

UNITED WE STAND

WHAT LIES WITHIN Local Artist Sees and Reveals It

by Amanda Loviza

HURLEYVILLE — Richard Rulli doesn't choose what he's going to carve into a piece of wood. He'll tell you that he sees what is already in the tree, and uses his woodworking tools to uncover what is there.

The sculptor has been producing art in various forms for The Center for Discovery in Hurleyville since 2002. Prior to that, he had been trying to support himself as a freelance artist, but as he tells the tale, he "was going blind from malnutrition." He answered an ad to repair handmade stone walls for The Center, and then he did some landscaping and helped in the development office.

"Then they started letting me do more of what I wanted," Mr. Rulli said.

What he wanted has taken the form of a buffalo, and a turtle, and a moose, and dozens of wooden carvings and sculptures. Mr. Rulli's art brings beauty and a connection to nature to the facilities of The

Center, as well as the public spaces in the community where some of his art is displayed. A turtle is his current project, a massive creature that takes up his whole garage workspace. Mr. Rulli designed the reptile himself, based on various photographs, and engineered the statue with metal, screening, concrete and pipes to have water flow over the turtle's shell once it is installed over a water feature.

It is part of Mr. Rulli's technique that each of his animals must be displayed in their native habitat: the moose in a thicket, the buffalo among the prairie grasses, and the turtle emerging from the water. He uses nature to provide the context as well as the backdrop for each of his creations, and the settings are meticulously planned, sometimes taking as long to devise and construct as the sculptures themselves.

The worst thing one can do is rush, with anything, Mr. Rulli said. By the time the turtle is installed later this year, it will be about three years since it was



Artist Richard Rulli talks about his White Buffalo creation at its unveiling in Hurleyville.

first conceived. Mr. Rulli doesn't advocate rushing in any aspect of life, but he has been particularly meticulous in his ambitious art projects. He built his unassuming cabin in the woods around a massive tree trunk, which he spent 13 years carefully shaving into the beautiful eagle that he saw within the grains of the wood. That eagle is the masterpiece of his artistic career.

"You can see the motion," one friend said of the eagle. Mr. Rulli said he probably spent 33,000 hours invested in the eagle, but he had a compulsion to bring out what he saw inside.

Other examples of his work are similarly extraordinary, among them a Great Blue Heron carved from black walnut, and a carving in elderwood of a tearful Joan of Arc that is so subtle observers often can't discern it.

It was during his early years as a Porsche mechanic where Mr. Rulli learned to "seek perfection in everything you do." The words "good enough" have never been enough for him. "Whenever I see an obstacle, I don't try to short-

cut it, I try to work with it," Mr. Rulli said.

Mr. Rulli reads philosophy books voraciously, still constantly trying to learn all that he can about the universe around him. His "religion" is based on ecology, which forms the foundation of his outlook, as well as his art.

"Might as well start at the beginning, right?" Mr. Rulli said.

Mr. Rulli continues to refine his ideas and his learning process with each project in his life. He doesn't know what his next project will be after his turtle, but that doesn't bother him in the slightest.

"The inspirations come when it's time for the next inspiration," Mr. Rulli said. "It's not predictable."

RALLY POINT COMING TO HURLEYVILLE Former Congressman Chris Gibson to Speak, Sign Books

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE—Former U.S. Congressman Chris Gibson, who walked away from Washington after six years on the job, is coming to Hurleyville.

Dr. Gibson, who is currently the Stanley Kaplan Distinguished Visiting Professor of American Foreign Policy at Williams College in Williamstown, MA, will be appearing at the Sullivan County Museum at 265 Main St. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 14 to speak about America's Founders, their ideas and ideals, and their legacy, and to sign his most recent book, "Rally Point: Five Tasks to Unite the Country and Revitalize the American Dream."

Following his appearance in Hurleyville in the morning, Dr. Gibson will present a similar program at the town of Highland Senior Center on Route 55 in Eldred from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. that afternoon. Books will be available to purchase at both events.

"We must fight for change that restores founding principles and promotes a flourishing life for all Americans," Dr. Gibson writes in the introduction to "Rally Point." "I have written this book to help in that cause."

Dr. Gibson, who was born in Rockville Centre but has lived most of his life in Kinderhook, NY in Columbia County, served in Congress from 2011 to 2017, when he announced he would



Former Congressman Chris Gibson will be in Hurleyville on July 14 to speak and sign copies of his book, "Rally Point."

not seek re-election again, citing self-imposed term limits. During part of that tenure, he represented the 19th congressional district, which includes Sullivan County. Prior to entering politics, he had served in the U.S. Army, rising to the rank of Colonel while serving seven tours, including four combat tours in Iraq. His military decorations include a Purple Heart, four Bronze Stars, and two Legions of Merit.

He earned two Masters Degrees and a PhD from Cornell, and previously taught American Politics at West Point. He served a National Security fellowship with the Hoover Institute at Stanford University and while there wrote his first book, "Se-

curing the State" about the relationship of the military to civilian government.

During his time in Congress, Dr. Gibson served on the Agriculture Committee and the Committee for Armed Services, and became known for his bipartisanism. He was considered a leading contender to be the Republican candidate for Governor in 2018, but decided not to enter the race.

His programs in Sullivan County are sponsored by The Delaware Company, a non-profit history education group whose mission is to promote and support the history and historic landmarks of the region.



Richard Rulli's Moose stands on the property of The Center for Discovery in Harris.

LET'S TALK SULLIVAN COUNTY

by Luis Alvarez, Chairman
Sullivan County Legislature

When I was elected District 6 Legislator in 2016, I did not know how much work it would be – or how rewarding it would be. The eight other County Legislators and I were elected by the people to serve the people... and what an honor that is!

My fellow legislators named me the Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature, and in that capacity I represent the entire County. My motto is "Let's Walk Together." We cannot do it alone. So I am asking you all to share your ideas with me. They may be just what I need to hear.

I have an open-door policy, and not just in my office at the Government Center in Monticello. I meet a lot of people as I travel the County, all of whom feel free to share their views with me. I want to hear



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

from them – and from you. I am amazed at how often the solution to a problem can be found right in front of you.

Far too frequently, we get "down" on ourselves, but as a public servant, my goal is to change that culture of negativity, to learn how to react differently and to share that ability with others. Every day is different, with a new challenge to face head-on with

determination and enthusiasm. But even with these challenges, we shouldn't disregard our successes. Let's not forget, Sullivan County currently has the highest job growth rate in the entire state.

I'm here to serve, to recognize that each of you deserves attention and a role in finding solutions to our current and future challenges. I don't have all the answers, but I am certain that someone out there does – perhaps you?

I welcome your comments, questions and input at luis.alvarez@co.sullivan.ny.us, 845-807-0177, or via mail at 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

This is the first of what will be a regular feature in The Hurleyville Sentinel, as Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez keeps readers up to date on what is happening in Sullivan County government.

Eyesores Being Torn Down Sullivan County Land Bank Kicks Off Program

MONTICELLO – The Sullivan County Land Bank is beginning a series of demolitions and rehabilitations of blighted properties in Monticello this week, with more to come in both the County seat and the Village of Liberty.

"Today's kickoff marks a turning point in these villages and Sullivan County," affirmed Freda Eisenberg, Planning Commissioner and chair of the Land Bank Board of Directors. "Starting with two properties on High Street in the Village of Monticello, we are demolishing eyesores and rehabbing other structures, in order to make these properties attractive to buyers who will use and maintain them."

Originally advanced by the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development and initially approved by the Sullivan County Legislature, the Sullivan County Land Bank Corporation was authorized by Empire State Development in November 2016 and officially incorporated by New York State in

February 2017. It is the 19th land bank approved in New York State.

The Corporation's mission is the lessening of the burdens of government by undertaking, promoting, and facilitating the return of vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties to productive use in order to eliminate the harms and liabilities caused by such properties and to combat community deterioration in the County. That includes real estate development and management, real estate project finance, and other community-based economic and human services development activities permissible under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. The Corporation may contract with other foreclosing governmental units within the County to achieve these purposes. It may also partner with other local and regional entities working on housing and community revitalization.

In September, the Land Bank will host a Sullivan Housing Summit to bring organizations together to share insights and

information, and foster collaborations.

The Land Bank will be demolishing structures on the following properties this season:

- 85 High Street, Monticello
- 44 High Street, Monticello
- 18 Woodcliff Avenue, Monticello
- 4 Washington Street, Monticello
- 9 Maple Lane, Monticello
- 25 Burton Avenue, Monticello
- 11 Balsam Drive, Liberty
- 5 Orchard Street, Liberty
- 237 South Main Street, Liberty

The Land Bank will be rehabilitating structures on the following properties this season:

- 7 Washington Street, Monticello
- 55 Park Ave, Monticello
- 53 Park Avenue, Monticello
- 9 Cross Street, Monticello

The current Board of the Land Bank includes Eisenberg, Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek, Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck, District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, District 5 Legislator Terri Ward,



District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, Planning Commissioner Freda Eisenberg, County Treasurer Nancy Buck, District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart, District 5 Legislator Terri Ward, County Manager Josh Potosek and Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez (left to right) pose in front of the Land Bank's first demolition project.

District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart, Liberty Village Mayor Ron Stabak, and Granite Associates' Jacquie Leventoff. The County Legislature is expected to soon appoint further members to represent the villages of Monticello and Liberty.

The Land Bank welcomes assistance from members with experience in real estate law, construction, finance, or community development projects, who are willing to serve on the Board or in an advisory capacity. In particular, the nonprofit is looking for qualified vendors with which to partner on the renovation and demolition process, such as contractors,

property maintenance, plumbers and electricians.

The Land Bank also seeks individuals and businesses interested in acquiring property for owner-occupied housing. An application is available at www.sullivancountylandbank.org.

Meetings of the Land Bank Board are open to the public, and agendas and minutes are posted on the website. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12 at 1 p.m. inside the Government Center in Monticello.

For more information, visit www.sullivancountylandbank.org or contact 845-807-0527.

Spring Fling It!

by Heather Gibson

HURLEYVILLE – “Old Man Winter” certainly overstayed his welcome this year, and the daffodils and tulips seemed to be playing peek-a-boo.

“Ah! There’s the sun! I can grow!”

“Just kidding, here comes another snow squall!”

While we all grew tired of our jackets and boots, the good news is, June has finally arrived, so let’s open up those windows and air the place out. It’s time for us to do some Mid-Spring cleaning.

Have your New Year’s resolutions already fallen by the wayside? No worries, you are not alone!

Spring provides an opportunity to hit the re-set button. As new life begins popping up all around us, it’s the perfect time to get back on track. In fact, sometimes it is the weather and the serotonin provided by the sunshine that gives us more energy to succeed in our goals. Maybe, just maybe, our resolutions should be set in the spring, instead of in January. I mean really, who has the “get up and go” in January while the snow is falling down and the thermometer reads 10 below? It seems so much harder to stay in motion during those moments, doesn’t it?

Spring is a time to purge; to get rid of all the things we don’t really need. I found a few candy canes around the house this week, and also realized that it’s time to pack up all my son’s winter clothes for donation. He certainly won’t fit into them next year. Yes, it’s time to fling it or bring it! So, how to get started? So many people have a hard time letting go of items, even those they don’t need. I always find it easier to part with things when I know they are going to help someone less fortunate, or that my donation may be saving someone else money. And sometimes, the donation simply brings other people joy. Just because an item no longer serves your purpose doesn’t mean it won’t serve someone else in a new and exciting way. You know what they say, “One man’s junk, is another man’s treasure!”

Here are some tips to help you get started:

1. If you haven’t touched it or worn it in a year, get rid of it.

2. Have children get rid of old toys to make room for new toys. This is good to do before holidays and especially birthday parties.

3. Speaking of children, do they earn an allowance? If so, many spring cleaning activities can be added to their chore list.

4. Old blankets and newspapers can be taken to the local dog shelter.

5. Old magazines can often go to food pantries, churches, and senior centers/nursing homes.

6. Gather all items you wish to donate and bring to a donation center. Many of these places will give you a receipt for tax purposes.

7. Post unwanted things online. There are many Facebook sites where you can sell or post for FREE.

8. Finally, have a yard or garage sale at your home. Advertise heavily on social media, local newspapers, and post bright clearly written signs which lead potential customers to your home.

If you are going to sell unwanted items, why not use the money to buy something you’ve been wanting for your home, or maybe put the acquired funds toward a family road trip, or fun event!

Spring, being the season of re-birth, is also the perfect time of year to gain mental clarity; getting rid of emotions, and stress that have been making you feel weighed down or trapped. Maybe you need to forgive someone, or forgive yourself? Maybe you need to rid yourself of a toxic relationship and replace it with a new positive friendship? Cleansing our body, mind and spirit becomes just as important as cleaning our home physically. Finding clarity and peace of mind can help us in all areas of life.

Here are a few tips to help you get started:

1. It’s ok to say NO to others, and YES to yourself! Don’t feel guilty! In taking care of yourself, you can better serve others.

2. Pencil yourself in! Get a massage, a pedicure, manicure, or go to the gym!

3. Sign up for a wellness initiative at work. Take advantage of any free programs that help relieve stress.

4. Get a good night’s sleep by turning off the TV before bed. Instead fall asleep to music or nature sounds.

5. On that note, don’t bring your work or laptop into your bedroom.

6. UNPLUG whenever you can! Read a book, go see live entertainment.

7. Have honest conversations and go with your gut.

8. Enjoy nature! Get outside. Feel the sun on your face. Build a campfire at night.

Spring cleaning can lead to a more fun and relaxing summer for sure, so get out the black garbage bags, go through your closets, plan a yard sale. Sell it, toss it, fling it, bring it and most importantly be free of it!

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



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Hurleyville-Sullivan First volunteers have begun planting and they are looking for help with weeding and watering.

The volunteers in Hurleyville-Sullivan First have begun planting. Now the gardens, planters and barrels need your help and TLC! Let us know if you can help water and weed throughout the season. Please call MaryAnn, 845-798-5418, or Kathleen, 845-707-9810, if you have time to help. You can also email HSF...suille@msn.com.

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

For more information about Hurleyville and Hurleyville-Sullivan First, please visit us on Facebook or at www.hurlevillenyc.com. Little Sparrow will open the WJFF Annual Maris Hearn Fundraiser Concert at the Sullivan County Museum on Saturday, June 9. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for the show, which begins at 7 p.m. Featured performers include Abbie Gardner (formerly of the band, Red Molly) and Hurleyville residents, David and Julie Block. The event is a fundraiser for WJFF Radio Catskill. Call 845-434-8044 or 845-482-4141 for more information.

“Live Music and History: Songs and Stories of the Sixties” is being presented by the Sullivan County Historical Society at the Sullivan County Museum and Cultural Center. Hosted by Little Sparrow, the series of musical performances and informal talks will feature some of the most talented local musicians. This project is made possible with funding from a Sullivan County Arts and Heritage Grant, funded by the Sullivan County Legislature and administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Admission is free for the hour-long performances and talks that begin at 2 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month in the Timeline Gallery at the museum.

“The Great War”, a centennial commemoration of World War I, will be on display at the museum from Saturday, June 16 through Veterans Day in November. The commemoration will also feature performances by the Catskill Readers Theatre. Please contact the museum if you have memorabilia you’d like to donate or loan for the run of the exhibit.

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

A “gift shop” offering a collection of Sullivan County-related books, maps, postcards, postcards and memorabilia is open at the museum. Volunteers are always needed at the museum. They operate the museum through numerous activities including working on research, creating exhibits, caring for artifacts and helping visitors. Anyone interested in exploring genealogy and the history of life in Sullivan County can contact the museum.

The museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, is open on from Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Please visit www.scnycyhistory.org for more information on the Sullivan County Historical Society and the Sullivan County Museum. You can also visit the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum on Facebook.

ter, the oldest mothers in the church, were presented with beautiful bouquets of flowers. Edie and Ruth have held titles in the church and have been members of the congregation for more than 50 years.

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

The church will host a “Community Dinner” on the first Thursday of each month from May through November. Doors for the potluck dinner open at 4 p.m. Admission is free and the dinner is open to everyone.

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

Services are held at the church each Sunday from 9 until 10 a.m.

The church holds prayer meetings every Monday from 10 a.m. until noon.



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The Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance is committed to preserving bucolic settings like this in the towns of Fallsburg and Thompson.

FROM THE FARM

by Eve Springwood Minson

It’s finally June, and while our showy home gardens provide us with visual enjoyment, there is also a quieter, natural landscape underfoot in the Catskills. Since the spring has been cool, the native landscape has been blooming leisurely for weeks, showing us the naturally occurring fruiting and flowering trees. While walking with my dogs the other evening, I was contemplating how few people know their native neighbors or how to integrate their beauty into their gardens. Fortunately, garden centers

are now selling more natives so they are not that hard to find. These interesting, rugged and hardy plants tend to get eaten a little less by deer and also endure our harsh weather well. Among natives plants there is something happening at every level: ground cover plants like rabbit-ear blueberries, small blooming ephemerals that come and go, magnificent ferns that grow in wet or dry areas, clumping grasses that grow in shade, sun and wetlands, wildflowers, wonderful shrubs with Huckleberries abounding,

flowering trees like Serviceberry or Apple trees, and stately canopy trees like Maples that give us shade and Maple syrup. Pussy willows, Red-Twig Dogwoods, Viburnums, Winterberries, and more are all around us if we learn how to identify them. All we need is a good field guide, or a knowledgeable friend, and we can get to know a whole new world of plants and how to use them! More importantly however, native plants provide protective cover and food for our fellow critters producing pollen,

berries, nuts and seeds. Birds, bees, butterflies and other insects, along with mammals use the meadows, wetlands and forests (and sometimes your gardens) for their forage to survive, but we can also use natives to reduce lawns, create shade, protect our waterways, and even use some medicinally. Using native plants also enhances our regional identity and reminds us we are in the spectacular Catskill Mountains. So, pick up a field guide and head out into the wilderness! I’ll see you there.

The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

What I did in May while waiting for summer...you know, like those papers that are joked about that grade school kids have to write when they go back to school in the fall: “What I did on my summer vacation.” I don’t know about you, but I have worn my sandals twice. After which they went back in the closet with the only sundress I unpacked and out came the long sleeves, jacket and sweaters...again.

There was so much going on in May that I didn’t have a lot of time to bemoan this delayed summer. The Heartbeat Music Hall of Grahamsville opened its doors on May 19. Little Sparrow headlined to a star-studded audience with the likes of Slam Allen, Cecil Allen (who both ended the evening with an impromptu concert), John Simon and Mickey Barnett (who joined Little Sparrow on stage for a few songs) all coming out to support this great new venue. The space is homey and cozy, lending itself to chatting with the person next to you until the music starts. There is a full stage that can accommodate 6-7 musicians, which could allow for some interesting possibilities. One of the things that most impressed me was the acoustics and the sound. I was all over that night and I could not find one area of dead air space. David and Teresa Trestyn have done a marvelous job of bringing this dream not only to fruition but of creating a venue that will further energize the Eastern part of Sullivan County. And there’s a dance floor, which was definitely used!

The Neversink General Store opened up its Farmer’s Market on Memorial Day weekend and although there isn’t much in the way of produce yet due to the never ending winter, there is an added bonus of a little shed near the road where you can get a pulled pork or brisket sandwich, take it to one of the tables under the tent for a mini picnic. I heard it referred to as a BBQ shed but I hesitate to call it that since—to my delight—I was also able to get a fresh tuna kabob and a slice of veggie pizza. It definitely will be open when the Farmer’s Market is going on, Saturdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., but there is also talk about perhaps expanding this to the entire weekend. I’ll keep you posted.

Richard Young, my favorite Brit, was out and about Memorial Day weekend and I never miss a chance to see him. He’s a powerful solo performer who makes you sit up and take notice, then holds you there until he takes a break. And this makes his collaboration with Susan DeVita on an upcoming CD so enticing. I’ve heard snippets and I’m impressed. There is a synergy to their energies that comes through the recording. And that, perhaps, comes from the fact they have been friends for a very long time and this is their first collaboration. Sometime later in the summer, they will be holding a release party at Cabernet Frank’s, and I seriously recommend that you come out to see them.

Another group you should put on that list is The Johnny Jules Band. Johnny was one of the first people I met after moving to Hurleyville, and we would run into each other often because we were neighbors. He was always a fine musician, but when I saw him at Cabernet Frank’s on May 27, his band, his music and his performance have moved to a new level of

sophistication. If you haven’t heard the band in a while, you should make it a point to do so. They will be playing at the Fat Lady Café, 13 Horseshoe Lake Road, Kauneonga Lake quite a bit this summer, as well as at the Bashakill Winery. I’ll pass along the dates as I receive them.

The schedule is back for you to clip out and magnet to your fridge. Me? I’m going to make myself a drink and wait for this summer guy to show up....just sayin’

Every Monday: Dutch’s Open Mic: 205 Rock Hill Dr, Rock Hill, 7 p.m. Slam Allen at the Double Top, Resorts World Catskills Casino and Hotel. 6 p.m.

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

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

Thursdays: June 21: Karaoke at the Pickled Owl; Main Street; Hurleyville; 6 p.m. June 7 and June 21: Open Mic at Cabernet Frank’s; 38 Main St, (Exit 98 off 17W) Parksville.

Every Friday: Sorella: Jazz Standards with DeFino and Ravdin, and great Italian food. 6-9 p.m., 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake Cabernet Frank’s, 38 Main St, (Exit 98 off 17W) Parksville: June 8: Albi Beluvi June 22: John Slaver June 29: The Barncats The Pickled Owl, 218 Main Street, Hurleyville June 8: Glass House June 15: Ryan Leddick Trio June 22: Rare Form

Every Saturday: Sorella: Jazz Standards with DeFino and Ravdin, 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake; 6-9 p.m. June 9: Cathy Paty and Company at Bar 360; Resorts World Catskills Pickled Owl, 218 Main Street, Hurleyville; 6-9 p.m. June 9: J.B. Jones June 16: Kat ‘n Randy June 23: The Acquaintances June 29: The Livingston Manor Trout Parade. Host: Cabernet Frank’s; 1 p.m.

Then come on by Cabernet Frank’s, 38 Main St, (Exit 98 off 17W) Parksville for Peter Florence and the New Kings at 7 p.m. and the Stilette-Hos at 10 p.m. Also at Cabernet Frank’s this month: June 16: Sabbathwitch (featuring Gyda Gash and special guest Tom Five) June 30: Pretty Saro

Every Sunday: Music Where You Least Expect It: 11 a.m. - 1:30ish, DeFillipis Bakery, 506 Broadway, Monticello The Dancing Cat Saloon: #ShineOn, Jazz Brunch, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 2037 State Rte 17B, Bethel July 4: The Rock Hill Summer Concert Series: Joanna Gass and The Greater Sullivan County Search and Rescue Orchestra; The Band Shell, Rock Hill July 7: Open Mic/Homegrown: Host Kevin McDaniel, WJFF 90.5FM, 12-1 p.m. Until next time...

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RENAISSANCE INTERNS AT WORK

Young People Making a Difference in their Communities

FERNDALE – The 2018 class of Sullivan Renaissance interns have begun their work to care for gardens and other public spaces in communities throughout Sullivan County. From small planter boxes and established gardens, to park enhancements and Main Street revitalization, they are working alongside community volunteers to make a difference in their communities.

The Internship Program is a partnership between Sullivan Renaissance and the Center for Workforce Development that provides paid work experiences for Sullivan County youth between the ages of 16 and 20. In addition to caring for gardens and public spaces, interns participate in weekly meetings where they discuss current issues, meet with local leaders, develop leadership skills and explore career options. They will also choose, plan and implement a service learning project.

“We have fourteen bright, energetic, diverse young people this year. Our hope is that through this program they will de-



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A group of Sullivan Renaissance interns listen to County Recycling Coordinator Bill Cutler during their training session at Cornell Cooperative Extension in May.

velop a sense of place and find their voice on issues that are important to them,” said Anne-Louise Scandariato, Volunteer Program Manager at Sullivan Renaissance.

The 2018 Sullivan Renaissance interns are:

- Mikai Baptiste – Callicoon Business Association
- Emily Carey – Village of Woodridge
- Sebastian Dao – Town of Tusten
- Mikayla DeGraw – Town of Fallsburg
- Nathaniel DePaul – Livingston Manor Re-

naissance

- Jarod Hellerer – Swan Lake Renaissance
- Hailee Kolvenbach – Town of Lumberland Parks and Recreation
- Arly Marin-Leon – Village of Jeffersonville
- Cheyanne Matulewich – Neversink Renaissance
- Morgan Mitchell – Town of Thompson
- Nina Mota – Town of Bethel
- Benjamin Quakenbush – Town of Liberty
- Parker Rosencranse – Town of Rockland
- Amanda Werkmeister

– SUNY Sullivan

For more information call 845-295-2445 or visit www.SullivanRenaissance.org.

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RENAISSANCE AT THE CENTER FOR DISCOVERY

by Adele Berger

GRAHAMSVILLE – Sullivan Renaissance has a new group of community volunteers in Grahamsville and the program may soon be replicated in Hurleyville, as well. Anne-Louise Scandariato, who is the Volunteer Program Manager for Renaissance, has been working closely with the Community Integration Trainers from The Center for Discovery to organize a volunteer program for TCFD residents. The first group of volunteers received their official orientation, t-shirts and prospectus last week.

Going forward, TCFD residents will be performing weekly weeding duties at designated locations starting with the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville. The library is an integral part of their residential

life and all of the residents utilize their library cards at least bi-weekly.

During the orientation Ms. Scandariato went over expectations for volunteer work and reviewed different tools and how to use them. Afterward, everyone headed to the garden to show off their gardening skills.

TCFD and Sullivan Renaissance are also working together to build a similar program in Hurleyville. Dave Moore and Denise Sullivan are working to find safe and exciting areas where residents can hone their gardening skills. Starting Memorial Day weekend, TCFD’s Hurleyville residents took over watering duties at the Hurleyville Maker’s Lab and there are plans for groups to help with planting projects at The Firemen’s Park, as well.



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Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Program Manager Anne-Louise Scandariato (left) and Horticulture Program Manager Diana Weiner conduct a training session for Grahamsville volunteers from The Center for Discovery.

BENJAMIN COSOR STUDENTS FILL THE AIR WITH MUSIC AT SPRING CONCERT

FALLSBURG – Benjamin Cosor Elementary School students from the beginning and concert bands, the bell choir, recorder ensembles, and school chorus entertained a delighted audience of families, staff and guests in the Fallsburg High School Auditorium on the evening of May 15.

Principal Mary Kate Stinehour warmly welcomed everyone and acknowledged Choral Director Andrea Henderson and Band Director Lauren Bernard in putting the event together, with hard work and dedication from the children and the support of the families. Leon Hilfstein



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BCES Band Director Lauren Bernard (center) presents Most Improved Instrumentalist Awards to Jaedon Espinoza (left) and Angelina Levner.

was also thanked for his many years of musical accompaniment on the piano.

The music was excellent, and several musicians received acknowledgment

for earning regional and New York State music awards. The music teachers handed out special awards themselves. Outstanding Recorder Award

(4th Grade) went to Alexia Clark;

Outstanding Recorder Awards were awarded to Adira V. Greer Padilla and Cecilia Norris Yanes; Outstanding Bell Choir Awards went to Jordan Batista and Bella Muscia; and Outstanding Chorus Awards to Catherine Perna, Kyleigh Avery, and Justin Nicolai.

Band awards were Overall Outstanding Musician to Willson Torres Martinez; Outstanding Band Member to Emily Perna; Outstanding Band Member to Ariana Wall-Carty; and Most Improved Instrumentalist to Jaedon Espinoza and Angelina Levner.



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Fallsburg High School Principal Mike Williams (far left), presents Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarships to (left to right) Rachel Collura, Jaclyn Hatt, Alisson Martinez, Julia Batista, and Elisabeth Lake.

A NIGHT FOR BEAUTIFUL MUSIC AND AWARDS AT FALLSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

FALLSBURG – The Annual Spring Concert on May 17 filled the Fallsburg High School auditorium with fantastic selections from the choral ensembles and junior and senior bands by Choral Director Colleen Barber and Band Director Danna Clear, respectively. Accompanying the Chamber and Junior Senior Choruses were Leon Hilfstein on piano and student Jake Scanna on drums.

Several choral soloists performed beautifully, including Brittany Lent and Guillermo Granados in “Fly Away Home” and Britany’s younger sister, Madison Lent, and Ethan Mednick in “You Make Me Feel So Young.” The Senior Band featured an outstanding flute solo by Elisabeth Lake, who earned much recognition during the evening for her musicianship from the State of New York

and the High School.

Both Ms. Barber and Ms. Clear honored their students by announcing NY State, Area and County Awards earned by them. They also handed out individual awards for most improved and outstanding musicianship. At the Spring Concert, High School Principal Mike Williams presented some worthy musicians with Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarship Awards named in honor of two outstanding Band Directors at Fallsburg High School. These awards went to Rachel Collura, Jaclyn Hatt, Alisson Martinez, Julia Batista and Elisabeth Lake.

After graduating senior chorus members received roses and words of thanks from their younger friends, the chorus surprised Principal Williams with special gifts in appreciation of his support for their programs

as a former music teacher and accomplished trumpet player. He will be leaving Fallsburg to become Superintendent at Tri-Valley School District at the end of June. Everyone wished him well, completing a night full of musical appreciation.

FALLSBURG HONORED

by Today’s Students Tomorrow’s Teachers

FALLSBURG -- One of the goals of the Today’s Students Tomorrow’s Teachers (TSTT) is to support children of color in junior and senior high schools in New York and the Northeast who aspire to attend college. The organization encourages these students to come back to teach at their home school districts. TSTT honored three Fallsburg High School graduates that did just that. After receiving college educations, Yadir Granados and Isabel Mejia are now

employed at FCSD as English as New Language teachers, and Irvin Lemus as a bilingual aid.

Also honored at the TSTT 2018 Recognition Brunch for the Mid-Hudson Valley Region (MHVR) was FCSD for its tenth year of participation in the program. Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz and Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Matthew Evans received the award from Ms. Susan Schmidt, TSTT’s MHVR Advisory Council Chair.



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Honored at the 2018 TSTT Recognition Brunch for the Mid-Hudson Valley Region were (seated) FCSD English as New Language (ENL) teachers Yadir Granados (left) and Isabel Mejia (center), and Bi-lingual Aid Irvin Lemus (right). Also at the luncheon were Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Matthew Evans (standing left) and Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz.

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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 who do. We even supply all of the gear and provide all of the training needed, for free. Stop by any Monday night and find out how you can help.

The "Burn Ban" has expired. From the start of the ban in March to when things started to green up by my count we had about five really nice days during the "Burn Ban." Most years it is about a three week period of brush fires. On all five days we had large-scale brush fires that involved at least six fire departments per incident. Included in that count is a large-scale incident in Fallsburg that may have been the result of a brush fire with dry conditions contributing to its spread. At these fires a firetruck was in an accident and sustained major damage, four firefighters were injured, with one requiring a three day hospital stay, and 17 buildings were destroyed. It is not safe or wise to have an open burn when everything is dry and brown.

The weather also played a role in events in the middle of May. With possible tornadoes and high winds, the southern part of the county suffered severe damage and the loss

of power for the better part of a week. This was the exact same area that suffered in the March storms. We were lucky in our area as most of us didn't lose power, and if we did it was for only a short period of time. During this time frame there were two major structure fires, one in Youngsville and one in Narrowsburg. Firefighters were busy in their own fire district or assisting others throughout that week.

Many fire departments did an outstanding job of helping their towns with the loss of power by distributing water and dry ice to their residents and supplying manpower to aid other departments at the major fires.

The 8th Annual Bill Carlson Golf Classic was also a victim of the weather. With rain, cold and wind predicted for the day of the event, it was moved to August 18. That means you still have time to sign up to play, sponsor a Tee Box or donate a prize to the event. Just contact John at (845) 866-6431.

Hoping the weather doesn't play a part the 17th Annual Morningside Fishing Classic sponsored by the Town of Fallsburg Parks and Recreation Program, the Hurleyville Fire Department and the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department. The contest will be

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held on Saturday, June 16 at the Morningside Lake on Brickman Road in Hurleyville. This is the first day of the 2018 Bass Season. The contest starts at 5 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m.

There will trophies for first, second and third in three different categories: Bass, Walleye and Pickerel. In addition, there will a Lunger prize of \$50.00 for the largest single bass, pickerel or walleye by weight caught 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. Unfortunately there will not be any rowboats to rent. You can call me for more information at (845) 796-8598

To see pictures of winners from previous years, visit us at www.hurleyvillenyc.com and go to the bottom of the page.

FROM THE FILES OF...

THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

COMPILED BY FRED FRIES FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE Sullivan County Historical Society

June 11, 1937

Woodridge Woman Killed Under Train on Her Birthday

Mrs. Paula Kupper, fifty-five year old Woodridge woman, was instantly killed Monday afternoon a short distance from her husband's dry goods store in Woodridge when she reportedly fell beneath the side of a locomotive of a northbound O&W freight train on the Railroad Avenue crossing, about 100 feet north of the Woodridge station. She observed her 55th birthday on that day.

Dr. William Fernhoff, Woodridge health officer, reported that he had given a verdict of accidental death.

A crossing watchman, William Pinos, was on duty at the time of the accident, but stood on the opposite side of the crossing from Mrs. Kupper.



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Sullivan County Court Judge George L. Cooke presided over the trial of Douglas Banks in June of 1937.

disqualifications in the original panel may not leave a sufficient number of jurors to hear the trial.

The Banks case will be the only first degree murder trial in Sullivan County in thirteen years, although the crime for which he was indicted occurred more than sixteen years ago. Banks is accused of killing Morris Nasofer, a Parksville hotel man.

Ross Admits Murder Guilt, Halts Trial

Mischa Ross, formerly of Sullivan County, pleaded

guilty Monday to second degree murder in connection with the death of Tania Lubova, night club violinist, killed with a hammer in a Times Square studio April eighteenth. He will be sentenced June twenty-first.

The thirty-one year old Broadway booking agent, who kept a Sunday afternoon tryst with the twenty-four year old violinist and beat her to death when she resisted his advances, faces a sentence of twenty years to life.

Ross had been arrested at the Mountindale home of his estranged wife the day after

the murder.

Local Girls Win Prize in Amateur Contest of County

The Hurleyville Girls Sextette, reduced to a quintet by the illness of their soprano, Mollie Wood, on Sunday night was awarded second prize in the fourth annual Sullivan County Amateur Contest held at the Young's Gap Hotel in Parksville.

A large group of performers competed for honors before an audience of nearly five hundred people. The Young Folk's League of Sullivan County sponsored the show, which was followed by a dance.

David Leider of Monticello, a singer, was awarded first prize; the Hurleyville girls second; and Edward Hones, Roscoe cornet player, was third. Prizes were \$10, \$5, and \$3.

Betrothed Couple Feted By Friends

Miss Sarah Hillman and Herbert Billowitz, both of Hurleyville, who plan to be married next Saturday, June 19, were honored by their friends on Wednesday evening when Miss Hillman was tendered a surprise shower at the Shady Nook Country Club and Mr. Billowitz was given a stag party in his honor at the Morningside Hotel.

About sixty attended the shower; about fifty attended the stag party.

Dramatic Workshop Presents ONE ACTS FESTIVAL

SOUTH FALLSBURG - Six short plays will be presented when the 2018 One Acts Festival takes the stage at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg as the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop season continues. The longest standing community theatre organization in our area, the SCDW has provided quality, award-winning productions since 1950. Performances will be held June 8-10, 15-17.

Producer Jim Schmidt has put together the program and stage manager Dawn Perneszi keeps the production moving smoothly.

"Snow Stars" by Anne Sawyer is a timeless piece that speaks of loss, love and a time long ago shared by two old souls, directed by Heather Strauss and featuring Harold Tighe and Kim Schneeberger.

"Locked Away" by Peter Nastasi is the story of a championship team, a beloved coach, and dark secrets revealed, directed by Harold Tighe and featuring Jim Fedroff, Peter Nastasi and Harold Tighe.



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Harold Tighe, Pete Nastasi, and Jim Fedroff (left to right) star in the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop production, "Locked Away."

Sometimes all is not as it seems, as we find out in "Snakes in a Lunch Box" by Arthur M. Jolley. Directed by Harold Tighe and featuring Nicole Lavere, Jayden Ramsay and Hannah Veety.

In "Rough Day on the Street" by Eitan Loewenstein, the humans of Sesame Street are convinced that the Muppets are not only real, but out to get them. Will the humans rise to take out the Muppets or will they collapse under the pressure? Directed by Josh Rosengrant and featuring Rudy

Dieudonne, Kim Schneeberger, Chris Renninger and Mekayla Perneszi.

"Look Me in the Eye" by Lindsay Price brings us to a future where teenagers are obedient, polite and respectful. This is due in large part to the government-required "Observation Sessions." But there's a dark underside to this Utopian vision. After learning her brother is scheduled to be "observed," one of the most obedient students starts to question the system. She must decide whether to remain obedient or speak

out and face the consequences. Directed by Kim Schneeberger, with a cast that includes Nicole Lavere, Becky Salerno, Hannah Veety, Julia Kurthy and Mekayla Perneszi.

"Mrs. Sorkin" by Christopher Durang is a monologue to explain drama...sort of. Amber Schmidt directs and performs.

The One Act Festival will be staged in the Nartoff-Wells Auditorium of the Rivoli Theatre, 5243 Route 42 (Main Street), South Fallsburg with performances Friday and Saturday, June 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 10 and 17 at 2 p.m. General admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors (60+), students with a valid student ID, and military veterans. Tickets will be available at the box office one hour before curtain for each performance or can be purchased in advance online at www.ShowTix4U.com.

For additional information, log onto www.SCDW.net or phone (845) 436-5336.

FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY by Kelly Wells & Amanda Letohic

It's June, which means summer is just around the corner (finally)!

It also means that we're gearing up for summer reading here at the Fallsburg Library.

This year's theme is "Libraries Rock!" We have tons of awesome programs and crafts planned for all ages to show just how much we rock. We'll be meeting some exotic animals while learning about the music and cultures of the places they come from with Animal Embassy, learning some "mad science" with Mad Science of the Hudson Valley, and teens will be learning about the art of henna tattoos while receiving some of our own. We also have some lectures lined up with Sullivan County Historian, John Conway, about the history of Sullivan County libraries and the Woodstock Music and Arts festival. Priority for our programs is given to those registered for summer reading, so be sure to stop in to sign up!

We will also be giving out some awesome prizes for those who keep a reading log of what they've read. Readers will earn tickets which they

can use to "buy" prizes or to enter raffles to win some of our larger prizes...including a pair of passes to Comic Con! Now that you're just as excited for summer as we are, check out these great programs we have coming up in June:

The whole month of June we will be accepting Summer Reading sign-ups. On June 6, teens and preteens ages 12+ are welcome to join us to make a perler bead bowl. A perler bead is a plastic bead that melts under the heat of an iron. June 7 will be our last ladies night until September. We'll be making gorgeous paper roses out of maps. June 13 is our family night, and everyone is welcome to come create a friendship bracelet. On Monday, June 4 and June 11, we will continue our Children's Craft Night at 6 p.m. Tuesdays, June 5, 12 and 19 we will have our preschool story hour at 10 a.m.

After June 19, our programs will be on a brief break to prepare for our Summer Reading Program.

Please keep an eye out for all of our fun summer programs starting on July 9!

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LIKE A LION PART IV

Fallsburg Constable Bronco Kelly has been called in to help investigate a mysterious death in Hurleyville after the mutilated body of a man is found near the Smith Hill Cut on the O&W Railway. Sullivan County Sheriff Walter Flynn and Deputy Sheriff Jay Lass think the man might have been mauled by a mountain lion, but Bronco has assured them that is not the case. Here is Part IV of our story....

Newly Richards had just delivered a bombshell. In the wake of the discovery of three mutilated bodies discovered over a period of months along the O&W railroad tracks, the latest one in Hurleyville, he had told me first that people were blaming the deaths on an old Indian legend of an underground panther, supposedly roaming the area for more than a century feasting on game and residents alike. Then, without skipping a beat, he completely changed his tune. "There is a man who travels the rails," he had said. "He has no home, he has no family. He carries his belongings in a flour sack. He comes through Hurleyville every now and again. They call him the Claw Man. That's who you need to

find." I was stunned. "The Claw Man?" I finally managed. "He travels the rails," he repeated. "He has no home, he has no family. He carries his belongings in a flour sack. He comes through Hurleyville every now and again. They call him the Claw Man. That's who you need to find."

With that admonition, Richards turned and walked away. Just like that.

I called after him, but he didn't stop, and before I could decide to go after him for more information, he was out of view. I was totally confused, as much because of Richards' reputation around town for being more than just a bit eccentric as from what he had actually said.

The Claw Man. It was certainly a major revelation, if it could be taken seriously. I decided to try to find out, and as soon as I returned home I placed a call to Jay Lass, hoping he could guide me as to whether or not to pass this information along to Sheriff Walter Flynn.

Jay advised me that New York State Police Sgt. Tom Mangan had joined the investigation and had asked to meet everyone involved,



Bronco disguised himself as a hobo and snuck aboard a boxcar full of empty milk cans when the train stopped at the High View station.

so Jay was calling around trying to set up a meeting that evening at the Sheriff's home across the street from the jail.

"I'll be there," I told him. Irene was not very happy with me going out again, but she was even less thrilled when I returned from the meeting and shared a plan we had hatched to try to find The Claw Man.

Sgt. Mangan was becoming

somewhat of a legend in the local law enforcement community, having been involved in several high profile cases, including joining the Feds in the arrest of the bootlegger Waxey Gordon in White Lake in May of 1933. He listened intently as first Sheriff Flynn and then Jay Lass filled him in on the details of the case. Next, I relayed the story of my chance encounter with

Newly Richards in Hurleyville and his admonition to find "the Claw Man."

Sgt. Mangan was quiet for a full two minutes before he finally spoke.

He told us he thought someone should go undercover and travel by train to the various hobo hangouts along the route in hopes of finding someone who knew more about the character if not the Claw Man him-

self. In the meantime, he and Sheriff Flynn agreed to have their men on the lookout for Newly Richards so he could be brought in for further questioning.

They asked me if I would consider doing the undercover work.

"With your size and military training you are probably more capable than anyone else of taking care of yourself in the event of a confrontation," Mangan had said.

And although Irene was not thrilled with the prospect, I prepared to hit the rails the next day.

I decided that it would lessen the chance of me being recognized and my cover inadvertently being blown if I caught the train somewhere other than in Hurleyville, so mid-morning the next day I drove to Bloomingburg and parked my car at the High View station about noon. Sgt. Mangan met me there a few minutes later, and alerted the stationmaster that I would be hopping a freight car on the 12:30 train disguised as a tramp, and was not to be hassled.

I put on a tattered shirt,

knocked a bandana around my neck, rubbed some lamp black on my forehead and chin, and donned an old cowboy hat with the brim folded up on one side like Teddy Roosevelt in his Rough Rider days. Then I hid among the weeds just south of the station and waited for the train.

Almost exactly on time, the train pulled into the station, and a handful of passengers got off. I could hear one of the livery men who had been waiting there in his car calling out for anyone looking for transportation to the Sha-wan-ga Lodge. I caught sight of Sgt. Mangan, who was milling around the entrance to the station in his uniform, presumably for no other reason than to attract the attention of any traveler who might otherwise allow their gaze to wander down along the tracks where I would be exposed to view for about 30 seconds.

I found a box car loaded with empty milk cans and hoisted myself aboard. It was dark inside and smelled of sour milk. I slid the door closed, made my way to a corner of the car and

dropped to the floor, sitting with my back against the wall, legs spread out in front of me. With the door closed I couldn't see more than a few inches in front of me, so I tried to concentrate on listening, which I knew would be fruitless once the train began to move.

There were muffled voices from outside. I couldn't make out what was being said, but I could tell it was two men, speaking softly. Then I heard the door of the car behind mine slide open and closed. A moment later there were some scuffling noises from behind me and then all sounds were lost as the train began to move and everything else was drowned out.

One thing was clear: I had no idea who, but I had company.

Constable Bronco Kelly has gone undercover in an attempt to find "the Claw Man," suspected of killing three men along the O&W tracks. Dressed as a hobo, he has jumped the train in Bloomingburg. Find out who else is on board in the next chapter of Like a Lion in the July edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel.

SPOTLIGHT ON A HURLEYVILLE TREASURE

by Kathleen Sullivan

"ROSE GARFINKEL"

Daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, business woman, volunteer extraordinaire...Rose Garfinkel was truly a remarkable woman!

Born in Brooklyn on October 11, 1915, Rose was the daughter of Samuel and Anna Aronowitz Karlitz. The family also included her sisters, Helen and Tess, and her brother, Irving.

Rose began her career working part-time at a small department store owned by her aunt and uncle when she was 11 years old. Her responsibilities at the store grew and she became the store manager while she attended City College at night.

She continued to work at the store until the day before she married Joseph Garfinkel on April 14, 1940.



Volunteers DO Horse Around

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Rose Garfinkel in a promotional photo for Community General Hospital in 1995.

Rose and Joe owned and operated the New Edgewood Hotel in Loch Sheldrake for 30 years. Rose learned Yiddish and took care of telephone sales. She was the manager of room and dining table assignments, public relations director, chief bookkeeper and food taster for

Joe's cooking. At the same time, Rose and Joe made the hotel the center of togetherness for their extended families.

Rose and Joe spent winters in Hurleyville with their children, Gerald and Sheila. They became members of Congregation Anschei and Sheila and Gerald attended the Hurleyville School.

After Joe passed away in 1978 Rose began her amazing career as a volunteer.

Rose was a foster grandmother at the Woodbourne Head Start program for two years and was called "Grandma Rose" by the children and staff there.

She volunteered for more than 3,000 hours a year at Community General Hospital/Catskill Regional Medical Center for over 25 years. She manned the information desk, fed patients, supplied all the pantries and called bingo games in the Skilled Nursing Unit. As a member of the Hudson Valley Developmental Disability

Services Organization and the Senior Companion Program, Rose also worked with disabled residents in the Skilled Nursing Unit. Rose was a member of the Auxiliary at the hospital and managed the books for the group's annual "Antiques in August" fund-raiser. Rose spent so much time helping others at the hospital that one of her great-granddaughters referred to CRMC as "Momma Rose's Home."

An active participant in the Office of the Aging R.S.V.P. program, Rose was recognized often as the group's Volunteer of the Year.

In 2003, the Fallsburg Masonic Lodge bestowed upon Rose the highest honor for a non-Mason, the organization's DeWitt Clinton Award, in recognition of her outstanding generosity.

Rose was dedicated to her family. She enjoyed traveling each year to Florida to visit her siblings. Vacations with her family gave her the opportunity to bond one-on-one with her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rose is remembered by her family and friends for her strength, her skills and her endurance. Her niece, Madeleine, paid tribute to Rose: "I know



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Rose and Joe on their wedding day, April 14, 1940.

that a part of your bright shining spirit will always live on inside of me and everyone you've touched...like a beacon in the night."

Rose passed away peacefully on January 1, 2007 in "Momma

Rose's Home" at the age of 91. Rose is one of Hurleyville's many special treasures.

Visit www.hurleyvilleny.com to find more treasures in Hurleyville.

EMS Beat
by Albee Bockman, AEMT-P

'TIS THE SEASON!

No, folks, it is not Christmas or New Year's. Sorry. But it is the time that marks the beginning of the summer season, a time for sunshine, fun, picnics and family enjoyment.

However, with that comes traffic, lots of people, and crowded shopping centers.

Unfortunately, emergencies and calamities also join us with the warm weather that is now upon us. It would be prudent and wise to prepare for the heat of summer, crazy drivers on the road, and the possibility of severe weather.

Always remember that with heat and playtime comes the possibility of dehydration and heat exhaustion. When enjoying the beauty of the "Rails to Trails," be sure to carry a bottle of water and work your way up to that mile or two. Take your time, take breaks and smell the greenery. When your body is not used to the change in weather or your new desire to exercise, it doesn't take much to dehydrate. Take a break near the "rock cut" and enjoy the coolness of the temperature change.

In recent years, we have also noticed a change in weather patterns. It seems that Mother Nature has found a new home for flooding, severe thunderstorms, and tornado activity. Be prepared by having enough food and water to hold you over for a couple of days should you lose power and enough flashlights and batteries for the overnight hours. Remember... Mobilemedic Headquarters in Hurleyville and the Hurleyville Fire Department have generators in case you need shelter or other assistance.

As the busy season soon approaches, you will begin to see a rise in medical emergencies. With more First Responders and ambulances on our roadways, we ask that you be mindful of and alerted to emergency vehicles, lights and sirens. Traffic hinders response time to those in need. Car radios and air conditioners reduce your ability to hear an approaching emergency vehicle.

Over the next 10 weeks, the population of Sullivan County will quadruple. Our out-of-town visitors and second homeowners will be here to enjoy the beauty of our county. Additionally, the Orthodox community will fill their camps with children to study and recreate. The Orthodox community is served by an ambulance service known as Hatzolah, the Jewish term for "rescue." They are skilled EMS volunteers that do their best to mix pleasure with service. Over the years

Mobilemedic EMS and local volunteer ambulance agencies have worked side by side with Hatzolah Ambulance. Resources sometimes become limited due to the increase in call volume. All agencies in the county have agreed to mutual aid each other in times of need. During the winter months, when the Orthodox population returns to the city, Mobilemedic serves as Hatzolah's primary mutual aid provider. This mutual assistance assures our residents and visitors the best in response and care.

Let us all enjoy a safe summer by taking a little better care of...you!
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CODING IS FOR EVERYONE: HML joins the Girls Who Code Movement

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE – Why aren't there more women in computer science careers?

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects growth in computer science jobs of 15-20% by 2022, but the vast majority of computer science jobs will be pursued and filled by men. As STEM-related industries will add over a million jobs in the coming years, there continues to be a notable absence of women in the field.

According to the Nation-

al Center for Educational Statistics, women obtain 57% of all bachelor's degrees in the U.S., but fewer than 18% of those degrees are in computer science. By contrast, in 1984 women comprised nearly 37% of computer science undergraduates.

Several organizations have formed in the past 6 years to address these gaps. Girls Who Code is one of them.

By creating after school clubs, specialized summer courses, and summer immersion programs for 12 to 18-year-old girls, Girls

Who Code (GWC) has reached over 90,000 girls from all backgrounds in all 50 states. According to their website, Club girls join a safe and supportive environment of peers and role models and learn to see themselves as computer scientists. Beyond the club, girls can tap into an alumni network of tens of thousands of girls across the country who are using computer science to solve problems they care about.

The Hurleyville Makers Lab (HML) is an official site for the GWC after school coding club, aimed at sixth through twelfth graders. Club girls learn the concepts of loops, variables, conditionals, and functions that form the basis for all programming languages — whether they want to build a website, an app, or a robot. Returning club girls can deepen their programming knowledge through extended activity sets.

The HML Girls Who Code Club began in early May through the efforts of HML web designer Ellyane Hutchinson and Laurie Andreola, a Hurleyville native and Fallsburg high school graduate who is employed by the Pfizer Corporation. Laurie earned a degree in Computer Science and began her career as a web designer, progressed to managing the servers that hosted the web sites along with coding, and eventually moved to automating the deployment of servers

in the cloud through infrastructure as code.

Laurie became interested in the male dominated field of computers while attending college as a pre-vet major. In her second year, she took an introduction to programming class. She loved it and excelled, so much that the instructor suggested she change her major to Computer Science. She has been in technology ever since.

"I have been in IT for over 15 years and during that time I have had to get used to being a woman in a male dominated field," Ms. Andreola shared. "It has improved tremendously over the years, but, especially when I started, I would literally be the only women in a room full of men."

"I feel we need to encourage girls to go into science and technology. I would like to help them realize that programming is not just for nerds and socially awkward people as depicted in television and movies. Anyone can do it and it can be an exciting and challenging career where you are rarely ever bored," she said.

Ms. Hutchinson, a native of Mountandale and graduate of NYU, earned a bachelor's degree in film and TV Production. While working at Nickelodeon and Disney Productions on shows like Little Einsteins, she learned Flash Animation and web design, making lots of friends and



PHOTO PROVIDED
Ellyane Hutchinson of the Hurleyville Makers Lab (top center) leads a discussion with members of the Girls Who Code club.



PHOTO PROVIDED
Angelina Levner (left) and Emma DeGraw (right), sixth graders from Fallsburg, joined the GWC Club together.



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Lily Siciliano is one of the youngest members of the GWC club.

connections in the industry. Ellyane worked with female producers and feels that though there is a need for more women in tech and production related jobs, those that are already in the field aren't acknowledged enough.

THE GWC club at the Makers lab meets every Friday at 3:30 p.m. Six girls make up the group, ranging in age from 12 to 17. After three sessions, it is clear that everyone feels comfortable enough to ask a question or make the others laugh. During the third session, the girls learned to use binary code to write their names and create paper bracelets.

Each of the six girls in the club has her own rea-

sons for participating.

Julie Helthaler is the oldest in the group, a graduating senior from Tri Valley, who just finished a selective early college program for motivated and mature high school students at Clarkson University. In the fall, she will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, majoring in Aeronautical Engineering, where she looks forward to new opportunities and challenges. As an aspiring engineer, Julie possesses a significant appreciation for the value of coding skills.

"Girls Who Code is a program designed to reach girls of all backgrounds and provide them with not only information but bonds to other girls and a safe space

to explore their technological interests," she said. "The club provides the tools and support needed to encourage young girls at the most critical stages of life, to feel empowered to strive for excellence, be inventive, and not be discouraged to explore a male-dominated field. The club has taught me more about the wide application and possibilities of coding as well as the purpose of using different languages for varying purposes."

Madison Kehoe, a ninth grader at Monticello, is also in the inaugural Girls Who Code club at HML. She likes the club, noting that she never coded before, and finds it to be logical and sensible. She will

consider taking more tech classes in high school and might even look at Computer Science as a college focus.

Lily Siciliano is one of the youngest members of the club. She said she never coded before and is definitely more interested in coding since she joined the group.

Emma DeGraw and Angelina Levner are sixth graders from Fallsburg, as well as friends who joined the GWC club together. They both have done some coding in school, and while Angelina likes the projects and activities, Emma likes getting to know other girls who have the same interest.

SENTINEL SPORTS

Angelee Santillo, Sports Editor



2017 EMPIRE LEAGUE BATTING CHAMP BACK WITH EXPLORERS

LOCH SHELDRAKE – The Empire Professional Baseball League batting champ from 2017 has been assigned to play with the Sullivan Explorers again, where he will look to repeat as batting champ in 2018.

Outfielder Samuel Carter hit .354 in 176 Plate Appearances for Sullivan last season, with 2 Home Runs and 25 runs batted in. Mr. Carter transitioned from third base to the outfield in 2017 and will look to become even more valuable by adding first base to his resume this year.

"This guy crushes balls. In the three rounds he got today he must have hit 10 or 12 balls 375 feet or longer," said Empire League Vice President of Baseball Jerry Gonzalez following the league's California tryouts in April. "There was a reason he was the batting champ last year and I'm in-



PHOTO PROVIDED
EPBL 2017 batting champion Samuel Carter (left) will once again be playing for the Sullivan Explorers this season. EPBL Vice president Jerry Gonzalez is at right.

terested to see if he can repeat this year. Hopefully we can help him advance [to a higher level minor league] this time around."

Mr. Carter will join the Explorers team, where first year manager Joey Molina has been

named the new manager.

The Empire League is holding spring training in Delaware from June 4-8 to finalize the 120 roster spots available. Like no other camp in the world, the EPBL is the only league that offers 120 or more contracts at their tryout camps.

The Sullivan Explorers open their season on June 14 in Concord, NH, against the expansion New Hampshire Wild. Following a four game set there, the Explorers open their home season at Generals Park in Loch Sheldrake on June 20, taking on the league's other new team, the Delaware Bucks.

For a full schedule, go to <http://explorersbaseball.com/2018-schedule/>.

ADVENTURE TEAM CHALLENGE 2018

by John Simon

HURLEYVILLE – Normally you see me writing the monthly article, "From the Weather Center," and it is hard for me not to report on this past month's crazy weather, from powerful rainstorms, hail, and nine tornadoes leaving some areas without power for almost a week. There were more than a dozen downbursts, microbursts, and macrobursts that brought down trees and power lines and leading officials to declare much of the area as a state of emergency. I was planning on bringing up the lava and ash eruption on the big island of Hawaii, too, but instead, I am switching to an upcoming sporting event that I will be taking part in.

I had my first experience with The Adventure Team Challenge New York held at Frost Valley six years ago, and I was lucky to be picked to join the team again this year. This is The Center for Discovery's ninth annual Adventure Team Challenge. This event has allowed more than 150 participants to experience adapted boating, hiking, orienteering and recreation in the beautiful Catskill Mountains.

As one of this year's athletes, I have been training



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John Simon

for weeks in preparation for fun-filled adventure at Frost Valley. This is a World T.E.A.M. Sports event and has become a Center favorite. So far, I have kayaked at Morningside Park with my housemates, hiked around ten locations in the area, and trained on my exercise bike.

I interviewed Jim Cashen, Assistant Chief of The Center for Discovery's Integrated Arts Department about the upcoming Adventure Team Challenge:

Q. What is the Adventure Team Challenge?

A. Well, John, the Adventure Team Challenge is an annual sports and team building event held at The Center for Discovery and at the Frost Valley YMCA. It is sponsored by World T.E.A.M. (The Exceptional Athlete Matters) Sports, ded-

icated to providing inclusive experiences for athletes and volunteers of all abilities in a fun-filled, multi-day event.

Q. How many sports challenges are there?

A. There are multiple challenges including kayaking, hiking, biking and orienteering using GPS tools and team brain power. We also offer exciting opening and closing ceremonies, camp fires, concerts, and dancing.

Q. When did the Frost Valley Sports Challenge first start?

A. It began back in 2010, when we developed a partnership with World T.E.A.M. Sports and a most generous sponsor named Lon Dolber, who was introduced to The Center by Joel Forman, one of our parents and a Board member.

Q. When is the Frost Valley Sports Challenge opening ceremony?

A. This year we kick off the exciting pep rally on June 7.

Q. What are the teams of the sports challenge?

A. The teams include Blue Steel, Orange Crush, Green Gators, Red Tide, and Yellow Jackets.

Thank you for the information, Jim. I can't wait to join my Orange Crush teammates and start the fun!



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Attending the OCIAA awards breakfast from Fallsburg were (left to right) Michael and Shari Mednick and their son Justin, Jennifer Davila, her mother Claudia and brother Jorge Davila.

Fallsburg Scholar Athletes Honored by OCIAA

MIDDLETOWN – The Orange County Interscholastic Athletic Association (OCIAA) honored 2017-2018 Scholar Athletes from high school members of the Association with a breakfast on May 22 at Kuhl's Highland House in Middletown. Fallsburg High School's Jennifer Davila and Justin Mednick earned the honor for their school.

To be awarded this designation a student must have met all of the following requirements:

- Top 20% class ranking

- Participation in at least one varsity sport
- Above average athlete
- Outstanding citizenship

Ms. Davila ranked second in her graduating class; Mr. Mednick ranked tenth. Ms. Davila participated as soccer All-Star athlete, softball team captain, and cheerleading team captain and MVP. She will be attending Quinnipiac University. Mr. Mednick was active on the soccer team, indoor track, and outdoor track and field. He will be attending SUNY Geneseo in the fall.



Pub fare, Craft brews

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