

## REVIVIFICATION

### MAKER'S LAB PROVIDES SECOND CHANCE FOR INJURED ROOSTER

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – A Sullivan County rooster has been given a second chance at a normal life thanks to the genius and technology available at the Maker's Lab and Innovation Incubator in Hurleyville.

According to Mark McNamara, the Maker's Lab's Director, the project originated when the Lab was contacted by Cornell Cooperative Extension. A local 4H group had a rooster that had lost both of its feet and most of one of its legs after perching on a metal pole during the freezing weather. The rooster survived the amputation, but its quality of life had been severely diminished.

The rooster had compensated for the loss of the entire lower portion of its left leg and its right foot by adopting an odd posture.

"He crouched down, putting his weighted center close to the ground so that he could balance on his stumps," Mr. McNamara explained.

Inspired by a similar



PHOTO PROVIDED  
Neil the rooster has to learn to stand as well as walk again with new prosthetics designed and fabricated by the Maker's Lab and Innovation Incubator in Hurleyville.

project undertaken at the University of Calgary three years ago, the 4Hers asked the Maker's Lab to design and fabricate prosthetics for their rooster, whom they had taken to calling Neil.

In Calgary, a rooster had lost its legs to frostbite and had been reduced to hop-

ping around. Mr. McNamara explained, until veterinarians at the University of Calgary developed the prosthetics using a 3-D printer. Mr. McNamara was certain his team could do the same thing for Neil, and could improve on the Calgary effort.

Mr. McNamara said the

project was made more challenging by the fact that it was "not possible to communicate with the patient."

Nonetheless, designs were created and prototypes printed. A number of attempts were made to get it right, with some of the designs working better than others.

"We are on iteration number eight, and still working to get it right," Mr. McNamara said. "The rooster (Neil) does not try to shake the prosthetics off, which was the problem they were having with the Calgary chicken."

Mr. McNamara said the rooster has had to learn to stand upright again in order to fully utilize his new feet.

"Our last iteration are training prosthetics," he said. "We hope to, over time and with angle adjustments on the prosthetics, encourage Neil to change his standing posture in order to be able to use his final feet."

It's been a long time coming, but for Neil, a new life awaits.

### THE MAKER MERLIN MIRACLE

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE – One foggy, drizzly afternoon in August, an uncommon bird flopped around in the wet grass outside the Maker's Lab and Innovation Incubator (formerly known as the Hurleyville Makers Lab) on Main Street.

A Merlin falcon had crashed into one of the many windows of the building and appeared anxious, injured, and very out of place to people passing by on the sidewalk.

Nearby, Alvin Lopez was working on a rock wall and saw the bird on the ground, moving awkwardly and trying to fly. He called his friend, Brian Bunce, who works with birds of prey and is an expert falconer who lives in Swan Lake. At the same time, Maker's Lab staff called the nearest DEC wildlife rehabilitator for raptors. Missy Runyan of the Friends of the Feathered and Furry Wildlife Center answered the call and was soon on her way from Hunter, NY, to rescue the little raptor.

Merlins, once known as Pigeon Hawks, are small, fierce falcons that use surprise attacks to bring down small songbirds and shorebirds, which make up most of their diet. Each Merlin eats as many as 900 birds a year.

Merlins are compact birds of prey, about ten inches in height, with a two-foot wingspan. Like other falcons, they typically engage in active flight, with short, powerful, piston-like wing beats. Described as true thunderbolts on long, pointed wings, Merlins are renowned for



PHOTO BY PETER DOLLARD  
Expert falconer Brian Bunce with the injured Merlin found in Hurleyville in August.

their boldness, and will readily assail even a much larger eagle that has strayed into its airspace.

Since many small birds are nesting in the eaves of the Maker's Lab this season, the young adult female was probably hunting when she was injured. A little internet research revealed that Merlins are only in our area during migration, although several birding websites indicate they have begun nesting in towns and cities in recent years.

Birders have reported increased Merlin nests in Sullivan County this summer. While the Merlin falcon is no longer an endangered species, they are considered to be Climate Endangered, according to the Audubon Birds and Climate report. Climate endangered means the bird may lose over 50 per cent of its habitat range by the year 2050. Few Merlins live to be five years or more, in part because they often collide with cars, buildings, and trees, according to the

Cornell Lab of Ornithology website. Birds crash into windows because they see reflections of vegetation or see through the glass to potted plants or vegetation on the other side.

Protecting the little falcon was a priority while waiting for her to be rescued. She was hunkering in the grass behind the Main Street Barber Shop and appeared to have her talons caught in the feathers of her injured right wing. Mr. Lopez, and Joe Rausch, Carpentry Foreman for The Center for Discovery, patiently coaxed her into a medium sized cardboard box. The Maker Merlin resisted as fiercely as she could until the flaps of the box were secured. She quickly calmed down inside the dark box.

Mr. Bunce, the falconer soon arrived, and moved the boxed bird indoors, where he was able to skillfully handle and examine her. He estimated that her injuries were not life threatening, but told us she needed x-rays and veterinary

care.

Ms Runyan, the rehabilitator, arrived and carried the makeshift birdcage to her van. She first took the Merlin to a nearby vet for x-rays and examination, and then to the wildlife center in Hunter.

Later that day, Ms. Runyan informed us that the Maker Merlin had a shoulder / wing luxation and a concussion-like head injury from the crash. Many birds die from internal bleeding or bruising, especially on the brain. Ms. Runyan was sure the little falcon would have starved without proper care, and thanked us for helping with the rescue.

As the weeks went by, we wondered how our Maker Merlin was progressing. Would she ever fly again or hunt for prey? Ms. Runyan answered our calls and sent pictures, informing us that the falcon's head trauma had caused the talons on her right foot to curl under temporarily, and her wing had to be taped to her body to keep it immobile. The bird was very feisty, Ms. Runyan said, and even though she was handled carefully, she managed to take a swipe at Ms. Runyan's hand with her talons once she was feeling better.

The best news of all was that after two-and-a-half weeks, she had healed completely!

On August 28, the Maker Merlin was released by NY DEC officer Jared Woodin on a private road somewhere along the Sullivan and Delaware County line. Along with a younger Merlin that had been rescued in Delaware County, the Maker Merlin flew swiftly out into the sunshine.

### THOMPSON ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE PROJECT MARKS ANOTHER MILESTONE

*Hurleyville Will Soon Get Marker*

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – The ongoing project to commemorate the one-room schoolhouses in the Town of Thompson achieved another milestone last month, as the first of the historic markers commissioned as part of the project was dedicated in South Woods.

The one-room schoolhouse on the corner of Anawana Lake Road in Hurleyville is one of the schools being memorialized, and the historic marker for it will be installed sometime in the near future. Plans for the installation of the marker and a ceremony marking its placement were incomplete at press time.

In a ceremony held on Tuesday, September 11, committee members working on this project for the past two years were joined by Thompson Supervisor William Rieber, Town Board members Scott Mace, Peter Briggs, and Melinda Meddaugh, and a number of former



PHOTO PROVIDED  
Among the attendees at the unveiling of the historic marker for the South Woods School were (l to r) committee member Paul Lounsbury, Thompson Town Board member Melinda Meddaugh, committee co-chair Gordon MacAdam, Town Board members Peter Briggs and Scott Mace, committee member Patrice Chester, Thompson Supervisor William Rieber, committee member Judy Wolkoff, and Thompson Town Historian and committee member Allan Wolkoff.

students and their relatives and friends, to unveil the plaque installed at the former site of the South Woods School.

Committee spokesman Gordon MacAdam said that the research "on the 20 schools that existed in the township between the 1830s and 1950s is now complete," and that seven plaques, provided through grants from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, have already been delivered to the Town of Thompson. Mr. Mac-

Adam said the remainder of those seven, including Hurleyville, will be installed later this year.

Mr. MacAdam said the committee, in partnership with the Town of Thompson, has just completed 12 more applications for grants to provide plaques for the additional schools throughout the town. If the grant funding is approved as anticipated, those plaques will be manufactured this winter, and installed during the summer of 2019.

Besides Mr. MacAdam, who founded and co-chairs the committee with his brother Henry, other committee members include Suzanne Cecil, Mary Ann Drobysh Berens, Patrice Chester, Thompson Town Historian Al Wolkoff, Judy Wolkoff, and Paul Lounsbury.

Mr. MacAdam said a website chronicling the research is being constructed, and a book about the project is expected to be completed in 2019.

### MAKER'S LAB REMADE Affiliate of The Center for Discovery to Provide Design Services and More

HURLEYVILLE – The Hurleyville Maker's Lab has been remade, sort of.

The newly renamed Maker's Lab and Innovation Incubator still provides state-of-the-art equipment, attracting makers of all kinds – from engineers and inventors, to artists and entrepreneurs – creating an incubator for new ideas and the development of products, based on the principals of universal design. The facility is staffed with experienced professionals and is well-appointed with high-tech equipment to support design, rapid prototyping, and fabrication

capabilities. The Maker's Lab includes a computer lab with a variety of design software, 3D printers, CNC router, laser cutter, media arts equipment, wood and metal shops, ceramics studio, and more. Additionally, the Maker's Lab and Innovation Incubator collaborates and partners with The Center for Discovery's education program and local school districts on a variety of projects and programs.

Among its many other features, the facility will now offer Design/Build Services, where individuals will be able to choose

from a variety of services including new product development, custom signs, custom furniture and more. Additionally, the Maker's Lab will offer Open Studio Opportunities for the broader community to access the facility. Open Studio Opportunities will be offered to the public on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open Studio pricing is \$20 per 3-hour session, and \$200 per month for all Open Studio sessions.

The Innovation Incuba-

tor arm of the Maker's Lab will continue to collaborate with The Center for Discovery in the development of assistive technologies and devices for people with a broad range of complex conditions. One such example which was recently a collaborative effort between the Maker's Lab and The Center is the indieGo – an innovative power mobility device that turns almost any manual wheelchair into a power wheelchair, instantly.

For more information on Maker's Lab services and opportunities, please visit [www.makerslabincubator.org](http://www.makerslabincubator.org).

# The Inquiring Photographer

by Heather Gibson



Q. “What is your all-time favorite Halloween Costume, worn as a kid or made for someone else?”



**Hailey Merklin**  
“My all-time favorite costume was the Pumpkin Princess. I was 6, and my mom combined a pumpkin and princess. We had lived on an orchard when I was younger and I loved playing in the fields and visiting my grandmother down at the little store. So it was a very fitting costume for me!”

## George Gibson



“My favorite costume was the very first one I made for my daughter Hailey and her best friend Harper. I made matching baby lobsters and wheeled them down Main Street in a lobster box. It was special because it was the first costume I made for my daughter; just like my mom would make for me and my brothers.”



**Briana Gonzalez**  
“One of my favorite Halloween costumes was when I dressed up as a turtle. The reason it is my favorite memory is because Kearstin, my sister, and I wore matching outfits. I honestly don’t remember who made them for us, but we looked really cute.”

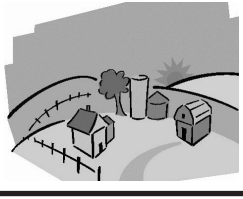
## Mariann McKay Bury

“My favorite costume was when I was Mother Goose. It was made out of paper machete by George Gibson and my Dad. It sat on my red Ryder wagon and it was huge! I was proud to receive a dollar coin!”



# FROM THE FARM

by Eve Springwood Minson



As temperatures warm up and days lengthen, the seasons’ harvest rolls in with arugula, broccoli, lettuce, garlic scapes, kale, chard, snap peas, scallions and other early veggies gracing our kitchens and plates. Garden tasks revolve around fertilizing, weeding and watering when it’s not raining, but the best part is the delicious, healthy meals we can finally enjoy, along with gorgeous bouquets for our homes!

My thoughts turn to all the dishes I love to cook this time of year. Included in my repertoire are strawberry jam, spring soups, pestos and wonderful vegetarian dishes, saving extra greens and strawberries for smoothies and the winter freezer. Baked kale chips, Italian and Asian dishes, soups and amazing salads are what are on the menu for me, filling me with the finest nutrients available – from the backyard to my belly in minutes.

It’s also time to harvest herbs to dry for winter use - oregano, parsley, thyme, rosemary, sum-

mer savory and sage are but a few herbs we can put into a food dehydrator or bundle up and hang in a warm attic or kitchen for drying so we can enjoy it in winter. Lavender flowers are heavenly and dry well, along with chamomile and mint for tea. Mint is also delicious fresh in iced tea and cocktails.

Summer crops like blueberries, tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants are a little slow coming in this year because of cool temperatures but soon we will enjoy their bounty as well. I try to preserve the summer’s harvest in any way I can. Tomatoes can be oven-dried or made into sauce and canned, peppers can be sliced fresh and frozen for future use, blueberries frozen or made into jam, various dishes and soups can be cooked and frozen in containers to be enjoyed on a cold winters’ night. Yum! I hope you enjoy every bite. You’ve worked hard for it. And me? I’m headed into the kitchen!

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# Hamlet Happenings

HURLEYVILLE – Sullivan First meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Hurleyville Firehouse. The meetings are open to anyone who is interested in the revitalization and beautification of Hurleyville.

For more information about Hurleyville and Hurleyville-Sullivan First, please visit the group on Facebook or at [www.hurleyvillenyc.com](http://www.hurleyvillenyc.com).

The Catskill Readers’ Theatre is beginning the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Woodstock Festival early. The group will perform “The Sizzlin’ 60’s,” an exploration of all aspects of the decade...music, movies, literature, government and world affairs. The program, sponsored by the Sullivan County Historical Society, will be presented at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 27, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 28. Admission is free. Donations are welcome.

Entertainers include Albee Bockman, Ellen Pavloff, Sally Gladden, Cookie House, Peter Natashi and Constance Slater. Bunny Woloszczak is the stage manager.

Please call Sally at 845-434-0209 or the Sullivan County Historical Society at 845-434-8044 for more information.

“History Maker” and “History Preserver” awards are presented by the Sullivan County Historical Society every year. The honorees for these awards personify the stated mission of the society...the preservation of Sullivan County history for the enlightenment of future generations.

Usually, the recipient of the “History Maker” award has had a long, notable and accomplished career. Corporal Russell D. Sprague died in the trenches

in France in 1917 and never had that opportunity. A native of Parkville, he was 19 years old and the first boy from Sullivan County to lose his life in World War I.

The Sullivan County Historical Society has honored Mr. Sprague’s patriotism and sacrifice by naming him the “2018 History Maker.”

Jackie Horner gained fame and notoriety as a consultant for the 1987 film, “Dirty Dancing,” which was inspired by the resorts in the Catskills. She continued her renowned career as a dancer and a dance instructor in Sullivan County for more than 50 years. The Sullivan County Historical Society has honored Jackie Horner by naming her the “2018 History Preserver.”

Please call 845-434-8044 for information on the Annual Awards Presentation Dinner, which will be held on Sunday, October 21 at Bernie’s Holiday Restaurant in Rock Hill.

Volunteers operate the museum through numerous activities including working on research, creating exhibits, caring for artifacts and helping visitors. Anyone interested in exploring genealogy and the history of life in Sullivan County can contact the museum for information on volunteering.

The museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Please visit [www.scnyhistory.org](http://www.scnyhistory.org) for more information on the Sullivan County Historical Society and the Sullivan County Museum. You can also visit the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum on Facebook.

The Hurleyville United Methodist Church will host its Annual Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, October 27. Volunteers at the

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church will begin serving at 4:30 p.m. The price for adults and all take-outs is \$12. The price for children is \$6. There is no charge for children under 5.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the church is open each Thursday (except the first Thursday of each month) from 4 – 6 p.m. The volunteers at the food pantry also provide free clothing for families in need on the last Thursday of each month.

Volunteers at the church host the Community Lunch Program. Dates for the program will be announced on the church’s page on Facebook.

The church hosts a Youth Group on Fridays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Young people are invited to join in a variety of activities including board games, trivia, movie nights, arts and crafts.

A Bible study group is held at the church on every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Please call Katrina at 845-436-7942 for more information or if you can help with any of these activities.

The members of Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance (CHNA) continue to follow developments in the lawsuit filed by Gan Eden Estates against the Town of Thompson and the

Town of Thompson Planning Board.

The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) has postponed a decision on Gan Eden Estate’s application to draw 4.6 million gallons a month from the aquifer for use as the public water supply for the development.

Visit CHNA at [www.columbiabil.org](http://www.columbiabil.org) or on Facebook to learn how you can help to protect your community.

Enjoy a tasty lunch or a delicious dinner at Frankie and Johnny’s Presents Nardi’s in Hurleyville on any Wednesday in October and you’ll help support the Hurleyville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

The Nardi family will donate a portion of the proceeds from every meal served...eat in or take out...on each Wednesday in October to the Ladies’ Auxiliary.

Frankie and Johnny’s Presents Nardi’s, on Main Street in Hurleyville, is open Wednesday through Monday for lunch and dinner.

Please call MariJane Conklin, 845-701-3176, for more information on the Hurleyville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Visit Hurleyville at [www.hurleyvillenyc.com](http://www.hurleyvillenyc.com).

# FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



Autumn is defined by the Earth’s orbit around the sun, which begins the equinox. This year it falls on September 23. Typically we think of ‘Fall’ as the North American version of the word ‘Autumn’, but it was in widespread usage in England until relatively recently. Historically, until about 1500, Fall was called “harvest” because of the “harvest moon” that occurs close to the autumn equinox. Before cities had electricity, the bright light of the harvest moon was essential for harvesting the farmers’ late year crops. Originally a shortening of the phrase fall of the leaf, the phrase was common in England in the 17th century. The word autumn entered English from the French l’automne and didn’t become common usage until the 18th century.

**The days get shorter**  
The word equinox comes from the Latin equi (meaning equal) and nox (meaning night) accounting for the equinox

marking one of two days in the year when day and night are of equal length. We often notice the nights begin to start earlier from this point, as after the Autumn equinox, the nights are longer than the day, until this is reversed at the Spring equinox.

**A date for your diary – September 24, 2303**

Generally speaking the autumn equinox always falls on either September 22 or 23, but not always. Because the Gregorian calendar is not quite in perfect symmetry with the Earth’s orbit, the autumn equinox will very occasionally fall on September 24. This last happened in 1931 and will next happen in 2303.

**Trees prepare for winter**

One of the most stunning signs of autumn is the turning color of the leaves. The shorter days are a sign for the trees to begin to prepare for winter.

**The chemistry of color**  
Chlorophyll is the chemical which makes tree leaves green

and as the weather gets colder, the chlorophyll declines and other chemicals colors become more prominent in the leaves. The other chemicals responsible are types of Flavonoids, Carotenoids, and Anthocyanins. These are responsible for the vibrant reds, oranges, and yellows of autumn. The trees in the forest during the summer were working hard to keep you cool. Trees use sunlight to convert water and carbon dioxide into sugar, this is called photosynthesis. In the fall the leaves take a break from photosynthesis. The colors red, orange, and yellow in fall foliage are actually there but not visible in the leaves all year.

**People born in autumn live longer**

A study in the Journal of Aging Research found that babies born during the autumn months

are more likely to live to 100 than those born during the rest of the year. The study found that 30 per cent of US centenarians born during 1880-1895 were born in the autumn months.

**Persephone’s return**

Persephone was the Greek goddess of vegetation, especially grain. In Greek mythology, autumn began when Persephone was abducted by Hades to be the Queen of the Underworld. In distress, Persephone’s mother, Demeter (the goddess of the harvest), caused all the crops on Earth to die until her daughter was allowed to return, marking spring.

**Monarch Butterflies**

The monarch butterflies fly south in fall and fly north in the spring. The butterflies reach speeds of 12-25 miles per hour and they are the only insects that migrate up to 2,500 miles.

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# The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville

by Jane Harrison



My favorite month is finally here! My cats have started eating like I haven’t fed them in days. The comforter and quilts have come out and the winter-y clothes are hung outside to air.

And pumpkin everything: The Daniel Pierce Library’s 33rd annual Giant Pumpkin Party and Children’s Parade kicks off October on Saturday, October 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a morning parade complete with floats. Then the parade proceeds to the Grahamsville Fairgrounds on Route 55 where the real fun begins...pumpkin decorating, children in costume, and of course, food. This seems like it will be a wonderful day for children.

With the cooperation of the Old Dutch Church in Kingston, Theatre on the Road will be presenting the Living History Cemetery Tours every Saturday in October at 7 p.m. The troupe transports one back in time through living theatre, telling the stories of those who lived in Kingston from the 1600s through the early 1900s. I’m not going to miss this one! Tickets are \$15 for adults and can be purchased on their website: [www.theatreontheroad.com](http://www.theatreontheroad.com).

In September, I went to two most amazing events. On September 1 and 2, the Makers Market was held in the barn at The Farmhouse Project. As it is described, it is ‘two city boys renovating a 217 year old farm house in Upstate New York (Caldicoon). Through their blog, one can follow their journey. The Makers Market was an experiment, I think, to bring vendors together under the roof of a renovated barn, offer music outside (MIZ and Little Sparrow performed), covered hay bales for seating to listen to the music and some of the finest upscale artists showing their wares.

This was not a flea market, but reminded me more of a juried craft show. Weavers, jewelry makers, innovative furniture makers, a mosaic artist, a quilter, a booth featuring only hand-made wooden spoons, and many more, all of extraordinary quality. They expected maybe a hundred people. By the time I left, an hour and a half after I arrived on the first day, the small parking lot was full and cars were parked on both sides of the road for a quarter of a mile! If they hold this event again next year, I highly recommend you make the trip

The second was right in Bethel at the Catskill Distillery: The first ever Catskill Fiber Festival. I found it very refreshing, with all the character of the larger Fiber Festivals on a smaller scale. There were weaving and spinning demonstrations, yarns and fibers galore! All of this and Hurleyville’s own Fiber on Main represented by Annie Cadden. I sincerely hope this also comes back next year and remains relatively small, as the larger festivals turn off many fiber artists because of the claustrophobic crush. And the best part? I got to pet an alpaca (and a goat named Violet)!

After being told upon meeting my first one ever,

that they didn’t like being petted, this guy came right up to me. Then his friend came over. Alpaca petting overload ensued. A young girl, part of the farm that raised them, told me that it depends on their personality and how they are raised. I wonder if this also affects the quality of their hair (wool? fleece?), being treated as sentient beings or as commodities....hmmm.

**For October:**

**Every Monday**  
Dutch’s Open Mike: 205 Rock Hill Dr., Rock Hill, 7 p.m.

**Tuesdays**

Every Tuesday: Odd Tuesday with The Greater Sullivan County Search and Rescue Orchestra (Joanna Gass, Steve Schwartz, Kenny Windheim, and Eric Neis), Brew, 280 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays**

Every Wednesday: Cab’arock at Cabernet Franks; 38 Main St, (Exit 98 off 17W) Parksville; 6 – 11 p.m. Come in costume!

Heartbeat, the Music Hall of Grahamsville: Open Mic; 304 Main Street Grahamsville. Come join the most exciting new venue in Eastern Sullivan County.

**Every Thursday:** Cabernet Frank’s Open Mic; 38 Main St, (Exit 98 off 17W) Parksville

**Fridays:**

Every Friday: Sorella: Jazz Standards with Defino and Ravdin, and great Italian food! 6 – 9 p.m., 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake

October 16: Slam Allen in concert at Bar 360; Resorts World Catskills; 10 p.m. – 1 a.m.

The Pickled Owl, 218 Main Street, Hurleyville

This venue regularly stops Friday night live music after Labor Day, but Saturday nights continue going strong.

**Saturdays:**

Saturday Oct 6: Open Mic/Homegrown: host Kevin McDaniel, WJFF 90.5FM, 12 – 1 p.m.

Saturday October 27: Slam Allen in concert at Bar 360; Resorts World Catskills; 10 p.m. – 1 a.m.

**Every Saturday:** Sorella: Jazz Standards with Defino and Ravdin, 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake; 6 – 9 p.m.

Pickled Owl, 218 Main Street, Hurleyville; 6 – 9 p.m.

October 6: Marc Delgado

October 13: The Acquaintances

October 20: Talking Machine

October 27: Patrick Collins

Cabernet Frank’s, 38 Main St, (Exit 98 off 17W) Parksville 7 p.m.

(These are the confirmed so far for Saturdays. Please check their FaceBook page for additions)

October 3: Tuffy and the Minettes

**Every Sunday:**

Music Where You Least Expect It: 11 a.m. – 1:30ish, DeFillipis Bakery, 506 Broadway, Monticello

The Dancing Cat Saloon: #SHINEON, Jazz Brunch, 11-2, 2037 State Rte 17B, Bethel

Happy Halloween to all! Until next time...

# SIXTY YEARS FOR FALLSBURG HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

## Opening Day at Fallsburg Central School District

FALLSBURG — Fallsburg Central School District welcomed back students for the 2018-2019 school year on September 5. Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Drs. Ivan Katz and Matt Evans greeted students and staff in the hallways at the Jr/Sr High School before 8:00 AM and then drove to Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) just before children and parents arrived prior to the start of classes.

For the high school, it marked the start of the 60th anniversary of the building. It was the first day of classes for the Interim Principal at the High School, Ms. Dalila Serrano, and several new teachers and staff. They welcomed a class of more than 125 seventh graders, who were filling the hallways opening their lockers for the first time.

First days are more involved at BCES. Many parents bring small chil-



Cousins Teyah McKenny, Zhara Snead and Zayd Snead (left to right) enter Benjamin Cosor Elementary School on the first day of school.

dren with them for the child's first class in Pre-K and Kindergarten. Often carrying or accompanied by even younger children in strollers, it is a family celebration of new beginnings. The Principal and Assistant Principal greeted children

as they came off the buses for the first time, and staff guided children into the building. The Rolling V School Bus Safety Coordinator was on hand.

Opening Day has passed and the school year has begun. Congratulations to

Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School on the 60th Anniversary of the school building, and to BCES as it begins its 51st year—special milestones to celebrate during the upcoming year.

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## CIVIL AIR PATROL CADETS GO FLYING

BETHEL — September 22 dawned with fog and mist, but by 11 a.m. the visibility had improved enough to allow seven cadets from the Sullivan County Cadet Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) to fly in a Cessna 172.

As part of their membership, CAP cadets get five flights in the front seat of a powered aircraft, generally a Cessna 172 or 182. These flights are called Orientation Flights, or O-Flights. The cadets follow a syllabus with each lesson focusing on a different aspect of flight. These cadets were all using the first syllabus, which includes ground handling, preflight, take-off and landing.

The pilots flew the plane from Orange County Airport, to Sullivan County International Airport Saturday morning. CAP requires very clear weather to take cadets flying but the pilots are qualified to fly in worse weather.

Once the plane arrived and the fog cleared, the first cadet flight lifted off. The flights stay near the airport and are primarily geared toward the take-off and landing phase, but once airborne there is time for the cadets to actually fly the dual control plane under the watchful eye of the pilot, who will establish stable flight and allow the cadets to make gentle turns and small climbs and descents. The pilot performs the takeoff and landing, and always handles the controls when near the ground, but getting to fly makes the entire flight that much more memorable for the cadets.

A Cessna 172 seats four, and cadets waiting for



Cadet Maya Winograd and First Lieutenant Michael Schmidt (with Cadet Galen Ferrara photo bombing) in the cockpit before an O-Flight.

their own O-Flight can fly in the back seat when another cadet is in front. A cadet can take as many back seat rides as there are seats available. Five cadets got a front seat ride on Saturday. Two other cadets only got to ride in the back seat, but many cadets took multiple flights. Even a ride in the back seat is exciting, and there was not an empty seat on any of Saturday's flights.

CAP pilots are FAA certified pilots. Some are airline pilots or military pilots, but many just fly small planes as a hobby. Potential CAP pilots must take several written tests and demonstrate competency in a plane during a flight. CAP pilots must take another written test and show additional skill in the cockpit before they are allowed to fly cadets for O-Flights.

"Sharing the joy of flight is one of the best parts of the aviation community," CAP Second Lieutenant Alex Humes said. "See-

ing the cadets' excitement about their Orientation Flights is both fulfilling and a great reminder of just how fun flying is. Additionally, flying Orientation Flights for the Civil Air Patrol allows me to get to know the great cadets and senior members throughout the region."

"I learned that you must always be aware of your surroundings, in order to keep yourself, as well as others, safe from danger," Cadet Airman Alexa Pishtey said.

Her father, Wally Pishtey, is also a CAP member.

"CAP is an outstanding way for my daughter to realize her dream of working and flying in the aviation field," he said. "Being in CAP allows me to follow and assist her and the other cadets in achieving their goals as well as adding to my own personal development and knowledge."

CAP O-Flights do not count as flight instruction.

Instead, O-Flights are intended as an introduction to aviation and a chance to have some fun.

*Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force's Total Force. CAP operates a fleet of 560 aircraft, performs about 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving 150 lives this year. CAP's 60,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. In addition, CAP plays a leading role in aerospace/STEM education, and its members serve as mentors to over 25,000 young people participating in CAP's Cadet Programs. Visit [www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com](http://www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com) or [www.CAPnewsfor.com](http://www.CAPnewsfor.com) for more information.*

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The Delaware Company will host The Haunted History Lantern Tour at Fort Delaware in Narrowsburg on Saturday, October 13.

## HAUNTED TOURS FOR HALLOWEEN

NARROWBURG — Colonial History in Narrowsburg on Saturday, October 13 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cushtunk resident Joseph Skinner, head of the historic Delaware Company, is believed to be the first European murdered in the Upper Delaware River Valley, and that 18th century crime has never been solved. In fact, there was enough blood spilled in the Valley in the years leading up to and during the Revolutionary War that there are bound to be a few spirits roaming about even to this day.

The unanswered question of "Who killed Joseph Skinner?" plus other colonial-era ghost stories will be the focal point of an evening of family-oriented fun at the Fort Delaware Museum of

Colonial History in Narrowsburg on Saturday, October 13 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Haunted History Lantern Tour will feature guided tours of the Fort by lantern light, with various period-attired interpreters relating ghost stories with a local flavor. There will also be musical entertainment provided by special guests The Tara Ministrels, playing traditional Irish music.

Admission is \$10 per person, \$20 per family, and there will be cider and donuts available for purchase with all proceeds going to benefit the Delaware Company, a non-profit group dedicated to supporting and

promoting the history and historic landmarks of the region.

Chili and corn bread will also be available for purchase, supporting the Town of Tusten Youth Commission.

Those attending are advised to bring their own flashlights, although some will be on sale in the Burbank Pavillion.

And speaking of good scares, the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop will transform the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg into the creepiest, scariest haunt around, with three floors of frights during The Rivoli's Haunted Theatre Tours, touted as bigger, better,

more ghostly, ghastly, eerie and spine-tingling than ever.

This year's tours will take place on Friday and Saturday nights, October 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, and 27. Tours begin at 6 p.m. and run consecutively with the last tour starting at 10 p.m. Participants are advised to bring a friend or two along, because going it alone is definitely not the best idea!

Unlike the Haunted History Lantern Tour at Fort Delaware, the Rivoli tours are not recommended for children under the age of 13. All tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or online in advance at [www.SCDW.net](http://www.SCDW.net).

## BCES Open House Welcomes Parents and Families

FALLSBURG — Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) held the first Open House for parents and teachers on September 20. Principal Mary Kate Stinehour welcomed the overflow audience of parents, siblings, guardians and students in the Cafetorium. Ms. Stinehour stressed the importance of family support for the students and staff. On hand to assist with the growing number of Hispanic/Latino children were 13 Jr/Sr High School translators provided by the Hispanic American Students Club and their advisor, Angela Hist.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) President Rosalind Natale spoke to families about joining the PTA, whose annual dues are a nominal \$6 per year. There is a contest underway with a \$100 prize of school supplies for the classroom that enrolls the most parents.

Because there are a num-

ber of families with more than one child in the school, an announcement came over the loudspeaker for parents to move to a second or third classroom as needed. Every classroom had parents engaging with the teachers.

Of particular interest were the bilingual kindergarten and first grade classes and the new second grade bi-lingual classrooms.

The hallways in the lobby area were filled with tables manned by the Fallsburg Library, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, PTA, school person-



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Students from the FJSHS Hispanic American Club provided translation services for Spanish speaking families in attendance at the BCES Open House.

nel in counseling, performing arts, English Language Learners, and PBIS with information about the upcoming Color Run fundraiser against bullying. The SGA kids had their popular bake sale table to fundraise for

their organization.

Visitors seemed to enjoy the experience of meeting teachers and staff and sitting in their child's classrooms, as evidenced by their smiles and laughter as they left the building.

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# From the Firehouse

by Jack Halchak, Past Chief H.F.D.



The Hurleyville Fire Department is always looking for new recruits whether to drag hose and fight fire or help in the background. We even provide free training and gear. Stop by the firehouse any Monday night to see what we are all about and see how you can help us.

The Bill Carlson Golf Classic is finally in the books. The weather moved it from May to August, and Mother Nature gave us a little shower at the start of the day and then provided a fine sunny day for golf. The winners were Stanley Gilmore, Butch Gilmore, Sammy Williams and Dave. They shot a 62 with a birdie on the last hole to edge out the second place foursome of Billy Wood, Jeff Taylor, Billy Jukaitis and Scott DuBois, shooting a 63. On the 16th hole, Keith Shaddock had the longest drive and on the 7th hole, Scott DuBois was 11'-7" from the cup to win "closest to the pin." After the round of golf, a delicious steak dinner was put on by Glenn Sonnenschein and his staff. Awards were handed out and raffles were drawn. Plans are already in the works for next year. On a bittersweet note, Club Pro Glenn Sonnenschein will be retiring at the end of this golf season. He has always supported our tournament and we wish him the best in his retirement.

The fire department traveled to Roscoe for the 90th Annual Sullivan County Volunteer Firemen's Association parade. Engine 11-11 took second best appearing in its category and the Hose Cart won its category. The weather was perfect for a parade, the turnout was great, and a good time was had by all that marched and watched.

On Sunday, September 9, the Hurleyville Fire Department, along with all Emergency Service Personnel, was invited to attend a 9-11 dedication and memorial service in town.

A new 9-11 park was dedicated in the middle of town in hopes that no one will ever forget that day on September 11, 2001. The focus point was one of three trees that were plant-



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Standing in front of one of the Survivor tree saplings in Hurleyville are firemen John O'Neil, Jack Halchak, Austin Halchak, Alan Price, Charlie Payne, and Tony Harvey (l to r).

ed to help keep the memory alive. This is a brief history of the trees.

"A Callery pear tree became known as the "Survivor Tree" after enduring the September 11, 2001 terror attacks at the World Trade Center."

"In October 2001, the tree was discovered at Ground Zero severely damaged, with snapped roots and burned and broken branches. The tree was removed from the rubble and placed in the care of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. After its recovery and rehabilitation, the tree was returned to the Memorial in 2010. New, smooth limbs extended from the gnarled stumps, creating a visible demarcation between the tree's past and present. Today, the tree stands as a living reminder of resilience, survival and rebirth."

Hurleyville now has three of these trees, one in the new 9-11 park, one in the firemen's park and one in front of the Hurleyville Arts Centre.

Fire Prevention week is right around the corner, October 7 - 13.

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults,

and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire. Stop and give this very important topic a little thought and talk to your family about this year's fire prevention theme. And this year's theme is:

**LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.** Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.

**LOOK - Look for places fire could start.** Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

**LISTEN - Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm.** You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

**LEARN - Learn two ways out of every room** and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

Let's not forget that we should practice fire safety year round. With that in mind did you check your emergency flashlight yet? Clean your heating device, look into a crank radio. When was the last time you

cleaned the lint trap in your dryer. Is your dryer vent free of leaves and clutter? On Sunday, November 4th we change the clocks (fall back an hour) CHANGE the batteries in your smoke detectors and CO alarms. There are many fire safety flyers, articles and hints during Fire Prevention Week, read some of them they may save your life.

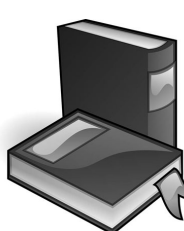
Coming up will be the Annual Hurleyville Fire Department Halloween Parade. On October 31, we will start at 6 p.m. from in front of the MobleMedic building, march to the firehouse for doughnuts, hot chocolate and cider, and prizes for the best costumes. Remember, make sure any commercially purchased costumes are flame retardant. Make sure your child can see clearly out of the mask, that the costume is not a tripping hazard, and that there is some reflective material on it. Travel together and carry a flashlight (not your emergency one). Be safe.

On Sunday, November 4th after you change your clocks come to the Hurleyville Fire Department's Annual Pancake Breakfast. Serving our world famous buckwheat pancakes, eggs cooked how you like them, sausage, tea, coffee and OJ. We serve from 7:01 a.m. - 12:01 p.m.

Preschool Story Time. This month, you can also find us at "Safe Trick or Treat" on Friday, October 26 at Benjamin Cosar Elementary School, and at Morning-side Park on Saturday, October 27 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. for the Town of Fallsburg's Halloween event. Be sure to visit us.

As you can see, we have many great things coming up at the Fallsburg Library! Some programs have limited spots, so please call, email, or stop in to sign up! Here's a reminder of our contact information, call: 845-436-6067, email: fbr@rcls.org, stop in: 12 Railroad Plaza, South Fallsburg, NY, or follow us on social media!

by Kelly Wells & Amanda Letohic



# FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

Are you thinking about a career change? Or maybe you're just starting to look for your first job and you're not sure about resumes, cover letters, interview skills, etc. Did you know that your local library has access to excellent online resources that can help you with all of this and more?

Thanks to funding from the Ramapo Catskill Library System, library patrons have free access to brainfuse's JobNow online database. Through this database, you can take a 'career assessment' to get an idea of the types of jobs and careers that will best match your interest and/or experience. You can also access hundreds of resume templates to help you get

started on crafting the perfect, eye catching resume. JobNow also offers live sessions with a job coach, as well as live assistance with resume writing and interview preparation. This database is a fantastic resource, available to library patrons for FREE. To access the database, just visit [www.fallsburglibrary.org](http://www.fallsburglibrary.org), click on the "Research" tab, then click on "databases," then click on the "Jobs/Careers" tab. From there you can click on "JobNow" and get started on your new career prep today. If you need a library card and are a resident of the Fallsburg Central School District, just come to the Fallsburg Library with your current photo ID and proof of cur-

rent street address. In the meantime, check out these great, free programs that we have coming up this month!

On Wednesday October 17 at 7 p.m., the whole family can come out for "Pumpkin Minute to Win It." Thursday October 18 at 7 p.m., we're welcoming back the crew from Catskill Paranormal to learn about some of their recent hauntings.

Our popular Kids' S.T.E.A.M night returns on Thursday, October 25 at 6 p.m., with Ghost Balloons and Dash the Robot. As always, Monday evenings at 6 p.m. children 6 and up can join us for our craft night, and Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. will be our

FROM THE FILES OF...

# THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

The Only Newspaper Published in the Town of Fallsburg

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This year, the Fallsburg Central School District marks the 60th anniversary of the construction of the junior-senior high school, and to commemorate the milestone, The Hurleyville Sentinel offers the following narrative culled from contemporary newspaper accounts...

## Centralization at Fallsburg

All through the afternoon and early evening on June 28th, 1945, the residents of the Town of Fallsburg made their way to the casino at the Flager Hotel to cast their vote concerning the future of education in their area. The proposition before them was whether the town of Fallsburg's school districts should consolidate and form a centralized district. By day's end, an overwhelming majority supported the idea of consolidating the schools in the town and creating a central school district. The margin was 325 in favor and 150 opposed.

Though an overwhelming majority favored school consolidation, local education leaders would find out over the next thirteen years just how difficult it would be to finalize these plans. It was a scenario that had previously played out in other communities in the county.

To further better education in rural districts, New York State developed a school centralization program in 1915, but with lack of meaningful incentives, few schools districts in the state participated during the early going. However, because of the economic downturn caused by the 1930s, new incentives were offered by the Federal government through various work creation programs to entice small rural schools to consolidate into centralized school districts. As a result of these federal programs, coupled with increased state-provided incentives, the Livingston Manor, Roscoe and Jeffersonville areas centralized and built new facilities.

Despite the inducement of federal and state monies, school districts in the Eldred and Callicoon areas, whose taxpayers had also voted to centralize school districts, were unable, or perhaps unwilling, to immediately pass building referendums. The cost of building new schools was often cited as the reason, but more likely in many cases, local community rivalries hindered the selection of a building site. By 1945, most of the federal programs had dwindled, so there was less money for building. Centralization of school districts now relied more on state incentives, increasing the cost for school construction at the local level.

After the 1945 vote to consolidate school districts, the Fallsburg Central School District became the largest, and wealthiest, school district in the county. It comprised 16 former districts, portions of which



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The Fallsburg Junior-Senior high school under construction.

were in the Town of Mamakating and the Town of Wawarsing in neighboring Ulster County. Four of those districts had Union Free high schools, located at the township's larger communities of Hurleyville, South Fallsburg, Mountandale and Woodridge. In order to have fair representatives from all the town's communities, a nine-member board of education was organized, the first nine-man school board formed in the state.

The first order of business for the newly organized school district was to decide on a location for the erection of a centralized school building. If any proposed centralized district would have had trouble locating a central school, one would have thought the Fallsburg Central School District would have been one of them. The four now-consolidated high schools had long been rivals on the athletic courts and fields of the Catskill Mountain League. The vote for the proposed school's location was brought before the district voters in October of 1947. Unlike the rivalry problems experienced by the Eldred and Callicoon school districts, the site for the proposed Fallsburg central school was quickly decided. The voters chose the forty-six acre site along what was then known as the old Hurleyville-Woodridge Road at Old Falls, just up the road from State Route 42. The process then became decidedly more difficult, as district taxpayers needed to contend with the increasing costs of construction.

The first inkling of how much district taxpayers were willing spend on a new school came on June 27th, 1951. School officials presented a proposition to district voters for funding a new school building to the tune of \$2,750,000. The proposed school would house students from kindergarten to grade twelve. The alternative, school officials and their proponents warned, would be the expenditure of \$600,000 to retrofit the existing buildings in the district. The taxpayers were not buying it, defeating the proposition by a three to one margin.

With the existing district schools experiencing overcrowded conditions, school officials again sought to pass a referendum on the proposed central school building. The vote was scheduled for April 29, 1954. Again, the proposed school would house students from K thru 12, but the an-

anticipated cost of building was reduced, the building now projected to cost \$2,200,000. Sadly, Leon J. Weiss, Superintendent of the Fallsburg Central School District since its formation nine years earlier, had suddenly passed away. A long-time educator at the Fallsburg schools, Weiss was an important figure in the formation of the Fallsburg Central School District. His devotion to the school and his arduous schedule in fulfilling his dream of centralization proved too much for his heart, and Weiss unexpectedly succumbed to a heart attack at an educators' convention prior to the vote. In spite of this, taxpayers again voted down the funding for the new building, 761 to 636. Though defeated, the narrow margin encouraged school officials to try once again.

On April 17, 1956, district taxpayers were again asked to pass a bond for building a new school. Significant changes were made in the proposal. Instead of a building that would house all of the district's students, the proposed school building would be a junior-senior high school; the elementary students would utilize the existing community high schools. The proposed expenditure for the new proposal would be \$1,900,000. Also added to the referendum was a second proposition for the expenditure of \$100,000 for building an indoor swimming

pool. This time the district supported the proposition, voting in favor of a new school by an 895 to 574 margin. The pool also passed, though by a smaller margin. What was interesting about the 1956 vote, besides its success, was the number of district taxpayers who came out to vote. Of the 2003 eligible voters within the centralized district, 1502 showed up to express their opinion, a testament to the work by the district's PTA, along with other community committees in successfully getting out the vote.

Ground was broken early in the spring of 1957 and by September 9, 1958, the doors were opened for classroom instructions. Fallsburg Central School's immediate problem of lack of space had been temporarily satisfied with the opening of the new junior-senior high school. However, Benjamin Cosor, president of the district's board of education, while addressing the audience who gathered in the school's auditorium during the school's dedication ceremonies on January 10, 1959, noted that the completion of the new building was a solution to only half of Fallsburg's problem. Mr. Cosor reminded his listeners that there were still five elementary schools (including the elementary school located at Woodbourne) in five separate communities, each in need of repair or replacement.

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# THE BLACK DOG: A Night of Spectral Terror

by Stephen Crane

*In anticipation of Halloween, we offer one of the best known Sullivan County ghost stories, written in 1892 by the not-yet-world-renowned author, Stephen Crane. We hope you enjoy...*

There was a ceaseless rumble in the air as the heavy raindrops battered upon the laurel thickets and the matted moss and haggard rocks beneath. Four water-soaked men made their difficult ways through the drenched forest. The little man stopped and shook an angry finger at where night was stealthily following them. "Cursed be fate and her children and her children's children!

We are everlastingly lost!" he cried. The panting procession halted under some dripping, drooping hemlocks and swore in wrathful astonishment.

"It will rain for forty days and forty nights," said the pudgy man, moaningly, "and I feel like a wet loaf of bread, now. We shall never find our way out of this wilderness until I am made into a porridge."

In desperation, they started again to drag their listless bodies through the watery bushes. After a time, the clouds withdrew from above them, and great winds came from concealment and went sweeping and swirling among the trees. Night also came very near and menaced the wanderers with darkness.

The little man had determination in his legs. He scrambled among the thickets and made desperate attempts to find a path or road. As he climbed a hillock, he espied

a small clearing upon which sat desolation and a venerable house, wept over by wind-waved pines.

"Ho," he cried, "here's a house."

His companions straggled painfully after him as he fought the thickets between him and the cabin. At their approach, the wind frenziedly opposed them and skirled madly in the trees. The little man boldly confronted the weird glances from the cranies of the cabin and rapped on the door. A score of timbers answered with groans, and, within, something fell to the floor with a clang.

"Ho," said the little man. He stepped back a few paces.

Somebody in a distant part started and walked across the floor toward the door with an ominous step. A slate-colored man appeared. He was dressed in a ragged shirt and trousers, the latter stuffed into his boots. Large tears were falling from his eyes.

"How-d'-do, my friend?" said the little man, affably.

"My ol' uncle, Jim Crocker, he's sick ter death," replied the slate-colored person.

"Ho," said the little man. "Is that so?"

The latter's clothing clung desperately to him and water sogged in his boots. He stood patiently on one foot for a time.

"Can you put us up here until tomorrow?" he asked, finally.

"Yes," said the slate-colored man.

The party passed into a little unwashed room, inhabited by a stove, a stairway, a

few precarious chairs, and a misshapen table.

"I'll fry yer some po'k and make yer some coffee," said the slate-colored man to his guests.

"Go ahead, old boy," cried the little man cheerfully from where he sat on the table, smoking his pipe and dangling his legs.

"My ol' uncle, Jim Crocker, he's sick ter death," said the slate-colored man.

"Think he'll die?" asked the pudgy man, gently.

"No!"

"No?"

"He won't die! He's an ol' man, but he won't die, yit! The black dorg hain't been around yit!"

"The black dog?" said the little man, feebly. He struggled with himself for a moment.

"What's the black dog?" he asked at last.

"He's a sperrit," said the slate-colored man in a voice of somber hue.

"Oh, he is? Well?"

"He haunts these parts, he does, an' when people are goin' to die, he comes and sets and howls."

"Ho," said the little man. He looked out of the window and saw night making a million shadows.

The little man moved his legs nervously.

"I don't believe in these things," said he, addressing the slate-colored man, who was scuffling with a side of pork.

"No things?" came incoherently from the combatant.

"Oh, these — er — phantoms and ghosts and what not. All rot, I say."

"That's because you have

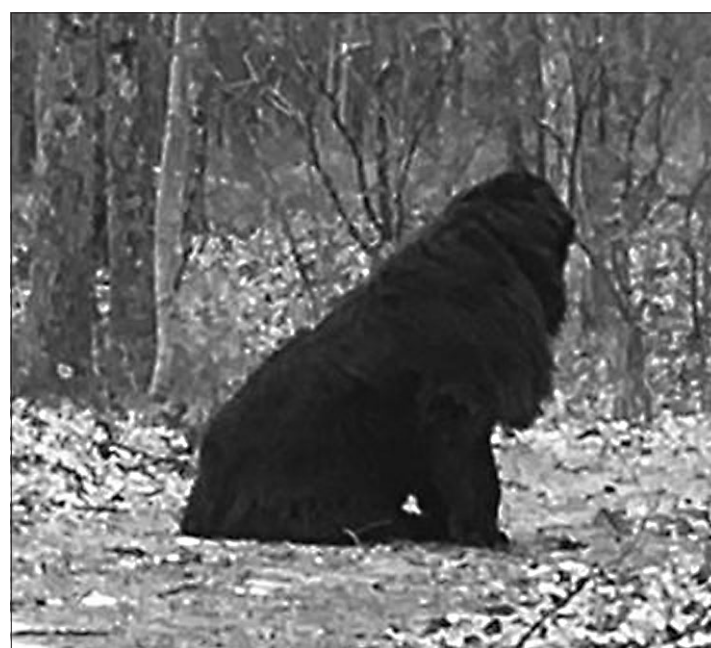


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The Black Dog "is a sperrit," the man said. "He haunts these parts an' when people are goin' to die, he comes and sets and howls."

merely a stomach and no soul," grunted the pudgy man.

"Ho, old pudgkins!" replied the little man. His back curved with passion. A tempest of wrath was in the pudgy man's eye. The final epithet used by the little man was a carefully-studied insult, always brought forth at a crisis. They quarreled.

"All right, pudgkins, bring on your phantom," cried the little man in conclusion.

His stout companion's wrath was too huge for words. The little man smiled triumphantly. He had staked his opponent's reputation. The visitors sat silent. The slate-colored man moved about in a small personal atmosphere of gloom.

Suddenly, a strange cry came to their ears from somewhere. It was a low, trembling call which made the little man quake privately in his shoes. The slate-colored man bounded at the stairway and disappeared with a flash of legs through a hole in the ceiling. The party below heard two voices in conversation, one belonging to the slate-colored man, and the other in the quivering tones of age. Directly, the slate-colored man reappeared from above and said: "The ol' man is took bad for his supper."

He hurriedly prepared a mixture with hot water, salt, and beef. Beef-tea, it might be called. He disappeared again. Once more the party below heard, vaguely, talking over their heads. The

voice of age arose to a shriek.

"Open the window, fool! Do you think I can live in the smell of your soup?"

Mutterings by the slate-colored man and the creaking of the window were heard.

The slate-colored man stumbled down the stairs, and said with intense gloom, "The black dorg'll be along soon."

The little man started, and the pudgy man sneered at him. They ate a supper and then sat waiting. The pudgy man listened so palpably that the little man wished to kill him. The wood-fire became excited and sputtered frantically. Without, a thousand spirits of the winds had become entangled in the pine branches and were lowly pleading to be loosened. The slate-colored man tiptoed across the room and lit a timid candle. The men sat waiting.

The phantom dog lay cuddled to a round bundle, asleep down the roadway against the windward side of an old shanty. The specter's master had moved to Pike County. But the dog lingered as a friend might linger at the tomb of a friend. His fur was like a suit of old clothes. His jowls hung and flopped, exposing his teeth. Yellow

famine was in his eyes. The wind-rocked shanty groaned and muttered, but the dog slept. Suddenly, however, he got up and shambled to the roadway. He cast a long glance from his hungry, despairing eyes in the direction of the venerable house. The breeze came full to his nostrils. He threw back his head and gave a long, low howl and started intently up the road. Maybe he smelled a dead man.

The group around the fire in the venerable house were listening and waiting. The atmosphere of the room was tense. The slate-colored man's face was twitching and his drabbed hands were gripped together. The little man was continually looking behind his chair. Upon the countenance of the pudgy man appeared conceit for an approaching triumph over the little man, mingled with apprehension for his own safety. Five pipes glowed as rivals of a timid candle. Profound silence drooped heavily over them. Finally the slate-colored man spoke.

"My ol' uncle, Jim Crocker, he's sick ter death."

The four men started and then shrank back in their chairs.

"Damn it!" replied the little man, vaguely.

Again there was a long silence. Suddenly it was broken by a wild cry from the room above. It was a shriek that struck upon them with appalling swiftness, like a flash of lightning. The walls whirled and the floor rumbled. It brought the men together with a rush. They huddled in a heap and stared at the white terror in each other's faces. The slate-colored man grasped the candle and flared it above his head. "The black dorg," he howled, and plunged at the stairway. The maddened four men followed frantically, for it is better to be in the presence of the awful than only within hearing.

Their ears still quiver-

ing with the shriek, they bounded through the hole in the ceiling and into the sick room.

With quilts drawn closely to his shrunken breast for a shield, his bony hand gripping the cover, an old man lay with glazing eyes fixed on the open window. His throat gurgled and a froth appeared at his mouth.

From the outer darkness came a strange, unnatural wail, burdened with weight of death and each note filled with foreboding. It was the song of the spectral dog.

"God!" screamed the little man. He ran to the open window. He could see nothing at first save the pine trees, engaged in a furious combat, tossing back and forth and struggling. The moon was peeping cautiously over the rims of some black clouds. But the chant of the phantom guided the little man's eyes, and he at length perceived its shadowy form on the ground under the window.

He fell away gasping at the sight. The pudgy man crouched in a corner, chattering insanely. The slate-colored man, in his fear, crooked his legs and looked like a hideous Chinese idol. The man upon the bed was turned to stone, save the froth, which pulsed.

In the final struggle, terror will fight the inevitable. The little man roared maniacal curses and, rushing again to the window, began to throw various articles at the specter.

A mug, a plate, a knife, a fork, all crashed or clanged on the ground, but the song of the specter continued. The bowl of beef-tea followed. As it struck the ground the phantom ceased its cry.

The men in the chamber sank limply against the walls, with the unearthly wail still ringing in their ears and the fear unfaded from their eyes. They waited again.

The little man felt his nerves vibrate. Destruction was better than an other wait. He grasped a candle and, going to the window, held it over his head and looked out.

"Ho!" he said.

His companions crawled to the window and peered out with him.

"He's eatin' the beef-tea," said the slate-colored man, faintly.

"The damn dog was hungry," said the pudgy man.

"There's your phantom," said the little man to the pudgy man.

On the bed, the old man lay dead. Without, the specter was wagging its tail.

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## FRIENDraiser Underway for NAMI

MONTICELLO — On October 10, 1988, Lori Schneider started working at what was then called Friends and Advocates for Mental Health, the Sullivan County affiliate of the Alliance on Mental Illness, the organization that would become NAMI — the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

In this day and age, with folks celebrating birthdays and special events by asking friends for donations to benefit a favorite cause, Ms. Schneider is putting a slightly different spin on the idea of fundraising. Thirty years after originally being hired, she is still the Executive Director of NAMI Sullivan County, NY and is looking to celebrate her 30th Anniversary with a FRIENDraiser (not fundraiser) for NAMI Sullivan's Compeer program.

Compeer means companion, peer, equal, friend. Compeer is a nationwide program that recruits caring men and women from the community to take part in one-to-one friendships with adults recovering from mental illness. Friends are matched based on similar interests and backgrounds,



and through each other, they both become better people. Just a few hours each month of your friendship can make a difference in someone's life.

The beauty of Compeer is that the hours are very flexible. There's a one-time training, and once volunteers and friends are matched, the time they spend together, doing things they both enjoy is whatever best suits both their schedules. Men are matched with men, women with women. Matches are made based on proximity as well as mutual interests. Whether you're looking to add human services volunteer work to your resume, or you just want to be a fiend and give someone a

lift, volunteering for Compeer can be very rewarding.

A lot has changed since the 1980s — people are busier, working longer hours and volunteerism is not what it used to be. Of course, the Compeer program is always in need of caring men and women to volunteer, but the thrust is on for this "FRIENDraiser" between now and October 10 in order to help Ms. Schneider celebrate her 30th Anniversary with NAMI Sullivan County, NY and Compeer. If you have as little as a few hours each month to spare, please consider volunteering for Compeer. For additional information, phone (845) 794-1029. Compeer — it's as simple as being a friend.

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## LOOKING TO GET HEALTHY? COME TO HURLEYVILLE

by Elaine Corrington

HURLEYVILLE – For decades in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, people travelled to Sullivan County on the railroad to get healthy. The O&W Railway used the slogan, “Doctor’s Say, ‘Go to the Mountains!’” to promote the area to those seeking a respite from city life.

In the present day, the community that many have begun to call, not without justification, the liveliest little hamlet in the Mountains is a wonderful natural environment conducive to everyone getting healthy or staying healthy, especially in the cooler months coming up. And once again, the railroad, or what remains of it, is playing a part.

Many publications and websites devoted to achieving good health, good thinking, happiness and serenity offer advice most are unlikely to take- at least for long enough to make any difference. Hurleyville offers the convenience of the Milk Train Trail starting right on Main Street in the center of the hamlet, and it doesn’t cost a cent to use.

So, while the gym may be too expensive, too difficult, and too embarrassing, and

may take all the time you have to exercise just to get there, the rail trail presents none of those obstacles. Walking or running on a treadmill, a rowing machine, riding a bike are all possible, but can be boring- especially indoors looking at uninspiring walls. Buying exercise clothes and wearing them around all day to look like you are coming from or ready for exercising might be fun, but not finding joy or feeling any better after a whole week is a prescription for sleeping late, reading in bed or stretched out on the sofa, cheering the bad weather that makes it perfectly respectable to skip exercise.

Hurleyville is offering increasing options to help boost people toward greater health rewards. These are environmental options that will increase your energy instead of depleting it, focus thought, make you happy, and reward your efforts with increased physical comfort and abilities- even if you don’t initially feel equal to the task. The focus is on the rewards of each day, how you feel and what you can add to your healthy practices. There are start-up possibilities available right now, and there is no reason not to

keep adding ideas and support for more, allowing participation by people of all ages and all ability levels.

Pick a time that is likely to be available to you every day, and when you naturally have more energy. Start by exploring the following free options in Hurleyville. Be sure to check with your healthcare professional to determine if you are healthy enough to proceed, then start with 10 minutes daily and progress up to an hour if you can give yourself that much time. Then:

Get some comfortable clothes ready that you already own. Put them on and head out. You might even want to wear your exercise clothing to bed, so you can just get up and go first thing in the morning!

Limited as to walking distance? The sidewalks on the east side of Main Street have been repaired and are now easy walking from home or parking. Start with a distance you know you can do, and add 10-20 steps of running or walking each day in the time you have available- maybe dividing the time with a pause. Head toward the center of town, where the rail trail starts. It is stunningly beautiful at this time of year, and it is now paved for

For decades the O&W Railway promoted the area with advertising hailing the healing qualities of the pure air, pure water, and pure milk found here. Today, Hurleyville offers new opportunities to those seeking to get healthy.

some distance in either direction. There are minimal elevation changes, so it is an easy walk, run, bike ride, skate or skateboard area, as well as an area where wheelchairs can be pushed or self-propelled. In the winter, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing are possible. Distance and speed will tire you faster than difficulty of movement. Remember: anything you do is better than

doing nothing!

Litter plucking, even just for a short distance around your home or neighborhood is a two-fer! Motivation to walk, with lots of bending and straightening, and making Hurleyville look even more beautiful!

About one-half mile down the Milk Train Trail heading east toward South Fallsburg, you will enter a rock cut. It is

a great goal, and an amazing space. So quiet. Cool. Shaded. Beautiful. The perfect place to stop and realize that the journey you might not have wanted to take was so worth it. Exercise. Serenity. Peace. Joy. Everything you need to have a successful beginning, middle, or ending to the day. Maybe even enough to tackle those pesky dietary failures you regret.

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## Sullivan Wrestlers Begin Season Nov. 3

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHLEDRAKE – SUNY Sullivan wrestlers have been practicing for nearly a month now, and have their sights set on the Brockport Open tournament on November 3 to open their season.

Generals head coach Anthony Ng said he is pleased with the energy his wrestlers have shown in early practices.

“There seems to be a lot of wrestlers who are putting in extra work and looking to make a statement this season,” Mr. Ng said. “Most of our guys didn’t reach their goals in high school and have something to prove coming to the next level. They hit those extra runs and lifts without being asked because they are intrinsically motivated for their wrestling growth.”

Mr. Ng said two of his new recruits have been particularly impressive in the early going, singling out freshmen Trey Wardlaw, from Rockland County’s East Ramapo High School and Brian Mascaro from Wallkill High School in Ulster County.

“Each of them has made the transition from high school to college well, and continue to improve every day,” he said.

Mr. Ng said there are currently 20 wrestlers partici-

SUNY Sullivan Wrestling Schedule 2018 – 2019
11/3/18: Brockport Open
11/9/18: Ulster CC @ Home
11/13/18: Bergen CC @ Home
11/15/18: Away @ Lockawanna CC
11/17 & 18/18: NYS Collegiate @ Cornell U.
12/2/18: Cyclone Open @ Centenary U.
12/14/18: Springfield Tech. CC @ Home
12/15/18: Long Island Open @ Nassau CC
12/22/18: Wilkes Open
1/6/19: Away @ USMA
1/6/19: Away @ Columbia HS against Costleton University & CMSV
1/22/19: Lockawanna @ Home
1/29/19: Away @ Keystone College
2/2/19: Region Championship @ Ulster CC
2/16 & 17/19: Eastern District 1 Championship @ Niagara CC (Nat'l Qual)
2/27/19-3/2/19: JUCO Nationals in Council Bluffs, Iowa

pating in practices, and he is pleased to have added a number of assistants to his coaching staff, which helps keep the practices moving along.

He praised the work of Assistant Coach Rich Denison, as well as volunteer assistants Kevin Morgans, Andrew Martinez, John Foley and Brian Vaughan.

“We are especially looking forward to our four home dual meets this season, and expect to showcase some great collegiate wrestling for our local community,” Mr. Ng said.

The Generals open their home schedule on November 9 with a dual meet against SUNY Ulster in the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse. That match is followed by another home meet against Bergen Community College on November 13.

The full SUNY Sullivan wrestling schedule for 2018-2019 accompanies this article.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO... OCCC BOOTERS CLINCHED TITLE TIE WITH WIN OVER DEFENDING CHAMP SULLIVAN

by John Conway

LOCH SHLEDRAKE – It was October 10, 1968, and the highly successful soccer team from Orange County Community College in Middletown was in Loch Sheldrake for a Mid-Hudson Conference clash with the defending champion Generals of Sullivan County Community College.

It was one of the most anticipated soccer games ever played at the Loch Sheldrake campus.

A win would clinch at least a tie for the conference title for Coach Jim Migli’s Colts, who were undefeated on the year coming into the game with just one conference tilt remaining. Sullivan had yet to play a conference game due to a late start to their season, but buoyed by the memory of a 3-1 win over OCCC in the season’s final game the year before, as well as the desire to defend its championship trophy, they expected to provide stiff competition for their arch-rivals.

A sidebar to the importance of the game in the conference standings was the reunion it provided for several former Monticello



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Three former Monticello High School standouts were members of the soccer team at Orange County Community College in October of 1968: sophomores Rich McClernon and Danny Castelluzzi, and freshman Patrick Dollard (left to right).

High School standouts, then plying their trades for both teams. The Sullivan contingent featured former Montie stars Mario Baczkowski, George Ellis, Joe Walker and John Bush, all freshmen, while ex-Panthers Rich McClernon and Dan Castelluzzi, both sophomores, and Patrick Dollard, a freshman, were in the starting line-up for the Colts.

When the smoke had cleared, the OCCC eleven, led by two goals from Guy Cassarini and a goal and two assists from Joe Tawil, recorded a 4-0 win over the Generals. Orange County’s All-America

goalie George Graham recorded 14 saves in the contest to record his first shutout of the year.

Cassarini’s two goals—as well as Tawil’s two assists—came just a minute apart in the opening quarter, and seemed to take the steam out of the Generals. The talented Colts dominated play throughout the first half, taking a 3-0 lead, and then kept the General at bay throughout the second half, with Tawil adding a score at the 18:10 mark of the final stanza for good measure. Cassarini’s goals were his ninth and tenth in four conference games up to that point.

OCCC went on to defeat Rockland County Community College in the final conference game later that season to secure the conference championship, and then suffered a setback to national powerhouse New York City Community College in a non-conference encounter, finishing the season with just two losses overall.

Following the season, OCCC players Cassarini, Tawil, Castelluzzi, and Graham, along with Bill Noha and Mike Magee, were named Mid-Hudson Conference first team all stars, along with Sullivan defenders Keith Reid and Pete Loftus. Colt players McClernon, Evert Polak and Bill Tonic were named second team all-stars, along with Generals standouts Jerry Soulios and Manny Tavormina. Cassarini was named the Mid-Hudson’s outstanding player for the second year in a row.

Coach Migli and his Colts squad self-financed a trip to Europe the following summer, taking on teams from Portugal, Spain, Holland, England and France before returning home.

## SOAP BOX DERBY RACERS RALLY TO SULLIVAN COUNTY

by John Conway

LIBERTY – Twenty-eight Soap Box Derby racers in three divisions, hailing from five states converged on Liberty during the weekend of September 22 -23 along with their families and pit crews to battle for points that could earn them a place at the World Championships in Akron, Ohio next summer.

Racers came from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland and New York. Most of the racers and their entourages spent one or two nights in the county.

Sullivan County was represented at the Rally by eight racers, including Max Blumenthal of Callicoon, Baley Smith and Brooke Roth from White Sulphur Springs, Brooke Nichols of Parksville, and Aliza Barreto, Maddy Kelly, Jacob Kelly and Morgan Van Keuren of Liberty.

Baley Smith, Brooke Roth, and Morgan Van Keuren raced in Akron in 2018.

Many Soap Box racers travel the country throughout the year, participating in rallies, which are organized separately from the regular local Derby race typically held each year.

According to the official website, there are two ways a racer “can qualify for the

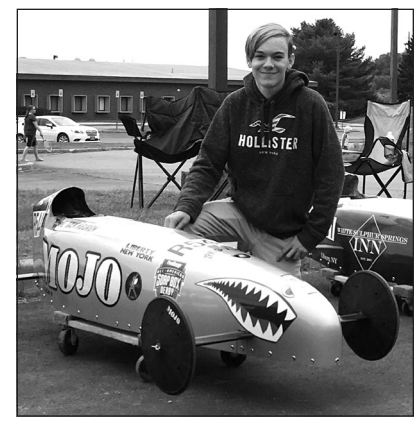


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Morgan Van Keuren of Liberty was one of eight Sullivan County racers to take part in the Soap Box Derby Rally on Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty on September 22 and 23.

FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship Race. The first is to enter a local race and win. The child will qualify for the World Championship Race and compete against other Local Champions.

“The second way to advance to the World Championship Race is to earn enough points through the Rally Program and represent his/her region against other Rally Champions.”

Soap Box Derby includes three divisions: The Stock division is for kids ages 7 through 13, the Super Stock division is for kids ages 9 through 18, and the Masters division is for kids ages 10 through 20.

Soap Box Derby organized gravity racing dates back to 1934. The Sullivan County local race has been held in Liberty each spring for the past several years.