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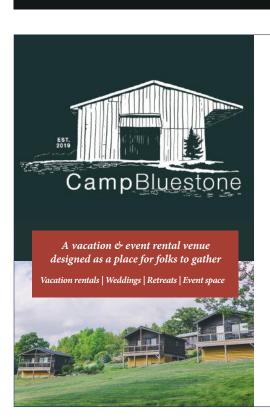
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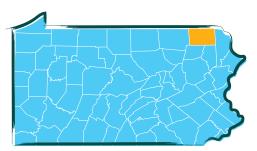
A LITTLE #SUSQCO FOR EVERYONE!

With charming villages surrounded by rolling hills, and amazing outdoor recreation opportunities, Susquehanna County is the place in northeastern Pennsylvania to play, stay, relax, and rejuvenate.

Paddle down the North Branch of the Susquehanna River. Hike the waterfalls at Salt Springs State Park. Ski and snowboard at Elk Mountain. Experience nature and history along the Rail Trail. Take a self-guided walking tour of the Montrose Historic District and shop unique downtown boutiques and art galleries. Explore the railroad heritage and renaissance of Susquehanna Depot and Forest City.

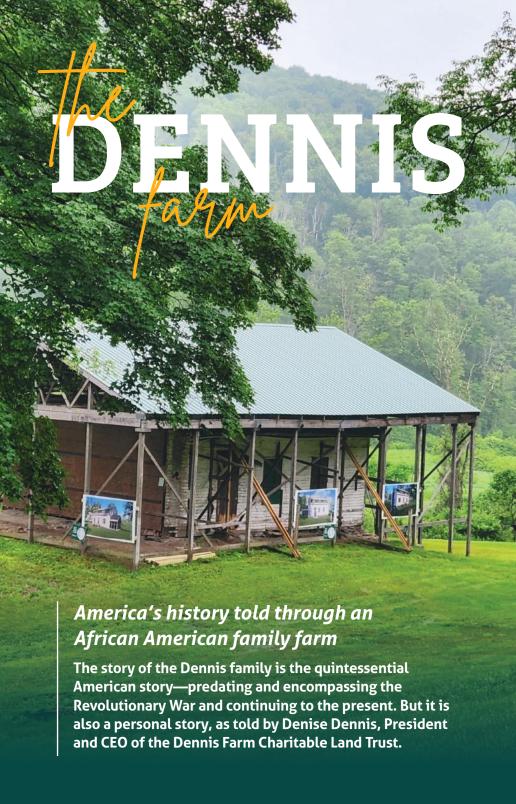
Through every season, you'll find something to love in Susquehanna County.







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"It is a belief in the American dream at a time when the American dream was not designed with African Americans in mind," Denise Dennis said at the 2015 annual Dennis Farm Symposium held each October. Guided tours of the historic property are provided to attendees following the symposium. The Dennis family story began in New England and the family's path led to Susquehanna County and to the Perkins-Dennis farm on Creek Road in Brooklyn Township. The property was settled in 1793 by Prince Perkins, a free African-American Revolutionary War veteran. The property has remained in the family for over 200 years. Prince Perkins' daughter, Angeline, and her husband, Henry Dennis, expanded the farm acreage.

Archaeologist and Dennis Farm Charitable Land Trust board member Wade Catts said the family farm located in rural northeastern Pennsylvania created a powerful and nuanced story complete with documentation, photographs and oral histories, as well as artifacts and architecture on the property.

There are plans to renovate the house at the site, which was originally built in the second quarter of the 19th century, Catts said. Family photos will be used to help with the renovation project. Over 10,000 artifacts, including the ruins of outbuildings, were unearthed on the property in 2008-09 by Binghamton University archeologists who worked at the site. There are also 40-50 burials in the African American cemetery on the property. Catts believes it was the only African American cemetery in Susquehanna County.

In 2014, the Dennis Farm was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, recognized as being nationally significant. Artifacts from the Dennis Farm are on exhibit at the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of African American History & Culture, as well as at the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia.

America 250PA dedicated the Commonwealth's first Semiquincentennial Bell at Dennis Farm in 2023. The bell—one of 7 planned to be installed in the state—is a replica of the Liberty Bell, and is inscribed with the words "When the nation was young, our free African American ancestors owned and farmed this beautiful place against great odds."



HISTORY HERITAGE



SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

18 Monument Square, Montrose, PA 570.278.1622 susqcohistsoc.org

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. during Third Weekend in Montrose

Reservations recommended for museum tours.

The museum is free to the public. Items of note include spinning wheels built by the Crandall Toy Factory, paintings by Susan C. Moore Waters (1823-1900), exhibits that feature the county's economic past, and rooms dedicated to early local historian Emily Blackman and the United States military, including a phenomenal Civil War collection. The Historical Society also houses a Genealogy and Research Department.

THE MONTROSE HISTORICAL DISTRICT

Encompasses 386 buildings, 2 sites in the central business district. The Courthouse Complex, Sylvanus Mulford House, and Silver Lake Bank are also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
Self-guided walking tours.

OLD MILL VILLAGE MUSEUM

5774 PA-848, New Milford, PA oldmillvillage.org

Living history museum with special events and themed weekend activities during the spring, summer and autumn months that bring different aspects of our history and heritage alive.

pennsylvania fun fact

IN 1856, SAMUEL BRUSH SHOT A PANTHER—also known as a mountain lion—in the New Milford-Oakland township area. The panther mount made its way to Penn State University where it was displayed in Old Main as a symbol of wildlife preservation and inspired the school's mascot—the Nittany Lion. It was loaned to Chicago for the World's Fair, then to Pittsburgh's Carnegie Museum display of endangered species. The mount returned to the campus in the 1990s and now resides in the Penn State All-Sports Museum.







MARTIN'S CREEK

Viaduct, Kingsley

This concrete railroad bridge is considered an engineering triumph constructed 1912-14 for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company. The Viaduct crosses over US-11. It pre-dates its sibling, the larger Tunkhannock Viaduct, which can also be viewed on US-11. The Martin's Creek Viaduct stands 150-feet tall with seven main arches. A scenic overlook on Zicks Hill Road in Kingsley provides a panoramic view.

PRIESTHOOD RESTORATION SITE

27832 SR 171, Susquehanna Oakland Twp. 570.335.9580

churchofjesuschrist.org

Monday – Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday: 1 p.m – 5 p.m.

Marks the place where the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints founder Joseph Smith resided with his wife, Emma (Hale) Smith in 1828-29. The Church recognizes the site as the place where Joseph Smith translated most of the Book of Mormon. The visitors' center features a film, artifacts and interactive exhibits. Guided tours are available of the reconstructed homes and self-guided tours of the remaining areas.

STARRUCCA VIADUCT

Lanesboro

Constructed in 1848 by the New York and Erie Railroads using local Pennsylvania Bluestone. This stone arch bridge columns rise 110-feet above the Starrucca Creek and its 17 arches are each 50 feet. The bridge has been used continually for over 175 years. The viaduct was designated as a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark in 1973 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

THE FOREST CITY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

forestcityareahistoricalsociety.org

Calls a former Methodist Church home and showcases the immigrant history that settled in the area in the early 1900s to work in the Anthracite Coal industry. The FCAHS also hosts special performances and events throughout the year.

CLIFFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

cliffordtownshiphistoricalsociety.org

Presents guided tours of three venues on the third Sunday of each month, May through October, 1-4 p.m. Take a tour of the Baptist Church which dates back to 1817, Museum of Local History, and a renovated one-room schoolhouse, the Hoover School. Visit the Children's Garden, where kids can safely explore, located next to the Clifford Community Park, 119 Cemetery Street, Clifford.

ARTS





CHURCH STREET MARKETPLACE

158 Church St., Montrose, PA slantedartcooperative.square.site

This community cultural center is home to the Slanted Art Cooperative Gallery, the Reimel Centre for Performing Arts and Events, Venice to Madris Tapas & Wine Bar, Yoga by Patti, Art Classes & Workshops, and Special Events. Featured Artists' Receptions are held on the Third Friday of every month, as part of Third Weekend in Montrose events.

PINK ARROW ARTS

35 Pine St., Montrose, PA Tickets/Classes/Info: pinkarrowarts.org

Pink Arrow Arts, located at 35 Pine in downtown Montrose, hosts a monthly Breakfast with the Arts with featured speakers beginning April 13. In addition to the speaker series, Pink Arrow is also the site for workshops, events, Gallery exhibitions, bookstore and shop filled with unique gift items.





SUSQUEHANNA CO. LIBRARY SYSTEM

458 High School Rd., Montrose susqcolibrary.org

Branches are located in Montrose, Forest City, Hallstead-Great Bend, and Susquehanna Depot. Featuring public programs and events and a "Library of Things," including Birding Backpacks for your SusqCo outdoor adventures, American Girl doll discovery kits, guitars, blood pressure monitors, play and learn "PAL" packs, and special baking pans—perfect for your custom cakes! The Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association also hosts the annual Blueberry Festival on the Green in Montrose, Aug. 2-3.

ENDLESS MOUNTAINS THEATRE CO.

endlessmountainstheatreco.org

Founded in 1999, Endless Mountains
Theatre Company brings the excitement
of live theatre to the local stage. EMTC
has a full season of shows planned in 2024,
including the Savannah Sipping Society;
a Musical Revue & Cabaret; the original
comedy, Preppers; Haunted Stories for
the spooky season; and a Farndale
Christmas Carol.









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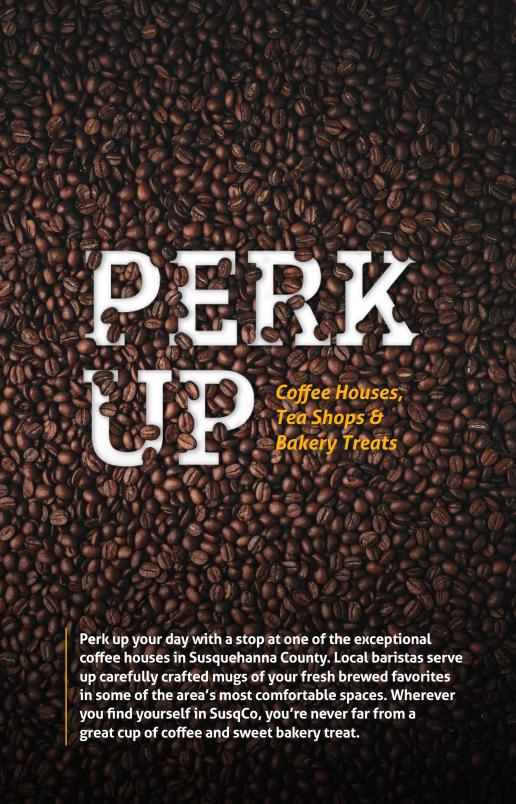
2021 - Best Mixed Media

Cloud Croft Studios and Tioga Arts Council, Owego, NY "Every Day Life Every Day Art" – Juried

2020 - People's Choice Award

Butternut Gallery & Second Story Books, Montrose, PA Focus, Juried Regional Exhibition

Schedule your visit to the Art Nest Gallery at the Farm at Johnson Pond
570-278-5088 • FB@TheFarmatJohnsonPond sonji@thefarmatjohnsonpond.com







ERIE & MAIN – SUSQUEHANNA DEPOT

Relax by one of two fireplaces surrounded by turn-of-the-century industrial charm at Erie & Main Coffee House. Baked goods, breakfast and lunch specials are available, as well as spectacularly-creative seasonal signature drinks—hot and iced—and one of the best cups of hot cocoa sure to warm you in the winter. Check out their Facebook page for food and drink specials and for special events like a "Late Night at the Coffee House."



Hours: Monday – Saturday 8-2 Sunday 8-Noon

LYDIA'S BAKE SHOP - MONTROSE

Freshly baked giant cookies taste even better with a cup of tea, cocoa or coffee. Lydia's shares their beautiful original brick-walled space with the delightfully eclectic offerings at Hometown Furniture. Grab a mug and a sweet treat and settle in at one of the window tables providing a grand view of downtown Montrose—including a stunning view of the Susquehanna County Courthouse from their 202 Church Street location.



Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9-6 Saturday 9-4





SusqCo's self-described "sassy" barista serves up a special "Montrose Blend" as the house roast and brews up drinks featuring an ever changing line-up of house-made flavored syrups. Find My Cuppa at their new South Main Street location and join one of the classes and learn to make pasta or tiramisu. Check the bakery case for the best fresh bagels, scones and other sweet treats—including offerings from vintage recipe books so the bakes are "just like Grandma made." My Cuppa Coffee's drink and lunch specials are posted each week on Facebook



Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8-4 Thursday 7-4 and Saturday 9-1



MOUNTAIN VIEW COFFEE HOUSE – CLIFFORD

Between Interstate 81 and Elk Mountain, you'll find the Mountain View Coffee House, with dine-in and grab-n-go food options. Say "yes" to the peppers in the Western Omelet Breakfast Sandwich or you can't miss with the Egg & Cheese with Pork Roll (OMG it's delicious!) on a croissant. You'll also want to try one of the pillow-soft iced cinnamon rolls (sized to share—but you don't have to) and served warm. All your favorite coffee bar classics and flavors are carefully crafted. Try out the bright and vibrant house specialty—a mug of hot, orange-cinnamon tea (also available iced).

Find the specials online!

Hours: Tuesday – Sunday 7-1



Tucked away on the edge of the woods—but not too far off the beaten path - is Saint Joe's Winery. Stop in for tastings, with wines available by the glass or bottle. Wine Slushies are also available, along with PA-brewed beers. Sample some of Rick's Ramblin' Raspberry—made with all raspberries and no grapes bringing the bold, fruit flavor to your glass. Also on the menu is Lindbergh's White—named for famed aviator Charles Lindbergh whose plane made an emergency landing in a nearby hayfield during a storm in 1927.

LUNA WINE & TABLE

2296 Valley View Rd., Franklin Forks 570.967.2185 lunawineandtable.com

Natural winemakers offer up small-batch red and white wine, aged mead, hard cider, perry, and craft wine cocktails with PA-made distilled spirits. The Amber and the Burnt Honey meads are aged five years, and made with regional real honey. Also on the premises is a plant-based restaurant. Reservations are suggested and call ahead for wine tasting availability. If you're in downtown Montrose, stop by Church Street Marketplace where you will find Luna's newest venture, Venice to Madrid Tapas and Wine Bar.

HIDDEN CREEK VINEYARD & WINERY

271 Carter Rd., Laceyville 272.255.3032

The charming Hidden Creek
Vineyard & Winery produces
handcrafted, award-winning wines
from Pennsylvania grapes and local
orchards. The winery offers tastings
amidst the serene surroundings.
The winery is available as a venue for
special occasions, events and benefits.
Make sure to try the Bluestone Wine—
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native to Susquehanna County.



Save the Date MAY 18, 2024

Downtown Montrose, Pa















TICKETS AVAILABLE AT MONTROSEWINEWALK.COM



GATES OPEN: VIPs 11:30AM • General Admission 1:00PM

WINERIES

LITTLE IRELAND BREWING CO.

1260 Main St., Susquehanna 570.853.4644

This craft brewery, located in the heart of Susquehanna Depot, offers up a family-friendly atmosphere in a full service restaurant. Check out the Facebook page to see what's new on tap, weekly food specials and the line-up of live entertainment.

THE BARR AT RED ROCK

33288 SR 171, Susquehanna 570.860.6066 eatredrockbbg.com

Conveniently located in Red Rock BBQ, the BARR brings you carefully crafted beers and seltzers, along with a selection of PA-brewed beers. Try a refreshing ale, rich porter, smooth lager or savor the complex flavor of an IPA. Catch a live performance or test your wits during trivia night.

2 DOGZ AND A GUY BREWING

191 Main St., Great Bend 570.860.2012 2dogzandaguybrewing.com

Amazing craft beer and a friendly taproom atmosphere awaits at 2 Dogz and a Guy Brewing. The tap list is updated regularly on the website, along with special events happening at the brewery and the food menu. Prefer a mixed drink? Check out the handcrafted cocktails and wine list and scheduled entertainment.

COUNTRY TRAILS BREWING CO.

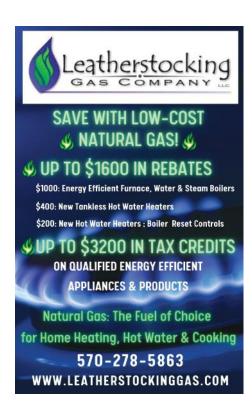
SR 706, Montrose countrytrailsbrewing.com

Opening Spring 2024! Visit Susquehanna County's newest brewery located near Heart Lake, just east of Montrose.

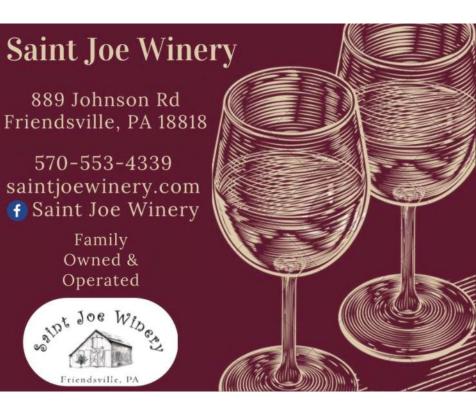
ENDLESS BREWING

20610 SR 29, Montrose 570.967.0985

A few miles north of Montrose, Endless Brewing brings the beer and cheer with their ever-evolving tap list. Sample the array in a flight or by the pint and take home a growler filled with your favorite. Check out their Facebook page for the to find out what's on tap, as well as the delicious food offerings and Sunday Funday brunch specials.









OUTDOOR

ELK MOUNTAIN SKI RESORT

344 Elk Mountain Rd., Union Dale elkskier.com

180 Acres. 27 Trails. Named "Best Overall Mountain" in the Mid-Atlantic Region—Elk Mountain Ski Resort utilizes advanced snowmaking techniques that extends the season on the slopes with perfect powder. Elk Mountain introduced its tree nursery program in the 1970s and is committed to maintaining the natural terrain of the region. Check the website for hours, up-to-date ski conditions, lift tickets, packages and passes. From Green Circle to Black Diamond, skip the crowds in the Poconos and Vermont and experience the Elk Mountain difference.

FLORENCE SHELLY PRESERVE

State Route 171, Thompson nature.org

Immerse yourself in a biodiverse habitat and lush natural beauty of the 380-acre Florence Shelly Wetlands Preserve. Fabulous opportunities for birding in the fields and woodlands, including a glacial pond surrounded by a floating bog. A boardwalk begins near the parking lot, winds through the hemlock forest with the hike paying off at the marsh overlook. Guide sheets for the trail are available at the trailhead just off Stack Road. Dogs are not allowed at the preserve.

ENDLESS MOUNTAINS HERITAGE REGION

602 Main St., Ste. 7, Towanda • emheritage.org

Water, wheel and wander with the Endless Mountains Heritage Region. EMHR serves as the water trail manager for the upper North Branch Susquehanna River Water Trail—the 2023 Pennsylvania River of the Year. EMHR hosts kayaking sojourns on the river. Join in the fun for the Dam Removal Celebration Paddle planned for June 1 in Susquehanna Depot. The Endless Mountains Gravel Bikepacking Loop winds its way over 400 miles through four counties—including SusqCo! Join the loop at any point and plot your route with the map available at emheritage.org.





















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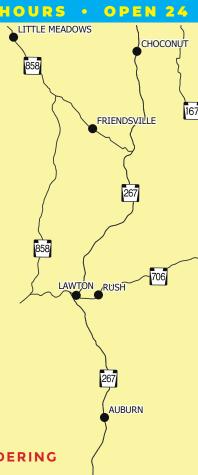
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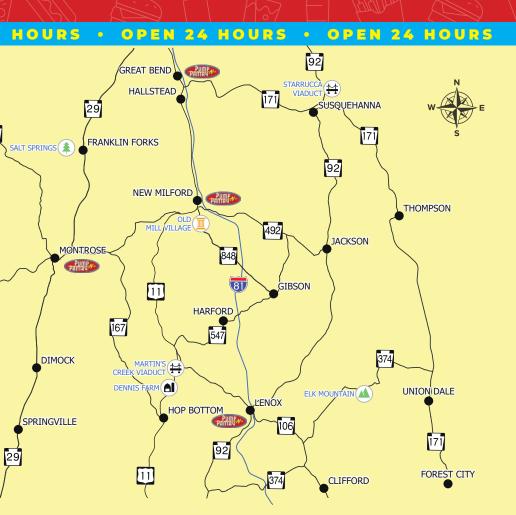


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WOODBOURNE PRESERVE

State Route 29, Dimock elrose.org

The Woodbourne Forest and Wildlife Preserve has been acquired by the local Edward L. Rose Land Conservancy. The Preserve is a 630-acre property, open to the public, with a well-marked parking area and includes old growth forest, transitional fields, a large pond and a beautiful wetland with a viewing platform for birders. With its diverse environment. and over six miles of maintained trails it is a hiker's and naturalist's delight. The Nature Conservancy, a national land trust, became the owner of the Woodbourne Preserve in 1956 when it was donated by the Cope family with the stipulation that it be maintained as a preserve in perpetuity. It was the first property acquired by The Nature Conservancy in Pennsylvania. The preserve continues to be managed with help from a committed volunteer stewardship committee that has been involved in the operations of the preserve since its inception. The dedicated committee of local citizens assists in maintaining the Preserve and its trails, and implementing environmental education programs for local schools, scout troops, surrounding community groups and other visitors.

RAIL-TRAIL COUNCIL OF NEPA

948 North Main St., Union Dale neparailtrails.org

Old railroad beds have taken on a new life with the 38 miles of improved trails managed by the Rail-Trail Council of NEPA, Inc. The trail offers a safe way to experience nature. The D&H Rail Trail was named Pennsylvania's 2021 Trail of the Year! The D&H travels from the Simpson Viaduct through Forest City and northward to Union Dale. Find the Rail-Trail office, the caboose and informational signage at the Rail-Trail office in Union Dale. Continuing north, the D&H takes hikers and bikers to the historic Starrucca Viaduct in Lanesboro and onward to the New York border In 2022, the improved Stevens Point Trailhead opened taking hikers and bikers along that section of trail to Luciana Park in Lanesboro and a beautiful view of the Starrucca Viaduct. The Rail-Trail Council controls the first 8-miles of the O&W from Simpson up to the Stillwater Dam. Hike to Panther's Bluff, a 1,500-acre conservation area, from the O&W's original railbed surface. The Endless Mountains Trail is 10-miles from Alford to Montrose and is considered among the first rail-trails in the United States. A trailhead marker, along with the easiest access point is located on Grow Avenue, near the Pump N Pantry convenience store.

SALT SPRINGS STATE PARK

Silver Creek Rd., Franklin Forks • friendsofsaltspringspark.org

• Friends of Salt Springs Park

Climb three waterfalls, explore an old growth hemlock forest, make a wish at "Penny Rock," pitch a tent under the stars, and catch a environmental or historical program at Salt Springs Park. About half of the 842-acres is a state park—the only state park in the Commonwealth managed by a non-profit organization. The remaining lands are owned by the Friends of Salt Springs Park with the public invited to enjoy the streams and woodlands, historic building, cottages and picnic grounds. There are nearly 15 miles of hiking trails. The Overlook Trail is ADA accessible, winding through the forest and connecting to the Hemlock Trail near the waterfalls observation platform. The park's namesake—a bubbling salt spring—is located at the base of the gorge. Public programs are held at the park throughout the year. Check the Friends of Salt Springs Park website for the most up-to-date list of guided hikes, workshops and events.







APRII.

6: TROUT SEASON OPENING DAY

Check out fishandboat.com for information on licensing, daily limits, and regulations!

MAY

3-5: ENDLESS MTS. THEATRE CO. PRESENTS THE SAVANNAH SIPPING SOCIETY

Reimel Centre, 158 Church St., Montrose, PA

Find Endless Mountains Theatre Company on Facebook for more info on auditions, tickets and showtimes.

18: MONTROSE WINE FESTIVAL

Downtown Montrose, PA

Wineries, cideries, breweries, food, live entertainment benefits United Way of Susquehanna County, unitedwayofsusquehannacounty.org

JUNE

1: PADDLE THE NORTH BRANCH OF THE SUSOUEHANNA RIVER WITH ENDLESS MOUNTAINS HERITAGE REGION

Ira Reynolds Riverfront Park, Susquehanna Depot, PA

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of EMHR, the removal of the dam from the river, and Pennsylvania's 2023 River of the Year! Info: emheritage.org

12-16: VIETNAM VETERANS TRAVELING WALL

Hallstead American Legion Post 357, New York Ave., Hallstead, PA

Sponsored by ALA Unit 357. There is no fee charged to visit the Wall.

15: FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Salt Springs State Park

Info: friendsofsaltspringspark.org

29: JULY 4 HOLIDAY WEEKEND CELEBRATION

Salt Springs State Park

Music, campfire, hikes. Celebrate Dad in one of SusqCo's most beautiful places. Info: friendsofsaltspringspark.org

JULY

4: INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Downtown Montrose

5k & 10k Road Races; HUGE Patriotic Parade, vendors, chicken barbecue, food, fireworks. Info: montrosepajuly4th.com

13: SALT SPRINGS STATE PARK BAT COUNT

Salt Springs State Park

Help monitor the health of Pennsylvania's summer bat colonies at Salt Springs State Park friendsofsaltspringspark.org

17-20: SUSOUEHANNA **HOMETOWN DAYS**

Erie Blvd., Susquehanna Depot

Rides, food, games, entertainment, vendors, parade, and Dan Wolfe Memorial 5K Run/ Walk. Find the Susquehanna Community Development Association on Facebook for more information.

25-27: CLIFFORD TOWNSHIP **VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. PICNIC**

1035 SR 106, Clifford

Food, games, rides, parade, fireworks, chicken barbecue.

26-28: ENDLESS MTS. THEATRE CO. MUSICAL REVUE & CABARET

Reimel Centre, 158 Church St., Montrose, PA

Find Endless Mountains Theatre Company on Facebook for more info on auditions, tickets and showtimes.





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AUGUST

2-3: BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

Montrose, PA on the Green

Breakfast served both mornings; used book tent, bake sale; crafts, food, games for kids.

Info: susqcolibrary.org

12-17: 164TH HARFORD FAIR

Fair Hill Rd., New Milford

Rides, games, animals, entertainment, truck & tractor pulls, demolition derby. THE BEST WEEK OF SUMMER!

Info/advanced tickets: harfordfair.com

17: TASTE OF THE ENDLESS MOUNTAINS BEER & WINE FEST

Salt Springs State Park

Come experience the best offerings from regional breweries and wineries.

Info: friendsofsaltspringspark.org

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SEPTEMBER

7: CLIFFORD PARKFEST

Vendors, Entertainment, Food, Carriage Rides. Come explore the walking trails and all Clifford Township Park has to offer visitors! Info: cliffordtownship.org

13-15: ENDLESS MOUNTAINS THEATRE CO. PRESENTS THE ORIGINAL COMEDY, PREPPERS, ON STAGE

Reimel Centre, 158 Church St., Montrose, PA

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15: SALT SPRINGS PARK FALL PICNIC

Salt Springs State Park

Bid farewell to summer and welcome the fabulous fall at Salt Springs State Park.

Info: friendsofsaltspringspark.org

21: WOOFSTOCK 2024!

Salt Springs State Park

Annual Peace, Love & Drool Celebration held at Salt Springs State Park benefiting Susquehanna County's no-kill animal shelter, True Friends Animal Welfare Center. Vendors, entertainment, food. Info: truefriendsawc.com

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OCTOBER

12-13: ELK MOUNTAIN FALL FESTIVAL

Elk Mountain Ski Resort

Artisan and Craft Vendors, Festive Food, Scenic Chair Life Rides, Hayrides, Shuttle Parking. **Info**: **elkskier.com**

12-14: ARTISTS' OPEN HOUSE STUDIO TOUR WEEKEND

Self-guided tour around Susquehanna County as resident artists open their studios to visitors. Artists on the tour work in various media, including paint, sculpture, fiber arts, glass and more. Info: artiststour.com

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NOVEMBER

25: DEER SEASON, REGULAR FIREARMS OPENING DAY

Check out the Pennsylvania Game Commission website, pgc.pa.gov for information on licensing and state regulations.

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DECEMBER

6-8: CHRISTMAS IN MONTROSE

Montrose, PA

Three days of family-friendly events and attractions in PA's premiere small town holiday destination! Vendors, 5k Run/Walk, 'Taste of Montrose' tours, Holiday Light Parade, Community Chorale Concert, Shopping, Games, Photos with Santa, Carriage Rides, Entertainment and More! Info: christmasinmontrose.com



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Designed as a place for people to gather, Camp Bluestone, offers a vacation and event venue experience nestled among the rolling hills in Thompson—just minutes from Elk Mountain Ski Resort and the Rail-Trail. The space is the perfect venue to host an intimate wedding, corporate gathering, family vacation or romantic getaway.

The pavilion, along with the fire pit, serve as a common area at the Camp. "People come and meet around the fire pit, whether they are traveling with a group or individually. It's this really cool thing that happens—the old-fashioned concept of telling stories around the fire," says Camp Bluestone owner Lisa Devaney.

It's the type of meeting place Lisa and her husband, Bob, wanted to bring about when they began to renovate the property. When Lisa was a young child, her family bought a house trailer in the area—a place where they could come enjoy the quiet countryside. "And then, when our kids were born, we put a house on the same piece of property and raised our kids here," she



said. "They were literally catching frogs in the pond."

During a 2017 trip to New York's Finger Lake Region, the Devaney's were inspired by a barn venue where cheese and wine were being served. Before they even returned home from the weekend, they had made a deal to buy the 25-year abandoned camp near their home. "It was a hot mess," Lisa says. Work and renovations began the next year. "We decided it shouldn't just be a rental place, that it should also be an event venue. The cabins—now four on-site—were finished one at a time. "People just never stopped coming," she notes.

For those looking to experience the area without busy weekend crowds, mid-week rentals at Camp Bluestone are available. "It's perfect for retirees, work-from-home, or homeschool families looking to explore the area," Lisa adds.

Camp Bluestone is rated a "Guest Favorite," on AirBnB, a rating the booking site describes as "one of the 'most-loved' places to stay." The listings are loaded with top reviews. One visitor writes: "It was the perfect getaway spot! Quiet, clean, quaint with a beautiful view. The night sky was the icing on the cake."

Lisa says, "We sit on top of the mountain. Our view and our sunsets are unbelievable—it's just beautiful!"

In addition to being a getaway destination, Camp Bluestone has the additional focus of serving as a wedding and special event venue. "It's a DIY wedding," Lisa says. "You rent the space and we supply you with the table, chairs, basic accessories, and planning help. You have the ability to do what you please. Our wedding couples are creative people, and our philosophy is that we are in the business of accommodations, but wouldn't it be cool to give people the option to get married without mortgaging their life."

"It's appealing to couples that they get to spend the whole weekend there. People love the idea that it's not a five-hour event." There are two wedding packages available: one for an intimate gathering of up to 50 guests, and the other for parties up to 200. Packages include a wedding planning portal, as well as helpful tips for ceremony ideas, vendors, and additional lodging.

Lisa likes the collaborative nature of getting to know the other businesses in the area. Couples that choose a Camp Bluestone wedding have come from neighboring counties, but also from Philadelphia or Vermont. "Sometimes people who grew up in this area come back here to have their wedding," she says. "That's kind of cool."

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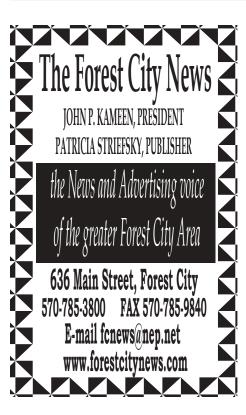






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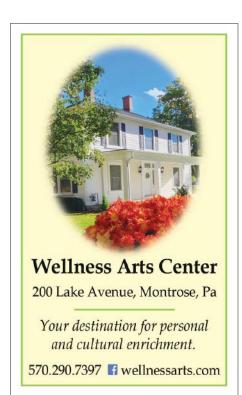




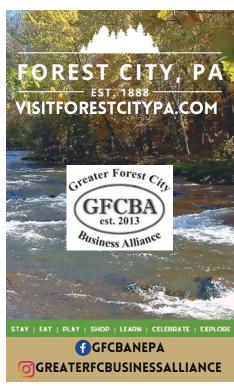
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