawarehighlands.org/events](http://www.delawarehighlands.org/events) or call 570-226-3164 ext. 2.

Mamakating Environmental Education Center in Wurtsboro will host 2 events: Fern Spore Sowing Workshop with Wildwoods Resto-



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Picture left to right: Arabella Phillips, Channing Rutledge, Alissa Turner, Andrew Freidenstine, Henry Freidenstine and Nathan Burke

**Tri-Gal 4-H Club Elects New Officers**

HONESDALE, PA —Along with the new 4-H year, comes election of officers. Under the guidance of Key Leader, Melissa Rutledge and leaders Rich Brown, Natasha Avery, Marissa Hoffman, Jordan Hoffman, Betsy Turner and Amy Rutledge, the following members were elected: President - Alissa Turner, Vice-President - Andrew Freidenstine, Secretary/News Reporter and finishing out her 2- year term as Treasurer in December - Channing Rutledge, Incoming 2-year term Treasurer - Nathan Burke, Recreation Leader - Arabella Phillips and Pledge Leader - Henry Freidenstine.

Officers must complete an officer record book each

year that gets turned into the leaders and Penn State Extension Office in September. It is a story of their year in office. They must also attend officer trainings with the leaders and county workshops to help them learn their role as a club officer. Officers are responsible for working with leaders to plan the club meetings and activities and serve as role models and mentors for other 4-H members.

Children ages 5-18, as of January 1, are encouraged to learn more about all 4-H has to offer. Enrollment is happening until December 15th. Please call the Penn State Extension Office in Honesdale at 570-616-0880 to find a club in your area.

ration Project from 10am - 12:30pm (\$40) and Praying Mantis from 1:30pm - 2:30pm (\$5). To register, visit [www.friendsofmeec.org](http://www.friendsofmeec.org) or call 845-644-5014.

The Livingston Manor Library invites kids of all ages for Pokémon Club, 11:30 a.m. More details: [lmr-library.org](http://lmr-library.org). (845) 439-5440.

**Sunday, November 16**

Mamakating Environmental Education Center in Wurtsboro will host a Candle Making Workshop from 1:00pm - 3pm for \$20. To register, visit [www.friendsofmeec.org](http://www.friendsofmeec.org) or call 845-644-5014.

StoryFaces with Christopher Agostino at the Fallsburg Library, 11:30am. Visit [fallsburglibrary.org](http://fallsburglibrary.org) for more.

Community Mass Celebration of Recovery at St. John's Episcopal 9:30am, coffee hour to follow. Located at 15 St. John Street, Monticello.

LUCY JOSEPH will run at 3 PM at Farm Arts Collective's new Agri-Cultural Center located on Willow Wisp Organic Farm in Damascus, PA located at 38 Hickory Lane, Damascus, PA 18415.

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Claryville Fire Dept. 8:00 am - 12 Noon. Adults: \$13, Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11, Children Ages 5-11: \$5, Under 5 Yrs. Free. Call 845-985-7270 for more.

**Tuesday, November 18**

The Livingston Manor Library will host Hal Hauck from Medicare Resource group to talk about Medicare enrollment, discuss resources, and answer questions, at 2:00 p.m. More details: [lmr-library.org](http://lmr-library.org). (845) 439-5440.

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"Friendsgiving" Potluck Dinner & Meeting for the Damascus Manor Community Center (DMCC) at 5:30pm; Meeting at 7pm. All are welcome. 60 Conklin Hill Rd, Damascus, PA.  
Raising Kids in a Digital World - Fallsburg Library at 4pm. Visit [fallsburglibrary.org](http://fallsburglibrary.org) for more.  
DIY Energy Savings Session - 5-6pm at Fallsburg Library. Visit [fallsburglibrary.org](http://fallsburglibrary.org) for more.  
The Roscoe Library will host Hal Hauck from Medicare Resource group to talk about Medicare enrollment, discuss resources, and answer questions, at 3:30 p.m. More details: [lmr-library.org](http://lmr-library.org). (607) 498-5574.  
Tuesday Trivia at the Fallsburg Senior Center at 7pm, hosted by The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop. For more, contact Eileen Kalter 845-798-9854.  
Fearless Foodies Potluck Club at 1pm, presented by Mamakating Library. Monthly social club centered on potlucks. November's theme is "Tailgate Party." Register at [mamakatinglibrary.org](http://mamakatinglibrary.org).  
Classics Book Club will meet at 4pm at the Callicoon Branch Library. This month's discussion will be about Don Quixote (Part 1) by Miguel de Cervantes. More information and registration at [WSPLonline.org](http://WSPLonline.org).  
"Art in Sixes" showcases hundreds of tiny works by local artists in a dizzying display that takes over every wall across both floors of DVAA's galleries. Through Sunday, December 21st. For more information, call 845-252-7576 or visit [delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org).

**Ongoing**

Indigenous Brazilian Art Exhibit at the Liberty Museum, 46 So. Main Street through November 16. For information call 845-807-6055.

David Munford Print Exhibit is at the Liberty Public Library from October 17 - December 31. This exhibit showcases a variety of etchings, silkscreens, woodcuts, lithographs and monoprints.

"Water Magic and the Gifts of Color and Light" - Painting and photo exhibit November 1 - 30 at The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck, Woodbourne. For more information visit: [www.oldstonehouse.org](http://www.oldstonehouse.org).

Books & Brews - SciFi Book Discussion meets every 3rd Wednesday at 6:30pm at various locations. For more info, call (854) 794-4660 ext. 9.

Kris Kringle Mart at Monticello Presbyterian Church. Baked goods, new Christmas items, toys, decorations, jewelry, linens, winter coats, sweaters and more. Open 10am - 2pm until December 20, 11 Jones Street, Monticello.

Saving Grace Thrift Store - Kitchenware, housewares, linens, jewelry, books, new and used items. Clothes \$5/bag. Christmas room and Childrens room, toys, books, baby items etc. Open Weds 10-1pm Sat 10-2pm, All year round. 845-482-3032. 4 Oberberg Rd, North Branch.

Liberty Methodist Church Thrift Store open from 10am-2pm Wednesday and Saturday year round, Main Street, Liberty.

Worship in Movement Fitness Class is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. at Whispering Pines Community Church in Beach Lake, PA. \$8 drop-in per class. For more information or to register, contact [worshipinmovement@gmail.com](mailto:worshipinmovement@gmail.com) or call 570-470-1464.

Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello - visit [ebcpl.org](http://ebcpl.org) to register for weekly programs: Dungeons & Dragons Club, Yiddish - All Levels, Hybrid Book Discussion, Knit & Crochet Group, Writer's Group, Friends of the Library, CEJ Community Conversations, Chair Yoga, Adult Gaming Group.

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Sullivan County has always had a number of direct connections to the American Revolution.

After all, the county was named for General John Sullivan, a major player in the conflict, and one of the more controversial officers on the American side. General Sullivan eventually served two terms as Governor of New Hampshire, but is generally remembered today as the leader of the scorched earth campaign that burned 40 Iroquois towns in central New York, fulfilling George Washington's orders to achieve the total destruction and devastation of the settlements.

And then there is the association with Joseph Brant, one of the conflict's most colorful personalities, whose exploits while aiding the British cause included a bloody victory at the Battle of Minisink near what is today the hamlet of Barryville.

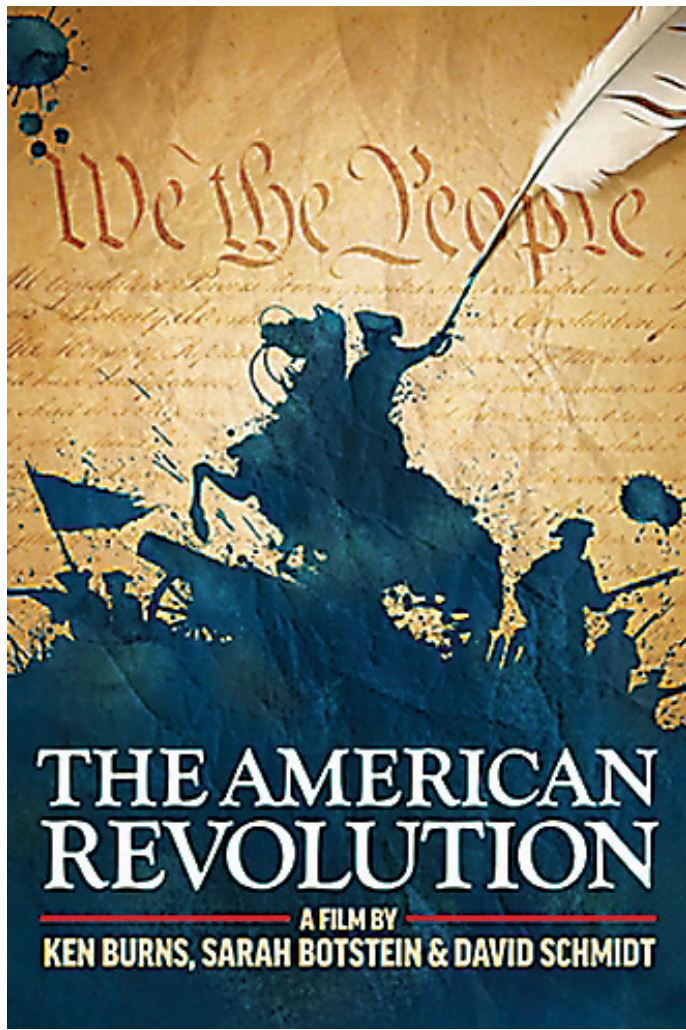
The fact that the men who died on the hilltop battleground that day in 1779, some of them local residents who lived—or had lived—along the Delaware River just a few miles away, were never afforded a proper burial but were left to molder where they fell, tends to set the Battle of Minisink apart from dozens of other Revolutionary War confrontations that were otherwise very similar.

Add in the death of an indeterminate number of colonial militia at Chestnut Woods in what is today

**RETROSPECT**

JOHN CONWAY

*The American Revolution*



ONTRIBUTED GRAPHIC

"The American Revolution" is a six-part documentary series that begins on Sunday, November 16 on PBS.

the town of Neversink in September of 1778, and the link grows even stronger.

But it has become apparent in recent years that there is more. Quite a bit more, in fact.

For one thing, there is the recent discovery that one of the most well-known characters of the War for Independence, Benedict Arnold, a man who ignominiously served as both an American and a British General during the conflict, and whose very name has become synonymous with the word traitor or turncoat, was one of the original investors in the three land purchases that became the Cushetunk settlement, a portion of which was located in what would later become Sullivan County.

For another, there is Nathaniel Sackett, George Washington's original head of intelligence, a man who put together the network of spies that would eventually prove invaluable in winning the war, and who personally trained Benjamin Tallmadge, the man who would not only succeed him, but far outstrip his accomplishments in the espionage game.

The oldest of Nathaniel's five children, Ananias, who had served as a private in the Revolutionary War, was hired in 1792 to build a road to access some remote lands owned by the Livingston family. What became known as the Sackett Road was the result, and it was so well laid out that much of it served as sections of the Newburgh-

Cochecton Turnpike when that road was constructed through what was to become Sullivan County several years later.

Ananias was paid for his work with 700 acres of land southwest of Monticello, and he built his residence near the pond that now bears his name. He conceived a prosperous community he called Sackettborough, and although it never grew beyond a few houses, Nathaniel Sackett is buried there.

Speaking of spies, there is local resident Robert Land, the Justice of the Peace in the Cushetunk Settlement, who was an avowed Loyalist, and became one of the most active of the spies employed by the British during the War.

Although there were more Loyalists than Patriots in Cushetunk at the outset of the war, some of the residents, like Abner Skinner— whose brothers were Loyalists— and Nathaniel Tyler, enlisted in the Continental Army. Tyler, for his part, was a teenager when he joined, and served six years as a drummer, mustering out as a drum major. Family tradition holds that he was selected to serve as George Washington's personal drummer for a portion of the war.

As one can readily see, the connections are numerous, and now there is one more.

The Barryville-based non-profit history education group, The Delaware Company, which has operated the county-owned Fort Delaware Museum

of Colonial History in Narrowsburg, NY since 2021, played host during the summer of 2024 to a small film crew from Florentine Films, Ken Burns' company that has put together the upcoming documentary television series, "The American Revolution."

The film crew worked from sunrise to well after dark, shooting various buildings at the Fort from a variety of angles and in different light. They also filmed some of the Fort's docents at work. It was an amazing experience, and in October, The Delaware Company was informed that some of the footage obtained during those three days was included in the final product.

"The American Revolution" is a six-part, twelve-hour long documentary, which airs on PBS television for six consecutive nights beginning Sunday, November 16. There has not been any indication how much of the Fort Delaware footage has been used or when it will appear on the screen.

For more information about the documentary, visit, [pbs.org/kenburns/the-american-revolution/](https://pbs.org/kenburns/the-american-revolution/)

For air times for the program, consult the schedule of your local PBS station.

John Conway is the Sullivan County Historian and a founder and president of The Delaware Company. Email him at [jconway52@hotmail.com](mailto:jconway52@hotmail.com).

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Home goods and unique gift items are also featured. The Joshua Tree's Wood Art pieces

are unique and organic. Birch shade lamps, candelabras, centerpieces, menorahs, and Silverware caddies are all made with felled trees and nature's finds. The Chamba cookware from Colombia is a must-have for the home chef, in addition to blankets, pillows, candles, mugs, and lots of accessories.

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## LONG EDDY

# Allan Milk Post thanks all veterans for their service

STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY FRED STABBERT III

Mustered on January 15, 1967, the Allan Milk Memorial Post No. 7276 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has a long and proud history. And on Tuesday, November 11, at 11 a.m. Post Commander Dr. Lauren Roman welcomed the nearly

50 veterans and their families to its annual Veterans Day Service at the Fellowship Hall at St. Patrick's Church in Long Eddy.

"I would like to thank all of you who have worn the uniform and helped carry on that legacy," Commander Roman said.

Father John Kennedy blessed the gathering, "We



lift up our hearts in gratitude to all those who have served."

Sr. Vice Commander Bruce Pesci thanked all those for coming and said, "Allan was a brave man, and I would like to thank his family for all they have done for this Post through the years."

Army Specialist Allan Milk made the ultimate sacrifice for his country during the Vietnam War, killed in action in Binh Dinh Province, South Vietnam, on November 1, 1966, just six months shy of his 21st birthday.

In Allan Milk's remembrance the VFW Post as well as the Basket viaduct bridge were named in his honor.



Above: Marine Corps League Past Commandant Jim Meyers, left, and Marine Corps League Chaplain Bob Lepple hold the flag for the Allan Milk Memorial Post No. 7276.

Middle: Sr. Vice Commander Bruce Pesci, right, talks about Allan Milk during the Veterans Day Service as Post Commander Dr. Lauren Roman and St. Patrick's Pastor John Kennedy look on.

At right: Travis and Kayla O'Dell brought their three daughters to the Veteran's Day Service in Long Eddy. The young ladies would be the grandnieces of Allan Milk, who was killed in action in 1966 during the Vietnam War. From the left are Hayley O'Dell (pink coat), Maci Berlinger, Alynn O'Dell and Lily O'Dell. Maci's grandfather is Luke Milk, who is Allan's brother, making her a grandniece also. The girls were making hot cocoa to enjoy during the service.



## KAUNEONGA LAKE

# Bethel honors those served and lost

STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY VINCENT KURZROCK

Snow and wind didn't keep residents and veterans from coming out to the Kauneonga Lake Fire Department to honor and remember their fellow brethren and the sacrifices of many veterans nationwide during Tuesday morning's ceremony, conducted by the Sgt. Andrew Brucher-Bailey-Richman VFW Post 5499.

Speaking on behalf of the Bethel Town Board, Supervisor Dan Sturm thanked veterans for their service, noting that their impact has far reaches of recognition beyond Veterans Day.

"Today on Veterans Day, we're all here to give special thanks to all the soldiers and veterans who have served us during both peace and wartime," Sturm said. "Although today is important, it is equally important that we express our sincere thanks whenever we see a veteran, whether it's in the streets or somewhere else."

Sturm ensured that he is a longtime supporter of the



Howie Goldsmith of Sgt. Andrew Brucher-Bailey-Richman VFW Post 5499 speaks at the ceremony.

town's local VFW troop as well as their local veterans' events and causes.

Guest speaking at the event, 100th District Assemblywoman Paula Kay reflected on the common phrase for Veterans Day and to veterans in general: "thank you for your service".

"It's a phrase that we hear at parades, in grocery stores, at the post office," noted Kay. "After a while, it may start to sound routine, but today I

want to reflect on the meaning of that phrase."

Kay told of her father-in-law, Eli Drapkin, a World War II Veteran. She told of how Drapkin had been shot down many times over enemy territory.

She defined the phrase as putting yourself before others. She further clarified that it means living one's values even when it's difficult or dangerous, especially if that means risking your life.



Flanked by attending veterans, District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips reflected how 6% of the U.S. population are veterans.

Kay also reassured her commitment in advocating for veterans' mental health and benefits on the state level.



Assemblywoman Paula Kay reflected on the common phrase "thank you for your service". She told of how her father-in-law's bravery was strong in her kids' minds.

"We owe our veterans more than ceremony," stated Kay. "I owe you opportunity, dignity, and care, and that's true every single day, not just Veterans Day."

Sullivan County District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips took a solemn moment to acknowledge the dwindling number of veterans in the United States today.

"Only six percent of our population are actually veterans," McPhillips reflected. "So much of what we have in this country is because of what you have all done and sacrificed."

## GRAHAMSVILLE

# Tradition endures at the Neversink Flag Exchange



Town of Neversink resident Geri Gorton welcomes attendees at the Veterans Day Flag Exchange at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY CAROL MONTANA

Braving an early snow and fierce winds, a small but dedicated crowd observed what has become a long-standing Veterans Day event in the Town of Neversink.

The semi-annual Flag Exchange, which occurs on Memorial Day and Veterans

Day, took place on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery. As is her custom, the ceremony was coordinated and hosted by Town of Neversink resident Geri Gorton, and attended and facilitated by Boy Scout Troop 97, an honor guard of local veterans and a member of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department. It's spon-

sored by the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association.

A flag that has flown since Memorial Day in honor of U.S. Army Veteran Richard William Hodges was lowered and presented to his family, and a flag to honor all Veterans was presented by Vietnam Veteran and Purple Heart recipient James Richardson.

In her remarks, Gorton said, "The gratitude, respect, friendship and love that I have in my heart for you is true and great. You gave the best years of your life and every ounce of energy for the love of our country. ... This country was built on values

literally made possible by the blood, sweat and tears of our veterans. I know I may never get to repay you, and that as a civilian I never truly can with anything more than compassion, ears to listen, a shoulder to lean on, and lots of hugs. But please, know, when I say thank you, it is truly genuine and fueled by pride and the appreciation that I have for you. You may be my friends and neighbors, but most of all, you are my heroes."

Following the ceremony, attendees gathered at the Town of Neversink Town Hall for a wreath laying and refreshments.



Boy Scout Troop 97 is joined by Sheriff's Deputy Justin Dawson at the Flag Exchange.



Members of Boy Scout Troop 97 lower the flag honoring Richard William Hodges.

**Peter Alan Pomeroy**

November 5, 1945 – November 10, 2025

Peter A. Pomeroy—affectionately known as Pete, Dad, and Pop-Pop to those who loved him most—passed away peacefully on November 11, 2025, at the age of 80.

Born on November 5, 1945, in Roscoe, New York, Pete was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth and Ray Pomeroy.

He is survived by his loving wife, Monica Pomeroy of Fernandina Beach, Florida; his brother Frank Pomeroy (Karen) of Asheville, North Carolina; and his sister Penny Constant (Jeff) of Woodbourne, New York.

Pete also leaves behind his four children and eight grandchildren:

- Helene (Stu) Potlock and their daughters, Sarah and Sydney, of Tallahassee, Florida;
- Rusty Pomeroy (Dawn) and their children, Emily and Raymond, of Killington, Vermont;
- Lory (Steve) Dumenil and their son, PJ, of San Antonio, Texas;
- Pete (Youk) Pomeroy and their children, Samantha, Rayna, and Luke, of New Fairfield, Connecticut.

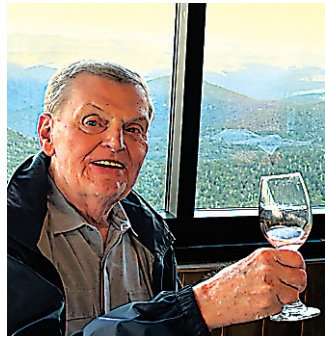
Pete was a devoted father who rarely missed a game, recital, or school event. Annual Father's Day golf outings with his father Ray and sons Rusty and Pete were cherished traditions. He remained deeply proud of the adults his children became and never missed an opportunity to express that pride through cards and phone calls.

A legendary joke teller—a gift inherited from his mother Ruth—Pete was always ready with a hilarious, often cheeky story. As Pop-Pop, he was warm, generous, and playful. He never missed a birthday or holiday card, always tucking in a little cash "just for fun." His grandchildren treasured visits to Fernandina Beach, where they collected shells, dined out, and scratched lottery tickets gifted by their beloved Pop-Pop.

From 1967 to 1999, Pete owned and operated the Ronald M. Albee Insurance Company in Roscoe, New York. He was known for his compassion and dedication to his clients. He served three terms as President of the Roscoe Kiwanis Club and two terms as President of the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce.

In 1980, Pete was elected President of the Independent Insurance Agents Association of New York (IIAANY), representing his peers at conferences across North America. In this role he successfully lobbied Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan to oppose legislation that would have negatively impacted New York consumers. His involvement in IIAANY led to lifelong friendships, a stint as the lead in the barbershop trio "The Independents" and—most importantly—introduced him to the love of his life, Monica.

Pete and Monica married in 1987 and shared a love marked by unwavering support, and daily kisses and



expressions of love—even in disagreement. In 1999, they moved to Fernandina Beach, guided by dear friends Tommy and Marcia Dietz. There, they became active members of Memorial United Methodist Church, where they found a second family.

Pete found deep joy in volunteering, especially through "Pete's Place Library," a collection of donated books at "New To You," part of the Barnabas Center. He cherished the thousands of "new friends" he met through this work.

A red wine enthusiast, Pete and Monica enjoyed years of monthly Wine Club gatherings with the Dietzes/Hartungs and friends Larry and Doris Davis. Beyond his family, Pete's greatest companions were his beloved dogs, Sasha and Dolly.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Memorial United Methodist Church, 601 Centre St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034. Reception to follow at Maxwell Hall. In lieu of flowers, Pete asks that donations be made to the Barnabas Center (<https://barnabasassau.org/ways-to-help/give/>, 904.261.7000 ext. 107).

**JoAnn P. Belgiovene**

March 25, 1948 – November 8, 2025

JoAnn P. Belgiovene, a retired Cooke School kindergarten teacher with the Monticello Central Schools, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at her home in Rock Hill surrounded by her loving family. She was 77.

The daughter of the late William Penza and Josephine Buscemi Penza, she was born March 25, 1948 in Vineland, NJ.

JoAnn was an undergraduate of Trenton State College where she was a member of Gamma Sigma, and went on to graduate from the College of New Rochelle with her Masters Degree in Education. For 24 years, JoAnn found her calling teaching kindergarten, where she shared her boundless patience, creativity, and joy. She delighted in showing her students how to make holiday latkes and cookies and guided them through countless hands-on crafts that filled her classroom with laughter and learning.

JoAnn's greatest joy, however, was spending time with her family—boating and camping on the islands of Lake George, visiting loved ones at the Jersey Shore, going to car shows, and traveling with her devoted husband, Tom. She treasured her role as "team mom" throughout her boys' Little League years and later continued to cheer on her grandsons from the stands. She loved watching their videos, whether they were out on the field or enjoying their new passion for driving anything fast—go-karts, vintage trikes, four-wheelers, and cars.

JoAnn will be remembered for her kindness, generosity,



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70 Pleasant St., LLC  
5 Royce St  
Monticello, NY 12701

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Planning Board of the Village of Monticello will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 18 th , 2025 at 6:00p.m., for the property located at 70-72 Pleasant St Monticello, New York in person at 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

The property is owned by 70 Pleasant St., LLC and is located on tax map parcel section 107, block 3, and lot 31, 32.1 & 32.2, (S-B-L 107-3-31, 32.1 & 32.2) and is located in the B1 (Business) Zoning District.

The applicant is proposing to combine 3 lots and construct 7 townhouse units in two buildings, one building to have 3 units and the second building to have 4 units. This type of housing is allowed in this zone.

A copy of the site plan application and plans for the proposed site plans are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and available for inspection by interested persons during Village Clerk's business hours.

The Planning Board will at the above date, time, place AND ANY ADJOURNED DATE OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING BOARD hear all persons interested in the subject matter hereof. Persons may appear in person or by agent. All written communications addressed to the Board must be received by the Board at or prior to the public hearing.

By Order of the Planning Board  
Village of Monticello  
Janine Gandy-McKinney  
Village Clerk/Planning Board Secretary

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Yoel Weiss  
14N Madison Ave #100  
Spring Valley, NY 10977

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Planning Board of the Village of Monticello will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 18 th , 2025 at 6:15p.m., for the property located at 347 E Broadway Monticello, New York in person at 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

The property is owned by Yoel Weiss and is located on tax map parcel section 116, block 2, and lot 9.1 & 9.2, (S-B-L 116.-2-9.1 & 9.2) and is located in the EBV (east Broadway Village) Zoning District.

The applicant is proposing to build a 2,195-sf addition on to the current building for storage. This type of business is allowed in this zone.

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Proposals for the following will be received by the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Central Services at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York 12701, (845) 807-0515, until 1:00 P.M. on Friday,

November 14, 2025:

1. Auditing Services for Municipal Infrastructure Program; Grant Disbursement Documentation and Reimbursement Requests (R-25-35)

Specifications may be obtained from the Director at the above address.

Dated: October 31, 2025  
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Dated: October 31, 2025  
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**LEGAL NOTICES**

November 21, 2025:

1. Preparation of a Countywide Study of Groundwater Resources for Sullivan County (R-25-36)

Specifications may be obtained from the Director at the above address.

Dated: October 31, 2025  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE FOR CANDIDATES** — CALLICOON CENTER FIRE DISTRICT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Callicoon Center Fire District that one (1) seat is open for election to the office of Fire Commissioner for a term of five (5) years. Candidates interested in running for this office must file a Letter of Intent with the Secretary/Treasurer of the District no later than December 2, 2025 in order to have their name placed on the ballot.

Letters of Intent must be mailed to: Callicoon Center Fire District PO Box 212 Callicoon Center, NY 12724 135159

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION**

Name of limited liability company (LLC): 619 Golf Course Road, LLC

Date of filing articles of organization with secretary of state: May 12, 2025

County in which office of LLC is to be located: Sullivan

The secretary of state has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

The post office address to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is: P.O. Box 248, Rock Hill, New York 12775

Purpose of business of LLC: any lawful purpose.

The term of the LLC is perpetual.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION**

Name of limited liability company (LLC): Loves Girls,

Date of filing articles of organization with secretary of state: October 27, 2025

County in which office of LLC is to be located: Sullivan

The secretary of state has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

The post office address to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is: 5 Love Lane, Harrison, New York 10528.

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LLC

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The secretary of state has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

The post office address to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is: 5 Love Lane, Harrison, New York 10528.

Purpose of business of LLC: any lawful purpose.

The term of the LLC is perpetual.

137758

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION**

Name of limited liability company (LLC): VPTP LLC

Date of filing articles of organization with secretary of state: October 28, 2025

County in which office of LLC is to be located: Sullivan

The secretary of state has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

The post office address to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is: 8 John Walsh Boulevard, Suite 327, Peekskill, New York 10566.

Purpose of business of LLC: any lawful purpose.

The term of the LLC is perpetual.

137772

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION**

Name of limited liability company (LLC): CATSKILL EAST LLC.

Date of filing articles of organization with secretary of state: October 28, 2025

County in which office of LLC is to be located: Sullivan

The secretary of state has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

The post office address to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is: 8 John Walsh Boulevard, Suite 327, Peekskill, New York 10566.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

MANOR, NY 12758

Purpose: any lawful activity.

137391

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of Canned Ham Creative LLC.

Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 09/05/25. Office location: Sullivan Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 65 Main Road, Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

137529

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

136 GOFF, LLC 136 GOFF, LLC filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on the 30th of September, 2025. Office located in Sullivan County, SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

SSNY shall mail copy of process to 122 Goff Road, Livingston Manor, New York 12758. Purpose: to engage in any and all lawful act or activity.

137540

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

APPLE GORDON PROPERTIES LLC APPL GORDON PROPERTIES LLC filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on the 30th of October, 2025. Office located in Sullivan County.

SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to 100 Leo Lane, Deer Park, New York 11729. Purpose: to engage in any and all lawful act or activity.

137754

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

APPLE GORDON PROPERTIES LLC APPL GORDON PROPERTIES LLC filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on the 30th of October, 2025. Office located in Sullivan County.

SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 108 Cole Rd, Hurleyville, NY 12747. Purpose: any lawful act.

137754

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Pursuant to New York Limited Liability Company Law Section 206(c)

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is Wolf Pond Cabin LLC.

2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Department of State was October

138116

**LEGAL NOTICES**

mation of Majestic Sandwiches LLC dba Little Store.

Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on July 29, 2025. Office location: 59 Stewart Ave, Roscoe, NY, 12776..

Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 2054 Old Route 17, Roscoe, NY, 12776.

Purpose: any lawful purpose.

137922

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Please Take Notice That the Monticello Housing Authority will hold a Monthly Board Meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 4:30 pm at the Community Center, 76 Evergreen Drive, Monticello, NY 12701

138176

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Plenterwald LLC.

Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2025/10/23. Office: Sullivan County, SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

SSNY shall mail copy of process to 122 Goff Road, Livingston Manor, New York 12758. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

138147

**LEGAL NOTICE**

PLUMB WALL FARM LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/20/2025. Office: Sullivan County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 108 Cole Rd, Hurleyville, NY 12747. Purpose: any lawful act.

137754

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Riverview Cemetery Association will be holding its meeting on November 17th at 7 p.m. at the Roscoe Diner.

138116

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF WURTSBORO**

Pursuant to 15-104(3) (a) of the

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is Wolf Pond Cabin LLC.

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

Election Law of the State of NY, this notice hereby designated the following office to be filled at the Village Election, Village of Wurtsboro, County of Sullivan to be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 PM at the Village Office located at 7 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wurtsboro, NY.

Village: (1) Trustee (4- Year term)

Dated: November 7, 2025

138108

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Pursuant to Nev, York Limited Liability Company Law Section 206(c)

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is CTI494 LLC.

2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Department of State was October 15, 2025.

3. The county within New York State in which the office of the Company is located is Sullivan County.

4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon him or her to: 319 Yankee Lake Road, Wurtsboro, New York 12790.

5. The business purpose of the Company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York.

138054

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**DESIGNATION OF OFFICES TO BE FILLED AND TERMS THEREOF FOR MARCH 18th, 2026 VILLAGE OF JEFFERSONVILLE ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the next General Election for the Village of Jeffersonville village offices will be held March 18th, 2026, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees must designate by resolution, 90 days prior to said election, and publish the offices which are to be filled in such election, and the terms thereof, now;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; SECTION I. The Board of Trustees designated the following office as vacant at the end of the current official year to be filled at the Village Election to be held on March 18th, 2026 for the following:

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Kristen A. Kitson, Deputy Clerk Board of Trustees

138175

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is Wolf

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Dated: November 14, 2025  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

31 WHITETAIL CROSSING LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/31/2025. Office loc: Sullivan County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Maryann Ciampone, 44 Madison Ave Suite 101, Hempstead, NY 11550. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 137909

**LEGAL NOTICE**

AMINAM, LLC, filed App. for Auth. 138010

**Solution to Today's Crossword**

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## Democrat's Challenge Crossword

### Super Crossword

PONTIFICATION

- |  |   |   |  |                                   |  |
|--|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>ACROSS</b>  | <b>46</b> Super angry   | <b>86</b> Snips   | <b>124</b> 10 featured last names in this puzzle are also the names of these | <b>31</b> "Citizen Kane" studio   | <b>77</b> Mag workers                  |
| <b>1</b> Stood for   | <b>51</b> Month, in Mexico  | <b>87</b> — -fi film  |  | <b>32</b> Cereal husk             | <b>78</b> Imbibe slowly                |
| <b>6</b> Mountain peak topper                                  | <b>52</b> Strong — ox   | <b>88</b> British china   |  | <b>33</b> Fla.'s ocean            | <b>79</b> Virtuoso                     |
| <b>13</b> Place to keep cargo                                  | <b>54</b> She won gold in the 200-meter dash at the 2012 Olympics   | <b>89</b> Oran native   |  | <b>34</b> Grow wider              | <b>80</b> Assented to                  |
| <b>20</b> Proprietor   | <b>57</b> French term for unrefined works, as by untrained painters | <b>91</b> "Be —!" ("C'mon, help me out!")   |  | <b>36</b> Join                    | <b>81</b> App-ordered rides            |
| <b>21</b> Seat of Nassau County, New York                      | <b>59</b> Furry wrap  | <b>92</b> "Rebecca" actress Diana   | <b>DOWN</b>  | <b>37</b> Marriott rival          | <b>82</b> Cato's 1,550                 |
| <b>22</b> Holiday marches                                      | <b>60</b> "It could be" (tiny roles)                                | <b>95</b> Civil rights activist with the comedy album "In Living Black and White" | <b>1</b> Magic charm   | <b>38</b> Portugal's peninsula    | <b>83</b> Desirous of                  |
| <b>23</b> 1970 Best Actress nominee for "The Great White Hope" | <b>61</b> Make a phone call to                                      | <b>98</b> Best Supporting Actress winner for "The Fighter"                        | <b>2</b> He played Obi-Wan multiple times                                    | <b>39</b> Sharer of top billing   | <b>85</b> Aerie bird                   |
| <b>25</b> Enigmas  | <b>62</b> Film directors Joel and Ethan                             | <b>104</b> Woman of the future?   | <b>3</b> Raggedy — (classic dolls)   | <b>40</b> Floss fiber             | <b>86</b> Torte or baba                |
| <b>26</b> Walk — (tiny roles)                                  | <b>63</b> Hour div.   | <b>105</b> Resting atop   | <b>4</b> Born, to Yves   | <b>44</b> Woeful things           | <b>90</b> Drink cooler                 |
| <b>27</b> Rank above maj.                                      | <b>64</b> He played Jesse Pinkman on "Breaking Bad"                 | <b>106</b> Threat ender   | <b>5</b> Funnywoman  | <b>45</b> Dec. 31                 | <b>91</b> Dept. of Justice chiefs      |
| <b>28</b> — acid (vinegar component)                           | <b>66</b> "Rocket Man" singer                                       | <b>108</b> "Boo —!"   | <b>6</b> Suspect foul play   | <b>47</b> Yank's foe              | <b>93</b> Tristan's love               |
| <b>30</b> Ruhr article   | <b>72</b> Poem type   | <b>109</b> Phased-out character on "The Simpsons"                                 | <b>7</b> Vote down   | <b>48</b> Bristol beer            | <b>94</b> Actress Greer                |
| <b>31</b> Desperately, informally                              | <b>73</b> Light bulb power units                                    | <b>112</b> Pre-book documents   | <b>8</b> — par with  | <b>49</b> "— a pity!"             | <b>96</b> Posterior                    |
| <b>35</b> Country singer with the hit "Blue Ain't Your Color"  | <b>76</b> Tot's injury  | <b>114</b> "Who's Sorry Now?" singer  | <b>9</b> — Ho Lee (name in 2000 news)  | <b>50</b> Outer: Prefix           | <b>97</b> Musical note equivalent to F |
| <b>37</b> "Livin' La Vida Loca" singer                         | <b>77</b> Adopt   | <b>119</b> Cyclone's kin  | <b>10</b> Sonata end   | <b>52</b> Make — for it           | <b>98</b> Necessities                  |
| <b>41</b> No. in Nuremberg                                     | <b>82</b> Stuck in mud  | <b>120</b> Totally unknown by   | <b>11</b> Smart —  | <b>53</b> "What if ..."           | <b>99</b> Orlando theme park           |
| <b>42</b> Ending for peek or bug                               | <b>83</b> Tolkien's hole-dwellers                                   | <b>121</b> Get together with alumni   | <b>12</b> French capital, in song  | <b>55</b> Fail to put in          | <b>100</b> Peter of "M"                |
| <b>43</b> Making a comeback                                    | <b>84</b> He played Lieutenant Starbuck on "Battlestar Galactica"   | <b>122</b> Increase the slope of  | <b>13</b> Elf  | <b>56</b> Futuristic tiny machine | <b>101</b> Combined stick              |
|  |   | <b>123</b> Elk relative   | <b>14</b> Chinese exercise system  | <b>63</b> FC Dallas' sports org.  | <b>102</b> Actor Dana                  |
|  |   |   | <b>15</b> City reg.  | <b>65</b> Yemeni port             | <b>103</b> "— Mio"                     |
|  |   |   | <b>16</b> Angler's boot  | <b>67</b> Wealthy Brits           | <b>107</b> City WNW of Tulsa           |
|  |   |   | <b>17</b> Improvise  | <b>68</b> Occupation              | <b>109</b> "Can I borrow — of sugar?"  |
|  |   |   | <b>18</b> Actress Davis  | <b>69</b> San Luis —              | <b>110</b> Cone-bearing tree           |
|  |   |   | <b>19</b> Ruhr city  | <b>70</b> Stolen ride             | <b>111</b> Wields                      |
|  |   |   | <b>24</b> Rich soil  | <b>71</b> In a meddling way       | <b>113</b> Racing circuit              |
|  |   |   | <b>29</b> Sounds of small bells  | <b>73</b> Actress Kristen         | <b>115</b> Actor Beauty                |
|  |   |   |  | <b>74</b> Bowed                   | <b>116</b> Suffix with hero            |
|  |   |   |  | <b>75</b> Shape-fitting game      | <b>117</b> French for "summer"         |
|  |   |   |  |                                   | <b>118</b> — -noir film                |

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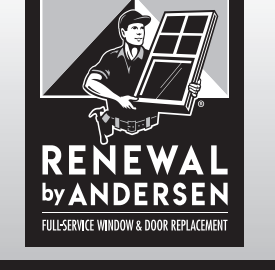
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**LEGAL NOTICES**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SULLIVAN NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST SONNY JOE SANDERS AKA SONNY SANDERS AS ADMINISTRATOR AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF THEODORE SANDERS A/K/A THEODORE KYLE SANDERS, LESLIE SANDERS AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF THEODORE SANDERS A/K/A THEODORE KYLE SANDERS, ET AL., Defendant(s)** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered September 29, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Lobby of the Lawrence H. Cooke Sullivan County Courthouse, 414 Broadway, Monticello NY on December 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM, premises known as 43 Hemlock Avenue, Smallwood, NY 12778. All those certain plots, lots, pieces or parcels of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Bethal, Sullivan County, State of New York, Section 41. Block 4 Lot 19, 20 & 21. Approximate amount of judgment \$96,381.40 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #E2023-1977. Terry Forman, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williams-Fly, NY 14221 21-001241 87731

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Annual Election of the Beaverkill Valley Fire District**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Beaverkill Valley Fire District will take place on December 9, 2025 between the house of 6:00pm and 9:00pm at the Beaverkill Valley Fire House located at 1524 Beaverkill Rd. Lew Beach, NY for the following purpose

To elect one (1) Fire District Commissioner for the term of Five (5) years commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2030

All duly registered voters of the Beaverkill Valley Fire District shall be eligible to vote.fire

Candidates for the district Office shall file there name with the Secretary of the Fire District. on or before November 19,2025

Carolann Backman Secretary Board of Fire Commissioners Beaverkill Valley Fire Distrikt

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**FORESTBURGH FIRE DISTRICT**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: The annual election of the Forestburgh Fire District will take place on December 9, 2025, between the hours of 6:00PM and 9:00 PM at the Forestburgh Fire House at 2539 State Route #42 Forestburgh, NY 12777 for the purpose of electing:

One Commissioner for a 5 year term commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2030.

One Commissioner for a 2 year term commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027.

All interested residents of the Forestburgh Fire District who wish to have their name placed on the ballot must submit a letter of intent 20 days prior to December 9th. Mail or hand deliver letter of intent to Forestburgh Fire District at 2539 State Rte42 Forestburgh, N.Y. 12777.

All registered residents of the Forestburgh Fire District shall be eligible to vote.

By order of Forestburgh Board of Fire Commissioners  
Erinn Morse  
Secretary

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Yoel Weiss**  
**14N Madison Ave #100**  
**Spring Valley, NY 10977**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Village of Monticello Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a Public Hearing on Thursday, the 20th, day of November 2025, at 6:15p.m. in person for the property located at 347 East Broadway aka Sunflower Kosher Market in Monticello, New York.

The property is owned by Yoel Weiss and is located on tax map parcel(s) section 116, block 2, and lot 9.2 and is located in the EBV (East Broadway Village) Zoning District.

The applicant is seeking an Area Variance for the construction of two (2) signs. The first sign is an increase of 103sf and the other sign is an increase of 36.5 sf from what the Village Code allows according to section 280-19 which limits signage on the front façade of a business to 50sf in the EBV Zone. This type of business is allowed in the EBV Zone.

A copy of the proposed applications and plan is on file in the office of the Village Clerk and available for inspection by interested persons during Village Clerk's business hours.

The Zoning Board will at the above date, time and place the Zoning Board will at the above date, time and place, AND ANY ADJOURNED DATE AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS hear all persons interested in the subject matter hereof. Persons may appear in person or by agent. All written communications addressed to the Board must be received by the Board at or prior to the public hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD  
VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO  
JANINE GANDY-MCKINNEY  
VILLAGE CLERK

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Dependable Management**  
**PO Box 416**  
**Monroe, NY 00949**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Village of Monticello Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a Public Hearing on Thursday, the 20 th , day of November 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in person for the property located at 11 Sugar Maple Lane in Monticello, New York.

The property is owned by Joel Mendelowitz and is located on tax map parcel(s) section 121, block 1, and lot 6.1 and is located in the EBV (East Broadway Village) Zoning District.

The applicant is seeking an Area Variance for the construction of a 10 x 12ft shed for their deliveries which is being closer to the street than what the Village Code allows under section 280-31 which states the following: An accessory building may be located in any required side or rear yard, provided that:

- a. It does not project nearer to the fronting street than the main building.
  - b. It is set back at least six feet from the side or rear lot line and, if detached, at least 10 feet from the main building.
  - c. It does not exceed 15 feet in total height and the gross floor area does not exceed 150 square feet.
  - d. Only one such accessory building shall be permitted in any residential zone without Planning Board approval
- This type of structure is allowed in the EBV Zone.

A copy of the proposed applications and plan is on file in the office of the Village Clerk and available for inspection by interested persons during Village Clerk's business hours.

The Zoning Board will at the above date, time and place AND ANY ADJOURNED DATE OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS hear all persons interested in the subject matter hereof. Persons may appear in person or by agent. All written communications addressed to the Board must be received by the Board at or prior to the public hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD  
VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO  
JANINE GANDY-MCKINNEY  
VILLAGE CLERK

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**LEGAL NOTICES**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**

SULLIVAN - INDEX NO.: E2022-2234- SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS. Plaintiff designates SULLIVAN COUNTY as the place of trial based upon the location of the premises herein described having tax map Section 15., Block 5, Lot 8.1, NARROWSBURG, NY, County of SULLIVAN - WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF WV 2017-1 GRANTOR TRUST, PLAINTIFF, -against- CHERYL CRICK A/K/A CHERYL BIGAUD, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR-AT-LAW OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR CRICK; CORDELLE BROWN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR-AT-LAW OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR CRICK; MONROYDE JONES, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR-AT-LAW OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR CRICK; RICARDO CUMBERBATCH, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR-AT-LAW OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR CRICK; MARIKO GROSVENOR A/K/A MARIKO CRICK-GROSVENOR, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR-AT-LAW OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR CRICK; JALEEL GROSVENOR, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR-AT-LAW OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR CRICK; any and all persons unknown to Plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs-at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of ARTHUR CRICK, deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs-at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to Plaintiff, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to Plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, DEFENDANTS. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

**NOTICE**  
**YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME**

**If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered against you and you can lose your home.**

**Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.**

**YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.**

Dated: Syosset, New York, November 20, 2024. Roach & Lin, P.C., attorney for Plaintiff, 6851 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 185, Syosset, NY 11791. Tel: 516-938-3100. To the above-named defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. MEAGAN K. GALLIGAN, JSC, a Justice of the Supreme Court, State of New York, dated November 13, 2024 and filed with the SULLIVAN County Clerk together with the supporting papers thereon. This is an action to foreclose a mortgage held by Plaintiff on the premises known as Section 15., Block 5, Lot 8.1, NARROWSBURG, NY, County of SULLIVAN as described in the complaint on file and commonly known as 11 LUCKY LN LUXTON LKS F/K/A 575 SECOND AVENUE, NARROWSBURG, NY 12764.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Sealed bids will be received as set forth in instructions to bidders until 10:30 A.M. on Thursday, December 04, 2025 at the NYSDOT, Office of Contract Management, 50 Wolf Rd, 1st Floor, Suite 1CM, Albany, NY 12232 and will be publicly opened and read. Bids may also be submitted via the internet using www.bidx.com. A certified cashier's check payable to the NYSDOT for the sum specified in the proposal or a bid bond, form CONR 391, representing 5% of the bid total, must accompany each bid. NYSDOT reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Electronic documents and Amendments are posted to www.dot.ny.gov/doing-business/opportunities/const-notices. The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that all Amendments are incorporated into its bid. To receive notification of Amendments via e-mail you must submit a request to be placed on the Planholders List at www.dot.ny.gov/doing-business/opportunities/const-planholder. Amendments may have been issued prior to your placement on the Planholders list.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**TOWN OF NEVERSINK**  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**P.O. Box 307 - 273 Main Street**  
**Grahamsville, NY 12740**  
**(845) 985-2262**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
THERE BEING NO BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2025 HAS BEEN CANCELLED. BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
IAN CONSTABLE, CHAIRMAN  
138139

Loch Sheldrake Fire Hall located at 1280 State Route 52, Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759 , for the purpose of electing the following fire district officer:  
One Commissioner for a five (5) year term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2030.  
Date: November 6, 2024  
Board of Fire Commissioners,  
Loch Sheldrake Fire District, Loch Sheldrake, New York  
138100

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Annual Election of the Neversink Fire District  
Held on December 9th, 2025  
One, one year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31st, 2026.  
Dana Vogler, Secretary

**LEGAL NOTICES**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 2019-1035  
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC. Plaintiff designates SULLIVAN as the place of trial situs of the real property

vs. Plaintiff, SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

KRISTINA WILLIAMS; DINA TRAVIS AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ANGELA TRAVIS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF ANGELA TRAVIS, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; DAVID TURNER; SHAWN WILLIAMS,

**Mortgaged Premises:**  
146 OLD STATE ROUTE 52, WOODBOURNE, NY 12788

**Section: 20, Block: 1, Lot: 25.7**

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

**NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT**  
**THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$129,200.00 and interest, recorded on October 16, 2013, in Instrument Number 2013-8011, of the Public Records of SULLIVAN County, New York., covering premises known as 146 OLD STATE ROUTE 52, WOODBOURNE, NY 12788.**  
**The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.**  
**SULLIVAN County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.**

**NOTICE**  
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**If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.**

**Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.**  
**Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.**  
**YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.**  
Dated: October 8 th , 2025

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Christina Bruderman, Esq.  
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310  
Westbury, NY 11590  
516-280-7675

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF SULLIVAN ULSTER SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff - against - LEONORA GEIGER MILLER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 3, 2025. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the Sullivan County Courthouse, Village of Monticello, Sullivan County, New York on the 5th day of December, 2025 at 9:30 AM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Lumberland, County of Sullivan and State of New York.

Premises known as 768 Forestburgh Road, Lumberland, NY 12737.

(Section 2 Block 1 and Lot 4.4)  
Approximate amount of lien \$333,871.44 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. E2021-2016. Jared K. Hart, Esq., Referee. Stein, Wiener & Roth LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 1400 Old Country Road, Suite 315

Westbury, NY 11590  
Tel. 516-742-1212 MILLER, LEONORA-80310  
Dated: October 6, 2025

**During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale. Auction Locations are subject to change.**

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual Election of the Neversink Fire District will take place on December 9th, 2025 between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:00pm at the Neversink Fire House located at 7486 State Route 55, Neversink, New York for the purpose of electing three Commissioners for the following vacancies;

- One, five year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31st, 2029.
  - One, two year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31st, 2027.
  - One, one year term, commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31st, 2026.
- All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections on or before November 17th, 2025 and residing within the Neversink Fire District will be eligible to vote. Candidates for District Office will need to have filed their names and the office they are seeking in writing with the Secretary of Neversink Fire District, at the firehouse at Neversink Fire District, PO Box 394, Neversink, New York 12765, no later than 20 days prior to the election with the last day for a Candidate to file their name in writing being November 19th, 2025. Dana Vogler, Secretary
- Board of Fire Commissioners  
Neversink Fire District  
137697
- LEGAL NOTICE**  
**M U E L L E R**  
**ROAD FARM LLC,**  
Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/04/2025. Office loc: Sullivan County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Sean Brooks, PO Box 245, Harris, NY 12742. Reg Agent: Sean Brooks, 4021-4023 State Route 209, Mamakating, NY 12790. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 138009
- Let the Classifieds work for you!



# Monticello High School Trap Team celebrates season accomplishments

SULLIVAN COUNTY — The Monticello High School Trap Team recently wrapped up their fall season. Having begun during the 2016/17 school year, the team continues to learn and grow with the addition of many new students who are experiencing the shooting sport for the first time. Each week during the spring and fall seasons, all team members get to participate and compete according to skill level in this co-ed, all-inclusive sport. The Monticello Team is part of a nationwide league made up of over 55,000 students in 2000 schools who are all learning the enjoyment of the shooting sport in a fun,

safety-oriented program. Coach Jay Mendels noted his appreciation of the Monticello School Board and Athletic Department, the Sullivan County Conservation Club for hosting and supporting the team, and all the volunteers who help make this program possible. This season's award winners:

**Hi Game - Boys:** Tie - Leo Messenger (25), Dillon Cole (25) - Note: 25 is a perfect round!

**Hi Game - Girls:** Sophie Kuchar (18)

**Hi Series - Boys:** Tie - Leo Messenger (47), Dillon Cole (47)

**Hi Series - Girls:** Tie -



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS  
At left: The 2025 Monticello High School Trap Team.

Below: Award Winners (L to R): Dillon Cole, Leo Messenger, Sam Drabin-Gray, Christian Bastone, Coach Jay Mendels, Sierra Auletta, Sophie Kuchar, Lauren Bastone, Samantha Burk.

Below: This season's Varsity-level team members. To qualify, they had to achieve an outstanding average of 19+ for the season. (L to R): Aiden Schnitzer, Liam Brasington, Jaden Washington, Dillon Cole, Leo Messenger, Coach Jay Mendels.



Sophie Kuchar (30), Lauren Bastone (30)

**Most Improved vs. Last Season - Boys:** Christian Bastone

**Most Improved vs. Last Season - Girls:** Lauren Bastone

**Most Improved during this season - Boys:** Sam Drabin-Gray

**Most Improved during this Season - Girls:** Samantha Burk

**Coaches' Award:** Sierra Auletta

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### DEC Encourages Venison Donations re: SNAP

As I pen these words, there are almost 3 million New Yorkers and 2 million Pennsylvanians at risk of food insecurity from the government shutdown and suspension of SNAP benefits. The NYS DEC is encouraging hunters to step up and help out with venison donations. The PA Game Commission encourages hunters to do the same through Hunters Sharing the Harvest.

An organization called Feeding New York State partners with the DEC every year to provide donated venison to families without enough food. The amount donated is quite substantial at between 50,000 and 70,000 pounds annually. That's a lot. But we can do better this year because of the greater need.

Feeding New York State has a website at feedingnys.org/hunters where you can get information. Any legally harvested deer can be donated. It must be tagged with a paper tag for the processor to be able to accept it. If you have e-tagged the deer, the paper tag can be hand written with your name, DEC ID number and the confirmation number from the Hunt-FishNY app.

Please call the processor ahead of time to make arrangements for dropping off the deer. You must fill out the log book indicating your desire to donate it. Hunters are asked to let the processor know the method and type of ammunition used. The venison is then provided to various food pantries and food banks and distributed to folks in need.

There are 38 processors listed on the website. The two closest ones in our area

are Deerserto's Butcher Shop, LLC (I know them as Deserto's historically) in Middletown at (845) 733-1676 and The Chop Shop in Delhi at (607) 832-4878.

The Hunters Sharing the Harvest (HSH) program has a website at sharedeer.org where our friends across the Delaware can find information about donating venison to the needy in PA. Over 100,000 pounds were donated last year and over 3 million pounds since inception in 1991.

The nearest processor in Pennsylvania is Smokin Joe's Meat & Deli located in Wayne County in Jefferson Twp at (570) 840-1035. Many others are listed on the website.

I enjoy eating venison. But I sometimes seem to have an extra tag depending on my luck during the season. I can only eat so much. I sometimes give venison away to friends, but it's rarely about need and more about them wanting to enjoy some.

This year, with the SNAP situation, I encourage my fellow deer hunters to think about those less fortunate than ourselves. We often take food for granted. If your luck is good and you have the opportunity to take more deer than you need, please consider taking one to a processor in the program and giving it to the hungry. Let's all make an effort to donate some venison to help out. Thank you.

Let's all enjoy the outdoors!

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# SECTIONAL SHOWDOWN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 @ 6 PM

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## GO ELDRED YELLOWJACKETS!

### Sullivan West Bulldogs -vs- Eldred Yellowjackets

SULLIVAN COUNTY - Tonight on neutral ground at 6 pm at James I. O'Neill High School, the Sullivan West Bulldogs will take on the Eldred Yellowjackets for the second time this season. But there's a difference this time. The 8-man Section IX Championship Title is on the line and only one of these team can advance through to Regionals.



The 2025 Eldred Yellowjacket Football team is, front row, from the left: Connor Ranaudo, Jayden Daletto, Trai Kaufmann, James Deyermund, Koen McGill, and Mason Tice. Second row, from the left, are Nathan Kinne, Jack Scully, Jake Card, Luke Potter, Matthew Marold, and Matthew Morabito. Third row, from the left, are Adam Koenig, Orion Schmidt, Liam McGill, Jacob Tice, Jayson Banach, and Patrick Bangs. Fourth row coaching staff is, from the left: Hunter Kolvenbach, Brian McAveney, Anthony Margarum, Sean McAveney and Todd Keast.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CRYSTAL TWEED

When these two teams met back in October the Bulldogs utilized their homefield advantage, playing to a packed house in Lake Huntington to defeat the Yellowjackets by just one touchdown, 52-48. The Bulldogs boast a six-game win streak, with their only loss coming at the hands of Pawling who the 'dogs easily defeated last week 30-6, playing a perfectly

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Koen and Liam, words can't express how proud we are of all you've accomplished this season. Reaching the Section 9 Finals is a remarkable achievement and a true reflection of your hard work, commitment, and teamwork.  
Congratulations to you both and to the entire Eldred Yellowjackets Football Team. You've made us and your community so proud.  
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**Best of luck Patrick Bangs #62 Teammates and coaches! Congratulations!!!**  
Love Mom & Justin



Good Luck to #1 Trai Kaufmann and the entirety of the Yellowjacket Football program!  
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Best of Luck Adam Koenig and the Yellowjackets! From Mom, Dad and Molly

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EFBC wishes the Varsity Yellowjackets the best of luck in their Championship Game!!

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Good Luck to Jayden, #75 and the Eldred Boys. We are so proud of you.  
Love, Dad, Mom, Steele and Colten

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## GO SW BULLDOGS!

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crafted game and holding the tigers to their lowest scoring game of the season. The Bulldogs are looking for their fifth Section IX Title in a row.

Ahead of the Bulldogs/Yellowjackets matchup Sullivan West Head Coach, Ron Bauer said, "It's gonna be a tough game. We have to play the same type of football as we did last week against Pawling. Eldred is a good team and we'll have to try to control the line of scrimmage and their receivers. It'll all come down to who

makes the least amount of mistakes!"

The Yellowjackets took out the #1 seed Millbrook/Webutuck on the road with a massive 44-12 win last weekend. Eldred Head Coach Sean McAveney has praised his team this season for correcting mistakes and their work ethic. He said, "This year we're focused," after the Yellowjackets fell short of making it to the playoffs last season. After their win over Millbrook last week McAveney said, "Looks like it will be an all Sullivan County Section IX championship game!"



The 2025 Sullivan West Bulldog Football Team is, front row, from the left: Morgan Whitcomb, Easton Houghtaling Daniel Taranin, Samuel Lieberman, Paul Nunnari, Alec Hubert, Sean Umbaugh, John Pietrucha and Dylan Van Vuuren. Second row, from the left, are Dominic Depaolo, Hunter Moss, Seamus Johnston, Todd Walter, George Olsen, Anthony Boice, Collin Ebert and William Saul. Third row, from the left, are Coach Ronj Padu, Coach Justin Ghawi, Marcello Wasner, Calvin Powell, George Glassel, Jesse Milk, Dylan Scardefield, Robert Saul, Dylan Lockwood, Liam Berns, Coach Ryan Joyce-Turner, Coach Ron Bauer and Coach Justin Diehl.



At left: The Bulldogs and the Yellowjackets met earlier this season with the Bulldogs coming away with a 52-48 win.



At right: SW's Jesse Milk gives the stiff arm to Trai Kaufmann of the Yellowjackets.

**Congratulations to Jesse Milk & the SW Bulldogs!**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO GARY MILK!!**  
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Matthew 19:26 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."  
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**GO Bulldogs!**  
 Seamus it's been a great joy for your family to watch you play, excel and become the amazing young man you are today!  
 Good luck!

**Love Mom & Eric**

**GOOD LUCK TO TODD WALTER #10 AND ALL THE SULLIVAN WEST FOOTBALL PLAYERS AND COACHES AT THE SECTIONAL GAME ON FRIDAY NIGHT!**  
**-THE WALTER FAMILY**

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**Delaware Engineering to sponsor contest; Rod's Taxidermy to provide free mount**

# 52nd Annual Democrat Big Buck Contests to start tomorrow

The yardstick by which all Sullivan County bucks are measured – the Sullivan County Democrat Big Buck Contest – will officially start its 52nd year tomorrow with the opening of the New York State Big Game Rifle Season.

“We are so excited for the 2025 Democrat Big Buck Contests,” Sullivan County Democrat Publisher and Tourney Organizer Fred Stabbert III said. “This year, John Brust, of Delaware Engineering, is going to sponsor our contest, enabling us to hand our more than \$1,750 in prizes.”

An advertisement appears on page 7B of this newspaper, explaining where hunters can enter their deer.

The contest runs concurrent with the firearm deer

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Kortright said some of the donations will go to veterans who are in need.

Spring Brook Farm is located at 219 Rockland Rd., Roscoe and run by Virginia and Jacob Bacon.

Call Virginia at 845-701-0876 to set up an appointment to drop off your deer.



The best. This massive 16-point buck was taken in 1999 by Arthur Dross in the Town of Forestburgh. It measured 89 and still holds the all-time Sullivan County Democrat Big Buck record.



This 10-pointer was shot in 2011 by Bill Abbate in the Town of Bethel and is the second largest ever recorded in the Sullivan County Democrat Big Buck Contest. It scored an impressive 86.75. The buck also tipped the scales at 194 lbs., dressed, and won second place in the Heavy Deer Contest.



2024 Big Buck Winner Gary VanValkenberg 78.625



2024 Heavy Deer Winner Joe Grisafi 175 lbs.



2023 Big Buck Winner Steven Duarte 77.5



2022 Big Buck Winner Dave Cross 80.5



2021 Big Buck Winner Gary Peters 78



2020 Big Buck Winner William Roser 77

hunting seasons in both New York and Pennsylvania.

In New York, the season starts on Saturday, November 15 and runs through Sunday, December 7.

In Pennsylvania the firearm season for deer starts on Saturday, November 29 and runs through Saturday, December 13.

The Democrat sponsors both a Big Rack and Heaviest Deer (buck or doe) contest.

Last year, the contest expanded its range so that hunters from Sullivan, Delaware, and Ulster counties in New York and Wayne and Pike counties in Pennsylvania

can enter.

“We expanded our area to include these counties because so many of our Sullivan County hunters go to Delaware and Ulster counties to hunt,” Stabbert said. “And sure enough, last year, a buck taken in Ulster County, just over the Sullivan County line, won our contest and another Ulster County buck came in second.

“And it looks like it is going to be another exciting year,” Stabbert said.

Early reports from local butcher shops are that they are processing more deer

than last year during the bow season.

One reason might be the law which allowed crossbows to be allowed all season.

Retired Lt. Deming Lindsley of the NYS DEC reported “Some of the DEC Officers I have been talking with have said that deer take is up during the bow season as many hunters have changed to crossbows, which are now legal all season. They [crossbows] are more accurate and can shoot a little farther.”

Lindsley was talking to the membership of the Federation of Sportsmen of Sullivan County at its monthly meeting on Wednesday at the White Lake firehouse.

test started,” Stabbert III recalled. “Don Meckle owned the sports shop in town and Rod Smith was our taxidermist, who donated a free mount to the winner.”

That prize, a free mount, is still part of the contest and Rod's Taxidermy, like they have for 51 years, is still donating the mount.

“I would like to thank Louis Milucky for carrying on the tradition that Rod started and always helping us with not only measuring deer but providing that free mount, it's really great,” Stabbert said.

Stabbert also recognized the reporting stations who help measure and weigh deer.

“The Sportsmen's Den, Rod's Taxidermy, Fur, Fin & Feather, Neversink General Store, Shewolf Taxidermy, Tom's Bait and Tackle and Artistic Creation Taxidermy, we couldn't do our contest without them,” Stabbert said. “I can't thank them enough for all their help.”

**Just enter to win \$1,750 in prizes**

Anyone can be a winner in the Sullivan County Democrat Big Buck Contests, sponsored by Delaware Engineering. All you have to do is enter your deer in the contest to be eligible to win one of four grand prize drawings, compliments of Delaware Engineering. See ad, 7B.

## 51 Years of Democrat Big Buck Champions...

Year	Name	Where Shot	Score	Notes
1974*	Betty Dales	Livingston Manor	57	12-pointer, Only Woman to ever win
1975*	Walt Peters	Bethel	63.5	Good hunter!
1976*	Daniel Wilcox	Crystal Lake	61.5	Way to go, Judge!
1977*	Jesse Kinney	Liberty	66.75	Nice 9-pointer
1978*	John Clader	Wayne County	65.25	13-pointer, 1st Pa. Winner
1979*	Norris Garman		61.25	8-pointer
1980*	Gary Kortright	Neversink	61.25	8-pointer, 155 lb., 21" horns
1981*	Gilbert Welch	Woodbourne	68.5	10-pointer, 145 lb., 25" horns
1982	Dave Mueller	Fosterdale	73.5	9-pointer
1983	Ray Cotton	Shandeele	76	12-pointer, 155 pounds
1984	Russell Calhoun	South Woods	75	15-pts., 164 pounds, wow!
1985	Don Meckle	Long Eddy	75.75	9 pts., 21.5" spread
1986	Tim Robisch	Westbrookville	76	12 pts., 23" horns, shot on drive
1987	John Einreinhofer	Shandeele	77.5	10-pointer
1988	Bill Buddenhagen	Callicoon	80.6	11 pts., Pleasant Valley buck
1989	Mike Kehrley	Swan Lake	75.5	174.5 lbs. wins heavy, too
1990	John Barnes	Highland	82.5	9 pts., 161 lbs., Opening Day
1991	Richard Jonke	Swan Lake	72.5	8-pointer
1992	Korey Bodie	Honesdale, Pa.	78.5	13-ptr., Youngest Winner ever
1993	Paul Gardner	Glen Spey	74.75	10-pointer
1994	Tom Mullen	Grahamsville	80.25	22" spread, 11 points
1995	David Ford	Swan Lake	79.25	10-pointer
1996	Jack Jordan	Grahamsville	76.5	Picture perfect 10-pointer
1997	Hal Roeder	Callicoon	75.25	2nd Pleasant Valley buck to win
1998	Melvin Gorr Jr.	Livingston Manor	77	12-pointer, 19" spread, 23" beams
1999	Arthur Dross	Forestburgh	89	16-pointer, 5" bases, all-time leader
2000	Pat Kely	Narrowsburg	79.25	12-pointer, 124 pounds, beauty
2001	Jerry Burke	PA. Gamelands	75.25	Picture perfect 10, heavy deer
2002	Gregory D. Haase	Grahamsville	85.5	12-pointer, one of the all-time best!
2003	Charles DeHart Jr.	Forestburgh	82	10-pointer
2004	Carmine Rufrano	Tusten	84	An astonishing 19-pointer
2005	David Travis	Forestburgh	80	11-pointer, dressed at 160 lbs.
	Mark Watson	Lebanon, Pa	80	11 pointer
2006	Paul Gonzalez	Stalker, Pa.	81.75	12-pointer with huge tynes
2007	Eddie 'Eb' Herling	Town of Highland	74.25	Opening day 8-pts, Mahogany Ridge
2008	Gary VanValkenburg	Grahamsville	81.75	Beautiful 10 pointer, 179 lb.
2009	Andy Piezga	Buckingham, Pa	79.5	13 pts, 23-inch beams, 20.5 spread
2010	Tom Price	Town of Thompson	77.5	10-pointer
2011	Bill Abbate	Bethel	86.75	10-pointer, 2nd all-time
2012	Randy Young	Lookout, Pa.	79.5	10-pointer
2013	Jeffrey Smith	Lake Ariel, Pa.	87.75	16-pointer, first-ever buck
2014	Dakota Long	Damascus, Pa	80.25	10-pointer, opening day jaw dropper
2015	Bill Komo	Tusten	77.25	10-pointer, heavy horns
2016	Zach Landmesser	Lebanon, Pa	82.25	10-pointer, .243 downed him on Nov. 28
2017	Tom Bryne	Neversink	79.75	Heavy-horned 10-pointer
2018	Justin Terranova	Honesdale, Pa	78.5	13-pointer with matching drop tynes
2019	David Robisch	Westbrookville	77.75	Opening Day 8-pointer
2020	William Roser	Rockland (Town)	77	144 lb. 8-pt. buck had 20.25-inch spread
2021	Gary Peters	Fremont	78	Impressive 10-pointer
2022	Dave Cross	Liberty	80.5	Heavy-horned 8-pointer
2023	Steven Duarte	Liberty	77.5	Nice 9-pointer, taken late November
2024	Gary VanValkenburg	Denning	78.625	Nov. 23 buck, 12 pts., 24" & 23.125 beams

\* These measurements do not include the number of points

**How it all started**

The Sullivan County Democrat Big Buck Contest was started in 1974 by the late Fred W. Stabbert Jr., publisher of the Democrat.

“My dad, along with Donnie Meckle and Rod Smith, really got the con-



FRED STABBERT | DEMOCRAT

### Sportsman of the Year

Earl "Butch" Kortright, center, was on hand Wednesday night at the Federation of Sportsmen's Club's of Sullivan County's (FOSCOSC) monthly meeting to officially receive his plaque from Gary Muthig, left, and FOSCOSC President John Van Etten as Sportman of the Year. Butch and his wife, Donna, won the award because of their leadership with the Sullivan County Long Beards and other conservation organizations.



2018 Big Buck Winner Justin Terranova 78.5



2019 Big Buck Winner David Robisch 77.75