



## Lights for Liberty events in Sullivan draw crowds to protest kids in custody

By ELIZABETH LEPRO

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY — Long-time civil rights activist Priscilla Bassett was one of many marching on the sidewalk along Main Street in Liberty Friday night, shouting “This is what democracy looks like.” Still taking to the streets at 91, she said she’s no longer in the position to be organizing.

“But I’m certainly grateful to those who do,” she said, pointing in front of her at a group of highschoolers leading the charge, “Look: the youth!”

The “Lights for Liberty” march was one of many taking place across the country, and one of three in Sullivan County, to “shine a light” on conditions in which migrant children are being held in detention centers at the U.S.-Mexico border. The march in Liberty was, fittingly, energized by the youth. At the front of the marching crowd were seven and three-year old Rose and Cora, wielding signs they made themselves. Representatives

from the highschool-run Youth Economic Group led rallying cries including “No justice, no peace,” and “Silence is violence,” for the group of 80 to 100.

Kathie Aberman, who organized the march in Liberty, along with Anne Hart (who is associated with **The River Reporter**), said she invited the high schoolers. “I’m getting tired,” Aberman said, half jokingly. “I want to see these younguns step up.”

The Youth Economic Group silkscreens bags and t-shirts based on injustices in the community, including gender equality, police brutality and farmworkers’ rights.

“It feels good to feel like you’re making change, especially as a youth, usually our voices are kind of ignored,” said 16-year-old Breannah Brady. “For something as important as this, I feel like it’s really important that we’re involved, because a lot of our friends, our family—this is affecting us.”

Though Sullivan County seems far

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TRR photo by Elizabeth Lepro

Ten-year-old Rose and seven-year-old Cora from Texas were among the youngest attendees at the Lights for Liberty march in Liberty, toting handmade signs.

## National immigration announcements add to local fear

By ELIZABETH LEPRO



TRR photo by Veronica Daub

A group gathered on the Callicoon bridge for a vigil to protest conditions of children held at the border.

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY — Catholic Charities in New York—like so many organizations that serve immigrants—staffed up their offices across the state this past weekend, in anticipation of raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers.

After President Donald Trump announced last week that ICE agents in 10 cities would be seeking 2,000 undocumented immigrants who’d been ordered to leave the United States, many news outlets reported migrant families retreating from the public sphere. Immigration advocates say those raids didn’t live up to the hysteria, though they did succeed in churning more fear.

“We had attorneys on hand who would be able to answer or respond in real time to people who would call if there was, let’s say, an ICE agent outside their home,” said C. Mario Russell, the director of Immigration and Refugee Services at Catholic Charities of New York. “That did not come to pass, but we certainly got a lot of calls.”

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# Berlin: challenger hears challenges

By LINDA DROLLINGER

**B**EACH LAKE, PA — Jocelyn Cramer, Democratic candidate for Wayne County Commissioner, attended the July 15 Berlin Township Board of Supervisors meeting with three goals in mind: to introduce herself and her initiatives, to meet her future constituents and to learn firsthand of the challenges currently faced by Berlin Township.

Cramer heard from resident Jim Barth about the sign facing the eastbound lane of Route 652 near the county recycling center that reads, “74 acres for sale—no zoning.” Barth fears it is an open invitation to unscrupulous developers and shady business operators. “And still, zoning is off the table in Berlin Township?” asked Barth.

Cramer heard from supervisor Cathy Hunt, who read aloud a July 5 letter from forester Craig Olver, saying that his firm, Forest Care LLC, is developing a timber harvest for the Beach Lake Hunting & Fishing Club, Inc., to take place sometime in late 2019 or 2020. Two log landings are planned for Peggy Runway Rd., which is currently undergoing reconstruction by PennDOT and has been closed in segments, as rebuilding work requires. Wondering if the several years locals have had to wait for that rebuilding project will turn out to be in vain, Barth asked how heavy those logging trucks will be and how they will negotiate the narrow, twisting Peggy Runway Road. The road, he said, has barely enough clearance for two small cars to pass each other in opposite directions. “Will their weight contribute to shoulder breakdown?” asked Barth.

In the same vein, Hunt read aloud a July 9 email from PennDOT civil engineer and transportation planning specialist Emma Pugh that outlines a new PennDOT initiative, PennDOT Connects. Per the message, “PennDOT Connects is a process designed to consider community needs at the beginning of the planning process... To ensure the best allocation of resources, we reach out to the individual municipalities as early as possible in a project, to hear your thoughts and opinions on things like safety, congestion, public transit, stormwater and more... We have identified a maintenance funded project within your municipality and have attached a map and a brief description of the project. Please review the attachment and let us know if you have any input.” Peggy Runway Road is the project referenced.

Barth also asked why reconstruction of Miller Road, set to begin a month ago, has not yet started. Hunt informed him that the bid notice for that project was complex and had been misinterpreted by three of the four contractors who submitted bids. For that reason, a new bid notice will be published, with bids to be unsealed at a special meeting of the board on July 30 at 11 a.m.

Cramer heard grumbling among the three roadmasters, a rare occurrence, about another project, Branning Road. Originally scheduled for contractor rebuilding, two of the roadmasters thought it might be done cheaper by the township’s own highway department.

Road business concluded, supervisor Charlie Gries asked Cramer what her first priority would be. “Better waste management” was her response. She said her role as Sustainable Energy Education and Development Support (SEEDS) representative in Wayne Tomorrow, a coalition of nonprofit organizations committed to helping the county re-imagine itself, has shown straightforward paths to fiscal profit through responsible waste management. Cramer said other initiatives will follow.

## ■ IN BRIEF

### Delgado supports Heroes Act

WASHINGTON, DC — On July 12, the House passed Delgado-backed H.R. 1327, the bipartisan Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund Act. The act will provide funding for first responders and others sickened due to exposure to toxins caused by the 9/11 attacks.

“Our nation will never be able to truly repay our first responders for their sacrifice to run towards danger to save lives on September 11,” Rep. Delgado said. “Today, the House voted to take the long overdue step to permanently authorize the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund and ensure families who have seen reduced compensation payments are made whole again. The least we can do is give our heroes peace of mind that our grateful nation will be here to support and honor their service and sacrifice. I encourage the Senate to take up this legislation immediately to give these brave men and women the support they deserve.”

H.R. 1327 extends the Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) until 2092, similar to the timeline of the World Trade Center Health Program.

### Taxpayers paying for Keystone exams

HARRISBURG, PA — In a report released July 10, auditor general Eugene DePasquale said Pennsylvania taxpayers are still spending tens of millions of dollars every year on the Keystone Exams, which have not been federally required for four years.

“Pennsylvania should aggressively explore using a nationally recognized test that can open new doors for students rather than continuing to spend money on an exam that is no longer required,” DePasquale said. “For less than what Pennsylvania spends on the Keystone Exams, it could instead pick up the tab for every high school student to take the PSAT or SAT.”

Federal law requires that all states administer a secondary-level standardized test. However, since 2015, when the No Child Left Behind Act was replaced, the state-specific Keystone Exams were no longer required.

Rather than phase out the state-specific tests—which at least 12 other states have done—the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) is still paying the tests’ creator, Minnesota-based Data Recognition Corp. to administer and score the Keystone Exams.

Between 2015 and 2021, Pennsylvania will have spent nearly \$100 million on the Keystone Exams.

### Another heated argument in Texas Township

TEXAS TWP, PA — At the Texas Township meeting on July 15, an ongoing dispute was rehearsed between zoning officer Jeff DeYoung and property owners Dave and Natalie Rickert. The couple announced that they were turning in their conditional-use form for a dog park they plan to operate on their property. They then asked that in return, DeYoung stop conducting his “intimidating drive-bys” past their property. DeYoung objected to this phrase, shaking his head and laughing in apparent disbelief, and saying several times that he is allowed to drive down that road as much as he wants.

Similarly to last month’s meeting, the dog park owners accused the zoning officer of harassment and intimidation. “We are scared of this man,” Rickert said. At this meeting, however, some of Rickert’s anger was also directed toward Supervisor Don Doney, saying that he should be doing something about DeYoung’s behavior and use of foul language, an accusation DeYoung also denies. Doney eventually put a stop to the back-and-forth, which was getting increasingly heated, “We’re going to put an end to this right now.” The meeting was adjourned soon after, without a clear resolution.

### Funding for high-speed internet

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer announced on July 15 that \$39.2 million in federal funding will be used to expand access to high-speed, broadband internet across upstate NY. The funding was allocated through the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) Connect America Fund (CAF) and will be used to bring broadband internet access to over 15,000 rural properties, homes and businesses throughout Upstate NY. The funding will be used to bring broadband high speed internet to 286 locations in Delaware County, 24 locations in Sullivan County and 126 locations in Ulster County. Schumer explained that the \$39.2 million in funding is part of a \$170 million pot for New York State that he previously fought to secure in 2017, after the FCC attempted to shuttle the funds to other states.

“This federal funding is a major victory for rural communities across the state,” said Sen. Schumer. “With this multimillion-dollar investment, rural counties Upstate will finally have the resources needed to close the far-too-large digital gap.”

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removed from the crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border, many rally-goers noted the high rate of immigrants living in Liberty.

“So many of my friends are immigrants,” said 16-year-old Angelina Martinez. “They should feel safe in their environment and not have to worry about whether or not somebody’s going to take them out of their homes.”

Aberman said part of the reason she wanted to hold the march was to show local families who migrated here that they are supported.

“I have neighbors who are from other countries. They have to be looking at what’s going on in this country and be horrified,” she said. “At the very least, it’s telling people that they’re not alone.”

The Lights for Liberty protests preceded a weekend of promised raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents across the country. By Sunday, that promise did not seem to materialize, though many migrant families remained in their homes and afraid for much of the weekend.

Sen. Jen Metzger showed up to the Liberty march, to a round of applause from attendees. “We want a real, comprehensive immigration policy in this country. That is the solution,” she said. “This humanitarian crisis must end now.”

In Callicoon, a larger turnout than organizer Liz Bucar expected showed up for a vigil on the bridge.

“Imagine it. Waiting on the Callicoon Bridge with a bag of tea lights and a notebook to collect the names of people who’d work together to #CloseTheCamps. Thinking how heartening it would be if 30 people showed up,” she wrote in a Facebook post after the event. “Then there were 30, 40, 50, 60, 80... 105 single-minded souls of all ages, lighting the dark and saying the same thing, ‘Never again.’”

The Callicoon event was a stationary vigil. Bucar said part of her goal was to pool resources in the community to find ways to send help to the detention centers. On Monday, Bucar urged attendees to meet with Rep. Anthony Delgado’s staff at the Western Sullivan Public Library in Tusten, to follow up on discussions about what can be done from Sullivan County.

In Narrowsburg, in a vigil organized by Beverly Sterner, about eight people showed up to stand on the bridge in support of migrants.

Sandra Cuellar Oxford, who attended the vigil in Callicoon, said she knows from experience, after adopting her son from Honduras, what it’s like to go through the border process.

“It’s a nightmare,” she said. “This crisis has been manufactured by the administration in many ways... I was just really thankful that all my neighbors showed up and that we were able to be part of the groundswell of support to oppose what’s going on.”

*For more photos and videos of these events, go to [www.riverreporter.com/lights-for-liberty](http://www.riverreporter.com/lights-for-liberty) or find us on Facebook.*

## Honesdale fire investigated as suspected arson

By OWEN WALSH

**H**ONESDALE, PA — Honesdale residents walking down Main Street could see smoke rising from just beyond the railroad tracks at around 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 11. The Wayne County Communications Center dispatched the Honesdale Fire Department (HFD) to the source: an old, vacant building on Commercial Street where flames broke through the roof shortly after HFD’s arrival.

According to an HFD press release, firefighters quickly extinguished the main body of the fire and had the situation under control by 10:57 p.m. The scene was cleared just before 1 a.m.

From downtown, people lined the sidewalks of Main Street and streamed live footage of the spectacle. Longtime residents were quick to recognize and lament that the structure in flames was a historic coal pocket building—a small relic from Honesdale’s days as an anthracite coal hub.

The PA State Fire Marshal arrived the following Friday to investigate the cause of the fire, which is suspected arson.

A demolition team has since been



*TRR photo by Owen Walsh*

The vacant coal pocket building on Commercial Street in Honesdale was demolished after being badly damaged in a fire.

called in to tear down what was left of the building following the fire. One piece of it will be preserved at the nearby Wayne County Historical Society.

The Honesdale Borough Police Depart-

ment (HBPD) is looking for persons of interest regarding the suspected arson. Anyone with information is asked to call 570/253-1900.

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Russell said this administration is “playing on anxieties, ratcheting up fear [and] making people make very difficult decisions about their lives.”

That is also true in the Hudson Valley, and in rural areas of New York such as Sullivan County, where migrants, especially seasonal farmworkers, have to drive from place to place.

Alfredo Pacheco, an organizer with Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson (NLMH), who has a work permit, but has been undocumented, said he has spoken with friends who were afraid Monday to leave their homes. Photos of what appear to be ICE agents in Middletown and Monroe were circulated on Twitter that day.

“People are afraid and under a lot of stress, and even the kids are being affected,” Pacheco said. He is especially concerned after witnessing plainclothes ICE officers try to apprehend a man at the Middletown City Hall in April. “I don’t want to be targeted, like, ‘that’s the guy that is defending the community,’ so I’m a little afraid,” he said.

Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson has offices in Dutchess, Orange and Ulster counties. Though there are migrant workers in Sullivan County, there are not many resources specifically for this area.

To that end, the organizations that do operate nearby, such as NLMH, Catholic Charities and the Rural and Migrant Ministry (RMM), have been hard at work. Catholic Charities will host an

immigration rights clinic this Saturday, July 20, at the Church of St. Peter in Monticello from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The most recent clinic in Goshen provided 72 immigrants with free legal consultations, services and resources.

These clinics help mitigate what representatives said has been an increased need for services from the immigrant population, given the current political climate.

What we find that’s pretty striking [in the Hudson Valley],” said Russell, “is just how many people want to attend them and how often we find that there are people with a pathway forward... It’s just that they never knew that or perhaps their circumstances have changed or maybe they got bad advice 10 years ago.”

The RMM, which has existed since 1981, works with migrant farmworkers in rural New York. Right now, said Geoff Herzog, the Hudson Valley/Catskills Center coordinator, the organization is “re-adapting and re-adjusting” what it’s doing to push for expanded rights for immigrants.

“Farmworkers and migrant workers are living under a constant state of siege,” Herzog said. “The announcement of the raids is propaganda aimed at [the president’s] audience for votes.”

In just the last couple of months, immigrant rights groups in New York have seen two major victories. The Farmworker Fair Labor Practices Act, which

allows for overtime compensation and workers comp for migrant farmworkers, passed in the House and Senate last month. The Driver’s License and Privacy Act, also called the Green Light NY bill, which allows all New Yorkers to get drivers’ licenses regardless of immigration status, also passed in the legislature last month.

Emma Kreyche, director of advocacy for the Worker Justice Center of New York, said these legislative wins will relieve some of the pressure immigrants are facing day to day.

“Part of the impetus behind [the green light campaign] was that people have been experiencing so much fear just in the course of their daily lives,” she said, “and the fact is that driving without a license does expose them to the risk of family deportation.”

Her concern is that in this environment—where threats are levied against immigrant communities weekly—migrant workers have a hard time focusing on other issues, such as harassment and impediments to union organizing.

“What’s happening is they’re living a contradiction... where there is a demand for their labor and then there is this push to exclude them from every aspect of society,” she said. “It’s an impossible situation and it’s untenable.”

## Advocates for elderly, people with disabilities protest budget cuts

By ELIZABETH LEPRO

BETHEL, NY — A small group of protestors lined the entrance to Bethel Woods Center for the Arts last Thursday afternoon, where Gov. Andrew Cuomo was set to arrive and speak at the Catskill Challenge Award Ceremony.

“We’re out here today to protest administrative cuts that Cuomo’s administration has made to the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program... started here in New York State by disabled people, for disabled people,” said Kendra Scalia, holding a sign that read, “Why does Cuomo want me in a nursing home?”

New York State’s recently approved budget includes slashing roughly \$75 million from the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), a Medicaid-funded program that allows the elderly and people with disabilities—who need assistance with daily tasks such as getting out of bed, making meals and getting dressed—to choose and manage the people who care for them. Consumers say the program allows them to manage the schedules of their caretakers as well as vet the people who come into their homes on a daily basis. The New York State Department of Health has said the budget cuts won’t affect the more than 70,000 people who use it to find aides and caregivers.



TRR photo by Elizabeth Lepro

**Personal assistant with the CDPAP program** Karen Stoner, left, Brandon Johnson and Kendra Scalia await Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s arrival at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts on Thursday, July 11.

Without the CDPAP, Scalia said, options for people who need assistance include nursing homes and relying on aides appointed by traditional home-care services.

“I use CDPAP and I depend on these services for my care,” said Brandon Johnson, also outside Bethel Woods Thursday. “I just want the dignity of being able to choose my own care.”

A group of employees from Independent Living Center in Monticello showed up to support of the CDPAP. The organization is a provider for Medicaid home-care services, also called a fiscal intermediary (FI). Currently there are about 550 FIs in the state. The Department of

Health notes four in Sullivan County.

Fiscal intermediaries do more than manage payroll for consumers, say those with first-hand experience. They also check assistants’ logs for fraud and act as advocates for people with disabilities.

“The problem that we have is that the cuts to the fiscal intermediaries are so grave and so arbitrary that it’s going to put every fiscal intermediary in the state out of business,” Scalia said. Her aide, Karen Stoner, stood nearby.

Program director at Independent Living Nora Shepard said she anticipates this will happen within the next year. “If you think about cutting a budget by 65%, with the older consumers that we serve, then that means that cuts our workforce and our ability to continue to supply what people need,” she said. Independent Living serves roughly 300 people in the area, Shepard said.

As cars and a brigade of motorcycles pulled into Bethel Woods, some honked and a few stopped to talk. It was unclear when Gov. Cuomo arrived, though he was scheduled to speak at 3:30 p.m.

Though the budget has already passed, Shepard, Scalia and others say they won’t stop pushing for the program.

For more in-depth information on the CDPA program and who it affects, visit [riverreporter.com/news/personal-assistance-needed](http://riverreporter.com/news/personal-assistance-needed).

## Community chips in for Hilly Acres

By ELIZABETH LEPRO

JEFFERSONVILLE, NY — Efforts are underway to help the Hahn family recoup their losses after a fire destroyed a barn at their farm last week.

Four hundred chickens and 300 round bales of hay were lost in the fire at Hilly Acres Farm, which began on Tuesday, July 9 around 10 p.m. and was still smoldering the next day. Firefighters are still working to determine the cause of the blaze, while, in the meantime, community members have pitched in to raise

money for the farm.

Northern Farmhouse Pasta hosted a fundraiser at the Roscoe Beer Company Tuesday night. Owner Bob Eckert said that not only are Andy and Tanya Hahn business partners—Northern Farmhouse sources ingredients and meat from the farm—but friends.

“If you knew the Hahn family, I think anybody would drop what they’re doing and help out,” he said. “A lot of mornings are spent out at the Hahn farm picking things up and talking to [Andy] and really understanding how hard things are for Sullivan County farmers... so any

little thing can affect them and their bottom line. So it was really just friendship. It wasn’t even a thought.”

Hilly Acres Farm is a small-scale farm specializing in beef, pork, poultry and lamb—all raised hormone free—that has been family operated since 1955. The GoFundMe account created to support the farm raised more than \$9,000 in four days.

“We are safe; the firefighters who responded so quickly, and saved our cows and the two other barns, are true heroes,” the Hahns wrote on their website. “We never underestimate the importance of a true community, and we are over-

whelmed with the outpouring of support from fellow farmers, customers, and new and old friends; those categories definitely overlap! If nothing else, we have solidified our commitment to continue our family farming tradition and remain thankful for the opportunity.”

Eckert said this has become an example of how willing people are to help one another out.

“I think the community spirit in this area, and God willing everywhere, is phenomenal,” he said.

## Don’t tread on me

By DAVID HULSE

NARROWSBURG, NY — If you want to guarantee an attentive meeting audience, free a timber rattlesnake or copperhead on the floor of your meeting space.

It sure works for Narrowsburg resident and long-time snake handler Randy Stechert, who presented his “Habits and Habitats of Venomous Snakes” program at the July 11 Upper Delaware Council (UDC) meeting.

Stechert recalled anecdotes and answered questions while his charges (only one at a time) slithered around, largely unhindered, on the newly re-tiled floor of the UDC meeting space. A rapt audience—some of whom had moved

back a row in their seating—took in his hour-long program.

Stechert, who has been a snake guy since the 1960s, said he’s not a collector; he keeps only his two vipers in order to give public programs to try and educate the public.

While he recalled having been bitten four times over the years, he said two of those bites were harmless “dry” bites, while the other two required some treatment. On the whole, he said our local vipers are not aggressive and, in the case of copperheads, are rarely lethal.

He said the last death he’d found related to a copperhead bite was a young man in Missouri, but he was said to have died from anaphylactic shock rather than snake venom. The last New York death



TRR photo by David Hulse

**Randy Stechert** conducts a snake presentation at the Upper Delaware Council. Stechert brought this copperhead snake and also a timber rattler to the meeting.

from a timber rattlesnake’s bite was in 1929. The victim was an experienced zoologist collecting specimens for study.

Stechert said he’s found both copper-

heads and timber rattlesnakes to the south, but Narrowsburg is the northern demarcation line and their range, and to his knowledge it ends there.

## ONLINE POLL

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## New roof for Lumberland bus garage

By DAVID HULSE

**G**LEN SPEY, NY — After several months' discussion, the Lumberland Town Board on July 10 agreed to a \$74,424 proposal to repair the roof of the former highway garage, which now serves as a garage for Eldred Central School District buses.

The sole response to a request for proposals came from RA Mickelson & Son LLC of Woodbourne, NY. Noting that Mickelson was the sole bidder, councilman-deputy supervisor Leigh Sherman said town engineer Joe Gottlieb had confirmed that the bid was "a fair bid," and that the contractor also was bidding summer work in the Town of Forestburgh.

Supervisor Jenny Mellan said that the current town budget would only be obligated for \$34,424 of the cost and the remainder, \$40,000, would come from a \$140,000 surplus which the town has accumulated over the past three years. "These were taxes

already paid, so there was no need to levy them again," she said.

The contract was approved by a four to one vote; councilman James Akt was opposed and did not comment on his opposition.

Other business included the following: opting into a Sullivan County program, approving funding of \$893 for a digital message board to serve the town hall and administration building, following a public hearing adopted Local Law #2, which created a zoning change for two properties in the Mongaup area.

The board agreed to accept a \$725 low bid for the replacement of the hot-water heater and associated valve at the bus garage by McKean Plumbing and Heating of Highland Lake; accepted the resignation of custodian Maryann Farrell and agreed to advertise for a replacement; accepted a \$7,000 donation to benefit the general fund, constables, fire department and cultural series from the Kadampa Meditation Center; and accepted a \$500 donation from Orange & Rockland Utilities to benefit the summer youth program.

## Eldred board presses forward

By SUSAN WADE

**E**LDRED, NY — At its recent reorganization meeting, Scott Hallock was named president of the Eldred school board and Stacey Kuhn was appointed vice president. With those positions secured, the board quickly worked through a lengthy agenda.

One of the items approved was a renewal and extension of the contract for Superintendent Dr. John Morgano. The board stated that the only change was to extend the contract period by three months to end at the conclusion of a school year. The five-year contract, originally ratified in March, extends to June 30, 2024.

Also unanimously passed was the rating of Morgano as "highly effective" which, according to contract terms, entitles him to a 3% raise. In keeping with his earlier comments, Morgano stated that he will not accept the \$4,650 salary increase at this time.

Hallock said that as the district is restored to fiscal health, the issue would be revisited.

On hand for the meeting was the school resource officer from the sheriff's department who will serve at the elementary school.

Maura Dutcher, a third grader at Mackenzie Elementary School, presented Morgano with a check for \$6,149, which

she, her mother and other interested adults and children raised through various efforts, spurred on by the news last year that pre-kindergarten would be eliminated. Although the program was ultimately reinstated and funded by other means, the fundraising efforts continued and, in her presentation, young Dutcher said that new efforts to raise money would be for an improved sound system at the elementary school. On behalf of the board, Morgano accepted the funds with gratitude.

The next school board meeting will be August 15. Most meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the month at a revised meeting time of 6 p.m.

## PorchFest, grant-funding leads Delaware meeting

By ELIZABETH LEPRO

**T**OWN OF DELAWARE, NY — More back and forth on PorchFest headlined the Town of Delaware meeting Wednesday, July 10 in Callicoon.

Irene Nickolai, Joanne Brinkerhoff and Patti Moorhead, representing the newly formed I Love Callicoon Inc., were guests to the board, lobbying for town's approval on events at the group's upcoming PorchFest. The event is going to be a three-day music and arts festival in Callicoon coinciding with the 50th anniversary of Woodstock from August 16 to 18. Nickolai and Moorhead say it's an effort to promote Callicoon businesses and culture to the more than 20,000 people expected to show up in Sullivan County that weekend.

The town agreed to be the fiscal sponsor for a \$3,500 Plans and Progress Grant for PA systems and lighting for the event, but has refused to back any alcohol-related

endeavors. Moorhead and Nickolai asked Wednesday for the town to grant a one-day permit for a craft beer truck in Callicoon Creek Park that weekend, which would also sell iced tea and water. Nickolai said that other events have included alcohol sales on town property.

The board voted unanimously against the permit, and plans to set a formal policy disallowing any alcohol sales on town property in the future. This will not include the sale of closed containers of alcohol, the board said, such as hard cider sold during the weekly farmers' market.

After the vote, the building inspector offered a report to the board. The construction of a new cidery on Wagner Road and at the four-story, 28-room Kenoza Lake Hotel—owned by Sims Foster—is coming along.

Supervisor Ed Sykes offered an update on town grants. The town already has a \$500,000 grant for the new highway department and is actively looking for more

money on that project. The town has reached its limit on grant funding for the Callicoon Water District after receiving \$2,964,000 in state grants that funded 60% of the project. The town is also applying for a Climate Smart Community grant for the new highway facility.

In other news from the meeting, the board voted to send construction of the new salt shed out to bid, accepted the two lowest diesel and oil fuel bids—from Resnick and Town and Country, respectively—and read a resolution in support of Sullivan County's purchase of the 42-acre Upper Delaware Campground.

At the close of the meeting, board member John Gain described water drainage issues near the Rustic Cottage on Route 52 in Jeffersonville. Water coming down the slope, as well as draining through two nearby pipes, is standing and causing issues for homeowners there. He said the state Department of Transportation is involved in trying to solve the issue.

## ■ EDITORIAL

# Local immigration rallies

People in the United States clearly care about immigration. On July 13, the residents of more than 700 U.S. cities took to the streets to demonstrate their feelings about the treatment of immigrant families at the southern border. In this region, there were vigils or rallies in Liberty and Callicoon, Narrowsburg and Milford.

In Liberty, protesters carried signs that read “Free the Children,” “Reunite Children and Families,” “We are Marching for the Children” and “No Trump.”

In Sullivan County, there are significant numbers of both documented and undocumented immigrants. Juanita Sarmiento, a member of Sullivan County-based Youth Economic Group, was one of the marchers. “The immigrant community in Liberty is huge,” she said. “I don’t see anyone that’s not part of the immigrant community. The main restaurants—the Indian restaurant, the Thai restaurant, the Mexican restaurants—they’re all run by immigrants.”

Asked if President Donald Trump’s immigration policies and immigration practices at the Mexican border were often discussed in her community, she said, “It’s a daily conversation, it’s something we talk about every day. We’re not going to shut up about it until something changes.”

Under U.S. and international laws, undocumented immigrants in the country are allowed to apply for asylum regardless of how they arrived in the country. Trump wants to change that with an executive order that says any immigrant who passes through another country must apply for asylum in that country before coming to the U.S.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has promised to sue the Trump Administration over the rule—and by the time this is printed may already have done so—because that would be changing U.S. immigration law, which must be done by Congress, and that body has so far declined to make that change.

When immigrants leave the U.S. they fall into one of two categories. Some are “removed,” and they tend to be more established immigrants who may own property and have deep family ties. People who are removed may not return for a number of years. The other category is for immi-

grants who “returned” from the U.S. without being issued an order of removal.

The number of immigrants removed or returned under Trump is not all that different from those who left under President Barack Obama. In 2016, under Obama, 333,592 immigrants were formally removed from the U.S. and 106,473 returned across the border. Under Trump in 2017, 295,364 immigrants were removed from the U.S. and 100,754 returned.

What’s different between Trump and previous presidents is his use of previously unacceptable rhetoric in addressing immigrant issues. Trump clearly believes labeling Mexican immigrants as “drug dealers, criminals and rapists,” as he did in announcing his candidacy in 2015, is a big part of the reason he was elected president in 2016, and he is at it again in the run-up to 2020.

He launched a series of tweets on July 14, taking aim at, “Progressive’ Democrat Congresswomen, who originally came from countries whose governments are a complete and total catastrophe, the worst, most corrupt and inept anywhere in the world.” He told them to go back to where they came from.

The remarks were aimed at representatives Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib and Ayanna Pressley, all women of color. Three of the four women were born in the U.S. and thus have no other country to go back to. The fourth became a naturalized citizen as a teenager.

The president’s remarks would be like someone telling Trump he should go back to Germany, where his father was born, or telling Baron Trump to go back to back to Slovenia where Melania Trump was born.

Trump also announced in recent weeks that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents would launch massive raids on immigrant communities and thousands of undocumented residents would be arrested beginning on July 14. But there were no large-scale round-ups on Sunday, though immigrant communities registered a good deal of apprehension over the weekend. Once again, analysts said Trump was using the announcement of the raids and immigration policy in general as a political tool to stir up his base.

The problem with that strategy is that whenever Trump threatens and ramps up the rhetoric on immigration it not only stirs up his base, it also stirs up the opposition and gives them a new reason to take to the streets, as we saw in Milford, Narrowsburg, Callicoon and Liberty.

Nationwide at least one poll, published on **Bloomberg news** in June ([www.bit.ly/toofarpoll](http://www.bit.ly/toofarpoll)) shows that about 50% of Americans think that enforcement of immigration laws has gone too far. Only 24% think enforcement measures have not gone far enough.

## ■ QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Nearly all Americans have ancestors who braved the oceans – liberty-loving risk takers in search of an ideal – the largest voluntary migrations in recorded history... Immigration is not just a link to America’s past; it’s also a bridge to America’s future.”*

— George H.W. Bush

## ■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## Here’s to mud in your eye

Attached is a photo of the public river access on the Upper Delaware River at Ten Mile River taken last week in midsummer, July.

It is a total mud pile and has been for many years. It’s embarrassing to both residents and visitors alike when you think that public funds were spent many years ago to improve existing New York river accesses for accessibility, aesthetics and safety.

Please see [www.bit.ly/TRRwaterfront](http://www.bit.ly/TRRwaterfront) and [www.bit.ly/riverdraftplans](http://www.bit.ly/riverdraftplans).

What happened to the plans? Are they in a museum under lock and key?

What this access desperately needs right now is a simple concrete pad so that river users can easily access the river instead of being sucked up and sinking up to their waists in primordial soup.

Please. Forget the bells and whistles.

A heavy concrete pad might be a simple improvement so that boaters and others can safely utilize one of the most heavily used river accesses on the Upper Delaware River.

Thank you.

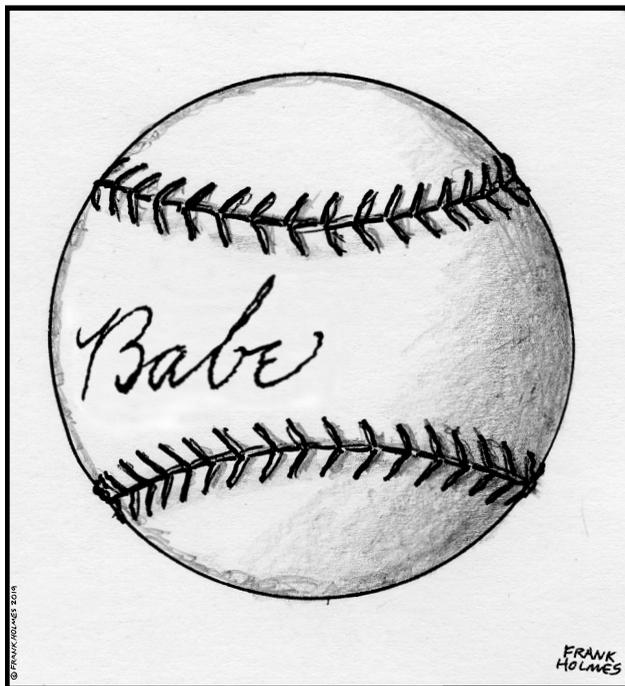
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Narrowsburg, NY

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## DR. PUNNYBONE



Ruthless

■ MY VIEW  
By Brandon Kent

# Deer season in July

There aren't many people I know personally who get as excited over deer as I do—they come across my mind many times throughout the week. I take evening drives in my beat-up Ford Escort, roaming around with my binoculars and stopping wherever I can to just park, watch and admire them. Whether it is a mature buck, sporting velvet antlers that grow and grow as we get closer to autumn, or the lone doe who is hanging around a field edge, feeding ever so cautiously, taking her time to raise her head every few seconds to check out what that noise may have been. Sometimes it's a couple of fawns crossing over Pump Station Road in front of my car as they try to catch up to Mama. Each one of these encounters means the same to me, and they mean a great deal.

July is a month when many people find themselves gathering at barbecues, launching off Roman candles into air, floating down river in a tube with a cold brew in hand, or sitting around a fire. It's a time when bucks are trying to consume as much food as they can. They are spending a lot of their time with other bucks of their age class in groups called bachelor groups. Their antlers started growing around late March or early April and are becoming more prominent each day. By the end of the July, most bucks' antlers are formed to the fullest and will begin to harden.

Before we know it, the harvest moon will have come and gone, and these bucks who were once grooming each other and feeding side by side in the summer sun in the same bachelor groups will become rivals. Testosterone levels will start to rise and bucks will find themselves fighting with each other in knock-down brawls over the right to mate with a receptive doe—the time of year when I can't wait to be up in a tree with my bow in hand.

So, this month is when I put in the work to try and capi-

talize come fall. I will walk my family's property, scouting and searching for all hints of deer. I will search for the travel routes they use time after time to meander through the property. They're the same routes my grandmother told me they would use back when she was hunting the property—the property she had been hunting ever since she was a young girl. I will search for old rubs on saplings where an older buck could have come to mark his territory, or a younger buck came to thrash his antlers against the tree in sexual frustration. I'll look up at trees and plan out where I could place a new tree stand. I'll head over to the end of the stone wall on the west-facing slope to sit on my grandfather's rock and wonder why he would face the direction he did when rifle season was upon the land.

I love all aspects of this lifestyle. I love the clean protein that I am able to cook and share with family and friends. I love gathering at the Inn to listen to a stranger talk about all the squirrels that sounded like a carnival passing through the woods that day. To hear stories from those who have walked the woods before me, like my father's story of the "lama buck" or the story of Jimmy Lynch's doe that "made him do the moon walk." I am very grateful to live in area that allows me to have such a connection to wildlife, and be able to hear about these memories from others, ponder about mine and to continue to create my own.

I am very blessed to be living my "deer season" in July. *Brandon Kent has lived in Sullivan county most of his life and is an avid outdoorsman, spending a lot of time hunting, fly fishing or just walking through the woods. He works at the Center for Discovery in the town of Harris.*



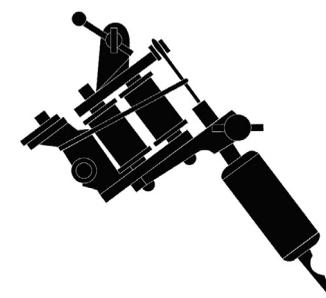
■ ROOT CELLAR  
By Kristin Barron

# New ink

As a mother, I think I am considered pretty lenient. We are not a household of rules; I am not a great rule follower, myself. Maybe I drew the line at a few sugary cereals, but searching my memory of all these years of maternal responsibility, the best I can come up with is "no Ouija boards."

I am also not a fan of tattoos... at least most tattoos. I concede there are some beautiful and meaningful ones out there but, as a rule—there's that word I hate—I just don't like them. My main reason for this is that most tattoos are permanent. Permanent! Especially if you are not in the position to get expensive and painful treatments to remove that Tweety Bird on your left calf, tattoos can become regrettable decisions.

So I have always cautioned my kids against getting a tattoo. "Who knows what you will want to do when you grow up," I'd say. I'd tell them about the girl in my nursing school class who was required to put bandages over her neck tattoos when working with patients, looking like



a patient herself. Some tattoos don't wear well either. "When you get old, sometimes they start looking like old bologna," I liked to say.

But all this has been tossed aside since my son, Sam, came home from college this spring with a tattoo of a fern and flower combo on his right bicep. Unbeknownst to me, he's

had this matching tattoo with his friend Allie since December. This past year, she was the managing editor of *The Daily Orange*, the independent student newspaper of Syracuse University while Sam was editor-in-chief. It seems a friend of theirs in graphic design made the illustration for them and, in a pledge of camaraderie, they went together to get the tattoos.

All I can say is that Sam's tattoo seems strategically placed to be easily concealed by a shirt sleeve. And, I state reluctantly, it has grown on me despite my initial shudder of comical disbelief. I am sure I don't know about a lot of things that Sam has been up to.

Tattooing is an ancient art form practiced throughout the world. Ancient Egypt and India used tattoos as a means of religious worship and social status and even as a kind of medical treatment. Traditional Samoan tribes held tattooing ceremonies to celebrate a younger chief's rise to a leadership role.

In the West, tattoos were once considered counter-cultural, the purview of sailors, circus performers, bikers and prisoners. But tattoos have now become a mainstream form of self-expression.

According to 2019 statistics from the website [www.historyoftattoos.net](http://www.historyoftattoos.net), 36% of Americans between the ages of 18 and 29 have at least one tattoo. The website says that 17% of people who have tattoos regret them most often because, "It is the name of another person."

This leads me to my revised point. If you are thinking of getting a tattoo, think ahead. Avoid the trends of swallows and barbed wire. Opt for something unique and, in my opinion, something easily concealed.

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## COMMUNITY CURRICULUM

### 'Unique Pathways' presents Sifu master Christopher Lee

HAWLEY, PA — On Thursday, July 25 at 5:30 p.m., Sifu master Christopher Lee will be the next presenter of Hawley Library's speaker series Unique Pathways to discuss his life journey and the numerous health benefits his practice provides.

A fifth-degree black belt, Master Lee has practiced and taught martial arts for the past 30 years, was inducted into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame in 2005 and currently heads the NYC Shaolin Kung Fu School in Honesdale.

The program is free and light refreshments will be served. For more information, call the library at 570/226-4620.



Photo contributed by the Hawley Public Library

Sifu master Christopher Lee

### Nominations for pride awards gala are open

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY — The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce's (SCCC) Pride Awards Gala honors five individuals throughout Sullivan County for their community involvement and their contributions to economic development in the county.

Each winner will represent one of these categories: Business Person of the Year, Distinguished Service to the County, Distinguished Achievement in the County, Young Emerging Leader and one Township Award.

The deadline to submit a nomination is July 30, and the ceremony will take place on October 24.

For more information, contact SCCC President and CEO Jaime Schmeiser at [president@catskills.com](mailto:president@catskills.com) or call the office at 845/791-4200.

### Bible school cancelation

NARROWSBURG, NY — Due to a lack of registrations, St. Paul's Lutheran Church is canceling its annual vacation Bible school that was supposed to run from Monday, July, 29 through Friday, August 2.

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## ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

# Nana's House announces free field trips for Sullivan County children

SULLIVAN COUNTY — Nana's House Child Care Center, Inc. has received a grant from the Empire State After-School Program through the support of the Monticello Central School District. Nana's House, a non-profit organization located in Rock Hill, is now offering free educational field trips around New York State for children ages 17 and under who live in Sullivan County for more than 75% of the year.

The Empire State After-School Program, initiated by Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, provides \$35 million in funding for high-need school districts across New York. The grant funding will be used to provide field trips for families who might not otherwise have access to these educational and recreational experiences.

The first trip on July 6 brought 52 children and their parents to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. "We have trips planned to USS Intrepid, the Bronx Zoo, "Aladdin" on Broadway..." says Dr. Sean Wall-Carty, president and CEO of Nana's House. "We are honored to be able to give back to the community we serve. Providing an interactive and fun, educational experience for children is one of the most profound gifts any organization can give to their community. Our program will have a significant positive impact on many Sullivan County families."

Nana's House serves infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school-age children using a thematic curriculum that is child-centered, aligning to New York State Early Learning Guidelines through playful learning. For more information, go to [www.nanashousechildcare.org](http://www.nanashousechildcare.org) or call 845/794-3826. For information about future trips, visit [www.nanashousechildcare.org/events.html](http://www.nanashousechildcare.org/events.html).



Photo contributed by Nana's House Child Care Center, Inc.

Sullivan County children attended a free trip to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City on July 6 thanks to Nana's House Child Care Center in Rock Hill.

## HONESDALE NEWS

By RICHARD OCTOBER

Thank goodness for cold coffee drinks. The combined forces of summer heat and full cultural calendars regularly funnel this downtown Honesdale denizen\* into a café queue. Currently, two favored options are at opposite ends of Main Street.

Option one: the sneaky side-alley option serves a Vietnamese iced coffee that's such a treat, you're better off ordering two right from the start. At Bà & Me, coffee is brewed directly atop a base of sweetened condensed milk, mixed, and then poured over ice. A latte version has been known to spring up at random.

Landscape note: Sit outside and enjoy the slightly secret, Savannah-esque vibes of an ancient back patio in town.

Lingering impression: Wishing these drinks were presented in 32-ounce mega cups.

Location: 1,000 block.

Option two: the living room wormhole option serves a caramel cold brew that knocks off unfastened socks. Black and Brass's cold brew is poured over coffee ice cubes and mixed with enough deliciousness to hide its true electric power. Coffee ice cream just hit the menu, so cold brews can be upgraded to float status.

Landscape note: Be prepared to hang for a bit. This is a coffee shop on the surface and living room in practice, so connections to the multiverse organically manifest.

Lingering impression: Realizing how high you are on coffee.

Location: 500 block.

When it's time to switch liquid gears, bop over to The Cooperage. They've got you covered this upcoming weekend with back-to-back festivals of libation.

On Saturday, July 20, "On Tap," a festival celebrating craft beer and featuring local and regional breweries, will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. Food will be available and all proceeds benefit The Cooperage Project. Then, on Sunday, July 21, "Uncorked," a festival celebrating wine/spirits and featuring wineries, distilleries, cideries and meaderies from the region, will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. Food will be available and all proceeds benefit the venue host/community hub and Lacawac Sanctuary.

After the festivities, stroll around festival-town Honesdale for a while. Take in the sights, hike up to the cliff, grab a bite to eat, discover every mural, browse a few shops, get one of those refreshing coffees, or chill in a park. Whatever you do, get home safely. If you don't have a designated driver and need a ride home, don't be shy. Call a friend or stay the night. Heck, message us on socials. For the price of a story, team Canaltown will help you find safe passage, and breakfast recommendations are free.

\*Richard October is one of many pseudonyms adopted by Derek Williams, who makes maps, movie festivals, and other things under the project umbrella of Canaltown. You can find more H'dale stories at [canaltown552.com](http://canaltown552.com) or social channels @canaltown552.

## LOOKING BACK

By Ann O'Hara



Photo contributed by the Wayne County Historical Society

The railroad water tower, dirt road and not an auto in sight suggests turn of the 20th century.

Orson, originally Hine's Corners, is located in the southwestern corner of Preston Township on the northern border of the elevation known as Sugar Loaf Mountain. The pioneer family for which the village was named was headed by David Hine, a veteran of the American Revolution from Massachusetts. His son, Merritt Hine, came to Ararat in Susquehanna County and, in 1840, bought a tract of land in adjacent Wayne County. He had a family of 12 children, seven of whom were boys—a great advantage to a pioneer farming family. His son, Royal Hine, also had 12 children, a significant clue to the origin of the name “Hine's Corners.”

When the Ontario & Western Railroad came through northern Wayne County in 1890, however, the stop on the railroad was named Orson. The post office and surrounding area were also soon renamed to match the depot. Although it has been suggested that the name was changed to honor early settler Orson Case, there is no evidence to support this theory.

From the collection of the Wayne County Historical Society. The museum and research library, located at 810 Main St., are open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Museum hours are 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

## COMMUNITY CURRICULUM

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### Pop-up club expands to Wallenpaupack

HONESDALE, PA — The Cooperage Project's Pop-Up Club, an after-school program that explores STEAM education, will expand to the Wallenpaupack Area Middle School this fall. This development is made possible through partnership with Lackawanna College and Wallenpaupack Area School District.

Every Wednesday starting October 2, sixth-grade students from Wallenpaupack

will be bussed to the Silk Mill, where they will experience a wide array of rotating activities, topics, guest presenters and occasional field trips to local businesses.

For more information about Pop-Up Club, or if you would like to sponsor the program, contact Arrah Fisher at arrah@thecooperageproject.org or call 570/253-2020.

### 'Monthly Music Night' with Jason Rosen

PHILLIPSPORT, NY — The PhillipSPORT Community Center will host July's edition of its monthly music night with blues singer and guitarist Jason Rosen on Saturday, July 20 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30

p.m. and there is a suggested donation of \$3. Homemade food and desserts will be available for purchase.

For more information, call 845/313-1772.

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### Tusten discusses restrooms, plastic, roadwork

NARROWSBURG, NY — In the wake of a busy July 4th holiday weekend, the July 8 Tusten Town Board meeting dealt with a variety of tourism and ecology-related matters. Narrowsburg was hopping ...

**LATEST NEWS**

**No time to write**  
Another really short post. Seriously short. Working on the new website has me completely occupied. So, enjoy a few images from Shinedown at Bethel Woods and hopefully I'll have something more for you ...

**Becoming a nomad on a Thursday evening**  
I didn't have any expectations in attending Good and Nobel Beings at the North American Cultural Laboratory on Thursday night. What I knew is that I would see some kind of performance and ...

**The validity of winter**  
April opens my tight-fisted heart and rattles away all bias and judgment against the winter I fought yst needed so perfectly. Today the heavy blanket I stitched feverishly with chaotic weave in ...

**OPINION**

**In good company**  
My Fourth of July included dinner with a gathering of 10 friends, some of long acquaintance and some new to each other. As we settled around the ...

**In the good old summer stock time**  
For many, it's Christmastime (yes, it's one word) with "kids jingle belling" and "much mistletoeing" (uh huh) that springs to mind ...

**The last hour**  
On Catskill Rivers, once the spring-fly hatches are over, much of the daytime fishing has ended. The evening fishing has begun: Pale Evening ...

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You can search through more of our archives than ever and will find it easier to navigate from one story to the next. All of our social media is integrated, as is the Where & When calendar and MyRiverTickets.com.

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The URL is still the same, and your login will still work, so you don't have to do anything but check it out (and be patient with us as we work out the kinks!).

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# Sustainability

## Will you help sustain monarch populations?

By TONY BONAIVIST

I am willing to bet that most of you **River Reporter** readers have seen monarch butterflies flitting about your backyard. Monarchs migrate each fall to the mountain forests of Mexico to overwinter; then they return north and east to mate and start a new generation. They go through four stages during one lifecycle, and it takes four generations of monarchs within a year to complete their mating and migrating patterns. Monarchs lay their eggs on milkweed plants, with hatching taking place four days later. The caterpillars (larvae) eat milkweed leaves for about two weeks before forming a chrysalis to begin metamorphosis into an adult butterfly. The previous generation of egg-laying adults die as the new generation enjoys the two to six weeks of life as a butterfly. This process continues until the last generation is complete, with those adults returning to Mexico in the fall.

Because their lifecycle is so complex, Monarchs are subject to a variety of environmental factors that impact them as a species. First of all, monarch butterflies only lay their eggs on milkweed plants; when the eggs hatch, the little caterpillars can only feed on milkweed leaves, making them completely dependent on milkweed for their survival as a species. Nearly 165 million acres of milkweed have been lost over the years due to development and the use of herbicide. As a result, the monarch's primary food supply and support systems have been significantly compromised.

Annual surveys determined that Monarch populations decreased by more than 80% over the last 20 years. For example, it was estimated that one billion monarchs thrived in the mid-1990s—a number that declined to 93 million by 2008. In fact, the species decline has been so dramatic that in 2104, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was petitioned to protect Monarchs under the “Endangered Species Act.” A decision was expected in June of this year, but was not settled at the time of this writing. More recent population estimates conducted in 2018 found that the area used by monarchs to overwinter in Mexico decreased from 7.19 acres 6.12 acres.

There is some good news. The spring 2109 estimate for monarchs' wintering in Mexico's forests, increased from 6.12 to 14.94 acres—a 144% improvement. Nevertheless, and in spite of that upward spike, it is important to remain vigilant. A one-year increase in a population that has been in serious decline does not mean the species is on a sustained rebound, so it is important for researchers to continue monitoring. It is also important for the general public to be aware of the monarchs' status and participate in conservation efforts to help restore these wonderful, beautiful butterflies. It appears that the loss of thousands of acres of milkweed habitat, along with the use of a variety of pesticides and herbicides, are the main causes of the monarch's decline. If those trends can be reversed, it is possible that monarch populations will continue to increase. Let's all do our part.



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### Following are some of the things you can do:

If you have a small piece of unused land on your property, plant some milkweed. My patch began with a few plants, and spread naturally to 40. Donate seed pods; I advertise the pods on Craig's List at no cost.

Minimize the use of herbicides and pesticides. Those chemicals don't only kill target species but good plants and animals as well, including monarch caterpillars and adults.

Stay informed. There is a huge amount of information on the internet, which is continuously updated about the monarch's status.

Join a monarch conservation organization. There are several, all of which accept donations.



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Dave Lounsbury, center, hands an incentive check to homeowner Cass Collins, right, as part of NYSEDA's heat pump incentive program. Also pictured are Brandy Sconfienza and Christopher Lombardi.

# State heat pump program still going

By FRITZ MAYER

**N**ARROWSBURG, NY — Cass Collins recently received a \$4,500 (\$4,000 for her home) check from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSEDA) program to help homeowners finance air source heat pumps (ASHP) to cool and heat their homes.

There is \$3.5 million left in funding for the program, according to Dave Lounsbury, owner of Energy Star Dave, which is a NYSEDA-certified installer of ASHP systems. To be eligible for the rebate, a property owner must work with a certified installer. The program started in August 2017 with \$10.9 million in funding. Property owners can receive \$1,000 per ton of heat pump capacity.

Lounsbury said there are a lot of misconceptions about ASHP, such as they don't work well in cold weather, which he said is simply not true. Heat pumps, he said, have not been well-advertised, leaving many without information on how to use them.

On its website, NYSEDA says, "Recent technological advancements in ASHPs make them a strong alternative to conventional heating in colder regions like New York State. To support this cleaner, more efficient technology, NYSEDA's Air Source Heat Pump Program is working with ASHP installers to expand New York residents' access to clean, renewable heating and cooling technology."

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Cass Collins is a columnist for **The River Reporter**.

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My homemade composting barrel mounted on a stand to turn over the soil inside with ease.

# Composting, easy as dirt

By HUNTER HILL

Many folks fantasize about homesteading, gardening and being self-sufficient, yet very few actually achieve a level of sustainability that negates their carbon footprint. However, the key to this highly acclaimed self-actualization of sustainability isn't the monumental task of overhauling your way of life, but taking one step at a time to transition one's daily routine into a pattern of habitual effort that accumulates and eventually results in the big picture.

Something we all create that makes up a part of our carbon footprint is trash—more specifically, biological waste like leftover food. All of us eat, but there are a number of things we just don't or can't eat. Coffee grounds, banana peels, apple cores, fruit skins, spoiled or leftover vegetables, eggshells, paper products and many other items. These scraps, which would normally just get thrown in the trash, are all fodder for composting. Composting is a simple exercise in recycling that generates a product that anyone who gardens or grows his or her own food can utilize.

You may be thinking, "That's great and all, but what do I actually do with all this smelly food?" Not to worry, composting can be simple.

Many livestock farmers practice a form of composting that utilizes manure from their animals and materials such as straw and other biological farm refuse. Farmers gather the mixture and pile it in a place where it won't rapidly erode or be in the way. Time is a major ingredient with composting; it takes time for the separate

biological items to degrade into one another. In a farm setting, the pile is mixed or turned over every so often to encourage even distribution of materials and to mechanically break down larger chunks and clumps. However, most of us don't live on a farm or own a tractor to make a major operation out of our composting. That's fine. All it takes is a bucket and a little patience.

A friend of the family always had a small white pail under her kitchen sink for compostable waste. Whenever it got full, she would take it out to her garden and dump the contents into a black composting barrel. She would pick up worms after some rainfall and add them the barrel. Every two months or so she would stir the contents with a shovel. When it was time, she removed soil from the bottom that had become viable for gardening. She continues this process today and has a healthy pile of soil, always at the ready, right inside her garden fence.

As fellow stewards of the land and wannabe gardeners, my wife and I have also taken to composting. But like most folks, we didn't have a fancy composting barrel and didn't want to drop money on one either. We first started with a five-gallon bucket and lid. You can just drop your food scraps in the bucket. Cracking the lid allows oxygen in, preventing your compost from retaining too much moisture. Leaves and weeds also made their way into our compost as we took care of the yard.

As you might imagine, the bucket got full pretty quickly. After filling a couple

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Farmers often compost using animal refuse and straw. The resulting soil is rich in nutrients because of the recycled manure that contains unabsorbed nutrients from livestock's diets.

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of buckets, we decided to find something that could handle a little more mass. Metal burn barrels were aplenty, but these rust; the idea of mixing oxidized heavy metals into the soil that we were going to use for growing food wasn't particularly appetizing. Plastic seemed to be the trend, as we looked for viable options. We made the assumption that a food-grade plastic would be suitable for our needs, and so, after some searching, we found a used, 50-gallon olive barrel with a screw-on lid for sale. Here we had another issue though. How do you shake and turn over materials in a 50-gallon barrel? Even with the barrel halfway full, we began to struggle with the mechanics of turning over the soil. It was at this point I decided to make a wooden cradle for it. With some spare two-by-fours, I built a frame that would hold the barrel along its

indentations and allow us to spin the barrel sideways. This also keeps us from overloading it as we have to open it from the end to add and remove material.

If you've ever thought composting was out of your realm of capability, you probably just never realized how simple it can be. A plastic barrel, garbage can, five-gallon bucket, or any similar container can be used to get you started or even facilitate a full cycle of composting. You aren't obligated to add every scrap of biodegradable food you produce either. It's okay to throw some scraps away—the important thing is that you are making the effort to reuse some of what you would have thrown away. You are investing in the soil of tomorrow's garden. Take pride in this little step that can be the first of many toward a sustainable future.

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Trex boxes are now located in Honesdale to collect any plastic that is soft: grocery bags, bread bags, dry-cleaning bags, case overwrap, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, zip-lock bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags and cereal bags.

Plastics must be clean, dry and free of food residue. Drop-off locations are at Weis Markets, The Dime Bank, Wayne Bank, The Cooperage Project and Art's for Him. Honesdale National Bank locations in Hamlin and Hawley will also have collection boxes.

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Find Trex boxes throughout Honesdale.

## Solar celebration open house

HONESDALE, PA — To celebrate the Clean Energy Co-op's newest solar projects, The Stourbridge Project, located at 648 Park St., is hosting an open house on Tuesday, July 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. This event will consist of a tour of The Stourbridge Project's many offerings and discussion of the Clean Energy Co-op's plans to install solar panels on the roof of the 1928 Stourbridge Elementary School and at the Von Oechsler Farm in Damascus.

# Callicoon Pantry to offer bulk shopping

By ELIZABETH LEPRO

**C**ALLICOON, NY — Grocery shopping in Callicoon may be getting bulkier—and more sustainable.

The Callicoon Pantry, set to open in August, will be an environmentally friendly, community-minded and accessible bulk pantry on Lower Main Street, according to its founders Patrice Tanner and Dania LaScola.

Customers will be able to shop for items in the store, as well as sign up for a \$20-per-month membership through the community purchasing club to receive member discounts and access to more than 2,000 natural and organic items for pre-order. Additionally, the store, which will sell all natural and organic bulk staples, will be accessible to EBT customers. Right now, anyone who uses food stamps through the EBT program can make note of it when they sign up to be a member and have the fee waived.

The pantry has been offering a founding member drive—32 people have already signed up and will be part of the first pre-order. “It really took off,” Tanner said.

The owners are gathering input from the community about hours, but plan to start off with seven days a week. “We can be open whenever the community needs,” Tanner said.

The store was borne from a local need, she said. After the health food store in Callicoon closed, a group started looking to bring something back that would meet the demand. Eva Barnett, owner of the Café Adella Dori who is currently working to

form a green committee in town, was particularly passionate about zero waste.

Tanner and her husband both worked for Whole Foods Market for many years, while LaScola has a sustainability background. The combination of that knowledge is what's bringing the pantry to life.

The opening of the pantry will bring the number of places where you can grocery shop in Callicoon up to three, along with Peck's Market and the weekly farmers' market—both of which also encourage reusable bags. Tanner said while she loves and supports Peck's, she wants to push for less packaging waste overall. She envisions the bulk store as the second stop for customers after the weekly farmers' market.

“We really hope to educate consumers on cooking from bulk, cooking from scratch... Buying prepackaged goods, ready-to-go foods, it's an easy option, but it's damaging in many ways,” Tanner said.

This month is Plastic-Free July, a global movement that encourages people to go without single-use plastics. States have signed onto the sustainable trend. New York is one of a few states that have passed bills banning the use of plastic bags in stores. Informally, plastic straws and other single-use items have also seen their popularity decrease, as videos of sea life stuffed with refuse circulate on social media.

“We're definitely against single-use plastic and using as minimal plastic as possible,” Tanner said. “The general idea is to cut back on consumer waste.”



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Dania LaScola, left, and Patrice Tanner founded the new sustainable, community-centric pantry.



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Compiled by STEPHEN STUART

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Chris Magwood and the Endeavour Centre in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada is a leading resource in researching building materials and systems that capture and sequester carbon dioxide. The Endeavour Centre teaches sustainable straw-bale building and hempcrete construction, while utilizing year-long training intensives to build healthy, low-carbon, low-energy homes and facilities for and with non-profit agencies.

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## The music man

*Local musician Richard Traviss is heavy on emotional honesty, lyricism and letting go*

By TAYLOR LAMERAND

More often than not, young aspiring performers are encouraged to leave their hometowns if they ever want to find success. While singing in a band at the Whiskey A Go Go increases an artist's exposure, for one local singer/songwriter, success isn't measured by fame, fortune, or location.

This past Sunday afternoon, I attended Rafter's Tavern's open mic to cheer on my co-worker and roommate, Veronica Daub, and to sit down and chat with Richard Traviss, a local musician, who opened for the Blue's hall-of-famer SaRon at the Hurleyville Arts Centre with his band, Talking Fire, the night prior.

After a couple of incredibly talented performers finished their sets, Traviss took to the stage, sat at a piano and began to play. The song started out as a soft melody, Traviss's voice reflecting the mood, and as the song progressed, his volume and physicality increased to find him jumping wildly all over the stage. His lyrics are poignant and thought evoking and, at times, downright hilarious. Traviss' undeniable energy and confidence on stage make him not only a talented musician, but an all-around performer. The songs were a journey through his consciousness—I was observing the world from his perception, where one thought was just as important as the other.

When we finally sat down to talk, I was most interested to learn about Traviss's background and how he got his start in the music industry. It turns out, his father was a singer and guitarist in several early punk rock bands, including one called HotShot, and opened for Blondie, The Ramones and others in NYC during the Greenwich Village '70s punk scene. Traviss's first guitar, a Fender Stratocaster, was given to him at age 8 by his father, the first major musical influence in his life.

"I've always had this rock n' roll thing going on," Traviss said as he gestures to himself. "This is what a man looks like to me."

Traviss was born and raised in Manhattan for the first few years of his life. When he was about five years old his parents separated, and he and his mother moved to the Catskills. They settled in Monti-



TRR photo by Veronica Daub

**Local singer/songwriter** Richard Traviss capturing the audience with an original at Rafter's Tavern's open mic last Sunday.

cello, where Traviss's mother owned a thrift shop, Encore. His mother attended the Fashion Institute of Technology and worked at a high-end boutique in New York City called Countdown. According to Traviss, her taste was highly regarded, and celebrities, such as Nina Simone, relied on her for fashion advice.

Traviss went to Tri-Valley Central School and recalls that it was a culture shock to him. Compared to his life in Manhattan, people were more conservative than he was used to and there was little to no diversity among students. He had a difficult time for the first few years

at his new school, where he was bullied for being different.

Rather than surrender and learn to blend in, Traviss refused to change. At the end of eighth grade, he decided to campaign for student council for one specific reason: he would have to give a speech in front of the seventh and eighth grades. In his speech, he asked all 200 of his classmates why they didn't like him and if there was anything he could do to change that.

"After I gave the speech, kids who were bullying me the day before came up to me, apologized and explained that they had

been bullied too," he said. "I started to think; maybe getting up in front of people and speaking up might be my thing."

Today, Traviss uses his music to speak out to people, but also as a channel for his emotions.

"I don't write direct songs, I write around things. I write how I feel, what I [am] going through," he said.

After his parents passed away, he began to focus on the importance of pursuing what makes him happy and paying extra attention to taking care of himself.

"The planet, you know, it's a pretty hard

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place for some. My parents dealt with a lot of pain and you know, I'm trying to not make the same mistakes," he said, explaining that what tore his parents apart was that they didn't invest in what they each loved to do.

With songwriting, Traviss's ultimate goal is to provide listeners with a sincere representation of the world as he sees it but also convey the "mistruths" he tells himself. He uses everything around him for inspiration, taking a news story and using it to relate a feeling of his own. He said it's important to be direct and that it isn't always necessary to use "flowery" language to write a profound or poetic song.

"I love layers and layers of metaphor," he exclaimed with excitement, "I live for [moments] of hearing a new artist whose words capture me in a new way."

Reggae and the music of Jamaica—particularly Sizzla Kalonji, Bob Marley and Beres Hammond—are major influences in Traviss's songwriting and style. When he turned 20 years old, he started attending reggae concerts and was captured by how the music flowed effortlessly out of the musicians. This, he explained, is what he is trying to accomplish with his music.

Traviss started connecting with local musicians in the area after a bad heartbreak. After not performing for a year,

he pushed himself to find something he could get involved in and ended up at an open mic in Rock Hill.

"I went there and I had no qualms about using it as an outlet and making a complete fool out of myself," he said, as he explained that not everyone understands his performances—probably because he likes to "stir the pot." Many people may oppose his music because it draws attention to issues they would rather turn a blind eye to.

Since stepping into the local scene, Traviss started threebands, two of which are Richard Traviss and the Mandatory Parade and Richard Traviss and The Secular Sextet. He is currently working on recording an album of his latest project with the help of Josh Druckman at the Outlier Recording Studio in Woodbourne. The four-song EP features his most recent band, Talking Fire, and is "anything but a straight reggae album." The release date is set for this coming September.

Most of all, Traviss is grateful to live in the Upper Delaware region and to be able to make music and perform with the rich and talented community of musicians in the area. His goal isn't to make a ton of money or "sell his soul" to a record company. He enjoys performing publically, most of the time at open mics like Rafter's, to encourage people to analyze and



*Contributed photo*

Richard Traviss performing with his band, Talking Fire, at the Hurleyville Arts Centre last Saturday.

talk amongst one another about his lyrics and what they mean to us individually.

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

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Those who prefer hops, malt and yeast should visit Saturday, July 20 for "On Tap: A Northern Poconos Craft Beer Festival." The festival will highlight a lineup of multiple local breweries that brew beer and grow hops in the region. Tickets for tasters cost \$25, granting unlimited tastings for the duration of the festival, and \$10 for those who just want to enter and shop. All proceeds will benefit The Cooperage Project.

Then on Sunday, July 21, "Uncorked: A Northern Poconos Wine and Spirit Festival" will appease those who enjoy their fermented grapes and distilled grains. Tickets cost \$25 per taster and \$10 for a non-tasters. All proceeds benefit The Cooperage Project and Lacawac Sanctuary.

Both events are for those 21 and over. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.thecooperageproject.org](http://www.thecooperageproject.org) for On Tap and [www.lacawac.org/uncorked-wine-festival.html](http://www.lacawac.org/uncorked-wine-festival.html) for Uncorked.



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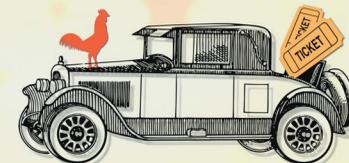
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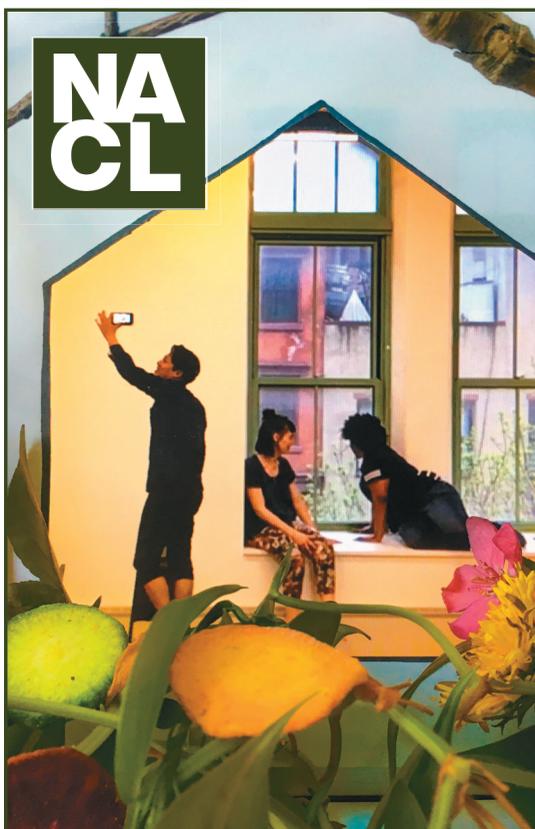
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### Comedy at the Emerald Ballroom

NARROWSBURG, NY — The second weekend of a sketch comedy show will take place at the Emerald Ballroom beneath The Heron this weekend, July 19 and 20.

The comedy show, featuring local performers such as Susan Mendoza from the Chi Hive, Matt Carpenter from the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and winner of TRR's Best musician 2018, Steve Tanczyn, will be performing at 8:30 p.m. both days.

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**‘Voices for the Catskills’ awards ceremony**

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY — On Saturday, July 20 at 5 p.m., WJFF Radio Catskill is hosting a community service awards celebration to honor Patricia Adams and Duke Devlin at the Arnold House.

WJFF General Manager Dan Rigney says “Patricia and Duke are two of our area’s greatest treasures. Duke’s dedication to telling the story of a little 1969 concert gathering to all who would listen helped fuel the dream that became Bethel Woods; while Patricia’s quiet dedication to preservation, education and community building is an inspiration to all.”

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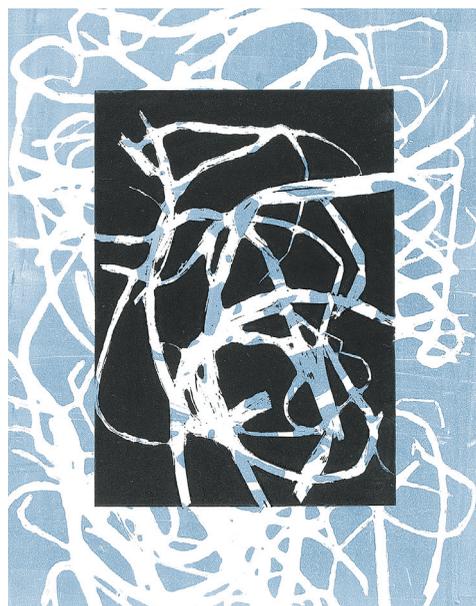


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**Art show opening reception**

CALLICOON, NY —The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) and Gallery 1906 are presenting “New Take,” a pop-up exhibit curated by Elaine Giguere. Featured artists are Katie Coughlin, Dana Duke, Elise Freda and Peter Maslow.

The opening reception will take place at the gallery on Lower Main Street on Saturday, June 20 from 4 to 6 p.m.

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**Concert series in the park**

MAMAKATING, NY — On Friday, July 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the summer concert series at the Town of Mamakating Park, located at 27-29 Mamakating Rd., continues with Far Beyond Gone.

The summer concert series happens rain or shine. Attendees may bring lawn chairs. Food is available for purchase at the concession stand.



Photo from the Narrowsburg Farmers Market FB page  
**Local business owners** Val Gregoretti, of the Tusten Cup and Cecilia Coacci, of the Atomic Laundromat, at the Narrowsburg Farmers Market.

**FarmArts offers tour and cooking class**

NARROWSBURG, NY — On Saturday, July 20, Cheryl Perry of Red Barn Studio will lead an afternoon that begins with a walk through the Narrowsburg Farmers' Market and ends at the Narrowsburg Union for a hands-on cooking class.

Perry will teach participants how to shop like a chef, selecting produce, herbs and cheese, and then how to turn the market bounty into dishes.

This class is co-presented by the Narrowsburg Farmers' Market and the Narrowsburg Union. The group is limited to 10 guests per class and the cost is \$75 per person. Book online at farmartscollective.org.



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**Repair Café returns to Tusten**

NARROWSBURG, NY — The Repair Café will take place again at the Tusten Town Hall this Saturday, July 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Teams of coaches include those who can help repair wooden objects and furniture, screens, bicycles and costume jewelry, as well as knit, crochet and offer gardening advice. The organizers are still looking for volunteers who know how to fix items like shoes, sharpen knives and sew. If you would like to participate as a coach, call Jill Padua at 845/252-6793. If you're coming this weekend, there is a limit of two items per person.

**Indian tribal wares on display**

CALLICOON, NY — This Saturday, July 20, Radhika Bapat will host an exhibition of hand-made tribal wares by herself and other artisans based in rural South Asian Indian villages.

Bapat spent her summers in her grandmother's workshop, watching her embroider and embellish "couture collections of yesteryear's Bollywood celebrities," according to a release. Bapat, who is also a clinical psychologist, later founded the company Ati Works, named after her grandmother, to sell affordable handmade pieces.

This weekend at 24 Lower Main St., she will offer a presentation from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The wares will be on display and available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day.

**Eilen Jewell at the Western**

CALLICOON, NY — On Sunday, July 21 at 4 p.m., Eilen Jewell will perform at the Western Ballroom as a stop on her world tour. Singer-songwriter Cliff Westfall will open the concert.

Tickets cost \$20. For more information, call the Western at 845/887-9871.



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**Come Pay Tribute to Fallen Heroes**

**240th Anniversary of the Battle of Minisink**

**B**ARRYVILLE – The remains of the 46 members of the colonial militia who were killed at the Battle of Minisink on July 22, 1779 were left on the hilltop battleground for 43 years before an expedition was mounted to recover them.

During those years, the battle—and those who died in it—were largely forgotten, but ever since a speech at the annual dinner of the Orange County Medical Society in 1822 highlighted the life of Dr. Benjamin Tusten, the Goshen physician who was killed while serving as second-in-command at the battle, there has been a concerted effort to remember those fallen.

A solemn ceremony is held each year at the actual Battleground at Minisink Ford, just above Barryville, on the Saturday closest to July 22—this year, July 20.

The keynote speaker this year is Frank Salvati of Port Jervis, a noted expert on the French and Indian War and the Revolution. His topic is "The View from the Other Side: Brant's Volunteers, Who They Were and Why They Did What They Did."

Sullivan County historian John Conway will serve as master of ceremonies.

The event takes place at 4 p.m. It is free and open to the public. The Minisink Battleground is located at 58 County Road 168, just off Route 97, about four miles north of Barryville. The Park is owned by the County of Sullivan and operated under the auspices of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Beautification.



## ■ IN MY HUMBLE OPINION

By Jonathan Charles Fox

# Dust in the wind

**S**o, I lost a dear friend this week. Quite unexpectedly, her candle was snuffed out after complications from surgery, and I'm feeling a little lost as I process the information alongside others who cared about her. I'm not naïve—I understand the “circle of life” and that all living things eventually die. It's the fragility that troubles me; the mere notion that life as we know it can come to an abrupt halt, suddenly and without warning, niggles at me and keeps me awake at night.

I know, I know: live in the moment, grab the gusto, stop and smell the roses, blah, blah, blah. Those platitudes are coming at me fast and furious these days, as well-meaning folks seemingly crawl out of the woodwork in an attempt to soothe my broken heart. In point of fact, I believe that I do live in the moment, and have left few stones unturned in my lifelong effort to grab that gusto, but still... at any given moment, on any given day, any one of us could be, oh, I don't know, hit by a bus. Perhaps that's why I live in the country where actual busses are few and far between.

Still, the ephemeral nature of life itself is all around us, especially at this time of year. The lifecycle of a common house fly for example, (0.06 years) is so fleeting that it seems incomprehensible that they can bug us so much in such a short period of time. Conversely, northern California's redwoods can live for thousands of years, but there's no escaping the fact that one day, they too, will cease to exist. “No time like the present,” my dear departed mother would say, and with that in mind, I decided to get out last Friday, even though only 24 hours had passed since my pal had left this mortal coil. “You could use the distraction,” Mom would intone, wagging a lacquered nail in my general direction. “Go,” she'd say, “You know that I'm right.”

Every year at this time, the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) presents a pop-up exhibit titled “Art in Bloom and Verse,” featuring live floral arrangements paired with original poetry inspired by the paintings and sculptures of local artists. “It's well worth seeing, but we have to hurry,” I told a friend when suggesting she accompany me to the DVAA. “It only lasts a few days, and is ‘on view for one weekend only due to the perishable nature of the plant life,’” I explained, reading from the press release. All told, nine artists were represented in this unique, if fleeting, exhibit, accompanied by beautiful, fragile floral designs thoughtfully created in concert with the art, all enhanced by the live poetry readings written specifically for this ephemeral event, which has already



**Nancy Dymond** read “Uprooted,” written in concert with Jill Weiner's floral design, and John Griffin's acrylic on canvas at the DVAA's annual exhibit, “Art in Bloom and Verse.”



**Poet Dorothy Hartz** shared her thoughtful piece “Anna Through and Through” with an appreciative audience at the DVAA's ephemeral “Art in Bloom and Verse” last Friday in Narrowsburg, NY.

(not unlike Elvis) left the building.

“It is an absolute honor to co-curate this year's show,” Kristen Porter said addressing the crowd. “The floral interpretations and poetry really bring the art to life.” Yes, I've written about this show in past years and suggested that you all put it on your calendars, given the transient aspect of the annual exhibit. If you didn't catch it this time around, there's always next year, right? Hmmm.

While taking in the delicate nature of “Art in Bloom,” I chatted with co-curator Matt Carpenter, who suggested that I cross the street (literally) to catch him and fellow performers Laurie A. Guzda, Susan Mendoza, Heidi Mollenhauer, R. Scott Porter and Hudson Williams-Eynon at the ultra-cool Emerald Ballroom,



**The cast of “Up and Coming”: A Modern Comedy with Rustic Humor** hilariously spoofed life in the country with comedy and music in sketches like “Tale of the Big Eddy,” “Tap my Maple Tree,” and “Stairway to Heaven Assisted Living Commune.”

TRR photos by Jonathan Charles Fox



**Artist Rena Hottinger**, pictured here, floral designer Sharon Chopping and poet Cass Collins joined forces for “Contemplation after Renoir” at the DVAA pop-up exhibit “Art in Bloom and Verse.”

situated beneath The Heron restaurant in Narrowsburg, where an honest-to-goodness speakeasy once stood. The show, “Up and Coming: A Modern Comedy with Rustic Humor,” was “sketch comedy,” Carpenter explained, which made me nervous. “No, no—it's great!” Carpenter exclaimed, when I suggested that I'm not much of an improv fan. “It's scripted, and we have great stuff written by the cast with additional material by George Strakosch and Bizzy Coy. We all know how you feel about her,” he said with a wink, alluding to my mild obsession with Coy and her mad writing skills. “Fine, I'll come,” I said, “But you had all better bring your A-game. I've had a rough week.”

“Be kind,” Matt said. “Be good,” I shot back. And what do you know? They were.

Backed by Bob Lohr (on keyboards) and Steve Tanczyn (on drums), the cast took the audience on a dizzying ride peeking into the world of second-home owners mixing it up with the locals, spoofing the real estate market, old hippies and the ups and downs of country life, replete with clever (IMHO) original music and lyrics written by Mollenhauer, who knows her way around a musical. Can you still catch the show? Yes, but you had better hurry, especially since last week's performances sold out quickly. To reserve a seat, call Laurie A. Guzda at 570/335-6824. Oh, and call your mother, because no one, and nothing, lasts forever. All we are is dust in the wind.

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**WHERE AND WHEN**

**Thu., Jul. 18**

**Kids Lunch Party**  
HONSDALE — The Cooperage, weekdays 11am-1pm. Free lunch; ages 0-18. 1030 Main St. 570/253-2020 or info@thecooperageproject.org

**Greater Wayne Herb Guild**  
BETHANY — For those who plant, grow, cook and craft with herbs. Third Thursday each month, 7pm, Bethany Public Library. 570/253-4349

**MusicTalks! 1, An Evening with Harold Meltzer**  
BETHEL — Weekend of Chamber Music at Catskill Distilling Co., 7:30-9:30pm. 2037 NY-17B. [www.wcmconcerts.org](http://www.wcmconcerts.org)

**Happy hours at the Arnold House**  
LIVINGSTON MANOR — Thursday happy hours at the Arnold House Tavern, 5-7pm, 839 Shandeele Rd.

**Performance workshops**  
NARROWSBURG — Performance workshops for ages 13 and up, 5:30-7:30pm, Thursdays at The Narrowsburg Union, 7 Erie Ave. [www.farmartscollective.org](http://www.farmartscollective.org)

**Community Dinner**  
GLEN SPEY — Kadampa Meditation Center. \$10/person. 47 Sweeney Rd. 845/856-9000 or [www.kadampaneyork.org](http://www.kadampaneyork.org)

**Lecture on "21 Lessons for the 21st Century" by Yuval Harari.**  
MONTICELLO — Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library, 6pm. 479 Broadway. 845/794-4660.

**Let's Play Mahjong**  
BETHANY — Mahjong every Thursday from 1-4pm at Bethany Public Library. Beginners welcome. 570/253-4349

**Monthly game night**  
HONSDALE — Monthly game night, 6-9pm, at The Cooperage, 1030 Main St. 570/253-2020, [www.thecooperageproject.org](http://www.thecooperageproject.org)

**"The Sullivan County Catskills: The Next Act"**  
HURLEYVILLE — Hurleyville Arts Centre, 6pm. Tickets/\$10. 12 Railroad Ave. 845/707-8047 or [www.hurleyvilleartscentre.org/next-act/](http://www.hurleyvilleartscentre.org/next-act/)

**Bethel Lakeside Music**  
KAUNEONGA LAKE — The Gazebo, Thursdays 6:30-8pm. Free event. 3562 State Rte. 55. 908/202-6033 or [dhmlerner@aol.com](mailto:dhmlerner@aol.com)

**Essential oils and aromatherapy**  
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**"Adventures By The Sea" Vacation Bible School**  
BEACH LAKE — Beach Lake United Methodist Church, 6:30-8:30pm. Age 3-11; free. 7 Milanville Rd. 570/729-7011.

**Meditation Class**  
GLEN SPEY — Kadampa Meditation Center, Thursdays 7-8pm. \$10/person. 47 Sweeney Rd. 845/856-9000 or [www.kadampaneyork.org](http://www.kadampaneyork.org)

**Fri., Jul. 19**

**Kids Lunch Party**  
HONSDALE — The Cooperage, weekdays 11am-1pm. Free lunch; ages 0-18. 1030 Main St. 570/253-2020 or info@thecooperageproject.org.

**Salsa classes**

HURLEYVILLE — Salsa dance class, Fridays 6-9pm, at the Hurleyville Arts Centre, 219 Main St. Cost: \$10. 1 hour beginner lessons, 6-7pm; 1 hour open-level salsa dance class, 7-8pm.

**"A Bright New Boise"**  
SOUTH FALLSBURG — Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, Friday/Saturday: 8pm, Sunday: 2pm. Tickets: \$15/adults, \$12/seniors, students, military/veterans. Rivoli Theater, 5243 Rte. 42. [www.SCDW.net](http://www.SCDW.net), <https://myrivertickets.com/organizations/sullivan-county-dramatic-workshop>, 845/436-5336.

**Comedy at the Emerald Ballroom**  
NARROWSBURG — Comedy show with local performers, 8:30pm Friday and Saturday. Tickets: \$20 in advance (570/335-6824); \$25 at the door.

**Conert in the Park**  
MAMAKATING — The band Far Beyond Gone performs in the town park, 6:30-8:30pm. bring lawn chairs.

**Sat., Jul. 20**

**Audubon Wildlife Festival**  
HAWLEY — Wildlife art and craft festival. Live animal presentations, 80 art & crafts vendors selling nature-oriented works, 10am-5pm Saturday and Sunday at Wallenpaupack High School [www.audubon-festival.com](http://www.audubon-festival.com)

**Monthly Music Night**  
PHILLIPSPOUR — Guitarist Jason Rosen performs at Phillipsport Community Center, 7pm; doors open 6:30. Suggested donation: \$3.

**Farm Arts Collective Cooking Class and Market Tour**  
NARROWSBURG — Narrowsburg Farmers' Market, 10am-2pm. \$75/person. 7 Erie Ave. 917/566-7698 or [www.farmartscollective.com](http://www.farmartscollective.com)

**Fire Building**  
DINGMANS FERRY — Pocono Environmental Education Center, 10am-12noon. \$5/person; ages 10+. 538 Emery Rd. 570/828-2319.

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JEFFERSONVILLE — Weekend of Chamber Music at Eddie Adams Barn, 8-10pm. 247 Jeffersonville-North Branch Rd., [www.wcmconcerts.org](http://www.wcmconcerts.org)

**Kauneonga Lake Farmers' Market**  
KAUNEONGA LAKE — Veteran's Square, Saturdays 10am-1pm. 3686 Rte 55. [info@kauneongalakefarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@kauneongalakefarmersmarket.org)

**Narrowsburg Farmers' Market**  
NARROWSBURG — Narrowsburg Union, Saturdays 10am-1pm. 7 Erie Ave. <https://narrowsburgfarmersmarket.org/>

**Romping Radishes at The Farm**  
HONSDALE — For children K thru 2nd grade at Fertile Valley Farm, 10-11:30am. Donations accepted, 361 Carley Brook Rd. 570/253-2020 or info@thecooperageproject.org.

**Zane Grey Plein Air In the Garden**  
NARROWSBURG — Tusten Heritage Community Garden, Saturdays 10am-5pm. Free event. Demauro Ln. 845/252-3722 or info@ZaneGreyPleinAir.com.

**Cooksfalls Chicken BBQ**  
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Fire Co., 11am. Half chicken/\$5, half chicken with dinner/\$7. 116 Cooksfalls Rd. 607/498-4396.

**Battle of Minisink commemoration**  
BARRYVILLE — Ceremonies to mark the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Minisink, 4pm, 58 County Road 168 (just off Route 97). County historical John Conway MCs.

**Fallsburg Alumni Association 15th Reunion**  
WOODBURNE — Woodbourne Firehouse, 11am-2pm. \$15 donation. 355 NY-52. 845/866-0232.

**"Report" — A film by Bruce Conner**  
LIVINGSTON MANOR — Catskill Art Society at the Laundry King, 12noon, 3 and 6pm. 65 Main St. [catskillartsociety.org](http://catskillartsociety.org).

**Madrigal Choir**  
DAMASCUS — Farm Arts Collective, Saturdays 3-5pm. Will perform in events this summer. 12 Tammany Flats. 917/556-7698 or [www.farmartscollective.org](http://www.farmartscollective.org)

**'On Tap': A Northern Poconos Beer Festival**  
HONSDALE — Beer tasting featuring local breweries at The Cooperage, 3-6pm. Preview: \$40, taster: \$25, event: \$10. 1030 Main St. 570/253-2020.

**Meditation**  
PORT JERVIS — Kadampa Meditation Center at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Saturdays 4-5:30pm. \$10/person. 31 Main St. 845/856-9000 or [www.kadampaneyork.org](http://www.kadampaneyork.org)

**Opening art reception: 'New Take'**  
CALLICOON — Delaware Valley Arts Alliance at Gallery 1906, 4-6pm. Free. 41 Lower Main St. 845/252-7576 or [www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](http://www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org).

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**Repair cafe**  
NARROWSBURG — Volunteers help repair items from small appliances to bicycles to jewelry and more. Tusten Town Hall, 11am-3pm. 845/252-6793

**Sun., Jul. 21**

**21st Annual River Run 5k/10k**  
CALLICOON — Delaware Youth Center, 8:30am. River Rd. 5k@delawareyouthcenter.org or 845/887-4887.

**Audubon Wildlife Festival**  
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**Pine Mill Pancake Breakfast**  
EQUINUNK — Pine Mill Community Hall, 7:30-11:30am. Adults/\$9, children 10 and under/\$4.50, under 4/free. 919 Pine Mill Rd. 570/224-8500.

**Sundays Prayers for World Peace Meditation Class**  
GLEN SPEY — Kadampa Meditation Center, Sundays 11am-12:30pm. Free. 47 Sweeney Rd. 845/856-9000 or [www.kadampaneyork.org](http://www.kadampaneyork.org)

**Klenengan: A Musical Gathering with Javanese Gamelan**  
FISHS EDDY — Music at Fishs Eddy, The Old Pioneer Church, 2pm. Upper Main St. [fishseddy@gmail.com](mailto:fishseddy@gmail.com), [www.musicatfishseddy.org](http://www.musicatfishseddy.org), or 215/204-2533.

**'Uncorked': A Northern Poconos Wine and Spirits Festival**  
HONSDALE — The Cooperage Project, 3-6pm. Taster: \$25; non-taster: \$10. 1030 Main St. 570/253-2020.

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**Mon., Jul. 22**

**Studio Monday Art Group**  
GRAHAMSVILLE — Daniel Pierce Library, Mondays 9:30am-12:30pm. 328 Main St. 845/985-7233

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

**Kids Lunch Party**  
HONSDALE — The Cooperage, weekdays 11am-1pm. Free lunch; ages 0-18. 1030 Main St. 570/253-2020 or info@thecooperageproject.org.

**Sullivan Fresh Farmers' Market**  
MONTICELLO — CCE at Sullivan County Govt. Center, Mondays 11am-2pm. 10 Jefferson St. 845/292-6180, [sullivanfresh@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivanfresh@cornell.edu), or [www.sullivanvance.org](http://www.sullivanvance.org).

**Salsa classes**  
HURLEYVILLE — Salsa dance class, Mondays 6-9pm, at the Hurleyville Arts Centre, 219 Main St. Cost: \$10. 1 hour beginner lessons, 6-7pm; 1 hour open-level salsa dance class, 7-8pm.

**Tue., Jul. 23**

**Knitters and crocheters club**  
LIBERTY — Knitters and crocheters club, Tuesdays, 10am-12noon at the Liberty Public Library, 189 North Main St. 845/292-6070

**Kids Lunch Party**  
HONSDALE — The Cooperage, weekdays 11am-1pm. Free lunch; ages 0-18. 1030 Main St. 570/253-2020 or info@thecooperageproject.org.

**Teen Tech Tuesdays**  
JEFFERSONVILLE — Western Sullivan Public Library, 2-4pm. Free. 19 Center St. 845/482-4350 or [WSPOnline.org](http://WSPOnline.org)

**HS Equivalency study class**  
LIBERTY — At the Liberty Public Library, every other Tuesday 4-5 pm. 189 North Main St. 845/292-6070 or [www.libertypubliclibrary.org](http://www.libertypubliclibrary.org)

**Cooking With Herbs**  
HONSDALE — Wayne County Extension Office cafeteria, 6-8pm. 648 Park St., Suite E. <https://extension.psu.edu/cooking-with-herbs> or 570-253-5970 ext. 4110.

**Mindfulness program**  
MONTICELLO — Ethel B. Crawford Public Library hosts program. The fourth Tuesday each month at 6 pm. 845/794-4660 ext. 2

**Back Story: The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln**  
DAMASCUS — Damascus Township Historical Society, 7pm. At Damascus Manor Community Cntr., 60 Conklin Rd. 570/729-7981.

**Paul Austin's "Notes On Hard Times" reading and book signing**  
KAUNEONGA LAKE — Fat Lady Café, 7:30pm. Free admission; cash bar. 13 Horseshoe Lake Rd.

**Wed., Jul. 24**

**Sands Casino and Outlets Bus Trip**  
MONTICELLO/BETHLEHEM — Primitimers of Temple Shalom, 9am. \$30/person. Depart: 5 E Dillon Ave, Monticello. 845/794-2314 or 845/796-3777.

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NARROWSBURG — Western Sullivan Public Library, Wednesdays 4-7pm. 198 Bridge St. [www.WSPOnline.org](http://www.WSPOnline.org) or 845/252-3360.

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

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### Across

1. School media depts.
4. Backyard event, informally
9. He's a doll
14. Proactive target
15. "Doe, \_\_\_\_\_, a female ..."
16. Fly united?
17. Sample
18. First name in rap
19. "In your dreams!"
20. Device often used on a toddler suffering from a high fever
23. Bonehead
24. Opp. of multiply
25. Incurred a common back injury
34. Boozehound's sound
37. "Fifty Shades of \_\_\_\_\_"
38. Words before occasion or account
39. Ailment of many cigarette smokers
44. Humdinger
45. "Bill & \_\_\_\_\_ Excellent Adventure"
46. Check the box (for)
47. Condition that commonly affects older women
52. Homeric cry?
53. Skeptic's rejoinder
57. This puzzle's theme
64. "Hawaii \_\_\_\_\_" (2010 CBS revival)
65. Transnational cash
66. Awards ceremony rental
67. Elementary sequence
68. In concert
69. Chapter
70. AARP and NAACP, e.g.
71. "Siddhartha" author
72. McCain or McCaskill: Abbr.

### Down

1. Worshiper of the rain god Tlaloc
2. Spreading fast on YouTube
3. Packaging foam prefix
4. Sitz \_\_\_\_\_
5. Together, in music

### Across

6. Not an organ.
7. Smile from ear to ear
8. Black-and-white pixelated square readable by smartphones
9. Home of the World Health Organization
10. "How could \_\_\_\_\_ this happen?"
11. "By \_\_\_\_\_!"
12. Button between \* and #
13. Suffix with puppet or profit
21. Causes of end zone celebrations, for short
22. Central
26. Apparel abbr.
27. Sports org. that oversees the Rugby World Cup
28. \_\_\_\_\_ diem
29. Composer Tchaikovsky
30. Question that may be answered "And how!"
31. Fascinated by
32. Short cut
33. Price
34. Beyonce hit with the lyric "I got my angel now"
35. Closely monitored hosp. areas
36. Kind of film
40. Day of the wk.
41. Prefix with conservative
42. DJ's stack
43. Chinese philosopher Chu \_\_\_\_\_
48. Repugnant
49. McCain or McCaskill, for short
50. "Is that so?"
51. Dog command
54. Morsels
55. Make used (to)
56. Many an oilman
57. Cries of disgust
58. Car rental company founder Warren
59. "You're putting \_\_\_\_\_!"
60. Source of inspiration
61. God with a bow and arrow
62. Puts on
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**SEQR Lead Agency None Designated**  
**State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination**

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### Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company

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Sundance Homes, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/14/19. Office location: Sullivan County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 203 Rapp Road, Monticello, NY 12701. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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The name of the limited liability company is: Pup in the Tub Articles of Organization were filed with the New York Secretary of State's office on: January 7 2019. The County in which the Office is to be located : Sullivan The New York Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 101 Ogden Rd Glen Spey NY 12737

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The name of the LLC is: Tree Frog Homes LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 5/15/2019. The County in which the Office is to be located: Sullivan. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is: 106 Proctor Rd, Eldred, NY 12732. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Lead Acquisition Pro LLC. Filed 4/29/19. Office: Sullivan Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 9479 State Route 97, Callicoon, NY 12723. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents Inc., 7014 13th Ave Ste 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

Notice of Qualification of Lenox Street Press LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/29/19. Office location: Sullivan County. LLC

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formed in Delaware (DE) on 01/31/19. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 150 Eldred Yulan Rd., Eldred, NY 12732. Address to be maintained in DE: 16192 Coastal Hwy., Lewes, DE 19958. Arts of Org. filed with the Secy. of State, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

**Official Form WD-1File # 2011-66/A (4/98)****CITATION**

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
BY THE GRACE OF GOD,  
FREE AND INDEPENDENT,  
TO: Sara Jean Trust, Renae Trust, Matthew Trust  
being persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees or otherwise of the estate of Paul D Trust, deceased, who at the time of death resided at 326 White Road, Glen Spey, NY 12737. A petition having been duly filed by Shari Trust, who is domiciled at 326 White Road, Glen Spey, NY 12737. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Sullivan County at 100 North Street, Monticello NY 12701, on July 25, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., why a Decree should not be entered: a) Authorizing and permitting SHARI L. TRUST, as Administrator of the Estate of PAUL D. TRUST, deceased, leave to settle and compromise the claim for conscious pain and suffering and wrongful death brought against defendant MARK D. FISCH, M.D. and allocating 100% of

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the settlement proceeds to the cause of action for wrongful death and discontinue the cause of action for conscious pain and suffering; b) Directing MEDICAL LIABILITY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, on behalf of MARK D. FISCH, M.D., to distribute the total sum of \$1,100,000.00 as follows: To: DUFFY & DUFFY the sum of \$21,709.62 as and for their disbursements; and To: DUFFY & DUFFY the sum of \$249,243.56 as and for their attorney fees. To: SHARI L. TRUST the sum of \$829,046.82 as and for her total distributive share; c) Releasing and discharging Petitioner from any further responsibility in these actions. d) Dispensing with the filing of a bond in connection herewith. e) Authorizing and permitting SHARI L. TRUST, as Administrator of the Estate of PAUL D. TRUST, deceased, to execute such releases and receipts and instruments in connection with the foregoing settlement as may be necessary to effectuate such settlement. f) Removing or modifying the restrictions heretofore imposed upon the Limited Letters of Administration of the Estate of PAUL D. TRUST, heretofore issued by this Honorable Court to SHARI L. TRUST to the extent necessary to carry out the provisions of such settlement. g) Judicially settling the Account of SHARI L. TRUST, as Administrator of the Estate of PAUL D. TRUST, deceased. h) Granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper under the circumstances. DATED, ATTESTED AND SEALED HON. Frank J. Labuda, Rita Guarnaccia,

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Chief Clerk AT T O R N E Y Name of Attorney: SEAN M. DUFFY, ESQ. Address of Attorney: Duffy & Duffy, 1370 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556 Telephone Number of Attorney: 516.394.4200 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested.

**LEGAL NOTICE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN**

Sealed bids for the following will be received by the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Central Services at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York 12701, (845) 807-0515, until 1:00 P.M. on Friday, August 2, 2019 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. Re-Roofing of Upper and Lower EPDM Roof at the Sullivan County Government Center (B-19-52) Bid Forms,

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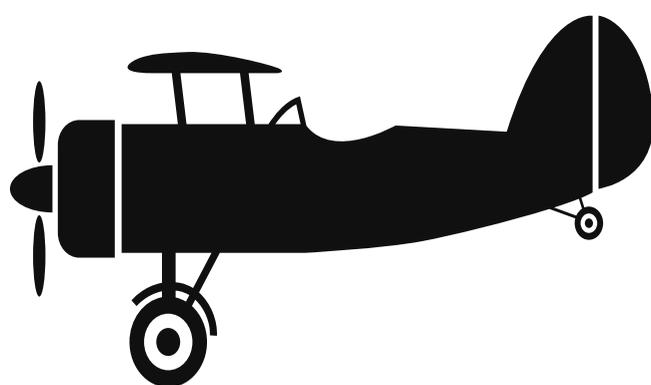
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## RAMBLINGS OF A CATSKILL FLYFISHER By TONY BONAIVIST

# How's my casting?

Fly casting is that part of fly fishing many of us take for granted, yet nothing is more important than for anglers to be able deliver their flies accurately under a variety of conditions. A long time ago, I was retained to provide instruction about aquatic insects to the students at the Wulff School of Fly Fishing. At the end of my first season, Joan asked if I would like to teach fly casting. I told her I never taught fly casting and that I was concerned about being able to teach the same way she did. Joan explained that she would tutor me over the summer, so I agreed, not knowing what I was in for. I thought I was a pretty good caster—boy, was I surprised! I don't remember how many sessions it took before Joan completely restructured my casting, something I'll always be grateful for.

Over the years, I became very good at analyzing anglers' casting, only to find how inaccurate a lot of them were, despite years of fishing. Why the emphasis on casting? Other than fishing equipment, casting is one of the few aspects of fly fishing anglers have complete control over. Anglers that cannot cast accurately will have a great deal of difficulty rising trout, and, more



Photo contributed by Tony Bonavist

TRR columnist Tony Bonavist perfecting his casting in his yard "with a pretty good loop!"

times than not, will blame the fly or drag for their lack of success. To be successful, fly fishers must be able to cast accurately in a stiff wind, during low light and at dark. Do you think you can do that?

For example, imagine a nice brown rising six inches off a downed tree limb: Are you able to repeatedly place your fly a foot above that riser without putting it down or hooking the limb? Can you do that at dusk? Would you be able to do that if it's windy and you find it necessary to use a very light tippet, say 7X? These are the kinds of questions fly fishers need to ask themselves when they have difficulty rising steadily feeding trout.

That is why, once I evaluate an angler's casting and point out his or her mistakes, I encourage as much practice as possible. Fly fishers that are willing to practice may use a lawn, pond, or a local stream. Practicing casting is one of the easiest things to do in fly fishing and, over time,

will pay handsome dividends. Practicing on moving water will have obvious benefits. A good time to practice on a river is when there is no feeding activity, the caster is not fishing and there are no other fishermen about to interfere. If practicing on a pond or lawn, casters can place a target about 30 feet away and try to hit it, keeping in mind that casting at a stationary target is not the same as casting to a rising trout in flowing water.

If you're able to record your casting, reviewing the video will be extremely valuable in highlighting mistakes and areas in need of improvement. It is also a good idea to obtain a video that demonstrates fly casting by an excellent caster and observe their technique. Joan Wulff and John Juracek are excellent.

Learning to cast properly and accurately will enhance your fishing, make you a better fly fisher and increase your success in rising and landing trout.

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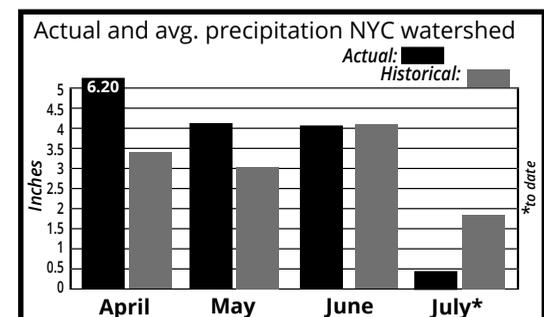
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#### Reservoir levels

**July 15, 2019**  
Cannonsville: 90.5%  
Pepacton: 94.4%  
Neversink: 93.8%  
**Total: 94.1%**  
**Normal Total: 93.1%**  
**Total in 2018: 90.7%**



## RIVER TALK

By Scott Rando

# Colorful flyers of summer

One thing about looking for a particular plant or animal along a trail or stream is you are likely to see everything but the target species. It's kind of like looking for a lost set of keys and, instead, finding that screwdriver you've been missing for two weeks—or perhaps you find something rare or unusual. So it was when I went looking for reptiles and amphibians during the last couple of weeks.

During the last two weeks of surveying, I found a bear, a dozen deer, many species of birds and a fair abundance of ticks, deerflies and other small, biting insects. There was, however, a good showing of some beneficial insects. Bees and butterflies were plentiful, and there was a variety of flowering plants to pollenate. Dragonflies and damselflies were flying back and forth; whenever I saw one nearby, I thought to myself, “Well, that's one less deer fly.”

The striking thing about some of the insects in flight is their bright array of colors. Butterflies and some moths stand out with brilliant shades of orange, red and yellow. Polyphemus moths were around, easy to spot with their large orange-brown trimmed wings and two huge spots on the hindwings. Dragonflies and damselflies run the gamut of colors, including some iridescent shades. Males and females of the same species can be different colors, making identification challenging.



The emerald damselfly, also known as the common spreadwing, is seen widely throughout the region. The “spreadwing” name comes from the fact that this species holds its wings partially out while at rest.

There is no need to travel far to see nature's study of color. Most gardens will attract a variety of butterflies and other pollinators, and ponds will attract multiple species of damsel and dragonflies. Even small streams will attract species such as the ebony jewelwing with its iridescent blue body.



TRR photos by Scott Rando

This monarch butterfly, in flight, is probably looking for a milkweed plant. This is the time of year when female monarchs deposit their eggs on the bottom side of milkweed leaves. The hatching monarch caterpillars will only eat milkweed. They may also be on other plants to take nectar.



The eastern pondhawk can be found near almost any body of water, and this species is one of many in the dragonfly family where males and females are a different color. Younger males and females are the green color you see here; they turn a powder blue as they grow older. When you see both sexes flying around, you may think they're different species, but they are one and the same.



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