

# PASSION THE GALE

## WELLNESS CENTER OPENS

### *Continues Tradition of Healing in Sullivan County*

by John Conway

MONTICELLO – The YO 1 Wellness Center, or Luxury Nature Cure, opened its doors to the public for the first time on Thursday, June 21, and drew a huge crowd. The grand opening of Sullivan County's latest hospitality venue was scheduled to coincide with both the Summer Solstice and the International Day of Yoga, as proclaimed by the United Nations.

Among the many dignitaries speaking at the mid-morning event was Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India, who spoke via live video connection to the audience gathered in the wellness center's theatre. Mr. Modi was intro-

duced by Subhash Chandra, the Chairman of the Essel Group, which owns YO 1, and who is currently a member of the Indian Parliament.

Other speakers included New York State Comptroller James DiNapoli, NYS Senator John Bonacic, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez, and District 8 County Legislator Ira Steingart, in whose district the Center is located. Mr. Steingart is also the chairman of the county's Industrial Development Agency, which provides incentives to the new facility.

Of all the speakers, it was Mr. Alvarez who linked the opening of YO 1 to the county's history as a healing environment dating

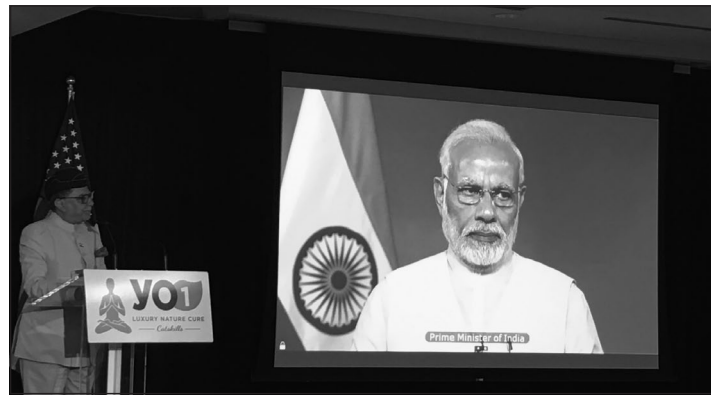


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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the audience at the YO 1 grand opening event via video feed as Subhash Chandra (left), chairman of the group that owns the resort and member of the Indian Parliament looks on.

back to the days of the Native Americans. Mr. Alvarez noted that for decades the O&W Railway promoted the region's pure air, pure water, and pure milk in an advertising campaign that boasted, "Doctor's Say, 'Go to the Mountains!'" He also noted that in the 1920s, world renowned strongman and physical fitness advocate Charles Atlas chose to locate his Physical Culture Camp here in Sullivan County, saying at the time that he found "no finer place in all of America."

Mr. Alvarez said that the opening of YO 1 brings the county full cycle and provides a link between the healthcare and hospitality industries that can only boost the economy while also helping to improve the county's dismal health ranking, which was one of the priorities he spoke about in

his State of the County address this spring.

YO 1 has provided about 160 permanent new jobs so far, with at least 40 more to be added in the near future. More employment opportunities are expected to be available as the resort expands. Plans call for, among other amenities, the refurbished Kutsher's golf course, to open soon.

For more information on YO 1, including rates and services, visit the resort's website, [www.yo1.com](http://www.yo1.com).



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY

District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart spoke at the event, congratulating Subhash Chandra and talking about the role the county's Industrial Development Agency played in bringing YO 1 to fruition.

## LET'S TALK SULLIVAN COUNTY

by Luis Alvarez, Chairman Sullivan County Legislature

### THE NEED TO SERVE

There are nine of us on the Sullivan County Legislature, each very different from one another, certainly not always sharing views and ideas. Indeed, we have strong personalities, varying religious beliefs, myriad ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds, and an almost even split of Republicans vs. Democrats.

What could possibly unite such unique individuals? In two words: Sullivan County. We are one body in charge of County government, and we all share a passion to do what is right for the place we call home. That's why we serve, and it is where our compassion, consideration and ambition emanate from. We seek to understand the needs of our towns and villages, through those municipalities' leaders, our friends and families, and our constituents, the people who voted us into office.

This is who the nine of us have always been: communi-



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Luis Alvarez is the Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature. He represents District 6, which includes Hurleyville.

ty-minded, people-focused, and committed to bettering the lives of those around us. We don't always succeed in that effort, and at times others strenuously disagree with what we're trying to accomplish – that comes with the territory. But I can honestly assure you that we're always trying to envision the future of Sullivan County, to meet challenges head-on, to realize long-term goals as much as short-term ones, and to remain focused on service to the public.

The structure of County

government, as expressed in the Charter, requires all of us to work together, even though we may have different views. When we remember that, disagreement leads to discourse, and discourse leads to consensus.

Not to put it too simply, but truly, the answer to most any question before us lies in the people we serve. The day we forget that is the day we do no good.

The founders of this country arrived here without much more than hope. They found a land blessed with abundance. But not all share in that abundance, and so it remains up to us, your Legislature, to give that hope for a better future to others. By doing so – through discussion, determination and cooperation – we honor those who came before and provide for those who will come after.

*Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez keeps readers up to date on what is happening in county government with his regular column in the Hurleyville Sentinel.*

## POWERFUL THEATRE RAISES MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

HURLEYVILLE – Local reviewers are lauding "Every Brilliant Thing," the critically acclaimed play that's been presented all around the world and performed locally in April and May at SUNY Sullivan, Bethel Woods and the Thrall Library.

An encore performance is coming to the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville on Sunday, July 29. Carol Montana of the Times Herald Record says, "Everything about this production...is indeed brilliant...funny and poignant, heartbreaking, joy-filled and genuinely wonderful." Jonathan Fox of the River Reporter calls it "a tour-de-force performance...thought provoking and powerful" and Bill Moloney of the Sullivan County Democrat says "Schneider's portrayal explodes from the heart." Robert Score of Meet Me in the Green Room says "[Schneider's] humility and compassion for the subject effectively invite everyone to be drawn enthusiastically into her story."

"Every Brilliant Thing" by Duncan MacMillan with Jonny Donahoe is a powerful piece of theatre about Depression and the lengths we will



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Lori Schneider's performance in "Every Brilliant Thing" has been lauded by audiences and critics alike.

go to for those we love. After being told that her Mum can't think of anything worth living for, a little girl begins a list of everything brilliant about the world; everything worth living for. At seven years old, her list includes ice cream, being allowed to stay up past your bed time and things with stripes. As the little girl grows up, the entries mature along

with her and as the list grows, she learns the deep significance it has on her own life. The show is being staged as a fundraiser and awareness raiser for NAMI Sullivan County, NY - the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Hilarious and compassionate light is shone in some of the darker corners of the hu-

man condition. It's a reminder that hope is never truly lost and a testament to the healing power of storytelling. While it is a one character show, audience members are given snippets of the list to help tell the story. The show is directed and performed by Lori Schneider, Executive Director of NAMI Sullivan and an award-winning local director and actress.

The Sullivan County Museum performance is Sunday, July 29, at 2 p.m. (plan on arriving no later than 1:30) at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville. Played in an intimate setting, seating for the show is limited and general admission is \$20, which will include light refreshments. Tickets will be available at the door, but reservations are suggested. The production is not recommended for children under the age of 16. All proceeds stay local and go to benefit NAMI Sullivan County, NY.

Come out for an afternoon of theatre you won't soon forget. For information and/or reservations, phone (845) 794-1029. "Every Brilliant Thing" is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

## FARM FAMILIES FINDING PASSION MAY NOT BE ENOUGH

by Adele Berger

CALLICOON – It has not been a good year for dairy farmers. Perpetually plagued by low prices for their products, farmers saw milk prices drop to a ten year low this spring. By some estimates, New York dairy farmers are making about one-third of what they did in 2013, and this downward spiral in prices has forced many farmers to auction off their cows just to stay afloat. Many have had to sell their entire farms.

Locally, dairy farmers such as the Kay family have been able to weather the economic storms that have led others to falter, but it seems as if time is running out

for these bastions of rural life. As I take the left turn on to Long Road in Callicoon, I can see the classic white farm house to my right and the milking barn across the road. It may appear to be just like any other farm you would see as you drive through rural New York but after having spoken to Linda Kay on the phone earlier in the week, I know that to her, this is more than just some little farm in the Catskills, this is her life.

To understand the plight of the American dairy farmer, you would have to know what it's like to live something so completely that it is all encompassing.

The house is neat and tidy,

with figurines of cows and family mementos arranged throughout. There are awards posted on a wall lauding the commitment of Linda and her husband, Bob, for work in the Cooperative Extension.

As we sit at the table a cat rubs against my leg and then hops on the counter looking for a treat as a beagle begs to be let outside for a run. From the window above the sink you can see directly out to the barn area and you can hear a cow mooing as you sit at the kitchen table. And while some may complain about the smell of a dairy farm, to me it is redolent of the symbiotic relationship between a farmer and his animals. The pungent earthiness of a dairy farm is an odor a farmer will wear with pride knowing he earned it during a hard day's work.

While we discuss the economics and political aspects of their current situation, Linda confides in me that she is out of her comfort zone.

"I never had to handle this end of the business," Mrs. Kay said. "Marketing the milk is not something I've ever done. We need help and I'm not even sure how to ask for it."

Then she looks across the table with reaching eyes and adds, "I never wanted to be rich, I just wanted to have enough to go out to dinner once a week. If I had a lot of money I don't know what



PHOTO BY ADELE BERGER

Dairy farmer Bob Kay tends to some calves on his Callicoon farm.

I would do with all of it."

To my right, Bob Kay nods in quiet affirmation. A man of few words, he looks to his wife as he says, "We want the market back so we can get our milk check."

As American farm as idealized by Norman Rockwell starts to fade, it has become increasingly apparent that the once thriving dairy industry of New York State may have begun to take its last, short, shallow breaths. According to the State Comptroller's office, the state has seen the loss of almost half its dairy farmers in the last 20 years, and six local farms in Sullivan County are facing uncertain futures as the buyer for their milk supply has cancelled their contracts. While the impact of these losses is significant to the rural counties upstate, where some of the larger farms are, the impact felt here in Sullivan County is reverberating through a bucolic community that has historically struggled with economic issues.

"We came to Sullivan County with 30-40 head of cows back in 1968," Mrs. Kay recalls. "As the family grew, the farm grew and now we have over 300 head of cattle and we have 3 generations working on the farm. Two sons in partnership, 4 grandkids, and my husband and I, we all work the farm. It is our livelihood, it's our life and we want it."

Originally born and raised in Newton, New Jersey, her parents owned the Newton diner and at one point her father was the mayor. Her husband was from Sparta and they met at the local fair while he was showing cows. After renting a farm for several years, the duo decided to purchase a farm in Sullivan County. There wasn't any running water in the barn and they spent their first weekend there replacing all the piping.

"You can't get anywhere on rent receipts," Mr. Kay said.

Mrs. Kay recounts a fond



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Linda Kay feeds a calf. The dairy farm is her livelihood and her life, she says.



## The Inquiring Photographer

by Heather Gibson



Q. You've graduated! What's next? What kind of adult do you want to become or what kind of impact are you hoping to make in the future? (Asked of local high school graduates)



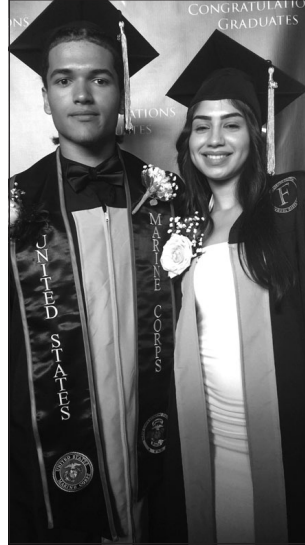
**Jalen Harvey  
(Fallsburg)**

"I will be going to The College of Saint Rose in Albany where I will be majoring in Psychology and will run track. I want to be an adult that can make good life choices and decisions, but not forget how to laugh and be childish at times. I want to be able to genuinely smile and have fun because nobody else can do those things for you."

**Raul Diaz and  
Ashley Camacho Diaz  
(cousins) (Fallsburg)**

Raul: "I'm just trying to be the best I can be, to push myself to every limit and become a United States Marine. Hopefully, that kind of diligence can passively influence others to achieve whatever they set their mind to."

Ashley: "I'm headed to Mount Saint Mary's. I'm going to be the type of role model who shows others that as long as you give it all you've got and have faith in the actions you take, you will fulfill your dreams."



**Rebecca Mielnicki  
(Liberty)**

"My next step is to attend The College of Saint Rose in Albany. I will double major in Psychology and Forensic Psychology. I want to be the kind of adult that lives to regret nothing, who lives my life to the fullest and enjoy it! I want to have a new adventure around every corner. I hope to make the world a better place for everyone by helping people and help protect them with my own life."



## FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



It's official, summer has arrived. The summer solstice, also known as midsummer, occurs when one of the earth's poles has its maximum tilt toward the sun. This happens twice yearly, once in each hemisphere. The summer solstice is also the longest day of the year, and the shortest night. Solstice is derived from the Latin words sol (sun) and stitium (to stand still or stopped). In the Northern hemisphere, it takes place between June 20 and 22, depending on the year (this year it fell on June 21).

Humans may have observed summer solstice as early as the Stone Age, and typically celebrate the start of the season with feasts, bonfires, picnics and songs. According to pagan folklore, evil spirits would appear on the summer solstice. To ward off evil spirits, people would wear protective garlands of herbs and flowers. One of the most powerful of these plants was known as "chase devil." Today it's called St. John's Wort, because of its association with St. John's day

which is celebrated around June 24.

In the summer the weather can be very hot with possible thunderstorms, hurricanes, flash flooding, dust storms, and, very rarely, snow. In the summer, a thunderstorm can also produce a microburst. A microburst is an intense, small-scale downdraft produced by a thunderstorm or a rain shower. The air moves in a downward motion until it hits ground level, then spreads outward in all directions. There are two types of microbursts: wet and dry. The microburst has three cycles- the downburst, outburst, and the cushion stage, known as Suriano's stroke. A microburst often has high winds that can knock over fully-grown trees. They usually last for seconds to minutes.

It seems like there are more and more extreme weather patterns these days, with definitions that need to be explored. We will take a look at some of them in future columns.

## Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



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War I, will be on display at the museum through Armistice Day (Veterans' Day) in November.

Fred Fries has created an exhibit of baseball team photos from local high school yearbooks. You can see the display, which includes a tribute to some of the best Major League Baseball players of the past, on the second floor of the museum.

There are some gaps in the collection of local high school yearbooks that have been scanned and digitized. Please contact the Historical Society if you have yearbooks you'd like to donate to the collection. The society can be reached at 845-434-8044 or at genealogy@scnyhistory.org.

The museum's collection of the Republican Watchman for the years 1909 and 1910 has been scanned and digitized by Hudson Archival. The searchable and indexed collection is available for viewing at the museum.

A "gift shop" offering a collection of Sullivan County-related books, maps, posters, postcards and memorabilia is open at the museum.

Volunteers are always needed at the museum. They 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.

The museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, is open on from Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00am to 4:30pm and on Sunday from 1 p.m. 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 volunteers at the Hurleyville United Methodist Church usually start collecting donations of school supplies for children in our community during the summer. The group has taken on a new project this year: swapping donations with other missions to determine the needs of folks throughout the community. They're asking for donations of diapers for the first "swap." The diapers will be delivered to the First Way Pro Life Mission in Monticello and be swapped for school supplies for Hurleyville. Pastor Jacqui would like to expand the program to include other missions in our area.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the church is open each Thursday (except the first Thursday of each month) from 4:30 – 6 p.m. The volunteers at the food pantry also provide free clothing for families in need on the last Thursday of each month.

The church will host a "Com-

munity Dinner" on the first Thursday of each month from May through November. Doors for the potluck dinner open at 4 p.m. Admission is free and the dinner is open to everyone.

Volunteers at the church continue to work on plans to make the church building handicapped-accessible.

Services are held at the church each Sunday from 9 – 10 a.m. The church holds prayer meetings every Monday from 10 a.m. until noon.

A Bible study group meets at the church every Tuesday from 7 to 8 pm.

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

Young people are invited to join the Youth Group hosted by the church. There are fun activities indoors and out all summer!

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

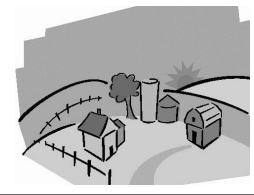
The members of Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance (CHNA) are keeping abreast of the lawsuit filed by Gan Eden Estates against the Town of Thompson and the Town of Thompson Planning Board.

The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) held a public hearing on May 16, 2018, to review 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. CHNA members sent a letter and corroborating evidence to the commission expressing their concerns about the project. The DRBC met again in June and their decision should be announced soon.

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

## 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!

## FARM FAMILIES

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memory of when her kids were younger. While she and her husband went out to milk on Christmas morning, they would leave the kids in the house with the presents under the tree. With a tinge to her voice she remembers that the kids knew they could access their stockings, but they never snuck into the Christmas gifts.

"That's what this life teaches you, responsibility. Family farms are what made this country. I can't imagine life without

this farm"

As we walk to the barn a cool breeze rustles the tree that sits in front of the house, and a dog runs out of the milk house to greet me. Mrs. Kay leads me to the milk house where her granddaughter, Danielle, is working. Danielle was a local student in the Animal Science Program and helps out with record keeping in the office. She is the third generation working at the farm, and Mrs. Kay hopes that it will be around for her to run.

Her son, Jeff comes out and introduces himself. His tone is

direct and earnest as he shares news with me that another local farm, owned by the Michel family, has suffered a fire and will be forced to disperse the herd. I asked him how he thought it would affect them.

While we talk in the milking barn a bevy of cats start to emerge. Mrs. Kay plays with the faucet a few times and tests the water.

"I like to make sure the water is just right for the calves. No too hot and not too cold. It's gotta be just right," she said.

I watch the care she gives to each bucket as she mixes it. A scoop of this. A scoop of that. And a little swirl with her spoon.

It's a ritual of love.

A short jaunt in the Gator and we are down in a lower area where the calves stay. Mr. Kay comes down and one can't help but notice how calmly the couple works around the youngsters, offering a scratch here or a pat there as they talk to them.

The steps they walk are a well-choreographed dance of 55 years of marriage and toiling the earth together. I wonder what the future holds for these kind folks. On a more personal level, Mrs. Kay admits it's difficult.

"All of this swirling through my head, I wonder if I even get 5 hours of sleep a night," she says. "Like when my son Gary died. It

## The Scene

Music and Entertainment  
in and around  
Hurleyville

by Jane Harrison



Spring? Summer? Who knows! My air conditioner is running 24/7 to reduce the pollen. Anyone else living in a tissue box?

The real indication of summer is the Rock Hill Summer Music Concert Series, which kicks off with the wonderful Joanna Gass and the Search and Rescue Orchestra on Wednesday, July 4. I'm used to seeing them on Tuesdays at Brew in Rock Hill in a most unique format where their sets are largely requests from the audience. I am always in awe of musicians and singers who can do this, performing everything and anything from country to oldies to rock and seem to do it flawlessly. I have never heard them outside of this venue so you can be sure I will be at this concert.

Another band I was introduced to on the large stage at Cabernet Franks then made sure I saw in a small venue was Glass House at the Pickled Owl. Could they do it? You bet they could! And they did not lose one bit of their command of their stage presence or their audience. This is a powerful band and a "must see" when you can.

I broke down and finally made it to the Casino twice. The first time was a Saturday night to see one of the last performances of Cathy Paty with Cathy Paty and Co. at The 360. Incredible 180 degree stage and with only a bar, that is open to the Casino games. This casino is not the Atlantic City or Las Vegas experience I'm accustomed to. It's eerily quiet. Not quite sure what to make of that, but the music was HOT! Cathy, as many know, has resigned her position as President and CEO of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and will no longer be performing as a singer. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

The second time was to see Sullivan County's own icon, Slam Allen at the Double Top. From the minute I walked in, it felt like the intimate Blues Clubs I frequented when I lived in Chicago...but with a lot more light. I have long complained that there is no really good Blues here...well, I can't complain anymore. Then, as I'm about to leave, who should show up but my friend Joanna Gass! It took about 60 seconds for Slam to invite her up, and their rendition of Stevie Wonder's "Superstition" was spellbinding!

I am so excited for Hurleyville's own David Bloch! On June 23, he hosted a private CD release party at BHR in Rock Hill for the release of the first (of many, I hope) CDs of his collaboration with songstress/songwriter Celeste Aldridge. A unique songwriter in his own right, this duo is electrifying. Pay attention to this duo, they won't be easily forgotten once you hear them! Didn't attend the

was tough, but we did it. We got it done."

Gary is buried on the farm. She takes a deep breath and continues.

"Maybe I'm unrealistic, but we were meant to farm. I believe we will find a market."

After the calf chores are done, Mrs. Kay drives back up to my car, pointing out the spots here and there where she's been working on weeding. This is her little Eden. She has everything she wants right here.

All she hopes is that help comes in the form of one more milk run a week. It seems so simple. Simple like a glass of milk.

Release Party? Catch them July 15 at 1pm at Cabernet Frank's in Parksville.

And keep a close watch on the Heartbeat Music Hall of Grahamsville. Their start is slow and steady which, for what I know of Sullivan County, is exactly how one creates a lasting influence. I am very pleased to see this is how my friends David and Teresa Treystyn are building their dream.... I have it on good authority that their first major show will feature the great Slam Allen sometime in August. I will keep you all posted.

### Every Monday

Dutch's Open Mic: 205 Rock Hill Dr, Rock Hill, 7 p.m.

Slam Allen at the Double Top; Resorts World Catskills Casino and Hotel. 6 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 Dr, Rock Hill, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

### Wednesdays

Cab'aroke at Cabernet Franks; 38 Main St, (Exit 98 off 17W) Parksville; 6-11 p.m. Come in costume!

Open Mic at the Heartbeat Music Hall of Grahamsville; 300 Main St, Grahamsville 7 p.m.

Rock Hill Summer Music Concert Series; all starting at 6:30 p.m.

July 4: Joanna Gass and the Search and Rescue Orchestra

July 11: Little Sparrow

July 18: The Other Band

July 25: Far Beyond Gone

August 1: Third Degree

### Thursdays

July 5; July 19: Trivia Night at the Pickled Owl; Main Street; Hurleyville; 6 p.m.

July 5: Open Mic Hosted by Fisher Kean at Cabernet Frank's; 38 Main St, (Exit 98 off 17W) Parksville

July 12: Open Mic hosted by Little Sparrow at Cabernet Frank's; 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

Cabernet Frank's, 38 Main St, (Exit 98 off 17W) Parksville:

July 6: Karaba's Barabas

July 13: Alyx Cox 8 p.m.

July 20: The Texas Duet 8 p.m.

July 27: Laura Garone & Southern Fried Soul 7:30 p.m.

### Saturdays:

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

Pickled Owl, 218 Main St, Hurleyville; 6 - 9 p.m.

July 7: Marc Delgado 6 p.m.

Aug 4: Marc Delgado 6 p.m.

Cabernet Frank's, 38 Main St, (Exit 98 off 17W) Parksville

July 14: The Johnny Jules Band 8 p.m.

July 21: Terry Dame and the Weird Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

July 28: Rare Form 7:30 p.m.

### 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 a.m. - 2 p.m., 2037 State Rte 17B, Bethel

Cabernet Frank's, 38 Main St, (Exit 98 off 17W) Parksville

July 15: Must Be Dreaming 1 p.m.

July 22 Janet Burgan 1 p.m.

July 29: Sunday BBQ with Schlomo Franklin 1 p.m.

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The Fallsburg High School Class of 1968 held its 50th reunion in June at BHR in Rock Hill.

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## Returning Fallsburg HS Class Members Capture Memories at 50th Reunion

by Jay P. Goldman

ROCK HILL — When 86 seniors graduated from Fallsburg High School in June of 1968, the top three pop artists on the Billboard Hot 100 chart were Herb Alpert, Richard Harris and Simon & Garfunkel. When members of the same graduating class reconvened locally last month for their 50-year reunion, they discovered much had changed around them and about them, yet all readily bonded on their shared beginnings in Fallsburg.

In all, 32 of the 76 surviving members of the Fallsburg High School Class of 1968 turned out June 15-17 for a full weekend of gatherings that included a Saturday night dinner at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant in Rock Hill, a visit to the Woodstock Museum and a guided tour of Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School.

Class members returned from all corners of the U.S., with two others traveling to

Sullivan County from England and Israel. Several said it was the first class reunion they had attended.

"Fifty years is kind of incredible," said Charlie Levine, a retired Fallsburg high school teacher who served as master of ceremonies and infused a light-hearted touch at the dinner event. "The questions we're all asking are how do we look and how are we feeling? For the balance of the night, we don't talk about politics and we don't talk about our medical conditions."

The reunion participants spent much of their time reconnecting over their lives as impressionable teens. Several pointed to the classmate who had introduced them to cigarettes at an early age and recounted the offbeat adventures of the senior class trip to Washington, D.C. Memories of the latter were sparked by a mounted, two-foot-wide group photo brought to the event by class member

Stewie Roer, who traveled from Hackensack, NJ. Others recalled memorable moments as students of three high school teachers who joined them at the reunion dinner — Jack Leshner, Richard Steiglitz and Jay Kasofsky.

Meanwhile, Harold Tevelowitz and Jamie Studley, class valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, recounted their glee as Fallsburg teammates who vanquished the opposition from a much larger Westchester County high school in a radio-style quiz competition in the format of "It's Academic."

Ten of the attendees were also classmates at Hurleyville Elementary School: Russell Turner, Arthur Burstein, Dennis Schwartz, Stephen Miller, Charlie Levine, Gene Orlowsky, Bruce Sabinsky, Rebecca Salon, Albee Bockman and Nancy McCarthy.

Mostly, the Class of '68 members shared stories of professional triumphs and

personal travails over the past half-century, in an effort, explained class member Helen Rados of Harris, to "connect with our roots, with the people we grew up with." She pointed to the array of occupational contributions amassed by her classmates. They included a college president, a NASA researcher, a corporate vice president of marketing in Europe, an attorney for the Ohio state legislature, as well as those who had committed their working lives to the disability services field, medicine, emergency services, teaching, construction and agriculture, among others.

The primary reunion organizer, Chris Stangel Gage of West Sussex in England, said she was "overwhelmed by the cooperation and help of people in this class," noting that the lack of Facebook accounts and e-mail addresses made it a challenge to create a full database of class members in the months leading up to

the reunion.

Gage worked with local members of the organizing committee to ensure the 50th class reunion left its mark beyond the social gatherings of the weekend. Class members contributed \$4,000 to fund scholarships for four college-bound members of the FCSD Class of 2018. They will be awarded at the Fallsburg Alumni Association's annual reunion affair on July 14 in Woodbourne.

## Small Miracles coming to Hurleyville Arts Centre

HURLEYVILLE — Small Miracles by the NACL Theater Company: Streets will be visiting the Hurleyville Arts Centre on July 14 with an outdoor theatre presentation directed by Tannis Kowalchuk.

This original theatre creation is an all-ages outdoor show featuring stilt walkers, actors, musicians, and special puppet design by Hurleyville Makers Lab artist-in-residence Philip Cooper.

The outdoor location at the old O&W rail station

and freight house in Hurleyville will be the site for a colorful performance about humanity's shifts and movement, migration, adaptation and overcoming obstacles and walls.

Each traveler, dressed in a different color scheme, represents a unique place of origin and tradition, and together the ensemble presents a spectacular visual and aural montage of human stories of a group of people who are on the move.

Following the perfor-

mance, audience members are invited to enjoy interactive workshops in puppetry and stilt walking taught by the performers and the puppeteer.

The Hurleyville Arts Centre also offers weekly Yoga, NIA, and Salsa classes, and new events are being added all the time.

Check the H.A.C. website at hurleyvilleartscentre.org or call 845-707-8047 for a full schedule, to purchase tickets and for information on all upcoming events.



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## A TRADITION CONTINUES AT THE FALLSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FALLSBURG — For the past few years, Fallsburg High School graduating seniors have gone back to Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) to parade through the hallways in their caps and gowns on the last day of school. This tradition gives the seniors who attended BCES an opportunity to see former teachers, younger siblings and relatives, and the excited and cheering students outside their classrooms get

a chance to see their elders dressed up in graduation regalia as role models for their own education. Teachers and administrators also line the corridors and applaud, and it is a moment of pride and happiness for them, as well. This is a great tradition that pays homage to academic achievement in the shared belief in the importance of education in the lives of these children, young and older.



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Fallsburg High School seniors, Diamond Fanning, Jennifer Davila and Kaitlyn Simms pause on their way into the elementary school.

## FALLSBURG HOLDS TWELFTH ANNUAL PRE-K GRADUATION

FALLSBURG — June 15 was graduation day for Pre-K students at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School. Mindy Conciatori, who took over the teaching responsibility from the retired Irene Calabrese in January, organized the ceremony with the support of long-time Assistant Teacher Jennifer Varner.

The morning began with the class processional from the gymnasium to the cafeteria. After the children led the pledge of allegiance, they sang the traditional "Kindergarten Here We Come" to the great delight of the families in the audience. Principal Mary Kate Stinehour presented certificates to the graduates, and camera flashes abounded as parents captured the moment.

Ever since the very first graduating class in 2007, the Pre-K teachers have made beautiful framed photographs of each child wearing a bright mortarboard cap and holding a diploma for the parents to take home with them. On the frame is inscribed the words, "The



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Some of the BCES pre-K grads rehearse in the school gymnasium prior to the processional into the ceremony.

future is yours."

Another part of this annual tradition is a framed statement of thanks to the parents signed by the Pre-K teaching staff that reads as follows: "Each and every child is a gift, each one unique in his or her own way. Thank you for the opportunity of allowing us to be part of your child's first school experience. It has been wonderful watching as each one of your

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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 the flames of a fire or to help in the background. We even provide all of the gear and free training. Stop by the firehouse any Monday night to see what we are all about and how you can help us.

The 17th Annual Morningside Fishing Classic is now history. The first day of bass season started with a little fog and a slight chop on the water. The air temperature was 50 degrees at the start and it would climb into the 80s by the end of the contest. By mid-morning the lake was flat and then a stiff breeze picked up blowing across from the golf course towards the launch. The weeds were just starting to grow and there was not a lot of cover to fish. In addition, the water was a dark tea stain in color to a depth of 18 inches. With all of this, I believe it gave the fish lockjaw. Only 40 fish were brought to the scale by the more than 50 fisherpersons.

The winner was Joshua Gavin from Middletown, NY, catching his limit of five bass with a total of 8.53 lbs. He had help with a healthy 2.84 pounder. Frank Torres from Greenwood Lake, NY was second with a limit of five bass totaling 7.49 lbs. His total was helped by catching the lunker of the day, a fat 3.51 pounder. Frank has not missed very many Classics. Third place was Tom Clegg of Newburgh, NY, weighing in only four bass for a total of 6.50 pounds. Tom has placed in the Classic many times before. He had help with 2.40 pounder.

Because of the “fish lockjaw” all sorts of tackle was used. Some were



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Walter Herzbrun, a 32- year member of HFD, and Captain of the Fire Police for many years, answered his last alarm.

caught on surface lures, crank baits and plastics. There was not a “go to” lure or technique that was a great producer of quality fish.

There was a nice walleye caught by Chris Stangel of Hopewell Junction, NY. It was 18.75 inches in length and weighed 2.39 lbs. It is a deep dark secret as to what he caught it on.

There were a few pick-erel brought to the scale. First place was Chad Unger of Forestburgh with a 17.5 inch, 1.10 pounder. Second was Richie Melligan from Woodbourne, with a 15.0 inch .71 pounder.

Our next event is the rescheduled 8th Annual Bill Carlson Golf Classic. The event was moved to Saturday, August 18. That means you still have time to sign up to play, sponsor a Tee Box or donate a prize to the event. Just contact John at (845) 866-6431.

Switching gears, we have had our share of storms the first part of 2018, with more to come, I am sure. It could be a quick thunder and lightning storm, a

wind storm, heavy rains, you get the picture, and it may knock out power. Are you ready? When was the last time you checked your so-called storm flashlight? Are the batteries any good? Do you have spares? If you use the flashlight infrequently it is a good practice to take the batteries out and store them together. Leaving batteries in just about any electronic device over an extended period of time without using them tends to create corrosion and cause the device’s failure. How about that emergency battery powered radio, when was the last time that was checked?

A solution to preventing both of those devices from failing is to purchase a wind up (crank) radio/flashlight. This device is for storm use and doesn’t need batteries. Just crank it up and you will have light and a radio. They have weather alerts built in, and I have seen some that now have the ability to charge your cell phone. You can get a good one online for around \$25. It will always be ready and there

will be no battery corrosion or failure to deal with

During the last couple of storms in the county, one of the most important places to get power back were the local radio stations. Tune into one of them, as they are constantly getting updates from the emergency operations center to inform the public when the power is expected to come back on, location of dry ice and water distribution centers, warming centers, and of course, the weather and other important information.

On a sad note, 32- year member Walter Herzbrun answered his last alarm. Walter was Captain of the Fire Police for many years and represented the Hurleyville Fire Department with honor and dignity. I will always remember Walter in his shorts and knee high black socks. He enjoyed a good scotch with the members, and a good cigar. Walter, rest in peace.

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July 1, 1938

### Truck Runs Wild, Damages 7 Cars; 3 Persons Hurt

Three persons were injured and seven cars badly damaged on Main Street in Liberty about three-thirty Wednesday afternoon when a truck driven by Irving Moses of New Egypt, N.J., ran wild through the street. The truck, which was owned by L. & H. Inc. of Robinsville, N.J., jumped out of gear near the white bridge north of the village, according to the driver, who was unable to stop the speeding truck with the brakes. He was arrested by Police Chief Victor LeRoy of Liberty on charges of assault in the third degree. He was taken to the Monticello jail and will be arraigned on Friday before Police Justice Frederick Sprague.

As the wildly careening truck came speeding down the street it crashed into the back of a Pontiac coupe driven by Irving Friedberg of New York City who was taken to the Maimonides Hospital suffering from a fracture of the skull. His companion, Miss Anna Wood sustained a possible fracture of ribs on the left side. The truck continued and hit a car owned by Mrs. Raymond Sumeach which was parked at the right curb, then crossed to the left and hit a northbound car driven by John H Hill of Freeville, N.Y. Zigzagging further down the street the runaway crashed into four cars parked at the curb and forced then down the street with one of the cars pushed on the sidewalk in front of



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Longtime Sullivan County Sheriff Harry Borden, who served from 1936 to 1953.

Keller’s Department Store. Miss Ruth Warhartig was treated at the Maimonides Hospital for bruises but was able to return to her home.

Petty thieves were discovered at ten o’clock on Wednesday evening stripping the Friedman car which had been towed into a nearby garage shortly after the crash. They were Arthur Eorofsky, 25, and Philip Schneider, 19, both of New York City. Taken to the county jail in Monticello by Liberty police, they were arraigned on Thursday afternoon on charges of petty larceny.

July 15, 1938

### Sheriff’s New Radio Car Patrols County Roads

As part of a highway safety campaign sponsored by the N.Y.S. Sheriff’s As-

sociation, Sheriff Harry Borden, Undersheriff Walter Flynn and a staff of deputies have been patrolling the highways of Sullivan County with a white sedan equipped with a two-way radio set. The car, which was used here the first three days of the week, is to be tested by all the sheriffs of the state. The Dutchess County sheriff was the first to use it, Sheriff Borden, the second, and at the present time, Ulster County is testing it.

If the car meets with the approval of the sheriffs throughout the state, each county will undoubtedly purchase one. Motorists will be cautioned to obey traffic regulations and with constant battle against accidents, it is hoped that the annual number of highway tragedies each year will be cut to the minimum.

July 15, 1938

### Rain and Wind Storm Sweeps Area

A thunder storm on Monday afternoon, during which torrents of rain fell and a strong wind swept the region, resulted in considerable damage. A tree was blown across the road in Hurleyville and held up traffic for a short time. A branch fell across a high tension wire and disrupted electric and telephone service and another branch across the wire started to burn resulting in a call to the Hurleyville Fire Co.

Lightning struck a barn on the Frank King farm near Woodbourne shortly after three o’clock in the afternoon. Although fire companies from Loch Sheldrake, Woodbourne and Fallsburg responded to the alarm, they arrived too late to save the building which was filled with hay and machinery.

Hail stones fell for three or four minutes and streets in villages throughout the county was flooded. Traffic was virtually at a standstill.

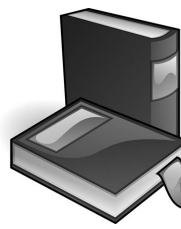
July 22, 1938

### News And Personal Notes About Town

Al Walter has completed moving his establishment formerly located in the Wood building, to the new location in the Hillman block where he will conduct a lunch room and beer garden. He obtained a beer license the early part of this week.

## FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Kelly Wells & Amanda Letohic



We want to start off this month by saying a HUGE “thank you!” to all those who came out on June 5 and voted in our library budget and trustee election. As a result of the election, Sonia Ward and Carol Jenny Silverman kept their respective seats for another five year term. We could not do all that we do without your generous support!

We would also like to give a big “thank you” to two long time staff members who have decided to retire. Kathleen Cusick has been with the Library as a part time clerk since November 2003. Her ability to provide readers’ advisories across all genres will be sorely missed by our patrons. We wish her all the best as she transitions to this new “shelf” in life!

Pennie Mercado has been with the library for more than 20 years, since its reading center days. She was the face of the Library for many years and was integral in its transition from a reading center to an official library in 2000. Pennie’s knowledge of and passion for libraries will be greatly missed by all, as will her positive personality. We wish her well as she begins her new journey!

Any well wishes for our long time staff members can be sent to the Fallsburg Library, Attn: Kelly Wells, PO Box 730, South Fallsburg, NY 12779 or emailed to fbr@rcsl.org. We will be sure to pass them along.

Now for our July program information!

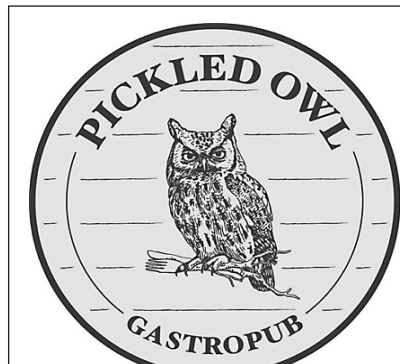
Our Summer Reading program starts July 9. Be sure you’re signed up to be eligible to win tickets for prizes just for reading. On Wednesday July 18, at 5 p.m., kids ages 6+ can come in to learn a couple of tricks from the Hobby Quest Magician. You must be registered for this program to attend.

On Wednesday July 25, at 6 p.m., come in and meet some animals with Animal Embassy and learn about the culture where they come from. Call or stop in to register. Teens can join us on Thursday, July 26 at 6 p.m. for squirt gun painting. Allen J. Frishman will be here Thursday, July 12 at 6 p.m. to entertain adults ages 18+ with his collection of rare items from the Borscht Belt Era.

On July 19, we will welcome back Sullivan County Historian John Conway, who will be presenting “Sullivan

County Libraries: How It All Began.” Be sure to register for this program as seats fill up fast. As always we have our Children’s Craft Night Monday nights at 6 p.m., and our Preschool Story Time Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Just for Summer Reading we have a drop-in craft every Tuesday Night for all ages from 4 to 6 p.m.

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@rcsl.org, stop in: 12 Railroad Plaza, South Fallsburg, NY or follow us on social media!



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# LIKE A LION PART V

**Fallsburg Constable Bronco Kelly is investigating a mysterious death in Hurleyville after the mutilated body of a man is found near the Smith Hill Cut on the O&W Railway. He has gone undercover, disguised as a hobo, as he searches for the suspect referred to as "the Claw Man." Riding aboard a box car on the O&W Railway, he has just heard two men enter the boxcar just behind his. Here is Part V of our story...**

I had just settled into a corner of an empty milk car on the O&W Railway train that was about to pull out of the High View station heading north when I heard the voices of at least two men outside, and then what seemed like noises associated with them hoisting themselves aboard the next car.

The train began to move, slowly at first and then with increasing speed, and soon it was nearly impossible to hear anything over the noise. In a matter of seconds, the rumbling of the train took on a dis-

tinctly different tone, and I knew we must have entered the High View Tunnel, a notion that was soon reinforced by the blacking out of the sunlight that had been penetrating through the cracks around the door.

The ride was bumpy and very noisy, but I did my best to position myself in such a way as to press my ear against the back wall of the boxcar. There was only silence except for the roar of the train, and by the time we had emerged from the tunnel I had begun to doubt that I had actually heard men climb aboard the next car. Then I heard what sounded like the door to the car sliding open.

Not even trying to stand up in the swaying car, I quickly crawled to the door and opened it a crack, hoping to be able to see what might be happening behind me. The door to that car was fully open, but I couldn't make out anything else. I decided to get a closer look once the train stopped at the Mamakating station,



Bronco opened the door of the freight car a crack to try to see what was happening in the next car.

even knowing that doing so might expose my presence.

As soon as the train came to a stop, I rolled open the door and jumped to the ground, then, almost blind from the sunlight after the few minutes in near total darkness, I scurried along

the ballast to the next car, where I hoisted myself through the open door.

It took a few seconds for my eyes to adjust once again, but as soon as they did, I took a good look around. The car was full of crates of various sizes,

and the other man snickered, but didn't speak, and then, looking over his travelling companion's shoulder, he caught sight of me crouching in the corner. "Hey, you," he snarled,

two men were climbing aboard the moving train, climbing inside the same car I had just entered.

I was off to one side, and that, coupled with the dim light in the car, kept them from seeing me right away, though we were just a few feet apart.

They were busy talking to each other, and preoccupied with something one of them was carrying, and were not really expecting to see anyone else in the car.

"I can't believe you stole that," one of them was saying. "That took nerves of steel."

"Man's got to eat," the other one said. "And I could tell you weren't going to get us anything."

"I don't usually steal food," the first man said, almost timidly. "Never found the need. People's always been kind enough to me that I ain't never starved."

The other man snickered, but didn't speak, and then, looking over his travelling companion's shoulder, he caught sight of me crouching in the corner.

"Hey, you," he snarled,

elbowing his way past his companion to get an unobstructed view of me. "Just whaddya think yor doin' here?"

I didn't answer, but stood up, unsteadily at first, and braced myself between the corner walls of the car.

"Whoa, he's a big 'un," the man who was now in back of his more aggressive companion said.

"I asked you a question."

"I'm just hitchin' a ride," I said as casually as I could manage. "I didn't know anyone else was in the car."

"Well, guess what?" he said, snickering again. "Me and Bookie here are in this car. And point of fact, it is our car. So you are getting off."

"Hey, Ralphie," the other man said softly. "Maybe it'll be okay if he stays. He ain't done nothin'."

Before I could decide on a course of action, Ralphie reacted, moving much more quickly than I would have imagined possible, reaching over one shoulder and drawing out from behind him what at first glance appeared to be a

short handled corn broom, and brandishing it in front of him.

As he held it out in front of himself I could see that it was not exactly a broom. It was about three feet long, with a handle about as big around as a baseball bat. Affixed to the end, where a broom's sweeping end would be, was a set of claws that looked just like they had been removed from a mountain lion.

I suddenly realized I was now standing face to face with the Claw Man.

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**Constable Bronco Kelly has gone undercover in an attempt to find "the Claw Man," suspected of killing three men along the O&W tracks. Now, aboard a freight car on a train rumbling northward along the O&W tracks just above Wurtsboro, he finds himself face to face with the man. Don't miss the exciting conclusion to our story in the next chapter of Like a Lion in the August edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel.**

## EMS Beat

by Albee Bockman, AEMT-P



## "A HEAVY FOOT"

Welcome to the summer, Neighbor! And with the warm weather come more people, more traffic, and more motor vehicle accidents. Statistically, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, approximately 30% of young driver and passenger deaths occur in speed related crashes; and approximately 50,000 deaths in total each year from motor vehicle accidents in the United States.

We have always heard that speed kills. And the truth of the matter is - - IT'S THE TRUTH!!!

In a high-speed crash, a passenger vehicle cannot handle the force of the crash. At high speeds, airbags and seatbelts do not work as well to protect passengers. Speed influences the risk of crash and crash injuries in three ways. First, by the time the driver realizes they need to react, they've traveled closer to the danger; secondly, the driver has to brake harder; and third, the crash is harder. If a driver doubles their speed, the braking distance is four times as far. Traveling at 55 mph. it will take about six seconds to stop the car. The car will travel approximately 300 feet before coming to a stop. That is the size of a football field. Think about it!

Speeding is not just driving above the posted speed limit. It also includes driving

too fast for road conditions. Heavy traffic, wet roadways, snow, wind are only a few factors to take into consideration. And let us not forget - - hunting season - - and those cute, pesky, four-legged furry friends that seem to pop out of nowhere. We all have experienced that. If we only slowed down a little bit, right?

Please bear with me as I talk about something medical and descriptive. There are occasions Paramedics arrive on the scene of a motor vehicle accident (MVA) and find an individual deceased; yet, with no apparent visible injuries. When a vehicle travels at a high rate of speed, let's say 70 mph, and makes blunt contact with an object such as a tree, a wall, or another vehicle, the human body will ALSO move at the speed of 70 mph - - AS WELL AS the internal organs of the body. The aorta, the main artery of the body, may "tear" and the person will exsanguinate (bleed) to death rapidly.

As you can see there are many reasons to take the "pedal off the metal" and slow down!

Protecting your life and others is far more important than speeding. Plan ahead to allow more time to get to your destination, take time to call ahead if you're running late, and drive safely...and slower.

*Be safe, Hurleyville!*

## NEW AND UPGRADED WELCOME SIGNS COMING TO SULLIVAN COUNTY THIS YEAR

MONTICELLO - More than 50 welcome signs and historical markers will be installed across the County through the new Sullivan Signs program.

The Sullivan County Legislature awarded 13 towns and villages with funding for projects in the program's inaugural year. There will not be a second round as the funding has been completely subscribed, leveraging over \$140,000 in total project costs.

"First impressions count, and many of these signs will be the first sight visitors see in our towns and villages," said District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, chair of the Legislature's Planning Committee. "These signs will also instill pride, beauty and commerce in our communities, encouraging a pleasant walk through downtowns, along rail trails and past businesses."

Awards include:

- \$5,250 to the **Town of Bethel** to create and install signs for a historical walking trail highlighting Woodstock-related sites and scenes around the town.

- \$7,500 to the **Town of Delaware**, in partnership with the Callicoon Business Association, for the design and installation of new welcome and wayfinding signage in Callicoon.

- \$1,775 to the **Town of Fallsburg** to create new O&W Trail wayfinding and welcome signage in Mountaintale.

- \$1,568 to the **Town of Forestburgh** to add "Thank You for Visiting" signs to



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A planned, but not yet complete sign for the town of Liberty, which received a \$7,500 grant.

the back of their existing town welcome signs.

- \$7,500 to the **Town of Highland**, in partnership with the Greater Barryville Chamber of Commerce, to install welcome banners along Route 97, a new "Welcome to Barryville" sign, three "Historic Walking Tour of Barryville" location plates, and two his-

torical interpretive signs.

- \$7,500 to the **Town of Liberty** to install two new "Welcome to Liberty" signs.

- \$6,660 to the **Town of Lumberland** to install four new "Welcome to Lumberland" signs.

- \$5,651 to the **Town of Mamakating** to create 14 new hamlet welcome signs

across the town.

- \$5,466 to the **Town of Neversink**, in partnership with the Neversink Agricultural Society, for a new "Welcome to the Historic Gramshville Fairgrounds" sign in Gramshville.

- \$7,500 to the **Town of Thompson** to design and install 11 new "Welcome to Thompson" signs and a new "Welcome to Melody Lake" sign.

- \$5,190 to the **Town of Tusten** for a new town welcome sign on Route 97 and a new "Welcome to Narrowsburg" sign.

- \$6,000 to the **Village of Bloomingburg** to design and install a new village hall welcome sign with an electronic message board.

- \$7,500 to the **Village of Liberty** for new downtown wayfinding signage.

For more information, contact Shannon Cilento at Shannon.Cilento@co.sullivan.ny.us or call (845) 807-0529.

The stage is set.

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# SENTINEL SPORTS



## SUMMER TIME IS FUN TIME... BUT WHERE TO GO?

by Heather Gibson

**“Here fishy, fishy!” “Marco!” “Polo!”**

At last, summer is here! Are you excited about spending more time outside in the fresh air? While we have our new rail trail, and some fabulous new places to hang out in our county, where does one go to cool off and how do I go about fishing? Can I just grab my pole and tackle box and go?

Not so fast. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has some rules and regulations to follow, and here's how to get started:

Visiting the NYS DEC website is a great place to start. There you will find all sorts of information on things outdoors

related. You can obtain a fishing license at any town hall, at Walmart, and at most bait and tackle shops..

License fees are \$25 for an Annual Pass for 16-69 years old, and only \$5 if you are 70+. There is a 7-Day Pass for \$12 (16+) and a 1-Day Pass available for \$5 (16+). There are discounts for Military Vets and Other Abled Persons for \$5. There are Lifetime Permits available for \$460, or \$65 if you are over 70.

And the coolest Lifetime Permit includes hunting, fishing and turkey hunting starting at \$380 for a newborn baby up to 4yrs old, and goes up accordingly from there. Now that's a good gift for newborn baby! Unique to say the least and a good way to insure they spend some time

outside.

If you are 16 years of age or under, you can fish for free, but if someone is helping you and teaching you to fish, they will need a license, too. A fishing permit is also needed for frog species if you are spearing them, catching them with your hands, or using a net. I wouldn't worry too much about it, unless of course you are going to serve up frog legs for dinner.

There are plenty of places in our area to fish for free, and it's really important not to trespass on someone else's land. That could cost you a lot more than a fishing license. Some of the favorite local fishing spots are: Morningside Park, Mountaintale Park, Neversink River, Loch Sheldrake Lake, just to

name a few.

There are usually about four days in a year where we can fish for free. It's a good time to test the sport and see if it's something for you. Our next FREE fishing day will be September 22, 2018.

So you and your family went fishing and now you're a little sweaty, and perhaps smell like worms. Where will you cool off?

If you visit the website [www.campingfallsburg.com](http://www.campingfallsburg.com), it will bring up several links and there you will find information on swimming in our Town of Fallsburg Pools. They opened in June on weekends only and have now moved to the summer schedule where Morningside and Mountaintale will be open from 11:30

a.m. – 6:45 p.m. most of the week. You can call 845-434-5877 before you go to insure the pool is open. Cost of swimming for the day is \$3 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. There are season passes and family packs available if you will be using the pool regularly.

If you'd like to get a bit more adventurous, I'd encourage you to check out the Peekamoose Blue Hole. This is in the Sundown Wild Forest and part of our Catskill Forest. There is a no-cost one-day permit to swim there. For more information on the Blue Hole, you can visit the NYS DEC website. Happy swimming! Happy Fishing! Be safe! Have a wonderful summer!



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Morningside Lake, owned and operated by Town of Fallsburg Parks & Recreation, offers opportunities for fishing and many other activities.



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Two teams represented the State of New York from Fallsburg. On the left is Team 99561-C: Josias Pierre, Oliver Norminton, Aidan Ferris and Landon Berry; on the right is Team 99561-D: Hunter Doty, Hannah Nikolai, Lexi Peters, Kai Odell Schreier, and Michael Storms. The dinosaur is the adopted mascot of the teams.

## Fallsburg Robotics Teams Compete at International Competition

FALLSBURG – From April 25-April 28, two teams from Fallsburg Jr. High School competed at the annual International Robotics Competition in Louisville, Kentucky. Representing New York State were the following students: Hannah Nikolai, Kai Schreier, Hunter Doty, Michael Storms, Lexi Peters, Oliver Norminton, Aidan Ferris, Josias Pierre and Landon Berry. Several parents supported their children by attending the competition. Mr. Schreier,

the Ferrises, Mrs. Doty and daughter Savannah, Rosalind Natale and husband Michael Storms, Sr. Coach Donald Thomas said that several of the kids had never been on an airplane before. The few days in Louisville were jam-packed with scheduled activities in preparation for the competition and in the heat of the event. Each night the teams were utterly exhausted. The competitions began on Wednesday afternoon and ended on Saturday morning. In all,

188 Middle School teams competed. Fallsburg's 99561-C Team earned a 60th place; the 99561-D Team earned 61st place. The scores do not tell the whole story.

During the early part of the event, the Fallsburg C team of Oliver Norminton, Aidan Ferris, Josias Pierre and Landon Berry handily defeated the team that ended up as #1 from Shanghai, China. Shortly afterward, disaster struck. The team's programming computer died out. In the vastness of

the venue and in the confusion, no one could locate the replacement files, and the students had no choice but to rebuild the files on their own. Ordinarily, this process could take 20-30 hours. Because these kids knew what to do and because their alliance team from Ohio helped them, they got the computer working in twenty minutes!

In subsequent matches, the robots regained some memory in the system programming, but it was too

little, too late, according to Mr. Thomas. It was a painful learning experience, but the students showed great resourcefulness under pressure.

The teams are excited about next year's theme, "Turning Point." Oliver Norminton "was eager to get new equipment and get ready for next year."

Fallsburg is enthusiastic about hosting the first regional competition on December 15, 2018 in the High School Gymnasium.



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Some of the fish caught in the 17th annual Morningside Fishing Classic in June. See Jack Halchak's "From the Firehouse" column on Page 4 for winners.



## EXPLORERS DISCOVER NEW HOME

### Professional Baseball Fails in Sullivan County Once More

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE – On May 31, just a few days before the 2018 Empire Professional Baseball League season was set to begin, the league issued a rather odd announcement.

That day, the league circulated a press release headlined "Empire League to Play in Puerto Rico This Season," which hardly seemed newsworthy since the Puerto Rico Islanders had already been part of the

league for some time, playing their home games in Rincon.

"The Western cities of Aguada and Rincon Puerto Rico have a tremendous tourism reputation and are known to the world as premier surfing destinations with great baseball history," the release began. "But now a new Baseball agenda can be added to the sports history, as for the first time in history an American based, independent professional baseball league of Rookie

level play will attempt to experience the baseball market for this level of play in the beautiful island of enchantment!"

Eventually it became apparent from the release that the six-team league was adding a second Puerto Rican team, and in the last paragraph, one learns—sort of—that an existing team was moving there.

"Today we say Bienvenido PR Islanders to Rincon, and the Explorers who will make Aguada a location for

experimental home games this summer," the release says.

The Sullivan Explorers, who won the Empire League championship in 2016, but failed to make the playoffs last season after a dismal second half, are now known as the Aguada Explorers.

And not just going forward, but throughout the entire Empire League website, including in the standings and statistics for past seasons, all mention of the



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