

## A NEW CHEF IN TOWN

### Tango Café Welcomes Melissa Jaycox

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE — Hurleyville native Melissa Jaycox is the new executive chef at Tango Café, replacing the departed Jonathan Martinez.

Tango Café reopened with great fanfare on Friday, May 24.

Ms. Jaycox, a Fallsburg High School graduate who has been making a name for herself as the founder and proprietor of Milk & Honey, a Hurleyville based food and beverage provider, has instituted a new menu and a new look for the Café.

“With an amazing team and great location, I know this is the place for me,” she announced on social media prior to assuming the reins.

The Tango Café will continue to be an integral part

of the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre, supporting its mission and providing catering services for many of the events there.

“This was most certainly unplanned, but I know a good opportunity when I see one,” Ms. Jaycox told the Sentinel. “My ice cream will still be at market, it will be available in Tango Cafe, and I’ll be able to work for a non-profit that I can truly identify with.”

Ms. Jaycox emphasized the Café’s relationship with HPAC, and said the opportunity to be associated with that innovative initiative was a major factor in her decision to take on the challenge at Tango.

“Sullivan County and the Catskills are filled with diversity that needs to be showcased,” she said recently. “We’re a vibrant people with a lot to offer



The Tango Café at HPAC re-opened on Friday, May 23.



Executive Chef Melissa Jaycox

and the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre brings this to light while being open and inclusive to the

population. This goes hand-in-hand with how I personally feel about Hurleyville and the people here. I’ve

always been looking to make art through food, and bring something great to the community, and now I

have that opportunity.

“The Tango team plans to work closely with HPAC, hosting luncheons, featur-

ing special cocktails and food based on their activities, and moving forward with catering in the Ballroom,” she added. “We really want to accentuate that we are one and the same, and have a close link to all the upcoming events, including the African Wildlife Exhibition that’s coming up. Aside from this, we plan to feature a ‘from scratch’ kitchen, serving local ingredients with a menu that changes seasonally to match NY produce.”

The Tango Café will be open four days a week, and will be open for lunch. There are plans to be open six days a week this summer. For the time being, the hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays, which, Ms. Jaycox said, will feature “a

magnificent brunch buffet with bottomless mimosas.”

“We are putting a huge emphasis on programming and community events,” she said. “We plan to have cooking classes, demonstrations, speakers, you name it, we’re going to have it! We’ll be involved with all HPAC programming, and you’ll often see parties gathering in Tango for small events, and large events. We plan to be a large part of the community, welcoming people in droves via a wide variety of classes and events.”

Milk & Honey products will also be available at a number of local Farmers Markets, including Making on Fridays from 4 to 7 p.m., Kauneonga Lake on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Callicoon on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Roll Out Your Mat Yoga Takes Center Stage

by Lily Barrish Levner

HURLEYVILLE — The Yoga Space Catskills has found its new home, at least for the interim, inside Center Stage on Main Street. The fully renovated former St. Mary’s Church is owned by The Center for Discovery. The Yoga Space was previously located within the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre.

The new spot, right up the road from the original location, is still walkable from town and has the same great teachers and wonderful classes. Just drive past the Sullivan County Museum and take the left next to the



PHOTO BY LILY BARRISH LEVNER

Hatha Vinyasa class in session at Center Stage.

United Methodist Church and you’ll find ample parking behind Center Stage.

“I like the openness and

ambiance of the new studio,” said LeeAnna Maniace, owner of The Yoga Space Catskills. It was im-

portant to her that she offered her students a place of solace and sanctuary. The Center Stage fits the bill with high, open ceilings, a beautiful picturesque window overlooking trees and big spacious floors.

“I love this new space. It’s uplifting, airy and inspiring—just like the teachers,” said Gordon Gilbert, who regularly attends classes each week.

Ms. Maniace has been running The Yoga Space for the past three years. When Erin Dudley, who opened the studio, passed the torch to her she stepped into the

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### Hpac Hosts African Wildlife Foundation

First Arts Centre in the World to Host Exhibit

HURLEYVILLE — The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre is teaming up with the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) for an informative and engaging evening highlighting AWF’s unique approach to achieving successful conservation results in Africa.

For more than 60 years, AWF has used the principles of Leading for Wildlife, Living with Wildlife and Caring for Wildlife to ensure the future of Africa’s iconic species and improve the livelihoods of the continent’s people.

The evening’s program will include the airing of several African Conservation Voices short films crafted by African film-

makers that tell authentic conservation stories from an African perspective. They will be followed by a moderated panel discussion of AWF experts from Kenya and Zimbabwe who will delve into the films’ stories and the importance of African-led solutions to wildlife conservation and biodiversity.

In the HPAC lobbies, images from the internationally recognized Mkapa African Wildlife Photography Exhibition will be on view - highlighting exquisite prints from the near 10,000 submissions on which the award winners were judged. The Mkapa exhibition is based on a partnership with AWF and Nature’s Best Photography, and



HPAC will be the final stop on a 2-year-long international road show.

“To be sustainable, conservation must be led by Africans, because we are the stewards of these resources,” says Kaddu Sebunya, AWF’s CEO. “These images and short films help start the conversation. They help define and refine Africa’s agenda for conservation and

development.”

HPAC is the first arts center to display these works, which have previously been shown only in renowned museums.

The opening reception, featuring live music and a cash bar, is Wednesday, June 5 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person. HPAC promises an extraordinary and inspiring evening.

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE — Have you heard about dryer balls?

They are eco-friendly, reduce drying time, save energy, and are made from a renewable resource — wool. They are chemical-free, making them ideal for those with sensitive skin or allergies. I’ve been using them for years (a significant cost savings) after scrubbing off the thick, waxy coating that clogged my dryer’s lint filter, caused by expensive “natural” dryer sheets.

You can buy locally-made wool dryer balls at Fiber on Main, at 250 Main Street in Hurleyville. I visited the shop on a rainy spring day not long ago, and chatted with Fiber coordinator Rachel Carrigan and a resident from the Barefoot House at The Center for Discovery. It’s a busy shop with retail products for crafters in the front room, including dryer balls and skeins of their locally produced wool, their most popular retail product.

Sewing machines and other active projects fill the other rooms on the first floor of the renovated house.

The dryer balls are made with wool from the sheep that are raised at TCFD. They are a very popular item, and they last for years, Ms. Carrigan told me.

“We do some upcycling by putting old sweater fabric in the middle for a solid core to give it some weight,” she said. “It helps them bounce around in your laundry, which separates clothing and helps with wrinkles. We have a whole dryer ball assembly group at TCFD, where residents and staff help with dryer ball production in vocational programs. And, we found one group that really enjoys it, gathered around a large table. Everybody contributes to a stage of production, and they joke, they laugh, and they throw.”

Not all wool-related production is as simple as making dryer balls. So Fiber on Main has teamed with

Innovation Labs at TCFD — the core of their assistive technology and innovation efforts — and they work together to create universal fiber tools that can be easily used by anyone, regardless of ability.

A switch-adapted knitting machine is one of those collaborations, along with another machine that organizes wool into skeins. Both machines have 3D printed gears and other parts, a process that has become easier with the evolution of 3D printers that have become more efficient and much easier to use.

There is a knitting machine, operated manually, that turns out a knitted hat in about 20 minutes. By adding switch activation to that machine, a resident with limited hand movement visits Fiber on Main for vocational activity can make a hat from donated wool for themselves or for a relative. While that might not seem like a big deal to the average person with functioning

hands, the sense of independence and accomplishment in this work is huge for some TCFD residents.

Ms. Carrigan reports that she has transitioned several students from more passive vocational activities to hat making with the adapted machine, and the “wow” factor never gets old for

### A Visit With Fiber On Main Dryer Balls and So Much more



PHOTO BY DENISE SULLIVAN

Fiber on Main is located at 250 Main Street.

to get residents involved with fiber projects, and she meets with staff from Innovation Labs regularly. It’s part of what TCFD calls the “innovation pipeline”, which is a system for employees like Ms. Carrigan to collaborate with technicians to bring an idea for universal design to reality while eliminating barriers that residents face in everyday life. They are thinking about their next project together, collaborating on a very small motorized, 3D printed, rigid heddle loom.

“That is the only fiber tool that we don’t have switch adapted yet so that residents with physical challenges can participate in traditional weaving,” Ms. Carrigan said.

Fiber on Main hosts workshops, like the Intro to Knitting class at Forage and Gather on May 25, as well as weekly open studio sessions and a monthly “spin-in” for community members with sewing and fiber projects.

“We have regular community members who come in with projects and interact with residents,” Ms. Carrigan said. “Somebody came in today with four balls of yarn to unwind into skeins, so we just did it on our adapted machine because that helps us test it out.”

Residents and students at The Center for Discovery also get pre-vocational retail experience, and a chance to share their work with the public. Individuals spend time in the studio repairing sewing machines for other TCFD day programs and the Sullivan County Historical society Museum, as well as working on individual sewing projects, artistic mending of clothing, weaving, felting and knitting.

Students from the College and Community High School (CCHS) also visit Fiber on Main. They sometimes have sewing projects related to plays and productions that they create. If a CCHS student is interested,

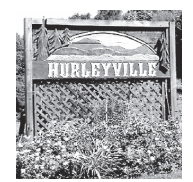
they can spend time helping with organizing materials and getting things ready for daytime programs. They recently collaborated with Ms. Carrigan and a local fire official to conduct burn tests for different materials and then talked about fire safety.

“We experimented with synthetic and natural materials to see how and what burns, and then they had a review on smoke detectors and evacuation plans,” Ms. Carrigan said.

Basic repair and sewing machine maintenance is now offered to the public at Fiber on Main. You can find more information at [www.fiberonmain.com](http://www.fiberonmain.com). Better yet, stop in at 250 Main Street for a visit. You might get to pet a mini-Nubian goat or an angora bunny that is visiting. They also take donations of fiber tools or materials that can be used for projects. Fiber on Main is another wonderful place in the happening hamlet of Hurleyville!

# Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



## HURLEYVILLE-SULLIVAN FIRST (HSF)

The members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First continue to collaborate with local community groups and businesses in the ongoing revitalization of "the liveliest little hamlet in the Mountains."

Everyone is invited to come out and help plant annuals and perennials in the barrels on Main Street and in the stone planters on Friday, June 7. The group will meet at the firehouse at 9 a.m.

Please visit [www.hurleyville-ny.com](http://www.hurleyville-ny.com) for more information about Hurleyville-Sullivan First. You can also visit Hurleyville-Sullivan First on Facebook.

## HURLEYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Bread of Life Food Pantry will be open on Thursday, June 20 and on Thursday, June 27 from 3 until 5 p.m.

Sunday services are held at the church at 9 a.m. Children of all ages can attend Sunday school at the church during services. Please note there is no Sunday school on the first Sunday of the month.

Pastor Jorge delivers sermons on the church's page on Facebook at 11 a.m. on Sundays.

All are invited to pray with others over the phone on the church's prayer line on Sundays from 7:00pm - 8:00pm. The prayer line phone number is 605-472-5491 and the access code is 251678.

The adult Bible study group meets in the sanctuary at the church every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

"Messy Church" will not be held in June.

The volunteers at the church are collecting diapers for First Way Life Center and children in foster care. They're also gathering new t-shirts and gently used jeans for veterans along with new

# BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY



Thursday, June 20th  
Thursday, June 27th

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Hurleyville United Methodist Church  
263 Main Street  
Hurleyville

clothes with tags for women suffering from domestic violence. Please contact Cookie at 845-428-5871 or Goldie at 845-467-1641 for more information on the program.

Please call Lonnie at 845-798-4809 for more information on services and activities at the church. You can also get updates at the church's page on Facebook.

## THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Frederick Cook Society is presenting "An Exhibition of Photography and Artefacts from The Belgian Antarctic Expedition 1897 - 1899" at the Museum. The exhibition will open on Friday, June 21 at 4 p.m. A panel discussion "Legacies of the Belgica: 125 Years of Polar Science and Exploration" will begin at 6 p.m. The exhibition will be on display at the Museum through the end of November.

The volunteers at the Museum work on a variety of activities including research and exhibits. Anyone interested in exploring genealogy and the history of life in Sullivan County can contact the Museum for information on volunteering.

The historical and genealogical archives at the Sullivan County Museum are open for exploration on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment.

Guided tours of the Museum...behind the scenes and regular exhibits...are available. There is no charge for the hour-long tours but registration is required. Please call 845-434-8044 to make a reservation.

Sullivan County memorabilia and books describing the history of Sullivan County are always available at the Museum gift shop.

The museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, is open on Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free. Donations to meet the increasing cost of operating the Museum are appreciated.

Visit the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum at [www.scnyhistory.org](http://www.scnyhistory.org) or on Facebook.

## COLUMBIA HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE (CHNA)

The developer of Gan Eden Estates on Columbia Hill recently performed on-site well testing on the back-up well on the property that required casing to be installed. Homeowners in the area were asked by the developers if they could do more testing on June 2. However, homeowners in the area and members of CHNA agree that the tests should be conducted during July and August in order to show more accurately any adverse impact on wells in the area.

Community residents continue to be concerned with the negative impact of high density/ non-sustainable residential development in our area:

- Frightening scope of proposed developments
- Dangerous impact on water supply... municipal and private
- Adverse effect on neighboring wetlands
- Perilous effect on fire-fighting needs
- Harmful effects of runoff
- Wastewater treatment plant discharge
- Wastewater treatment plant failure
- Hazards of increased traffic
- Loss of community character
- Scrupulous vetting of projects submitted to town boards for approval

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

# Benjamin Cosor Elementary Announces Honor Roll List for the Third Marking Period

FALLSBURG - Benjamin Cosor Elementary School is proud to announce their Honor Roll and Superintendent's Honor Roll recipients for the third marking period. Students who made the Honor Roll list earned an overall grade-point average of 3.0-3.5, and students who made the Superintendent's Honor Roll list earned an overall grade-point average of 3.6-4.0. The following students were recognized for their high achievements.

## Grade 4 Honor Roll:

Genesis Anderson, Isaiah Crawford, Dakota DeGraw, Giada Evangelista, Brooklyn Fisher, Leah Glanstein, Jase Hermann, Jackson Hockenberry, Enina Lulanaj, Zoya Meer, Jax Pillius, Taylor Simms, and Tyler Torres.

## Superintendent's Honor Roll:

Mila Arroyo, Santiago Brito Garcia, Katherine Giron Cabrera, Jonah Godby, Brianna Johnson, Muhammed Kassama, Eliza Lagos Guardado, Mason Li, Lincoln Oneal, Skyla Restrepo, Madax Simpson, and Elijah Torres.

## Grade 5 Honor Roll:

Dilver Aleman, Hayden Atkins, Elias Blandon Rivera, Rocket Budde, Samantha Clark, Aaron Cubias, Greyson DuBose-Olmo, Muhammed Dum-buya, Taylin Frunzi, Lithsy Fuentes Ardon, Arayaah-Laurice Irby, Jordan Ketcham, Ashley Leon Santos, Caleb Mapes, Marvin Martinez Gonzales, Theresa Medina, Katherine Reyes Serrano, Erick Rivera Moreno, Madison Samora, Blinera Selimaj, Melanie Wang, and Marleena Wright.

## Superintendent's Honor Roll:

Armani Alencaster, Arabella Almodovar, Bryan Balcazar Lavin, Ava Berrios, Isaac Castillo Miranda, Aubrianna Clark-Wheat, Nelson Duque Moroy, Anthony Frunzi, Emanuel Granados, Selina Lazroe, Bryan Lopez-Romero, Alexandria Mann, Grayson Mungeer, Christian Robles-Hernandez, Kendra Rodriguez, Derrick Saravia, Blerina Selimaj, Gabrielle Spruill, Annabella Vences-Urquiza, and Benjamin Wizwer.

## Grade 6 Honor Roll:

Brianny Argueta Hernandez, Giselle Ascencio Martinez, Darlin Chub Ujpan, Franco DiCostanzo, Mylaan Dolberry, Kimberly Duncan, Dania Duque Enamorado, Shamiah Foy, Janary Fuentes Ardon, Charlie Giron Saravia, Genesis Gonzalez Alvarez, Aryanna Irby, Khloe Jordy, Joaquin Lundy, Margie Madrid Castro, Jackelyne Mariaca, Ariel Payne, London Redding-Hall, Logan Retana, Alexandra Margoth Reyes Lopez, Malika Rivers, Leon Rodriguez Morales, Leonardo Rojas, Anthony Santos Morales, Claudia Smith, Ambar Vasquez, and Allison Yautentzi Reyes.

## Superintendent's Honor Roll:

Yasmina Aquil, Walker Budde, George Peruchet Di Napoli, Carsyn Hoefling, David Hernandez Martinez, Hanna Manjarrez Paredes, Victoria Manjarrez Paredes, Reja Meer, Genesis Reyes-Robles, Makayla Rivers, Jessica Sociolo, Zhara Snead, Holly Sureus, and Heaven Wilson.

# The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

One can tell when summer is a hair's breadth away when suddenly the schedule fills to overflow! (The angiogram on my leg not included.) The unfortunate thing is, that like during the waning days of COVID, much of what is out there is booked last minute. Maybe because the newest strain is circulating right now?

The one constant in this is THE FIRST SUNDAYS (of every month) at the SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM on Main Street in Hurleyville. Although the guest musicians may change, these free concerts (1-3 p.m.) are always a great afternoon of music anchored by LITTLE SPARROW (ALDO TROIANI and CAROL SMITH).

Both Aldo and Carol are multi-talented artists. You can explore CAROL SMITH'S amazing artwork at THE STONE HOUSE in Hasbrouk (across from the HASBROUK TAVERN). The exhibition, SEEING THE UNSEEN opens Sunday June 2 at 4 p.m.

There's a wonderful, thought provoking, exhibition at the LIBERTY MUSEUM AND ARTS CENTER called "Voices of Survivors" which features the art works of Holocaust. FISHER AND KEAN opened the museum season, and this exhibition on Friday, May 17 with songs of peace. The LIBERTY MUSEUM AND ARTS CENTER, (208 South Main Street) will be open Fridays and Saturdays 12-4.

And, what fun to find FISHER AND KEAN booked at the last minute at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville the following night! What a great way to break the housebound-ness. There is something so down-home and

yet exhilarating about these two. They wended their way through fan favorites like CANNED HEAT'S 'GOING UP COUNTRY' and 'THE SHAPE I'M IN' by THE BAND and NEIL YOUNG'S 'HARVEST MOON'.

For a real change of pace, I traveled up to Woodstock to catch friends in THE DON MILLER TRIO for some sweet afternoon jazz. Yes, yes, I know, I'm a blues kinda chick, but I appreciate all music that's done well. Don has been a friend for years, and he on his 200 year old upright bass with multi-award winning JOE TRANCHINA'S mastery of the key board, and the drummer supplying the under tones, this just transports one into another dimension. It reminds me that I'm so blessed with amazing friends.

Speaking of a change of pace, I had a chance to catch up with cabaret singer, TERI PARIS. She's not been doing much music over the last years, but has now decided to get herself back out there. I caught her several months ago at

CABERNET FRANK'S, and found myself completely enthralled because, not only can this woman sing, but she puts on an entire SHOW. I found myself wondering how she put it all together. When you throw something out in the universe, you get answers, and the answers are exactly why you should see her, too. Even if I didn't know her, even if I had never heard her, any person who headlined at the exclusive clubs THE BLUE ANGEL and CLUB IBIS, and then joined the renown LE CLIQUE, well, I would have sought her out... and so should you! She is opening the season at THE LIBERTY SOUL STAGE on Highway 52 June 1.

And when you go to CABERNET FRANK'S and see this cone and sign in the middle of Main Street, just beyond the CABERNET FRANK'S property, do not clip or run over the cone if you want to keep your windshields. Yes, Mr. Peters strikes again.

Until next time...

# FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



## HUMIDITY

### Relative Humidity

RH represents amount of water in air in percentage



Relative Humidity 0% 50% 75% 100%

According to noaa.gov, Humidity is a measure of the water vapor content of the air.

NOAA also defines Relative Humidity as a "dimensionless ratio, expressed in percent, of the amount of atmospheric moisture present relative to the amount that would be present if the air were saturated. Since the latter amount is dependent on temperature, relative humidity is a function of both moisture content and temperature. As such, relative humidity by itself does not directly indicate the actual amount of atmospheric moisture present."

Colder air cannot handle as much moisture as warmer air. Temperature in relation to humidity is important, especially as we spend 90% of our time indoors.

Consider for example a winters day. The outdoor air could have a 100% relative humidity at 41°F, and therefore contain 0.2 grams of water. Indoors however, 41°F would be very uncomfortable, so we would warm it up. When the outdoor air is heated up to 73°F indoors, the absolute amount of water in the air is still the same. But since warmer air can hold more water, the relative humidity goes down to 33%.

On the other hand, warm air can handle more moisture than cooler air. For example, a warm and humid summer

with 80% humidity at 86°F, would mean that the outdoor air contained 0.8oz/m3 of water. In our homes, 86°F would be very uncomfortable so many would use air conditioners to cool it down again. If you cool it down to below 78.8°F, the relative humidity level goes to 100% and the water condenses (The dew point). That is why air conditioning systems often have a dehumidifier built-in. Without them, your walls in the home would be soaking wet during the summer.

Wikipedia adds that electronic devices are often rated to operate under certain humidity conditions.

When an electronic item is moved from a cold place to a warm place condensation may coat circuit boards leading to short circuit inside the equipment. Low humidity can also cause static electricity which result in shutdown of electronic items.

Data centers also monitor humidity levels. In packages silica gel is included to control humidity. Discarges in electronic items can be very bad by humidity levels. When a person wearing glasses comes in from the cold condensation forms and can cause electronics to not work.

John "the Weatherman" Simon writes a regular column on weather for The Sentinel. He lives in Hurleyville.



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Do you get a lump in your throat  
When the Star Spangled Banner is played?  
Is your hand on your chest  
When the pledge is recited?  
Are your true feelings fully displayed?

Many recent events have brought tears to my eyes  
Watching how our flag's being used  
Not honoring what she stands for  
Simply mockery and abuse

Being used as a bayonet or setting her body on fire  
And waving her incorrectly  
This could not have been Betsy's desire

Let's wave her again with pride  
And return to the days of old  
When the red, white and blue  
On June 14th was treated like ingots of gold.

- Mimi  
June, 2024

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# FCSD ANNOUNCES VALEDICTORIAN AND CO-SALUTATORIAN

FALLSBURG – The Fallsburg Central School District is excited to announce their Class of 2024 valedictorian, Angelina Levner, and their co-salutatorians, Charlotte Steingart and Mia Irlbacher. At the close of the third quarter of this school year, Angelina, Charlotte, and Mia's overall grade point averages were 99.86, 99.68, and 99.64, respectively.

At Fallsburg, Ms. Levner was a member of the National Honor Society, Leo's Club, Interact Club, Student Government Association, and senior band. Additionally, she played for the varsity cross-country, indoor track & field, and outdoor track & field teams. She plans to attend the University of Florida in the fall where she will study to become a veterinarian.

Ms. Steingart was a member of the National Honor



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(Left to right): Mia Irlbacher, Charlotte Steingart, and Angelina Levner

Society, Leo's Club, Interact Club, and Student Government Association. In her spare time, she enjoys horseback riding. Her plans upon graduation are to attend Binghamton University and pursue a Law degree. Her hope is to one day manage a

brokerage firm.

Ms. Irlbacher was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Government Association, and the varsity soccer team. She plans to attend SUNY Albany in the fall, where she will pursue a career as a physical

therapist.

The Fallsburg Central School District congratulates Ms. Levner, Ms. Steingart, and Ms. Irlbacher on their remarkable achievement and wishes them the best of luck in their futures.

## LOOKING FOR STATE GRANTS?

Sullivan County Can Help

MONTICELLO – New York State's Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) program is now accepting applications, with the potential for local organizations and initiatives to receive significant funding to boost their projects.

This round makes available \$175 million in core capital grant and tax-credit funding that can be combined with a wide range of programs from various State agencies. The deadline for many applications is Wednesday, July 31 at 4 p.m. sharp. However, open enrollment programs are not subject to the July 31 deadline and will continue to accept applications on an ongoing basis until funds are exhausted.

The Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council will be hosting a virtual, Sullivan County-focused info session on Tuesday, June 18 at 8:30 a.m. Registration is required either by calling 845-567-

Round 14 Competitive Program Applications due July 31

Sullivan County CFA Alert

For Municipalities, Small Businesses, & Not-for-Profits

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4882 or completing the short form at <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/mid-hudson/events/mid-hudson-virtual-cfa-information-session-june-18-2024-partnership-sullivan>.

"Whether you're a business, a nonprofit or a municipality, I encourage you to explore the possibilities through this once-a-year grant program," urges District 1 Legislator Matt

McPhillips, chair of the Legislature's Planning and Economic Development committees. "We can help with everything from basic questions to connecting you to appropriate resources to assist with the more challenging aspects of the application process. We're eager to give a boost to worthwhile projects that will benefit the people of Sullivan County."

The Department has created a handy guide to the CFA process, including local resources, which can be found at <https://sullivanny.us/Departments/grants>.

"The Sullivan County Department of Grants Administration stands ready to provide technical support in identifying appropriate CFA funding programs and sourcing grant-readiness resources," says Grants Administration Supervisor Arthur Hussey. "Feel free to contact our team at 845-807-0471 or 0468 to tell us about your project."

## Record Breaking Radiothon

More Than \$147,000 Raised

MONTICELLO-- The 13th Annual Thunder 102 Country Cares for St. Jude Kids Radiothon on May 16 and 17 raised \$147,135 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This annual event has raised over \$750,000 to date. During this 26-hour long radiothon, Bold Gold Media on-air personalities were joined by committee members, sponsors, dignitaries and special guests, including Marlo Thomas, whose father, Danny Thomas, founded St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In addition to donations made in the 26-hour event, money was raised throughout the year at events like the Bold Gold Open Golf Tournament, Celebrity Bartending Nights at area restaurants, a cancer awareness motorcycle ride, and at dozens of locations throughout Thunder Country that sold SUNY Sullivan Boot Cards. A few highlights were the presen-



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tation of a \$35,000 check from the Wurtsboro H.O.G. motorcycle club, from their poker run, and a \$10,000 check from Resorts World Catskills. Then New York State Senator, Peter Oberacker, surprised Bold Gold with the presentation of the Empire Award for our stations' service to the betterment of our community and

New York State.

"This is really an example of local radio at its finest; pulling together community leaders, organizations, sponsors and listeners for one cause. It's a humbling experience to be a small part of it," said Paul Ciliberto, Bold Gold Senior Advisor and host of Ciliberto & Friends on Catskills

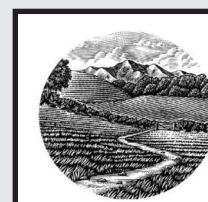
News Talk 92.5 & 94.9.

"Raising this much money in a small market like Sullivan and the Catskills truly shows that community matters, and that live local radio is stronger than ever," said Dawn Ciorciari, General Manager of Bold Gold Media NY Operations.

The Barred Owl is a year-round resident in our neighborhood. It doesn't migrate, which is something we have in common. We hear the owl's four-note "who-cooks-for-you" song in close proximity to our cottage, often in stunning clarity and volume. This year, an unusually silent winter has been followed by a very vocal spring, with "who-cooks-for-you" delivered in a new minimalist version, without variation in pitch or duration, just four identical muted notes.

The owl's hooting is often characterized as desolate or lonely, but it's a very social sound. Listen closely and you'll hear a responsive hoot coming far from the originating call. This bird is born to hoot; owlets start vocalizing in the egg, before hatching. The spring calls we've been hearing are timely signs of nesting activity – mating calls or talk between spouses. The strigine kingdom (as cats are feline, so owls are strigine) is cast as wide as waves of sound.

This season, there have been disturbances in the



## Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

strigine realm. Flaco, the wonder-owl of Manhattan, died after a year of freedom from captivity, his navigational system scrambled by the ingestion of poisoned prey. Then, in Hurleyville, The Pickled Owl, that convivial and cozy bistro, closed – another owl gone! Humans need such places as owls need nests (something else we have in common). Diners, cafes, pubs, coffeehouses – they all have their place in the ecology of human comity, little cradles of civilization. Their loss elicits a cry: "Who cooks for us?"

"The ideal of a diner," a recent review of one read, "– its promise, its function – is not to be great, but to be there," a reliably steady presence, capacious enough to allow the private (booths along one wall) and the communal (counter along the other) to coexist in harmony and tolerance. The Pickled Owl had its booths in the front, tables in the back, and barstools to the side, in due

proportion.

The archetypal diner, the Mother of All Diners, is Phillies, from Edward Hopper's painting, "Nighthawks." The image is often characterized as desolate and lonely, like the hooting of an owl: four isolate figures surrounded by the empty space of the diner and the darkening streets outside. The only light cast is from inside the diner outwards, into the night.

"Nighthawks" was painted in January of 1942, in the immediate aftermath of Pearl Harbor. New York City, under Mayor La Guardia, had already experienced "practice blackouts," in case it, too, underwent bombardment. The city in "Nighthawks" is a place facing potential siege. In that light, the diner could be seen as a refuge from the encroaching darkness and the harshness of history, a place where the four figures inside temporarily alight in their cold communion. The painting could

as well have been titled "Night Owls."

"I didn't see it as particularly lonely," Hopper said. "Nighthawks" may have been inspired by Hemingway's story, "A Clean, Well-Lighted Place," which Hopper is known to have admired. The nameless café in the story provides whatever measure of solace is to be derived from the vicissitudes of experience. The waiter in the café stands in solidarity "with all those who need a light for the night." He's "reluctant to close up because there may be someone who needs the café." The café's function is to be *there*.

As our era grows harsher, our hedges against harshness grow more precious. We seek connection wherever we can find it: in well-lit places, in artworks, in birdsong. The owl needs no light to take flight; it can navigate by sound alone, moving with assurance in the dark.

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## SC Public Health Seeking Fellows

Part of Statewide Program

LIBERTY-- In conjunction with the New York State Department of Health, the Sullivan County Department of Public Health is now accepting applications for the prestigious New York State Public Health Corps (NYSPHC) Fellowship Program, a first-in-the-nation initiative to strengthen local and Statewide workforce capacities to better respond to future public health emergencies.

NYSPHC Fellows work on a variety of public health projects, including work that reinforces the State's preparedness for future public health emergencies, like those experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. The program also enables Fellows to build connections, educate on key strategies, and effectively communicate with New Yorkers during public health emergencies.

The NYSPHC has identified 200 open Fellow po-



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Sullivan County Public Health Director Karen Holden

sitions across the state, including three approved for Sullivan County in the following concentrations:

- Program and Organizational Management, Maternal Infant Family Health
- Epidemiology and Data
- Partnership Development, Communicable Disease

"This is an excellent opportunity for college and advanced degree graduates interested in public health to

transition from the classroom into the workforce," Sullivan County Public Health Director Karen Holden said. "Anyone with training in public health, nursing, allied health, healthcare, social services, communications, information technology, logistics planning, education, data science, administration, and emergency preparedness are encouraged to apply."

When selected for the NYSPHC Program, Fellows gain access to various professional development opportunities, including the Public Health Essentials Certificate Program, created by Cornell University's Master of Public Health Program. This innovative experiential online learning course, taught by Cornell University professors, aims to equip learners from diverse professional and educational backgrounds with the tools and skills needed to excel in the field of public

health. This benefit is provided to all NYSPHC Fellows at no cost.

"Sullivan County Public Health's participation in this program shows how hard we work not only to serve our citizens but to train the next generation of public health leaders," said District 5 Legislator Catherine Scott, chair of the Legislature's Health & Human Services Committee. "Classroom lessons are certainly valuable, but learning how to apply that knowledge – from people who work in the field every day – is an invaluable experience. I'm proud that our seasoned, caring staff is making time in their busy lives to provide this level of guidance and mentorship."

For more information, visit [www.ny.gov/publichealth-corps](http://www.ny.gov/publichealth-corps). Applications are being accepted, reviewed, and filled on a rolling basis through June 28.

## Primetimers Plan Trip

MONTICELLO – The Primetimers of Temple Sholom is sponsoring a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlet Mall in Bethlehem, PA on Thursday, July 18. The bus will leave at 9 a.m. from Temple Sholom parking lot at 5 East Dillon Road, Monticello, NY. Participants will enjoy an exciting day of gaming, dining and shopping. The cost for the trip is \$55, including tip and \$30 of free slot play. Deadline for reservations is July 1. For further information and reservations, call Paula at 845-794-2314.

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## YOGA: Takes center stage

FROM FRONT PAGE

healing, yoga nidra and workshops. There will be opportunities for continuing education credits for yoga teachers as well.

"We just completed a program with the Sullivan County Youth Bureau and Town of Fallsburg that was well attended and had a great impact on this community. We are hoping to do more community accessible and affordable classes in the future," said Ms. Maniace. Community members are saying these classes have improved physical, spiritual and emotional well-being, and additionally have been great for community building.

During the summer months classes are also held outside. On Saturday mornings at Gazebo Park in Kauneonga Lake you can practice downward dog and overlook the water. Keep watch for special pop-up classes at the Croton Bridge in South Fallsburg and ELM Garden Design in Livingston Manor to be announced.

Current classes include chair yoga, vinyasa for all levels, Pilates, Nia, intermediate Tai chi and gentle hatha. Individual class cards or 10-class pack cards can be purchased at your convenience. In addition to the variety of classes, The Yoga Space is offering monthly events such as sound healing, reiki group

# From the Firehouse

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



The Hurleyville Fire Department is always looking for help, to fight fire or support those who do. We even supply all the gear and provide all the training needed, for free. Stop by any Monday night and find out how you can help.

We have had a very wet spring, and that contributed to a very safe brushfire season. Even though the BURN BAN has expired, please be careful burning all your winter debris. Clear at least three to four feet around your pile and have a hose on the ready before you burn.

County-wide there has been an uptick of pedestrians being hit. Be careful on the road and especially walking on the road at night. Walk facing traffic, as far from traffic as possible, and use crosswalks at intersections. Carry a flashlight at night. If you are a walker, wear a reflective vest for better visibility at night or even in the daytime.

There have also been a number of accidents on State Route 17. There is more traffic, especially as summer approaches. Be aware of your surroundings and do not be a distracted driver. Be aware of the new traffic patterns in and around exit 105 on State Route 17, especially as it comes into the new traffic circles. There have been numerous accidents in and around the Bloomingburg and Wurtsboro exits on State Route 17.

In the beginning of the month of May, the Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighter's Association held their 64th Annual Memorial Service for those firefighters who answered their last

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- MAKE SURE YOU'RE VISIBLE TO DRIVERS AND MAKE EYE CONTACT WHEN POSSIBLE

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alarm in 2023. There were 24 members honored from 14 fire departments. Once again, the Hurleyville Fire Department did not have any firefighter answer their last alarm in 2023. The service takes place at the Sullivan County Government Center. Because of the rain, family members were seated inside, and firefighters followed the Colors in from the hallways to the service. As each name of a departed firefighter is read, a family member is escorted up front by a department officer to receive a red rose. At the conclusion of the service, a wreath is placed at the foot of the firefighter's monument that is in the shape of a Maltese cross on the lawn outside the government center.

Bar B Q season is upon us. Here are a few safety tips:

- Only use your grill outside.
- Keep the grill away for the house, railings, steps.
- Make sure it is on a level flat surface.
- NEVER leave the grill unattended
- Know where your fire extinguisher is and keep it close by.
- Check all your gas con-

nections for leaks at the start of the season and every time you change your propane tank.

The 23rd Annual Morningside Fishing Classic held by the Town of Fallsburg Parks and Recreation Program and Hurleyville Fire Department will be held Saturday, June 15, at Morningside Lake at 614 Brickman Road in Hurleyville. It will start at 5 a.m., and end at 1 p.m.

There will be trophies for first, second and third places in two different categories: Bass and Pickerel. In addition, there will be a Lunger prize of \$50.00 for the largest single bass, pickerel, or walleye caught by weight at the contest.

Registration will take place at the lake, and will be \$10.00 per person.

Fishing can be from boats with trolling motors only and everyone in the boat must be registered or you can fish from shore.

To see pictures of winners from previous years visit us at [www.hurleyvillenyc.com](http://www.hurleyvillenyc.com)

You can find more information on Facebook user J.W.Halchak.

Be Safe Out There

# Forestburgh Playhouse to Unveil New Musical

FORESTBURGH – The Forestburgh Playhouse, New York State's oldest continuously operating professional summer theatre, is proud to announce the addition of a captivating new musical, Roja, A New Musical, to its lineup for the upcoming event. Join us on Saturday, May 25th from 5 PM to 7 PM to enjoy a selection of music from Roja and other pieces from Jaime Lozano's impressive catalog. This event offers a chance to meet the artists, enjoy light refreshments, and experience the vibrant community spirit that the Playhouse fosters.



Attendees will also have the opportunity to purchase/renew Passports for the 2024 Festival. To RSVP, please contact the box office at [box-office@fbplayhouse.org](mailto:box-office@fbplayhouse.org).

For more information about the upcoming season and to explore ticketing options, please visit our website at [www.fbplayhouse.org](http://www.fbplayhouse.org) or call 845-794-1194.

Founded in 1947, the Forestburgh Playhouse has served as a beacon of the arts in the Sullivan Catskills for over 75 years. Under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Franklin Trapp, the Playhouse continues to deliver high-quality theatre productions and foster the development of new works. With a mission that encompasses professional theatre, arts education, and youth programming, the Playhouse attracts over 30,000 patrons each summer and is a proud pioneer in the resurgence of live performances.

Roja will see Lozano and Newman back at the Playhouse for a dedicated residency in May to develop the musical, followed by a return in September with a full cast for performances during the festival weekend. The musical narrates the poignant tale of a young girl in America who, guided by a mischievous, magical coyote, embarks on a journey to Mexico to reconnect with her mother and come to terms with her father's loss. This bilingual performance interweaves the familiar story of Little Red Riding Hood with rich Mexican folklore, presenting a fresh and engaging interpretation.

In celebration of this new collaboration, the Forestburgh Playhouse is excited to extend an invitation to the public for an exclusive pre-

view event. Join us on Saturday, May 25th from 5 PM to 7 PM to enjoy a selection of music from Roja and other pieces from Jaime Lozano's impressive catalog. This event offers a chance to meet the artists, enjoy light refreshments, and experience the vibrant community spirit that the Playhouse fosters.

FROM THE FILES OF...

# THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL

June 16, 2009 Local and Personal News

Since moving, the Sentinel management has been laboring under difficulties. We have had several mishaps, such as breaking down of the power plant, etc., which badly crippled us for some time. We ask our readers to be patient and we hope to have everything in operation next week.

Local and Personal News

Leon's Moving Picture Company has made arrangements with Mr. Lawrence to show in his hall one night every week through the summer, commencing on Thursday, June 17. The Leons will positively show only the latest and best pictures and songs that money can buy. Popular prices will be charged. There will be plenty of comfortable seats for everybody and a nice clean performance of which the management boasts. Don't forget the date of the first show, Thursday evening, June 17.

June 23, 2009 Local and Personal News

Leon's Moving Pictures Company gave their entertainment in Lawrence Casino last Thursday as advertised. The weather could not have been much worse, rain coming down in torrents, but a few of the brave ones came out and enjoyed a pleasant evening. The pictures were well planned and well selected. There will be an entire change of program next Thursday night, June 24, and the entertainment will take place as before, rain or shine.

June 30, 2009 Local and Personal News

We are informed the State Board of Health has notified the Hurleyville Creamery to remodel their buildings and not accept milk from farmers unless it stands at 50 degrees when presented at the creamery. This makes it nice for the farmer when the thermometer stands about 90 degrees in the shade and he has to drive about three miles to the creamery. It would look as though they would have to milk about midnight and bring it in while the moon is up. There are very few farmers who have made arrangements for ice for such a case and the result will be that many of them will stop taking milk to the creamery. The farmers say if the members of the board drank more milk they would be better off.

June 11, 1937 Graduation Program Next Week at Local School Auditorium

The Commencement exercises for the Hurleyville high School will be held on Saturday evening, June 19 at the Hurleyville high School. Miss Dorothy Osdoby will be the valedictorian, and Leo Salon the salutatorian. Other students to graduate include Ruth Frumovich, Gussie Deutsch, Alida Lounsbury, Evelyn Rapkin, Gertrude Mentnech, Nial Witherel, Burton Knapp, and Louis Wishinsky.

# THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL

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**HURLEYVILLE ARTS CENTRE NEARING COMPLETION**

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The front page of Volume 1 Number 1 of The Hurleyville Sentinel, which premiered in June of 2016.

On the previous evening, Friday, June 18, the grade graduation will be held, with David Rofsky as valedictorian and Sidney Heller as salutatorian. Other graduating class members are Sylvia Cohen, James Knapp, Sarah Silberman, Natalie Konin of the Mitteer District, Bert Demerest, Fred Andresky, Shirley Shongut, John Kostiff, Bernard Porter, Blanche Piers, Eddie Deutsch, and Viola Bonnell and Frieda Holland, both of Loch Sheldrake.

June 18, 1937 News and Personal Notes

Mrs. George Lounsbury has returned to her home here after spending the past four weeks in the Robert Packer Hospital at Sayre, PA, where she submitted to a serious operation. Her present condition is said to be favorable.

Max Tannenbaum has opened a grocery and appetizer shop in the Kurland store for the summer months.

Miss Marjorie Prince has returned to Hurleyville for the summer where she plans to conduct a beauty shop at one of the local hotels.

June 25, 1937 Students Graduated From Local School with High Honors

Thirteen graduates of the Hurleyville High School received diplomas at the Commencement exercises held at the school auditorium on Saturday evening while on the previous evening fifteen diplomas were distributed to graduates of the grade school.

Leo Salon, salutatorian of the high school, enjoyed the distinction of winning four awards, the first for 100% excellence in Intermediate Algebra, a five dollar cash prize donated by Lazurus I. Levine for the highest mark in American History, another for being chosen the outstanding boy in the class, and the fourth, a prize donated by Philip Krukin, Monticello jeweler, for the highest Regents average.

Miss Dorothy Osdoby delivered the valedictory address. William G. Birmingham, Liberty attorney and president of the Sullivan County Bar Association, was guest speaker. He stressed the value of the Constitution, and urged the graduates and the audience to cherish the freedom which they now possess.

June 2016 Hurleyville Gets a Newspaper

The very first edition of the newly revived newspaper, The Hurleyville Sentinel, debuted this month. The paper's first front page featured stories about the nearly completed Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre, plans to memorialize the February 13, 1907 Hurleyville train wreck, the arrival of the Little Free Library to the hamlet, and a major grant provided by Google.org to The Center for Discovery.

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# OLDER NEW YORKERS HONORED

Two from Sullivan County



Celebrating Older New Yorkers Day with close to 100 others on May 14 were, from the left, NYS Office for the Aging Acting Director Greg Olsen, awardee Elizabeth Wunner, her granddaughter Tasha, awardee Maureen Hopper, Sullivan County Office for the Aging Coordinator of Services Kelly Soller, Director Lise-Anne Deoul and Nutrition Coordinator Jane Bozan.

ALBANY – Sullivan County's Maureen Hopper and Elizabeth Wunner travelled May 14 to Albany to each receive the NYS Office for the Aging's "Older New Yorker" award.

"Maureen and Elizabeth exemplify the kind of 55+ volunteers we have in our County," said Sullivan County Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul, who accompanied the duo to the ceremony. "They give without thought of getting anything in return, but I'm so happy that the State was able to recognize them in this wonderful way!"

A former County employee, Hopper volunteers as a counselor with the Office for the Aging's Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP), along with serving on the Retired Senior Volunteer Program's (RSVP's) Advisory Council. The Liberty resident emphasizes the importance of "paying it forward," finding fulfillment in helping others.

Wunner has volunteered with RSVP for close to 20 years, particularly as a deliverer of meals to the homebound. "I bring my grandchildren with me so

they can see the importance of helping those in the community, and how something so simple as a hot meal can brighten up someone's whole day," the Woodridge resident relates.

"These dedicated individuals are powering connections in so many profound ways, and New York State expresses profound gratitude for this spirit of altruism, which is a legacy of lasting benefit and inspiration to all New Yorkers," stated Governor Kathy Hochul, who proclaimed May as Older Americans Month in New York State.

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# OVERTHROW PART V

An Original Short Story by Jack Robbin

While in the process of investigating a suspicious fire at the Lasky Lodge hotel in Hurleyville, Fallsburg Constable Bronco Kelly has been asked by FBI agent Ray Carlton to help in the Bureau's investigation of a group of suspected Nazis who Carlton says have been plotting to overthrow the United States government. Bronco is considering the request when he discovers his close friend Deputy Sheriff Jay Lass is a member of the Christian Front, the group the Nazis may be using as a cover. That's where we pick up the story...

fore eight when I picked up the phone. It was Jay Lass. "Bronco, I have an idea," he said even before saying hello. "Pick me up and I'll tell you about it." "Where are you?" "I'm in the phone booth by St. Peter's. Tillie and I just got out of seven o'clock Mass. I have been praying hard on this, Bronco and I think I've come up with something." "Alright, but I'm not dressed yet. It'll be awhile." "Then I'll tell you what," Jay said. "I'll drop Tillie off at the house and I'll come pick you up. See you in 20 minutes. You can buy me breakfast."

closest friend. You don't need to 'fix anything' if that's what you're thinking." "I'm not trying to fix anything, Bronco. I'm trying to reconcile the fact that I am a Catholic with the fact that I am sworn to uphold the law. I joined the Christian Front not because of Johnny Cassidy, but because of my faith and my desire to make this a better world. I never even heard of the Country Gentlemen, let alone about any kind of plot to overthrow the government. And if there is such a plot, I will do my best to thwart it, just like I know you will." "Fair enough. So, what's this idea of yours?" "Carlton asked you to go undercover, right? To infiltrate Cassidy's group? I can make the introduction."



"I was just on my way to the office," Borden said to us. "We can talk there."

ILLUSTRATION BY JACK ROBBIN

Needless to say, I didn't get much sleep that night, thinking at least as much about what Jay Lass had told me as about the suggestion by FBI agent Ray Carlton that I go undercover to help with his investigation of the Country Gentlemen, part of the Christian Front organization. Uncharacteristically, I was still lying in bed the next morning when the telephone rang. The clock in the hallway said it was a few minutes be-

fore eight when I picked up the phone. It was Jay Lass. "Bronco, I have an idea," he said even before saying hello. "Pick me up and I'll tell you about it." "Where are you?" "I'm in the phone booth by St. Peter's. Tillie and I just got out of seven o'clock Mass. I have been praying hard on this, Bronco and I think I've come up with something." "Alright, but I'm not dressed yet. It'll be awhile." "Then I'll tell you what," Jay said. "I'll drop Tillie off at the house and I'll come pick you up. See you in 20 minutes. You can buy me breakfast."

good to go. But I will also need your word that once you make the introduction you are out of it. I don't want you in harm's way." "That's the second condition?" "That's it. This has to be a one man operation." "You don't think I can handle myself? Or are you

afraid I will somehow compromise your investigation?" "Neither. Both. Whatever. I just need to know that the only person I have to look out for is me. Otherwise I am going to tell Carlton I'm not going to do it." "I'll make the introduction, and I'll hang around just as long as I need to. And you don't need to look out for me." "I didn't mean look out for you like you're a child, I meant look out for you as my partner. You've got to understand that you being part of this is only going to complicate things." "We both have our jobs to do, Bronco," Jay said cryptically. "I'll get out just as soon as my job is done."

jail. It was part of the compensation for the job, but it also put him in proximity of the jail and the office so he could be, in effect, on the job 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, it was the Sheriff's wife who shopped for and cooked for the prisoners at the jail, using a monthly stipend set aside in the county budget for just that purpose. We walked up the few steps to the front door and knocked. Harry Borden, carrying his hat and wearing an overcoat, answered almost immediately. "I was just heading over to the office," he said without further greeting. "Let's talk there." We crossed the street and went inside, where Borden greeted the jailer and exchanged a few words with him. He unlocked his office door, turned on a light, and hung up his hat and coat. "So what's on your mind this morning, gentlemen?" he asked as he sat down behind his oversized desk. Jay explained his plan. Borden sat stone faced for what seemed like an eternity

before saying anything. "That makes a lot of sense," he finally said. "I think it could work. You're on board with this, Kelly?" I nodded, deciding not to mention anything about my conditions. They could remain between Jay and me. "Let's call Carlton and tell him," Borden said. "It's time we expose some Nazis." So, Bronco Kelly has agreed to go undercover for the FBI in an attempt to expose a plot by a group called the Country Gentlemen to overthrow the U.S. government and replace it with a Nazi regime. What comes next? Find out in the sixth installment of Jack Robbin's story, exclusively in the July edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel. Although fictional, this story is based on actual events, and while Bronco Kelly and Ray Carlton are fictional characters, Jay Lass, Johnny Cassidy and Harry Borden were real life people, and the Hillside Inn was also real, but no representation is made as to the accuracy of their portrayal in the story.

## Time and the Valleys Now Open

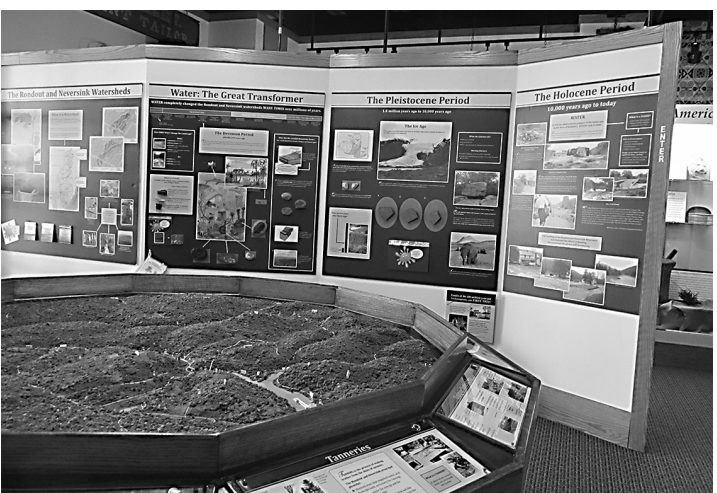


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GRAHAMSVILLE – The Time and the Valleys Museum, on State Route 55 in Grahamsville opened for the 2024 season on Memorial Day Weekend.

Exhibitions:  
 • Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes a section on the Lenape Native Americans, early area settlers, farming, local industries and more.  
 • Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an engaging exhibition on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, includes why New York City needed water, a description of the three water systems, the heartache of the people who had to give up their homes and how the complex system was built.  
 • 1930s Catskill Family Farm is an outdoor, open air experience with several early farm buildings all illustrating life on a Catskill family farm during the 1930s, about to be removed for the building of a NYC reservoir. Building include a farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with WORKING water-wheel.  
 • Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill

Watersheds nineteen local artists created this mixed media art exhibition of the buildings and homes taken for NYC's water system in the Catskills. The exhibit includes stories, photos and information on the people whose lives were forever changed when they were forced to move from their homes. There is an augmented reality overlay to the exhibition, so bring your smart phones to see the artwork come to life and hear the voices tell their stories!  
 The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville. It is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. through September or by appointment. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16, \$2, and children under six are free. Museum members are FREE.  
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## Sullivan 180 Announces Community Development Grants

LIBERTY – Sullivan 180 is pleased to announce the first round of recipients of the 2024 Community Development Grants. These grants offer up to \$5,000 to Sullivan County municipalities, non-profits and schools in 3 categories: Community Events, Projects and Initiatives and Technical Assistance. They support and promote community development by funding initiatives that foster cultural diversity, community engagement, healthy activities, and the creation of community spaces and events.  
 "Community Development Grants empower communities to realize their vision for vibrant and inclusive spaces. The range of initiatives from cultural events to public art projects foster stronger, healthier and more connected communities," said Shannon Cilento, Sullivan 180 Community Development and Communications Manager.  
 The 2024 Community Development Grant Recipients are:  
**Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum** – Installation of a youth exhibit on fly fishing and the local environment.  
**Cochecton Volunteer Ambulance Corps.** – Support for community health programming.  
**Hope's Compass Fund** – Support for the Let the Voices Holocaust Remembrance & Survivor arts programming.  
**Narrowsburg Farmers Market** – Support for youth nutrition and environmental programming.  
**Sullivan O&W Rail**

**Trail Alliance** – Trail markers and event support for National Trails Day.  
**Town of Liberty** – Support for the 2nd Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival musical performers.  
**Tusten Social** – Creation of a documentary short film featuring intergenerational conversations.  
**Waste For Life** – Support for On Belonging Sullivan County playwriting competition.  
**Western Sullivan Public Library** – A Sullivan County interlibrary staff wellness challenge.  
**WJFF Radio Catskill** – Phase 1 installation of the outdoor community gathering space.  
 Community Development Grants are still available and accepted on a rolling basis through September 1, 2024. For more information or to apply, visit Sullivan180.org/Grants-Scholarships.  
 Community projects are always seeking volunteers to lend a hand. Contact Anne-Louise Scandariato, Director of Community Engagement at 845-295-2405, to connect with a project in your community. For information on the Community Development Program, contact Shannon Cilento at 845-295-2434  
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## Fallsburg Board Members Honored

FALLSBURG – Two Fallsburg CSD Board of Education members, Michael Weiner and Dr. Verna Greer, were recognized during the Mid-Hudson School Study Council Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony on May 8 at Fieldstone Middle School in Thiells, NY. Mr. Weiner was presented with the School Board Service Award, and Dr. Greer received the Community Service Award.  
 Mr. Weiner first became a board member in 2015 after retiring as a social studies teacher at the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School. Since his appointment, he has displayed an unparalleled commitment throughout his tenure, such as implementing several ambitious building projects, helping maintain a low tax levy for several years, and kickstarting his very own scholarship program.  
 "Anyone who knows Mike and has worked with Mike knows that his commitment to Board service is something he does proudly because he understands that we need strong advocates who are willing to fight for the children of our school district," said Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ivan Katz.  
 Dr. Greer joined the board of education in 2023, but



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Dr. Verna Greer receives her award.

in years prior, she was already making a significant impact on the district. She was a founding member of the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School PTO and eventually served as president of the organization. Through her leadership, she coordinated several community events such as educational workshops, school dances, and multicultural dinners. She has even raised funds to provide educational resources for students in need.  
 "Through her unwavering commitment to community service, Dr. Greer has significantly contributed to the betterment of Fallsburg and

its students," said Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School Principal, Shana Bruestle. "Her passion for education, advocacy for student wel-

fare, and commitment to empowering the community make her a true asset to our school community."



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Michael Weiner receives his award.

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# SENTINEL SPORTS



## THE TIME HAS COME MORNINGSIDE FISHING CLASSIC IS THIS MONTH

by Win Hadley

HURLEYVILLE — The 23rd annual Morningside Fishing Classic will take place this month on Morningside Lake, at 614 Brickman Road in Hurleyville. The Classic, sponsored by the Hurleyville Fire Department and the Town of Fallsburg Parks & Recreation Department, will get underway beginning at 5 a.m. on Saturday, June 15. The tournament is held annually rain or shine.

There is a \$10 entry fee. Competition will take place in two categories: Bass and Pickerel. First, second and third prizes will be awarded in each of the two categories, and there will be a special "Lunker Prize" of \$50 to be presented to the single largest bass, pickerel or walleye caught during the tournament, judged by

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weight.

Last year, 45 fishermen entered the tournament

and 42 bass were caught during the competition. Joe Lasher of Livingston Man-

or, who landed three bass for a total weight of 8.99 pounds, took first place.

Lasher also won the "Lunker Prize" for the single biggest fish last year, with a bass weighing in at 5.30 pounds. He caught his lunker on a Rapala lure.

Morningside Lake is roughly 130 acres in size, with two miles of shoreline. It is rated a "good fishery with easy access" by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, which notes it "is a shallow, weedy lake that is popular for anglers fishing from a small boat." The lake's maximum depth is 12 feet and its mean depth is just four feet.

For more information about the fishing tournament, contact Jack Halchak at 845-796-8598 or Ernie "Woody" Wood at 845-434-3103.

### A Blazing Competition

#### Sullivan County Fire Departments Vie for "Healthiest"

LIBERTY-- The 2024 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge launched on January 1, with 20 of Sullivan County's Volunteer Fire Departments joining in. At the halfway point in the 8-month long challenge, almost 1,000 activities have already been completed by local volunteer firefighters.

2024 Participating Departments include: Bloomingburg, Grahamsville, Highland Lake, Hortonville, Hurleyville, Jeffersonville, Kauneonga Lake, Lake Huntington, Livingston Manor, Loch Sheldrake, Lumberland, Monticello, Narrowsburg, Rock Hill, Roscoe-Rockland, Smallwood-Mongaup Valley, White Lake, Woodridge, Wurtsboro, and Youngsville.

The challenge calls attention to the mental and physical health of our firefighters. From the moment the tones drop, a firefighter's heart rate increases 47 beats per minute. Firefighting is physically and emotionally demanding. More than half of all firefighters have elevated blood pressure, are obese and pre-diabetic. Ninety per cent or more have poor diet or exercise habits, additionally, suffering from heart disease, PTSD and lead in suicide more than any other first responder. Firefighters are consistently managing the balance between family, work and

serving their community. Absorbing the trauma of each call has impacts that are not always visible or obvious.

Departments receive credit in the form of 'turtle points' for each health focused activity they complete. The two departments earning the

most turtle points will be eligible for a grant in the amount of \$15,000 and \$10,000, respectively. Additional grants will be awarded based on a tiered point system. All winners will be announced at the Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters Parade in Livingston Manor on

September 7, 2024.

"Seeing the department getting together and answering the challenge and taking steps to becoming healthier is inspiring," retired Arizona Fire Chief, Alan Brunacini said. "Firefighters hate two things- change and the way things are, but I think the Healthiest Fire Department Challenge proves just how untrue that statement is. The bond that we're building and the way we've all bought into making these healthy changes has made such a positive impact on the department in just a few short months," said Anthony Morgano, Challenge Captain for Roscoe-Rockland Fire Department.

The competition is in full swing, and the departments are vying to be named Sullivan County's Healthiest Fire Department. To follow their progress and watch live tally of leading departments, visit Sullivan180.org.

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**BALLGAME BAFFLERS**  
BY BRIAN

Here are five ballgame bafflers for your consideration. The first person to email the most correct answers to hurleysent@hotmail.com will win a prize. Have fun!

#### June Questions:

1. In what year was the first Belmont Stakes run?
2. What horse won the very first Belmont?
3. What was unusual about the first Belmont winner?
4. What horse won the first racing Triple Crown?
5. What was the last horse to win the Triple Crown?

#### May Answers:

1. In what year was the first Kentucky Derby held? (1875)
2. What horse won the very first Kentucky Derby? (Aristides)
3. How many fillies have won the Kentucky Derby? (Three)
4. In what year was the first Preakness held? (1873)
5. Who was the first jockey to ride the Preakness winner two years in a row? (Lloyd Hughes, in 1879 and 1880. He also won in 1875.)

There was no winner last month.

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### POLAR EXPEDITION ON DISPLAY At the Sullivan County Museum

HURLEYVILLE -- At the end of the 19th century, Antarctica was the last uncharted place on earth. Belgian naval officer, Adrien de Gerlache, decided to change that. Amidst great celebration, the ship Belgica set sail from Antwerp on August 16, 1897.

Dr. Frederick Cook, the Hortonville native who would go on to become one of the world's greatest adventurers, was a last minute addition to the crew.

Nineteen young men from six different nations on a 3-mast wooden ship were to chart a new path into the frozen unknown. The ship was a retrofitted whaler, with three fully-equipped science laboratories, and a darkroom for photography.

Originally conceived as one of the first purely scientific expeditions to Antarctica, the voyage would also come to represent one of the greatest victories of the human mind and spirit over the dominion and powers of nature. No poleward expedition, before or since, brought back a greater wealth of scientific data or cut a larger gap from the unknown.

In celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Belgian Antarctic Expedition, The Frederick Cook Society will present a special exhibition of drawings and photographs by the Romanian scientist, Emil Racovitza. Racovitza was one of the scientists selected to be part of the Belgica's international crew. He was also a talented artist who produced numerous sketches and photographs during the expedition. Later in his career as a speleologist, Racovitza established in Romania the first Speleological Institute in the world. He explored over 1,400 caves in France, Spain, Algeria, Italy and Slovenia. He served for four years as President of the Romanian Academy, and went on to become one of Romania's most beloved promoters of the Natural Sciences.

The Racovitza collection is on generous loan from the Stephan del Mare Museum in Vaslui, Romania. In addition to the Racovitza collection, the exhibition will include one of the largest exhibitions of photographs from the Belgica expedition ever assembled. Five of the 19 crew members, including Dr. Frederick Cook, had cameras.

An original sled taken to Antarctica on the Belgica will also be on display. Built by Dr. Cook and his brother, Theodore, this sled has the distinction of being used by both Cook and South Pole conqueror, Roald Amundsen. Amundsen was First Mate on the Belgica and became Cook's lifelong friend during the expedition. The two are often jointly credited with saving the ship.

For their contributions, the Cook Society gratefully acknowledges the Romanian Academy library, the Racovitza Foundation, the Amundsen House in Norway, the MAS Museum in Antwerp, Patrick DeDecker, Professor Emeritus of the Australian National University, and Laura Kissels, Polar Curator of the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center, Ohio State University.

Please join us for the opening reception, Friday, June 21, from 4 - 7 p.m. A panel discussion entitled "Legacies of the Belgica: 125 Years of Polar Science and Exploration" will begin at 6 p.m. Speakers include Dr. Oana Marcu, co-founder of the Racovitza Foundation and Dr. Sarah Pickman, an independent historian of exploration, whose work focuses on equipment for expeditions in the 19th and early 20th century. She is a graduate of the Yale History of Science and Medicine Program.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York. For more information, call 845 434-8044, or visit the Frederick Cook Society website at frederickcookpo-lar.org.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO... Fallsburg Firemen Join Softball League

by John Conway

FALLSBURG—it was June, 1974—50 years ago this month—and the Eastern Sullivan Firemen's Softball League was expanding. The league announced that spring that two new teams would be joining the circuit, which had been playing with just six teams up until then.

The fire departments from Fallsburg and Neversink would be fielding teams to play in the 1974 season, competing with the holdover teams from Monticello, Rock Hill, Loch Sheldrake, Liberty, Woodbourne, and Hurleyville. Monticello was the league's defending champion, while Hurleyville had been the runner-up the year before.

A short brief in the sports section of the Monday, June 17, 1974 edition of the Times Herald-Record newspaper announced the opening of the 1974 season, with Liberty hosting Loch Sheldrake, but the article was so full of errors it left readers thoroughly confused.

For one thing, it identified the league as the Western Sullivan Firemen's League. For another, it listed just four holdover teams, with no mention of Monticello or Woodbourne, but then noted that "Monticello, the defending

champion, will open its season on June 19 against Rock Hill."

When play got underway that season, the Fallsburg team had a rude introduction to the league, playing its first game at home against the defending champions on June 21. Monticello won easily, 9-1 as Rich McClemon drove in four runs. The Monticello fire fighters struck for seven runs in the first two innings, and then added to that with single runs in the fifth and sixth innings to take a 9-0 lead. Ira Gold drove in the lone Fallsburg run with a triple in the bottom of the seventh inning that scored Gary Lederman.

Andy Richardson was the winning pitcher for Monticello, yielding just three hits—two of them by Ira Gold-- and drove in a pair of runs to help his own cause. Steve Lippen took the loss for Fallsburg.

When the season wrapped up in August, Fallsburg finished with a 3-4 record, which included a season ending 4-2 victory over Loch Sheldrake, which dropped to 2-5 with the loss. Lippen was the winning hurler for Fallsburg while Dan Ingber led the offense with two of the team's nine hits.

Neither Fallsburg nor Loch Sheldrake made the playoffs that year.

### District Fish Stocking Program

MONTICELLO -- The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District's annual Spring Fish Stocking Program is currently underway.

If you are interested in stocking your pond with bass, minnows, sunfish, catfish or grass carp, call the Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District at (845) 292-6552 and request an order form to be mailed to you, or go online at sullivanwcd.org.

The District will be accepting orders thru Monday, June 10.

In addition, anyone stocking a pond with fish must apply for a Fish Stocking Permit through the NYS-DEC, Bureau of Fisheries. There is no charge for the permit. The permit allows owners to plan fish management to suit them. Applications are available online at <https://sullivanwcd.org/bassminnow/>. Complete the application and mail it to the NYS-DEC Regional Office, Bureau of Fisheries, 21 S Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561. The DEC will then send you a permit.

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