

NO PLACE FOR HATE

Combatting the Rise in Anti-Semitism

by John Conway

MONTICELLO – If the number of reported incidents is any indication, antisemitism has been on the rise in Sullivan County this summer, and that appears to reflect a recent trend throughout the country.

Now there is a new group in the county focused on responding to those anti-Semitic actions.

According to group

spokesperson Marvin Rappaport, The Sullivan County Coalition Against Antisemitism was formed several months ago “in order to be able to respond to the antisemitism we have been witnessing in our community. No single incident prompted us, but the fallout after the anti-Semitic comments last year by a member of the [SUNY Sullivan] Foundation certainly focused our attention on the

need to be responsive and even proactive with educational efforts to sensitize the community to the pernicious impact of hate and bigotry.”

The Coalition represents ten synagogues in the County, including Monticello’s Landfield Ave Synagogue and Temple Shalom, Congregation Agudas Achim in Livingston Manor, Tefereth Israel Anshei Synagogue in Parksville, Liberty’s Congregation Ahavas Israel, B’nai Israel Synagogue in Woodbourne, the South Fallsburg Hebrew Association, Congregation Temple Beth-El in Bethel, Hurleyville’s Congregation Anshei, and Swan Lake/Bethel Bikor Cholim B’Nai Israel.

Recent incidents in Sullivan County include eggs reportedly being thrown at the local rabbi in front of the synagogue in Woodbourne and at other Jewish individuals in South Fallsburg, and anti-Semitic graffiti scrawled on a sidewalk in Monticello.

“It is outrageous that in Sullivan County Jews are being attacked at or near their house of worship solely because of their religion,” said Jacob Billig, a representative of the Coalition following the egg throwing incident. “We [the Coal-



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ition] commend the Fallsburg Police Department and other local law enforcement for their swift action to investigate these horrific incidents of hate and bigotry.”

The individuals responsible for the egg throwing were reportedly identified and charged by Fallsburg police soon after the incidents occurred. They were from Ulster County.

The graffiti incident in Monticello, in which, the Coalition says, the phrase “Jews did 9/11” was scrawled on a sidewalk in a busy shopping area in the village, prompted an immediate reaction from the Sullivan County Legislature,

as well.

“Such a falsehood is both repugnant and concerning,” said Legislature Chair Nadia Rajs. “Whoever did this also committed a crime, and no one in our community should shrug it off as harmless. As this Legislature has noted before, we want our communities to be peaceful and welcoming, and we will continue to work with the Jewish community to ensure they feel safe wherever they are in Sullivan County.”

Although such incidents are not new to Sullivan County, they seem to be happening more regularly, and that reflects an ongoing

uptick in anti-Semitic activity nationwide in recent years.

Jonathan A. Greenblatt, CEO and National Director of the Anti-Defamation League, wrote about the disturbing trend in an article in Time magazine in March 2024.

“Over the course of post-war America, there has been a march of progress in which institutional and societal prejudice against minority groups—from women to African Americans, and the LGBTQ+ community—lessens and opportunities open,” Mr. Greenblatt wrote. “This too has been the case for the

Jewish community. No longer are there covenants restricting where Jewish families can live or quotas blocking admission to universities. Jews have ascended to the very heights of academia, philanthropy, business, labor, entertainment, and politics.

“Unfortunately, we are backsliding—not in accomplishments, but in acceptance.”

Mark Oppenheimer, a professor of practice at the John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics at Washington University in St. Louis and an expert on Jewish life and culture, told

“I think hate has been normalized, to a shocking extent,” he said. “But I think that this normalization is part of a bigger loss of civility. We have become a remarkably juvenile culture... We need a renaissance of decency and civility. We need to know more about history and religion. The humanities don’t inoculate against hatred, but they give us the tools to fight it.”

On the local level, facilitating that renaissance is one of the goals of the Sullivan County Coalition Against Antisemitism, which is formulating plans for future activities in an attempt to counter the trend.

“The Source,” a University publication, that the increase in antisemitism in America has also included another, equally disturbing trend.

“Negative attitudes about Jews, and negative experiences for Jews, by every metric, are growing, not fading. And most troubling, antisemitism—for the first time—is growing among younger generations of Americans, portending a very different and dark future for the American Jewish community,” he said.

“Over time, we plan to not only speak out against antisemitism, but to help educate the community to the pernicious effects of bigotry and hate through programs like ADL’s No Place for Hate,” Mr. Rappaport said, referencing the Anti-Defamation League’s student-led school program that, through discussion-based and active-learning activities, teaches students and staff new ways to challenge bias and bullying.



PHOTO BY LILY BARRISH LEVNER

Paula Shroeder(left) and Sue Kantor.

by Lily Barrish Levner

MONTICELLO – Hurleyville resident Sue Kantor is a long-time member of Temple Sholom in Monticello. For more than 50 years, she has been involved with committees there. She was in charge of the annual Seder for ages, but now she focuses on the one’s instead.

An one is the refreshments (usually assorted desserts and coffee) offered after the service.

When asked what the temple means to her, Ms. Kantor said, “It’s the foundation of my life.”

“Sue is a one-man show. She is the queen of organizing, shopping, and planning all one’s. Also, she is very knowledgeable and helpful with everything as far as the overall operations of Temple Sholom,” said PrimeTimers member, Dolly Levner.

Snowbird Paula Shroeder has been the president of PrimeTimers for 18 years. She brings in the funds that

keep the doors open. Monthly meetings, with interesting programs, are well attended by the members.

“I’ve made lifelong friends at Temple Sholom,” Ms. Shroeder said. “As fundraising chairperson, I run bus trips and a card and Mah Jongg party. We have beautiful raffle prizes and a fabulous luncheon. The money we make from this, pays for our High Holiday services.”

“Paula, along with help, is an absolutely amazing, organized fundraiser. And it’s all done in the short 4-5 months that she’s here,” said Ms. Levner.

They are currently planning a 40th anniversary party for the PrimeTimers at Casa Mia in Hurleyville, beginning at 12:30 p.m. on September 8. The \$40 per person fee includes a full luncheon, hors d’oeuvres, and entertainment.

“Expect lots of surprises,” said Ms. Shroeder.

Call her for reservations at 561-504-7192.

LIBERTY – The Sullivan County Department of Public Health has confirmed that a grey fox in the Grahamsville area has tested positive for the rabies virus.

“Rabies is not a rare disease within Sullivan County wildlife,” notes Public Health Director Dr. Jessie Moore. “On average, Sullivan County sees 4 to 5 cases of positive rabid animals per year. These are ONLY animals that were able to be tested after being in contact with a human.”

About a month ago, a raccoon in the Callicoon area tested positive for rabies.

What Is Rabies?

Rabies is not an uncommon disease within wild animals. Avoiding contact is your absolute best way of protecting yourself from this fatal disease.

Rabies occurs commonly throughout New York State, with the vast majority of cases occurring in wild animals, including raccoons, bats, foxes, skunks and woodchucks. Domestic animals account for less than 10% of the reported rabies cases, which most often include cats, cattle, and dogs. Wild animals may expose your pets if they are allowed to freely roam on your property in wooded areas.

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What Can People Do to Protect Themselves Against Rabies?

Avoid all unnecessary physical contact with wild animals. Rabies is 100% fatal if not promptly treated with rabies post exposure prophylaxis.

Be sure your pets are up to date on rabies vaccinations. Vaccinated pets serve as a buffer between rabid wildlife and humans. Protect them, and you protect yourself and family. As a pet owner, it is your responsibility to ensure your pets are fully vaccinated.

Vaccines for dogs, cats and ferrets over three months of age are effective for a one-year period. Revaccinations are effective for up to three years. Pets too young to be vaccinated should be kept indoors.

Don’t try to separate two fighting animals. Wear gloves if you handle your pet after a fight. Keep family pets indoors at night. Don’t leave them outside unattended or let them roam free.

Don’t attract wild animals to your home or yard. Keep your property free of stored bird seed, food garbage or other foods that may attract animals. Feed pets indoors. Tightly cap or put away garbage cans. Board up any



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Sullivan County Public Health Director, Jessie Moore, DPH

openings to your attic, basement, porch or garage. Cap your chimney with screens.

Don’t feed, touch or adopt wild animals, stray dogs or stray cats.

What if Someone Is Bitten?

Encourage children to immediately tell an adult if they are bitten by any animal. Tell children not to touch any animal except their own.

Seek treatment for all animal bites and report contact with wild animals to Sullivan County Department of Public Health at (845) 292-5910.

If you can safely do so, don’t let an animal escape that has possibly exposed someone to rabies. Depending on the species, it can be observed or tested for

rabies in order to avoid the need for rabies treatment for people, or to avoid euthanizing and testing exposed unvaccinated pets.

This also includes bats, as bats can be difficult to keep out of buildings because they can get through cracks as small as a pencil. Methods to keep bats out (bat proofing) of homes and summer camps should be done during the fall and winter. If bats are already inside (e.g. in an attic or other areas), consult with your local health department about humane ways to remove them. Bats have small, sharp teeth and in certain circumstances people can be bitten and not know it.

For more information, please contact the Disease Surveillance and Investigation Department of Sullivan County Public Health at 845-292-5910.

Free Vaccination Clinics Coming

A regularly scheduled clinic is being held August 12 at Hanofee Park in Liberty from 6-7:30 p.m.

The Department of Public Health will be working to provide another free clinic in the Grahamsville area; please check the County website and local media outlets for updates.

SULLIVAN OFFERING EMT COURSES THIS FALL

LOCH SHELDRAKE – SUNY Sullivan is proud to announce its Fall 2025 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Basic and Refresher courses, offering hands-on training and comprehensive preparation for careers in emergency medical services. These courses address the high demand for EMTs and the projected substantial job growth in the field.

SUNY Sullivan’s EMT program provides an engaging learning experience through classroom simulations and field experience. Students will gain critical skills to assess and care for patients at incident scenes and during ambulance transport to hospitals. The curriculum covers the management of respiratory, cardiac, and trauma emergencies. Instructors are dedicated to student success, preparing them thoroughly for both the New York State (NYS) practical and written certification exams.

“The need for skilled EMTs in our communities is constant and growing,” said Jaime Schmeiser, Director of Workforce at SUNY Sullivan. “Our program offers a rigorous yet supportive environment

where students can develop the essential skills and confidence needed to excel in this vital profession. We’re proud to be a launching pad for so many impactful careers.”

The EMT Basic course begins August 17, and the EMT Refresher course begins August 14. Both courses run concurrently on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All classes will be held at the SUNY Sullivan Campus.

Tuition for the EMT Basic course is \$950, while tuition for the EMT Refresher course is \$400, plus a \$100 registration fee. Tuition is due in full prior to the start of the course. Exam fees and text materials are the student’s responsibility. For sponsored students, qualified sponsors may submit DOH form 3312 for tuition reimbursement upon NYS certification, pursuant to NYS DOH Policy.

Individuals can apply today by contacting Jaime Schmeiser, SUNY Sullivan Director of Workforce Development, at scccworkforce@sunysullivan.edu for applications and additional information.

When Fallsburg’s Zoning Laws Mean Nothing

Rose Road Violations Reveal Erosion of Enforcement

(This is an opinion piece submitted by the community group, Fallsburg’s Future. It does not necessarily represent the opinion of this newspaper, its Editor, Publisher, or staff. The Hurleyville Sentinel welcomes articles espousing opposing views.)

WOODBOURNE – In the farming community of Woodbourne, a story continues to unfold—one that’s no longer just about zoning, it’s also about whether the Town of Fallsburg has the will or capacity to enforce its own laws.

The case of the Rose Road property, once the McKean horse farm and now owned by YNHK LLC, has become the symbol of everything that has gone wrong with

land use governance in Fallsburg.

This week, The Sullivan County Democrat confirmed what residents have been saying for months: despite a court-ordered settlement in May 2024, illegal activity has resumed on the site. The settlement and the zoning codes are being ignored. And the Town Board is watching it happen.

In June 2023, YNHK LLC, representing a developer with a long history in Sullivan County, purchased the agricultural-zoned property—part of NYS Agricultural District #4—and within three weeks, built three large buildings without permits, turned a horse barn into a dormitory, and converted two farmhouses into apartments. These ac-

tions took place in blatant defiance of local zoning, building, and health codes.

Fallsburg brought legal action in both Town Justice Court and New York State Supreme Court. Eventually, the town settled. YNHK admitted its violations, paid \$48,500 in fines, and agreed not to occupy or use the site “for any use” until it secured proper site plan approval, permits, inspections, and certificates of occupancy. The developer would have to submit applications to the Planning Board, and the Town reserved the right to enforce zoning compliance.

But according to firsthand reports, now confirmed by The Democrat [newspaper], the settlement has been ignored.

Residents recently observed multiple families back on the property, contractors working around the clock under light towers, and trucks making daily deliveries. Even more alarming, the unpermitted barn—once used as a dormitory—is now allegedly being prepped to house laborers for other camps in the area.

A large 8-foot stockade fence now blocks visibility from the road. Three Jersey cows have been added, and neighbors reported seeing them underfed, standing by empty troughs in the July heat. A calf was photographed being born in a hay pile.

In a June 16, 2025 email to The Democrat [newspaper] and the Town Attorney, Jerry Skoda—a farmer, former zoning committee member, and retired Cornell Cooperative Extension di-

rector, wrote:

“The owners have again ignored and violated every provision of this settlement... The town owes it to its residents, taxpayers, and law-abiding citizens to enforce all laws and court orders equally.”

Meanwhile, YNHK’s attorney, Jonathan Kroll, insisted to The Democrat that “the property is currently being used as a farm, consistent with its legally intended use,” and that “YNHK remains fully committed to following all local codes and regulations.”

But the town’s own records contradict that. According to the article, no site plan approvals, permits, or certificates of occupancy exist. In other words, the occupation and ongoing construction are illegal.

Supervisor Michael Ben-simon pledged action at the July 15 Town Board meeting. Since then, The Democrat reports no follow-up from him or the building department. Neither has responded to repeated requests for comment.

This is a symptom of a deeper problem in Fallsburg: enforcement of building and zoning laws is weak, inconsistent, and—when it comes to RLUIPA—easily manipulated. The federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act was meant to protect against discrimination. But in Fallsburg, it’s increasingly used as a legal shield to bypass zoning entirely.

Attorney Daniel Barshov, representing YNHK, reportedly warned the Planning Board that RLUIPA allows religious groups to build

“whatever they determine as necessary.” That interpretation stretches far beyond the law’s intent.

To make matters worse, YNHK has cloaked its intentions in the language of religious freedom. On several occasions, the developer appeared before the Planning Board seeking approval for a so-called “religious educational facility”—complete with dormitories, mikvah, school, pool, and support structures. At every meeting, Planning Board members said clearly that none of these uses are allowed in the agricultural zone.

“You applied for permission to build a school... We are not allowed to do it,” board member Arthur Rosenshein said at the March 10 meeting.

By June, YNHK had been removed from the Planning Board agenda after failing to submit required engineering and design documents. Yet on-site activity continues anyway.

This is not the intent of RLUIPA. The law was designed to protect against discrimination—not to be used as a loophole for developers to override zoning codes.

Fallsburg already permits religious uses and retreats in designated zones. What’s happening at Rose Road is not worship—it’s a camp, school, housing compound, and now possibly a labor hub, all in a protected agricultural area. The misuse of religious protection here is strategic, not spiritual.

Zoning laws must mean something—or they mean nothing.

If these violations are allowed to stand, Fallsburg’s

entire zoning code becomes unenforceable. Every developer will see what happened at Rose Road and draw the same conclusion: build first, claim religious use, and let the town negotiate its way to surrender.

The town must act now—not just with words, but with real enforcement:

Revoke occupancy of the Rose Road property immediately.

Enforce the court-ordered settlement in full.

Publicly state the town’s position on illegal religious-use claims.

Remove “House of Worship” as a permitted use in the Ag Zone to close the RLUIPA exploitation loophole

Fallsburg has been a welcoming home to several religious communities over the decades. But the town must also be pro-zoning, pro-law, and pro-accountability. Our rural character, water supply, infrastructure, and fair governance are all on the line.

As Mr. Skoda wrote, and as the latest evidence shows:

“Just like their original actions, they are arrogantly ignoring the court order and all its provisions... Knowing and ignoring the enforcement is also criminal.”

If zoning laws mean nothing, then so does every oath of office, every public hearing, every page of the Town’s 2018 Comprehensive Plan. The erosion of enforcement on Rose Road isn’t just destroying farmland—it’s undermining the very foundation of public trust in Fallsburg.

It’s time to stop looking the other way.

FCSD Seeking Hall of Fame Nominations

FALLSBURG – The Fallsburg Central School District has announced that they will be accepting nominations for the Class of 2026 Hall of Fame.

Eligible candidates may include a current or former student, staff member, administrator or community member to be considered. They must exemplify high standards of citizenship, leadership, ethical conduct, and moral character. Consideration will also be given to their significant contributions to their lifelong pursuits, such as their field of study, career, athletic achievement, academic achievement, and service to their community.

Inductees will join the ranks of distinguished alumni and community members, such as famed musician Gavin DeGraw, author Andrew Neiderman, and Dr. Louis Lemberger, developer

of the antidepressant drug, Prozac.

The nomination form is available online at fallsburgcsd.net/district/hall_of_fame. Items that are required for the application process include:

- A photograph of the nominee
- At least three letters of recommendation (one from the nominator and two from individuals who can speak to the nominee’s qualifications)
- Supporting materials such as newspaper clippings, magazine articles, or other relevant documents

The submission deadline will be on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. If you have any questions or concerns about the nomination process, please contact the Superintendent’s office at (845) 434-6800 ext. 1215 or ikatz@fallsburgcsd.net.



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WJFF RADIO SEEKS LISTENER INPUT

LIBERTY – A note from the WJFF Radio Board President...

Hello,
My name is Pete Madden, and I’m the new President of the Board of Trustees for 90.5 WJFF Radio Catskill. In a time when we’ve lost

our federal funding, your voice matters more than ever. Radio Catskill is your local public radio station, serving the Catskills and Northeast Pennsylvania—and YOU are the public in this public radio.

By sharing your thoughts,

you help protect and shape this vital community resource. The station’s Board of Trustees will use what we learn to make recommendations to station leadership throughout the year—ensuring Radio Catskill stays responsive to you and ensuring the future of public radio in our community.

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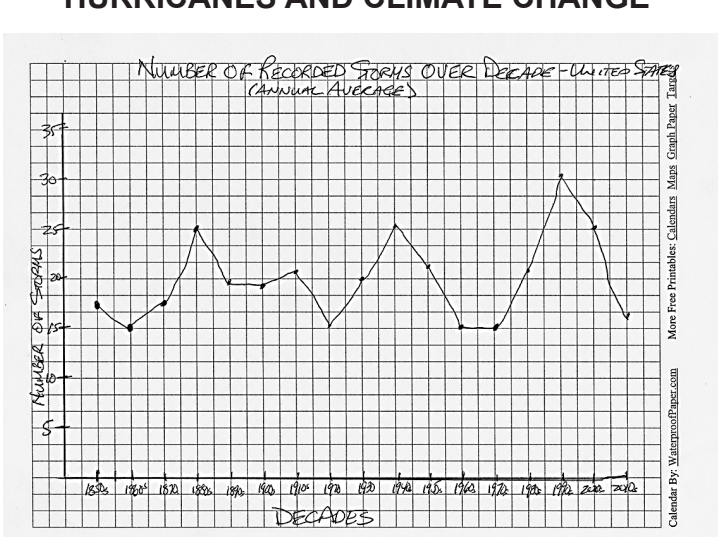
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FROM THE
WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



One of the most intense arguments these days involves climate change and specifically its impact on the number and strength of hurricanes.

Time magazine, for example, points out that “the Environmental Protection Agency says that there has been a significant increase in the intensity, frequency, and duration of Atlantic hurricane activity, signaling that the South is likely to experience stronger hurricanes in years to come. In the past five years, at least one Category 4 or 5 hurricane has made landfall in the U.S. each year.”

Time further more states emphatically that “despite some misinformation in the media about the effect climate change has on hurricanes, the science is clear.”

On the other hand, National Geographic magazine is not quite as certain. “While some scientists believe there is enough evidence to say that climate

change caused by human activities is the reason for the increase in the number and strength of recent hurricane seasons, other researchers are still unsure that climate change is the only cause,” the magazine stated.

As with many issues today, discussions about the impact of climate change are typically charged with emotion, making it more difficult to reach a conclusion that is driven by the data only.

Maybe National Geographic stated the obvious when it noted that “because hurricanes form without any help from humans, scientists know that there could be other things in nature influencing their formation and strength that have nothing to do with climate change.”

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

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ANOTHER BORSCHT BELT FESTIVAL IN THE BOOKS

by Lily Barrish Levner

ELLENVILLE – For one weekend every summer, the heyday of the Catskills returns to Ellenville, NY.

The third annual Borscht Belt Festival, sponsored by the Borscht Belt Museum, opened on Friday night, July 25 with an awards reception honoring legendary comedian Robert Klein. Mr. Klein, a Bronx native who is now 83 years old, appeared at many of the larger Borscht Belt hotels during their heyday, and as a teenager worked as a life-guard at the Alamac Hotel in Woodridge, a job that has lived on in segments of his comedy.

Saturday's events included story hours, comedians, authors, museum tours, and much more. On Sunday, a variety of vendors lined Canal Street. Thousands of

people attended, and many more ticketed programs were available. Comedian Elon Gold from the television series, "Curb Your Enthusiasm" wrapped up the festival with a one-hour show on Sunday night.

Festival director Amy Zaltzman, along with Borscht Belt Museum director Kate Napolitano and volunteers, were responsible for the wonderful weekend. The hard work by everyone on the Board, especially the officers: Andrew Jacobs, board president; Robin Kauffman, vice president & secretary; Allen Frishman; archival officer, Peter Chester, treasurer, was indispensable. The museum is growing and attracting more, and more people.

"It's becoming a go-to event," Board member Barry Lewis said afterwards.



Board member Barry Lewis (left) poses with comedian Robert Klein

"In terms of awareness and exposure, I think we hit the mark. I was pretty surprised how many people hung

around Sunday despite the weather."

Mr. Lewis volunteered all three days. On Friday night, he schlepped chairs and tables for the program honoring Robert Klein. "We had overflow for the Klein event, easily over 100 people," he said. On Saturday morning, he did an intro for Lenny Dave, the Comedy Historian. And on Sunday, with no specific role, he was able to enjoy the festival.

Barbara Hoff, who runs Top Shelf Jewelry on Main Street, a fantastic store filled with items that invoke Borscht Belt nostalgia, felt they were trying to bring in a younger crowd. "It was great fun even with a few rain breaks," she said.

A sold-out crowd listened to author Gary Shteyngart and Aaron Hicklin, owner of One Grand Books in

Narrowsburg, in conversation at The Common Good bookstore. Sarge the Comedian had people rolling out of their seats laughing. A fan favorite was the rapper, Kosha Dillz. He was everywhere, interacting with fans and performing on the biggest stage outside.

"I liked the rapper Kosha Dillz. He was energetic," Ms. Hoff said, also sharing a video of him that she had recorded performing there.

There was enough variety to appeal to everyone, from the Jewish Dating Game to Borscht Belt cuisine talks and Borscht Belt oral history projects. And for those who couldn't attend, the museum is open to revel in mountain memories another time.

The Borscht Belt Film Fest is coming up next—October 30 thru November 1.

New Leader at the Care Center at Sunset Lake

Kayshawn Macharie Brings Wealth of Experiences to Role

LIBERTY – Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potossek has announced his appointment of Kayshawn Macharie as the new Licensed Administrator of the Sullivan County Adult Care Center, better known as the Care Center at Sunset Lake.

"Kayshawn exemplifies commitment, trust and compassion – and he's already providing that to Care Center employees, residents and their families," Mr. Potossek related. "I'm excited to see how he and the staff will make the Care Center the first choice of people needing both short- and long-term services."

"The Legislature was thrilled to meet Mr. Macharie at our recent Health & Human Services Committee meeting, and we came away very impressed with not only his approach to resident care but also his steadfast support of the

hardworking staff," acknowledged Committee Chair Cat Scott, who serves as District 5 Legislator. "He faces many challenges in his quest to raise the bar at the Care Center, but I look forward to working with him to make it the premier facility of its kind in the County."

"I'm grateful the County Manager and Deputy County Manager have placed their trust and confidence in me, and I hope to be as welcoming to our residents and employees as they have made me feel," Mr. Macharie shared. "I will not simply be sitting behind a desk. I have already been – and will continue to be – a consistently present and supportive force in all aspects of the Care Center's operations, including resident care."

A native of Rockland County, Mr. Macharie

grew up under the care and guidance of his Aunt Ruth, who served as his adoptive mother and set an example he still strives to emulate, two years after her passing.

"She was always a caring person, a woman of God, highly respected in our church," he recalled. "She included me in a weekly food drive for those in need in our community, and she was there for people like me, whose biological parents weren't really ready to have me."

Mr. Macharie's aunt turned his ambitions towards a career of helping others, encouraging him to go to nursing school. First however, he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University at Buffalo in 2016, followed two years later by a master's in social work from Daemen University. During that period, he served as a clinical

therapist at a treatment facility near Buffalo.

"I had previously spent nearly 12 years working in a restaurant as a waiter," Mr. Macharie told legislators. "That experience gave me something invaluable: the ability to listen deeply, read people's emotions, de-escalate conflict, and serve with care. That foundation in customer service and human connection prepared me more than anything else for this work. Because ultimately, this work is about people."

After gaining his MSW, Mr. Macharie served as the director of social services at a nursing home in Buffalo and as a social worker at Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital. Filling in for a friend at a nursing home – and the encouragement of a supervisor who believed he'd make a great administrator – spurred Mr. Macharie to pursue his long-term care administration licensure, which he achieved in 2023. Just a year later, he finished a bachelor's degree in nursing from D'Youville University.

His leadership experience continued to grow at various nursing homes and rehab centers in the Buffalo region. A personal tragedy led to his return to Rockland County, where he became the director of social services for a care facility in the Bronx. That's when he heard that Sullivan County was seeking a new administrator for its Care Center in Liberty.

"I stepped into this role not just as a career move, but as a calling – a mission to support and uplift one of the most vulnerable populations in our community," he stated. "Every resident deserves to feel at home, to be treated with dignity, and to live in safety and compassion."

"Just as importantly, every staff member deserves to work in an environment where they feel respected, supported and valued – by leadership, by the community and by one another," he added.

"Kayshawn has already

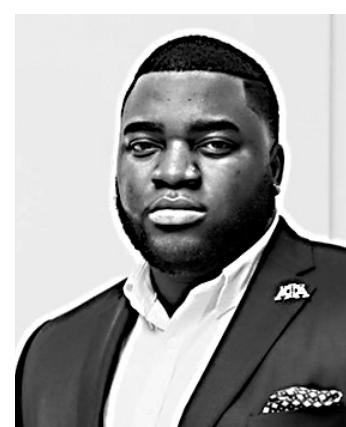


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Kayshawn Macharie

made an impact with both County and Infinite Care employees at the Care Center," Sullivan County Health & Human Services Commissioner John Liddle said. "I have every expectation that he will continue to be a transformative presence both there and throughout the County."

Indeed, every mortarboard Mr. Macharie has worn at his graduations has had these words inscribed:

"One man can change the world."

But that philosophy is focused on others as much as himself.

"I hope to bring happiness to both staff and residents," he explained. "The work won't always be easy, but I want people to be happy being here."

That's a focus he'll have 24/7, coinciding with the on-call demands of the job. But he will make as much time as possible for his Labrador, Grizzly, his professional fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha, his passion for cooking (especially Caribbean cuisine), and especially his faith.

"I'm a worship leader at my church in Spring Valley," Mr. Macharie said, acknowledging he loves to sing. "I also am a man of God. Without his grace and mercy, I would not be where I am now."

Primetimers Sponsoring Bus Trip

MONTICELLO-- The Primetimers of Temple Shalom of Monticello are sponsoring a day trip to New York City via Leprechaun Lines on Wednesday, August 13. Donation is \$55.00 round trip, including gratuity.

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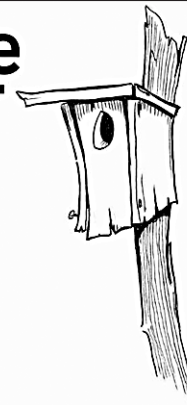
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Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

Summer lives most vividly for the young, stretching out in the space between one school year and the next, a rite of passage full of promise and possibility.

"Lord: it is time. The summer was immense" — so Rilke began his poem "Herbsttag," looking back from the vantage of an early autumn day. The poem dates from 1902, when Rilke was in his mid-twenties, the right age for such sentiments. After one's twenties, summers subside, becoming less momentous and more parenthetical — fleet and compressed — until it seems that you can extend your arms and touch summer's beginning and end with the tips of your fingers.

These days, I know summer is peaking when the brochures for Christmas cards arrive in our mailbox. "'Tis the Season!" declares one: "We're delighted to present our most anticipated designs of the coming season." The coming season? It's not even August yet. Now it's winter that appears immense.

Summers around Divine Corners come on fast, with an onrush of hectic motion — sudden surges of traffic and crowding; impatience on the roads; impatience in the lines at ShopRite and the Post Office. Particular summers lose their distinctness, blurring into the general tenor of the years and the decades, shedding a specificity retained only in the far-reaches of memory.

The summer I turned thirteen still stands out (as everyone's thirteenth sum-

mer likely does), clear and singular. It was the summer of "Blonde on Blonde" and "Revolver," a summer with a soundtrack, when music beckoned me and my cohort away from childhood with the alluring sense of what it could mean to be grown-up and hip — two categories that appeared, at the time, indistinguishable.

The soundtrack has certainly changed since then. The music I hear most often this summer is a version of "Ach, du Lieber Augustin" played by an ice-cream truck that frequents these quarters — a kitschy, warped version, rendered at variable speeds and sounding like Hal singing "Daisy" at the end of "2001: A Space Odyssey." It comes across more eerie than cheery, a scrap of song passed down from its origins in the Great Plague of Vienna of 1679: "All is lost, dear Augustin!" It evokes ghosts.

Amid the press of ongoing workdays and the daily round, I try to schedule some bouts of ideal seasonal idleness. "Turn off your mind, relax and float downstream" — the promise of summer downtime. I'm not yet ready for Christmas cards or back-to-school sales; give me a hot, buzzy, green moment into which I can plunge and set off, in widening circles, the old note of summer's immensity.

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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 that 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.

Summer is in full swing, and our population has increased tenfold. With an increase in population, there is an increase in the number of calls for emergency services. For some reason, each of the last few summers, certain calls dominate the attention of the emergency services. One summer there were numerous lost hikers, another there were many drownings, and one summer there was a vast increase in the number of structure fires. This summer, there have been many pedestrians struck by vehicles. And it seems like it is like bumper cars out there. The number of motor vehicle accidents (MVA) is extremely high this summer. Fallsburg had two four-car accidents within 20 minutes of each other. And there has been an increase in the number of vehicle fires.

Here are some Pedestrian Safety Tips:

- **Be Visible:** Wear bright or reflective clothing, especially at night or in poor weather conditions. Use a flashlight when walking in the dark,
- **Walk Defensively:** Stay



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aware of your surroundings, avoid distractions like cell phones and earbuds, and make eye contact with drivers before crossing.

- **Use Crosswalks and Follow Signals:** Always cross at designated crosswalks and obey traffic signals and signs.

- **Cross with Caution:** Even in crosswalks, look both ways before crossing, and be aware of turning vehicles.

- **Walk Facing Traffic:** If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.

These are only a few suggestions. Most importantly, be aware of your surroundings.

As for the drivers, you must yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk. Many of our back roads do not have lines on them or streetlights. Here are some more common-sense suggestions to review:

- **Stay Focused:** Avoid distractions like using cell phones, eating, or adjusting the radio. These activities take your attention away from the road.

- **Obey Traffic Laws:** Adhere to speed limits, traffic signals, and other regulations. These laws are in place to ensure safety.

- **Maintain a Safe Following Distance:** Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you (at least a three-second following distance), allowing you time to react to sudden stops or hazards.

- **Defensive Driving:** Be aware of other drivers, anticipate potential hazards, and be prepared to react to unexpected situations.

- **Check Blind Spots:** Before changing lanes or merging, check your blind spots by turning your head to ensure there are no vehicles or obstacles.

Be safe out there!

DUCKS OF HAZARD MAKE A SPLASH

WOODRIDGE – On Saturday, July 12, the stream at beautiful Morningside Park

in Hurleyville was quacking with excitement as hundreds of fearless rubber ducks

flapped their way through to the finish line at the Kiwanis of Woodridge Annual Duck Race.

Spectators cheered on their bright yellow champions in a spectacle that can only be described as part carnival, part feathered chaos. Hosted by the Kiwanis of Woodridge, New York Foundation, Inc., this year's event was nothing short of egg-ceptional!

There were some fierce competitors – Duck Norris, Princess Lay-an-Egg, Sir Quacksalot, and Wanda-the-Wanderer really brought the heat. It was neck-and-neck until Feather Locklear and Bill Gates made an unexpected comeback. They paddled their webbed feet off, but Bill Gates overtook all swimmers to come in first.

Other memorable racers included:

- James Pond – License to Spill
- Quackie Robinson – Always goes the extra waddle
- Beneduck Cumberquack – Suave, mysterious, mildly waterlogged.
- Pluckie Duckie – Always ready to surmount any obstacle.

Kids and grown-ups alike rooted on the contestants, and tried not to get splashed by rogue speed-ducks in the final sprint.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made this event a huge success. All proceeds will go to support area youth programs and community activities. Feather your calendar – next year's race is already hatching plans. Stay in the loop at www.kiwanisofwoodridge-ny.org or Facebook @KiwanisofWoodridgeNY.

Aktion Club Car Wash is Aug. 16

MONTICELLO-- The Aktion Club of Sullivan County will be hosting a Car Wash Fundraiser Saturday, Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1p.m.. at the Greater Hudson Valley Arc Building, 162 East Broadway, Monticello (next to Tire Discount Center). The rain date will be Sunday, Aug. 17.

There is no charge for the car wash; however donations and tips will be gladly accepted. Monies raised will help the club fund various community service events.

The Aktion Club of Sulli-

van County is sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Monticello and Woodridge. The club comprises adults with various degrees of disabilities who are affiliated with Arc Greater Hudson Valley, New Hope Community and The Center for Discovery. Members are given the opportunity to contribute to the community, develop social interaction awareness, improve their self-esteem and develop leadership skills.

For more information, please contact Kim Loucks at (845) 701-1864.

Sullivan County Celebrates Resident's 107th Birthday

LIBERTY – The Sullivan County Legislature helped the oldest resident at the Achieve Rehabilitation Center in Liberty celebrate her birthday last month.

Judith Kogon turned 107 on July 23.

District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez presented a certifi-

cate of recognition on behalf of the entire Legislature, to Ms. Kogon on the occasion of her birthday. She was also celebrated by her friends and the staff at Achieve Rehab in Liberty, where a grand party was held.

Happy Birthday, Judy!



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FCSD to Host Community Resource Day

FALLSBURG – The Fallsburg Central School District is excited to announce that they will be holding Community Resource Day once again. The multi-day event will provide lunch, clothing, resources, school supplies, and entertainment. There will also be an opportunity for families to connect with local organizations and businesses. All of which will be free-of-charge. Here are the following dates and locations:

- August 19**
Lakeview Apartments
5 Woodland Townhouse Road, Loch Sheldrake, NY
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- August 20**
Beverly Garden Apartments
26 Beverly Drive,
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August 12, 1938 Cloudburst Wipes Out Seven Bridges In Liberty Section

A cloudburst which lasted less than an hour Saturday night left the area around Liberty with seven fewer bridges – six of them had spanned the Neversink. One automobile was swept 400 feet down stream after its driver had waded to safety through water up to his chest. Guardposts saved another car which its occupants had abandoned in the flood. A seventh bridge was reported out at Ulster Heights.

The motorists escaped the peril of the swollen east branch of the Mongaup at the first Route Seventeen bridge south of Liberty.

A 1937 sedan, owned by Abraham Steckler, of the Bronx, and operated by his son, David, twenty-eight, was swept away as a section of the approach was washed out and was carried about 400 feet downstream. Sunday morning it was found bottom-side up in a depression about fifty feet from the normal riverbed.

Steckler had left his parents at the Hotel Grossinger at about nine o'clock. It had rained heavily between Ferndale and Parksville for about 45 minutes, ending at eight o'clock. The rain had come too late, however, to prevent Sullivan hotels from having the best week end business thus far this season, and the younger Steckler, when he found accommodations lacking at the Grossinger, started toward Liberty. He drove the car through the rising water on the bridge but when the torrent reached the battery the motor stalled.

When he realized his position was unsafe, he got out of the car and waded, chest-high, to safety. The water soon afterward came within a foot of the top of the car and carried it off downstream over loosened highway posts. Four occupants of another car also abandoned theirs for safety and saw it about to be swept after the other auto until it caught on the dangling highway post. It was saved by a tow-truck when the water receded a few hours afterwards. Sergeant Thomas J Mangan and Trooper William Elliott of Harris substation patrolled highway traffic at this point until the State Highway Department crew had made the bridge passable early Sunday. The bridge itself was slightly damaged. Neversink roads were closed by highway workers for emergency repairs. Disrupted telephone service, caused by falling poles, was restored in some measure by noon on Sunday.

The Town of Neversink several days ago advertised a vote on a \$14,000 bond issue to repair damage of two weeks ago, but what the new loss will be has not been calculated yet.

Extensive damage to its roadbed was suffered by the O & W road along a two-mile reach between Young's Gap and Parksville, as a result of the cloudburst. Both main line tracks were washed out in several places. A northbound passenger train was halted near the Gap at midnight, Saturday, and a dozen passengers transferred



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

The Center for Discovery has sponsored interpretive signs for placement along the Hurleyville rail trail.

to automobiles for continuation of their trips to vacation centers.

Railroad repair crews attacked the damage promptly, however, and early Sunday morning one track was restored through the flood belt. Until late in the afternoon all passenger trains used the single track and maintained schedules satisfactorily. Both tracks were restored during the afternoon. The damage was caused by surface water.

On Cold Spring Road, southeast of Liberty, 800 chickens belonging to Henry Horstman, employed by the State Highway Department, were drowned when a nearby brook rose. High waters were also reported in Ferndale, where part of an old mill was washed away. Although Monticello experienced some heavy rain earlier in the afternoon, there was no damage.

August 19, 1938 New Fire Truck Delivered to the Woodbourne Fire District

The huge new American LaFrance fire truck was delivered on Tuesday to the Woodbourne Fire District which had voted approval of the purchase at a special meeting last month. The truck, which is the largest and most modern of any fire company in Sullivan County, is fully equipped and delivers at a cost of about \$7,500.

It has an eight cylinder, one hundred and forty horsepower motor. The truck will pump five hundred gallons per minute at one hundred and twenty pound pressure; has twelve hundred feet of hose and carries two hundred gallon booster tanks.

Commissioners of the Woodbourne Fire District are Alfred Prince, Charles Jones, Charles Stangel, Floyd Hill and John Hamilton; Fire Chief – William Walter; Secretary and Treasurer – John Eidel and Chief Engineer – Basil Evans.

August 2018 Rail Trail to Get Interpretive Signs

The Milk Train Trail starting from Hurleyville in both directions has become a very popular hiking and biking destination over the past two years, and the visitor experience will soon be greatly enhanced.

According to plans, those using the trail will shortly be able to read about the natural environment as well as some of the history of the former railroad right-of-way and the area around it, as design work is nearly complete on about a dozen interpretive signs that will be permanently installed along the route.

The all-weather signs are 36" x 24" and are being designed, purchased and installed by The Center for Discovery.

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THE HONEYMOON MURDER

An original Bronco Kelly Adventure
by Jack Robbin

In August of 1936, Sol Goldstein, a young gangster trying to go straight, was on his honeymoon in Sullivan County when he disappeared, never to be seen or heard from again. This short story, by local author Jack Robbin, is based on that real life incident...

My name is Brendan Alastar Kelly—my friends have called me Bronco for as long as I can remember—and I'm a constable for the town of Fallsburg, in New York's Catskill mountains. Of all of the cases I have had to deal with in my many years on the job, none was any more frustrating than an incident that began in August of 1936, when there was a knock on the door of my Hurleyville home early on a Sunday morning.

I was just finishing up the breakfast of deviled ham and poached eggs on buttered toast, fresh blueberries, and hot coffee my wife Irene had prepared when the barely audible tapping on the front door intruded on the quiet of the day.

Irene answered the door, and after a brief inaudible conversation, I heard her say, "Please come in, won't you?"

A moment later, I stood up as a short, middle aged woman walked slowly into the kitchen, with Irene just behind her.

"Bronco, this is Mrs. Goldstein," Irene said as she entered the room. "She says it is urgent that she speaks with you right away."

"What can I do for you, Mrs. Goldstein?" I asked, motioning for our visitor

to sit down at the kitchen table.

"Constable Kelly, I am in need of your help. Everyone tells me I must speak with you. I don't know where else to turn. Will you help me?"

"Well, I'll try," I answered. "What is this about?"

"It's about my son, Solomon. He's missing, and I just know something bad has happened to him."

"Your son is missing from where, and for how long? Have you been to the Sheriff?"

"I did speak with a man who said he was the undersheriff, if that is such a thing? His name was Flynn, I believe. He said he would look into it, but he didn't seem to be very interested."

"Walter Flynn is a good man," I assured her. "If he says he will look into it, I'm sure he will."

"Please, Constable Kelly, will you help me? My son is all I have since my husband died some nine years ago. He's a good boy, and he just got married. I just have a feeling he is in some kind of trouble."

I started to protest, but out of the corner of my eye, I caught a stern glance from Irene that left no question that she thought I should agree to help the woman.

"Why don't you tell me a little bit more?" I finally said. "Maybe I can help you."

Before Mrs. Goldstein could speak, Irene brought her a cup of coffee and placed the cream and sugar in front of her. She thanked Irene several times, and poured a bit of the coffee

from the cup into the saucer. Then she looked me right in the eye.

"My son Solomon just turned 23," she said. "He got married last week, and he and his wife, Evelyn, came here to the mountains on their honeymoon. He always calls me every night, but I have not heard from him in three nights, now. I know something is wrong."

"Have you spoken to his wife?"

"Oh, I tried speaking with her. She is still in the honeymoon cottage, but she had no time for me. All she would say to me was that 'Sol was thrown into a lake.'"

"Thrown into a lake? Any idea what that means?"

"I don't want to think what it means," she sobbed. "I want you should find out for me what it means."

I shot a glance at Irene. She nodded to me in such a way that it left no doubt what she expected me to do.

"If you tell me where to find your daughter-in-law, I will go have a talk with her and see what I can find out," I said.

Mrs. Goldstein closed her eyes and smiled softly. "Thank you, Constable Kelly. Please find my son, that is all I ask."

Mrs. Goldstein told me that her daughter-in-law was still staying in the small vacation cottage she and Sol had rented for their honeymoon at a Glen Wild hotel. I promised to pay her a visit, but I knew that before I did that I had to speak with Sullivan County's undersheriff, Walter Flynn. I couldn't just insinuate myself into an active case if he



ILLUSTRATION BY JACK ROBBIN

"Just find my son," Mrs. Goldstein said. "That's all I ask."

was indeed investigating the disappearance of Sol

Goldstein.

Irene wrote down Mrs.

Goldstein's contact information and escorted her to the front door. I promised to be in touch before the end of the day.

"Thank you, Bronco, for agreeing to help that woman," Irene said to me after closing the door behind Mrs. Goldstein. "She deserves to know what happened to her son."

"I suppose so," I said. "Although I am not sure I am going to be able to get her any answers."

"Well, at least you will have tried," Irene said, giving me a hug. "I'm not sure the Sheriff's office won't do much. They are always so busy lately."

I nodded, said good-bye, and drove to Monticello.

Walking into the Sheriff's office behind the Courthouse, I was greeted by my old friend Jay Lass, a deputy sheriff who this

day was dressed in his Sunday finest.

"I didn't expect to see you here, today, Jay," I said, knowing that Jay spent every Sunday morning at Mass in St. Peter's Church.

"I didn't expect to be here, today," Jay said. "But Walt asked me to come in special to look into a missing person case. What brings you here?"

"That missing person case wouldn't involve a man named Sol Goldstein, would it?" I asked.

Jay glanced down at a small piece of paper in his left hand, and then looked up at me.

"How did you know that?"

"Because that's why I'm here," I said. "His mother just left my house, after begging me to find her son. She said she has spoken

with Flynn, so I figured I'd stop by here and see what you guys might already know."

"Well, we know enough to say with certainty that Sol Goldstein was not always the 'good boy' his mother claims he was. He's had some trouble in the past, and up until recently, he was working at the Fulton Fish Market. You know what that means."

"Are you saying he is tied up in the rackets?" I asked, not having seen that one coming.

"That's exactly what I'm saying," Jay said.

Don't miss Part II of "The Honeymoon Murder" short story, based on an actual incident in Sullivan County in 1936, in the next edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel.

MONTICELLO KIWANIS WELCOMES ATI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MONTICELLO – Action Toward Independence (ATI) Executive Director Deborah Worden was guest speaker at the July Monticello Kiwanis Club Meeting. Ms. Worden described how ATI serves and empowers people with disabilities through their many programs, including advocacy, education, support groups, etc. They provide guidance and empowerment in the field of life and social skills to the parents, caregivers as well as to the children on the Autism Spectrum. ATI's objectives are in compliance with Kiwanis First Lady Marie Soderholm's Project for 2024-2025, which

is Autism Acceptance.

Members of the Woodridge Kiwanis Club and the Monticello Rotary Club were also in attendance. Everyone was very impressed with Ms. Worden's presentation and with the many services provided to people with disabilities by ATI. The Monticello Kiwanis Club presented Ms. Worden with a \$100 donation in support of ATI's very important programs as well as a 75th Anniversary Kiwanis Mug.

The club meets the first Monday of the Month at 6 p.m. at Albella's Restaurant in Monticello. Kiwanis is a global organization



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Pictured are Kiwanis Board Member Linda Barriger, ATI Exec. Dir. Deborah Worden, and Kiwanis Pres. Marvin Rappaport

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY *Time to remember. Time to Act.*

MONTICELLO – The 5th annual International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil will be held on August 26 at 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Sullivan County Courthouse, 414 Broadway, Monticello.

International Overdose Awareness Day is the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, to remember without stigma those who have lost their lives, and to acknowledge the grief of the families and friends left behind. This annual event shines light on the importance to recognize and remember those who are and have suffered with the disease of addiction resulting in overdoses and deaths.

"While the topic is difficult and heartbreaking, this event brings awareness, support, courage, openness, and love to not only those suffering but to their family, friends, and the entire community. It is one of those events that leaves you better off for attending," remarked Jeffrey Spitz, Executive Director at Restorative Management.

Community members are invited to attend and open their hearts as families share stories of loved ones who lost their battle with substance use; remember those who have passed and celebrate those in recovery;

meet organizations and learn about resources created to face this crisis head-on; and participate in a candlelight vigil as the sun sets, accompanied by bagpipes against the backdrop of the Sullivan County Courthouse, lit purple to symbolize overdose awareness.

"This evening serves as a platform for so many things. Each loss to overdose was someone's someone: a brother, a child, a parent, or a best friend," said Lindsay Wheat, Outreach Program Manager for Sullivan 180. "We always knew this was an important evening, but each year, we realize how necessary it is. The only way to end this is to do it together, as a community."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, although Sullivan County no longer holds the highest overdose rate in New York State—ranking sixth as of 2023—it remains among the most affected counties, despite ongoing efforts that have led to a significant reduction in overdose deaths in recent years. Sullivan County was also federally designated as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), meaning that Sullivan County is recognized as a critical area for intervention and support, necessitating a coordinated

response from local, state, and federal agencies to combat drug trafficking and its associated consequences.

The International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil is presented by a community of organizations working together to end the opioid epidemic in Sullivan County. For more information, please contact Lindsay Wheat, Sullivan 180 Outreach Program Manager, at Lindsay@Sullivan180.org.

Sullivan 180 is working to build a healthy community, one degree at a time, through people, places and policy with support from Bold Gold Media Group, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat, Manor Ink and WJFF Radio Catskill. Learn more at Sullivan180.org.

Farmer's Market Coupons Available Now

MONTICELLO – The Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program provides an opportunity for eligible seniors to support local farmers and improve their health by increasing their consumption of locally grown fruits, vegetables, and fresh-cut herbs.

To that end, the Office for the Aging has begun distributing Farmer's Market Coupon booklets on a first-come, first-served basis. Each booklet contains five \$5 coupons, for a total of \$25. Coupons are valid through November 30, 2025 at participating Farmer's Markets.

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day through Friday or at the Transportation Building, 401 Airport Road, Swan Lake, every Tuesday or Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Office at (845) 807-0241 or (845) 807-0245.

Coupons will also be available at the following locations on these dates (while supplies last):

Town or Village	Market Location	Date
Monticello	Neighborhood Farmers Market,	Every Thursday in July
Monticello	Federation for the Homeless	7/25, 8/8
Liberty	Creekside Park Farmers Market, 117 North Main Street	7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8
Jeffersonville	Rt 52, Main street Farmers market	8/17
Callicoon	Farmers Market.	8/24
Senior Nutrition Sites	Liberty, Livingston Manor, Bethel, Jeffersonville and Mamakating	Monday through Friday throughout the summer from 10-11 a.m.
Senior Centers	Livingston Manor, Monticello, Liberty and Mamakating	Call Office for the Aging for dates and times

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out the Monticello NY Kiwanis Club Facebook page to learn more about all their activities.

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STAY IN THE SHADE

MILK TRAIN TRAIL IDEAL FOR SUMMER STROLLS

by Win Hadley

HURLEYVILLE — Although it may seem counter-intuitive, an informal survey conducted recently by this reporter has revealed that many people would much prefer a brisk walk in the cold of winter than on the most pleasant summer day.

Those people, it seems, prefer to avoid the problems associated with dealing with the summer heat, but there are a few simple precautions one can take to make a summer stroll relaxing, enjoyable and healthful.

First of all, find the right place for your hike or stroll. In the summer, that means a trail with plenty of shade and places to stop and rest when necessary. The Milk Train Trail in Hurleyville, for example, provides plenty of shaded stretches, and also features benches here and there for the periodic rest.

Perhaps best of all, the

Milk Train Trail offers the Smith Hill Cut, the rock cut just east of Main Street that is typically at least ten degrees cooler than the ambient air elsewhere in the vicinity. In addition to being refreshing and even invigorating in summer, the rock cut is picturesque, and no matter how many times you visit, there is almost always something new to see or study.

There are, of course, other fairly simple steps one can take to make the summer hike or stroll enjoyable and safe.

Choosing the right clothing and footwear can make all the difference, says Joe Pasteris, writing on REI.com.

“Dressing appropriately for a hike can go a long way toward keeping you comfortable,” he writes, and then offers the following advice:

Choose light colors: Wearing light colors that reflect the sun’s rays rather

than absorb them (as dark colors can) helps keep you cool. Look for shirts, shorts and pants in white, tan or khaki.

Wear loose, breathable clothing: Lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing that breathes well will help your body regulate temperature.

Cotton can be OK: You’ve heard it before: cotton kills. Cotton has a bad reputation in the outdoors because it absorbs lots of moisture and dries very slowly, which can create an uncomfortable and dangerous situation on wet and/or cold days. But in hot and dry conditions, the moisture can feel good against your skin, and as it evaporates it will leave you feeling cool.

“You must be careful when wearing cotton though,” Pasteris writes. “Make sure you’re OK with the feel of wet cotton next to your skin (some people just don’t like it) and that it won’t cause chafing if it rubs against your skin. More importantly, if there’s any chance you’ll be out when the temps dip in the evening, carry a change of clothes or choose to wear synthetics instead of cotton.”

Open vents: Some shirts, shorts and pants designed for hiking incorporate vents.



PHOTO BY WIN HADLEY

The Milk Train Trail offers plenty of shaded stretches on both sides of Main Street, making it an ideal place for a summer stroll.

Opening these up on a hot day helps improve airflow.

Choose UPF-rated clothing: All clothing blocks the sun’s rays to a certain extent, but clothing that has a UPF rating is guaranteed to provide protection. Common

ratings include UPF 15, UPF 30 and UPF 50+. Learn more in our Sun Protection Clothing Basics article.

Cover up: It may seem counter intuitive to put extra clothes on in hot weather, but the added coverage can

provide necessary protection from UV rays, especially for people with sensitive skin. A lightweight long-sleeve shirt, sun sleeves and a neck gaiter can provide effective protection.

Put a sun hat on: A sun

hat provides essential protection from the sun for your face and neck. A baseball cap provides OK shade, but a sun hat with a brim that goes all the way around is even better.

Cool your neck: A bandana, sun-protective neck gaiter or other lightweight cloth can be dunked in water and worn over your head or around your neck to keep the back of your neck cool and covered while the water evaporates. Special polymer-crystal filled neck scarves maintain the moisture for even longer periods of time.

Wear the right socks: Try to avoid cotton socks (choose wool socks or synthetic socks instead) and make sure they fit well. Socks that are too big can have wrinkles that rub and socks that are too small can create pressure points and sock slippage. Learn more in our Blister Prevention and Care article.

Carry a hydration pack: It might seem like a small difference, but having a sip tube always at the ready will make you more likely to hydrate frequently than if you have to reach for a water bottle. Be sure to pay attention to your water supply; it can be easier to lose track when using a hydration pack.

Bring a squirt bottle: When the going gets rough, plan a sneak water attack on your hiking buddies, or use the mist setting to create a cooling cloud whenever you need it.

Pasteris also advises that just as important as where you hike and what you wear, is what time of day you hike.

“Avoid the hottest time of day,” he writes. “The hottest time of day is usually around noon to 3 p.m. On scorching days, it can be best to avoid this time altogether by getting an early start and ending your hike by early afternoon, or heading out sometime after 3 p.m. If you can’t avoid hiking during the warmest hours, be sure to maintain hydration and nutrition, wear sunscreen and sun-protective clothing, take frequent rests.”

Pasteris also suggests that while hiking in the evening is not always practicable, and may not be for everyone, it is sometimes advisable.

Using these simple suggestions, a hike or stroll in summer can be just as enjoyable as in the cooler months. Just be careful not to overdo it, and remember: the Milk Train Trail is the ideal venue for your hike or stroll, no matter what time of year.

A HISTORIC FIRST IN AKRON

Sullivan County Soap Box Derby Winners at World Championships



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Emma Gaebel with her Challenge Championship Trophy.

by John Conway

AKRON, OH — Sullivan County’s local Masters Division champion Emma Gaebel left the 87th First Energy All-American Soap Box Derby World Championships at Derby Downs in Akron, Ohio last month with an accolade that no other county racer has ever achieved.

In addition to her ninth place finish in the Local Masters Division of the World Championships on Saturday, July 19, Emma became the first Sullivan County racer ever to win a challenge race championship in Akron, finishing first in her division on Wednesday.

Emma’s fellow Sullivan County racers also fared well throughout Race Week, as Daniel Olsen in the Stock Division and Karen Seekamp in Super Stockths of a second of advancing beyond the first round of the championships in their re-

spective divisions, narrowly losing out to top finishers.

In the Rally Division, Ava Diehl had a productive week, finishing in third place in the Rally Challenge race on Wednesday, second in the Rally Stock All-Star race on Thursday, and second again in the Rally Stock Division of the All-American race on Saturday.

Each of the racers had qualified for the World Championships by winning their divisions at the local race in Liberty in June. Mike Diehl and Morgan Van Keuren accompanied the local champions to Akron.

“It was an honor to be a part of another year, and to help these kids represent Sullivan County at another World Championship,” Morgan said upon his return to Sullivan County. “They proved once again that our local race sure does make for fast Soap Box cars and drivers.”

LOCH SHELDRAKE — The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) has awarded a \$2,000 NJCAA Opportunity Grant to SUNY Sullivan’s athletics program. This competitive grant will directly support the development of the College’s Men’s and Women’s Soccer programs beginning in Fall of 2025, helping to expand athletic offerings and increase student participation in collegiate sports.

The NJCAA Opportunity Grant aims to enhance equity and access in two-year

college athletics by providing financial support to programs that are building or expanding sports opportunities for student-athletes. Its initiatives include funding scholarships, supporting program development, and promoting equity and access in collegiate athletics. The grant will assist SUNY Sullivan with essential resources needed to launch and sustain the soccer teams.

“The NJCAA Foundation is excited to further support the growth of NJCAA member colleges and the sport

programs they offer through the NJCAA Sport Opportunity Grant,” said Andrew Givens, NJCAA Foundation Executive Director. “The ability to provide this funding is a testament to the importance and growth of two-year collegiate athletics. The NJCAA Foundation looks forward to this initiative’s impact as NJCAA member colleges continue to create opportunities for student-athletes across the country.”

Collegiate athletics play a vital role in higher educa-

tion by promoting student engagement, academic success, and leadership development both on and off the field. Athletics also serve as a cornerstone of campus life, fostering school spirit and pride within the community.

“I am very excited to see the addition of both Men’s and Women’s Soccer at SUNY Sullivan,” said SUNY Sullivan Interim Director of Athletics Simon Clement. “This is an extremely popular and fast growing sport in Sullivan County. Offering Soccer will provide a new

SUNY Sullivan Receives NJCAA Opportunity Grant

Funding Will Support New Soccer Programs



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Simon Clement

pathway for student-athletes to enhance their education and playing career at their local community college.”

For more information, please contact Simon Clement, Interim Director of Athletics, at (845) 434-5750 ext. 4313 or email sclement@sunysullivan.edu. To learn more about SUNY Sullivan athletics, please visit sunysullivan.edu/athletics.

SUNY Sullivan Boys & Girls Basketball Camp Offered

Camp Offers Individualized Instruction & Team Strategies for Ages 7-17

LOCH SHELDRAKE -- SUNY Sullivan has announced its annual Boys and Girls Basketball Camp, designed to help young athletes ages 7-17 develop fundamental skills and a comprehensive understanding of the game, will run from Aug. 11 to Aug. 15 at the SUNY Sullivan campus in Loch Sheldrake.

The Sullivan Generals Basketball Camp is rooted in a philosophy of skill development, offering individualized instruction, drills, lectures, and games to improve each camper’s abilities. The Generals coaching staff, along with some of the area’s top

coaches and players, will cover essential fundamentals such as passing, dribbling, and shooting, as well as offensive and defensive strategies for both individual play and team dynamics. “Our goal is to create an exciting and enriching learning experience for every participant,” said SUNY Sullivan Director of Athletics Simon Clement. “We’re dedicated to fostering a love for the game while building strong foundational skills that will benefit these young athletes in the future.”

The camp runs Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; early drop-

off at 8:30 a.m. and late pick-up until 4 p.m. are available. Friday’s session concludes at 12 p.m. The camp fee is \$200 per camper. A discounted rate of \$175 is available for registrations received by Aug. 4, 2025. Additional discounts are offered for SUNY Sullivan employees, multiple children from the same family, and groups. A limit of one discount per family applies.

Campers are responsible for bringing their own lunches and drinks, though packaged snacks will be available for purchase. All campers must be covered by health insurance, and

a signed parental consent form for emergency treatment is required.

Email Rick Swillinger (ESwillinger@sunysullivan.edu) or Carl Graham (CGraham@sunysullivan.edu), or call (845) 434-5750, ext. 4293 with any questions. To download your application, visit sunysullivan.edu/summer-basketball-camp. Applications can be mailed with checks payable to “FSA of SCCC” to: SUNY Sullivan Athletic Dept., 112 College Road, Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759. A liability release form must also be submitted prior to the start of camp.



**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!

August Questions:

1. In what year was the first Little League World Series played?
2. How many teams play in the LL World Series each year?
3. What was the first town in New York state to win the LL World Series?
4. What international city was the first to be represented in the LL World Series?
5. What was the first foreign country to win the LL World Series?

July Answers:

1. The first MLB All-Star game was played on July 6, 1933. Where was it played? (**Comiskey Park in Chicago.**)
2. What was unusual about the MLB All-Star games from 1959 to 1962? (**There were two All-Star games each year.**)
3. In 1957, fans from one team elected seven of the team’s starters to the All-Star game. What team was it? (**Cincinnati Reds**)
4. When was the last year the All-Star game was played in the afternoon? (**1969**)
5. What MLB player appeared in 25 All-Star games in his career... more than anyone else? (**Hank Aaron**)

No winner last month.