

# HONORING AND REMEMBERING

## Hurleyville Benefactor Honors WWII Soldier

by Amanda Loviza

COS COB, CT – There's a story behind every person, philanthropist Walter Scherr says, and he has worked hard to make sure the story of one particular World War II soldier has lived on, despite his tragic death at Normandy so many years ago.

One of the namesakes behind the Hurleyville Maker's Lab, Mr. Scherr has been giving back to caretakers and protectors for more than a decade, inspired by the sacrifices of those who fought in World War II when Mr. Scherr himself was unable.

Born in Queens in 1924, Mr. Scherr was not quite old enough to join the Army when the U.S. entered World War II after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Six months later, Mr. Scherr went straight from his high school graduation to the local enlistment office, expecting to make his heroic mark on the war. Instead, he was stopped in his tracks with a diagnosis of active tuberculosis, a disease that was incurable at the time. Young Mr. Scherr was quarantined in a sanatorium for the next seven years, while his peers fought for American freedoms.

After making a full recovery from tuberculosis,

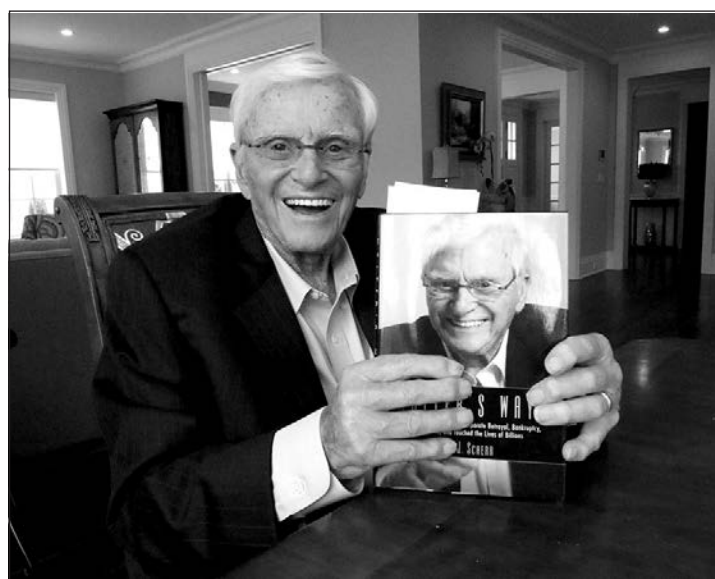


PHOTO BY AMANDA LOVIZA  
Hurleyville benefactor Walter Scherr with his award winning autobiography, "Walter's Way," which is also the name of a street in the hamlet dedicated in his honor.

Mr. Scherr jumped into a corporate career and found success introducing the fax machine worldwide and making groundbreaking advancements in data storage. Mr. Scherr met Mother Teresa, traveled the world, gained, lost, and regained a fortune.

Two years ago, while writing his autobiography, "Walter's Way: How a Relief Kid Survived TB, Corporate Betrayal, Bankruptcy, Made Millions, and Touched the Lives of Billions," Mr. Scherr began to look for someone from his childhood neighborhood of Ozone Park who had given his life during the D-Day invasion of Normandy. It was important to Mr. Scherr

to form a personal connection to the tragedy of the war.

Mr. Scherr found Pvt. Francis Nelson Bowen, who was living in Ozone Park, just like Mr. Scherr, when he enlisted in the Army. Pvt. Bowen was engaged to Ada Murphy when he went overseas to fight with the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He never came home. Serving as a medic, Pvt. Bowen died trying to save the life of another paratrooper. He left behind his parents, older brother Harold, "Harry," and sister, Gertrude, "Sissy."

At age 90, Mr. Scherr traveled to the beaches of Normandy and the American cemetery there, to pay

his respects at Pvt. Bowen's grave. In "Walter's Way," Mr. Scherr honored Pvt. Bowen by prominently featuring his story.

This spring, through the connections of social media, Mr. Scherr was able to meet Ginger Rica, the daughter of Pvt. Bowen's sister and niece he never got to meet. The two met at Mr. Scherr's residence in Naples, FL, and Mr. Scherr was able to see what it meant to Pvt. Bowen's family to have his memory live on.

"For me, it sort of fulfilled the circle of life for why I'm here," Mr. Scherr said.

Mr. Scherr struggled with the guilt of not having served in World War II for many years, and finally found his purpose in philanthropy, and specifically, in supporting The Center for Discovery. Mr. Scherr said he wanted to be part of something greater than himself, and supporting The Center helps him honor caretakers like those who took care of him during his years in the sanatorium. All proceeds of "Walter's Way" are donated to The Center for Discovery. This summer, Mr. Scherr is working with the 82nd Airborne Division to increase educational support for its troops.

## A TRIBUTE TO THE "SOCRATES" OF SUNY SULLIVAN

by John Conway

LOCH SHELDRAKE – SUNY Sullivan and the Sullivan County Historical Society joined forces on May 9 to pay tribute to one of the college's longest serving faculty.

Professor Emeritus Thomas Lambert, who retired in 2016 after 43 years teaching sociology at Sullivan, was feted by a succession of speakers offering insights into his unique persona, and with a bench dedicated in his honor.

The bench, with one of his trademark sayings, "My gentle friend, I want to talk to you outside," sandblasted into its seat, has been permanently installed under Professor Lam-

bert's favorite tree outside the college's "G" Building.

Starting with SUNY Sullivan's interim president, Jay Quaintance, colleagues and acquaintances spoke eloquently of the impact Professor Lambert had on their lives.

Professor Anne Ruszkiewicz, whose office was located next to Professor Lambert's for many years, recalled how she would often see him hurrying to class with a stack of books in his arms and a Styrofoam coffee cup in his teeth, somehow managing to never drop a book or spill the coffee.

"He loved and served here with every fiber of his being,"



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY  
Professor Emeritus Thomas Lambert likened his career to the founding of SUNY Sullivan itself, as something good built from initial chaos. "It's a good thing I'm an optimist," he said.

Professor Ruszkiewicz said. "He is part of the very DNA of the college."

When he was finally called upon to speak, Professor Lambert briefly took the audience on a timeline of his career, before waxing philosophical, noting that like the founding of this country and of the college itself, his professional life was built from initial chaos.

"It's a good thing I'm an optimist," he said.

His colleagues described him in myriad other ways, perhaps none better than Professor Ruszkiewicz.

"In many ways, he was our Socrates," she said fondly.



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY  
Patricia Adams, a member of SUNY Sullivan's Board of Trustees and head of its landscape committee, spoke of the appropriateness of the bench honoring Professor Lambert.



PHOTO BY JOHN RUIZ  
SUNY Sullivan Interim President Jay Quaintance lauded Professor Lambert as he opened the ceremonies.

## GABBY COMMEMORATES MEMORIAL DAY

by Gabriela Almonte

SOUTH FALLSBURG – Memorial Day is about the people who died in the U.S. military. It was originally known as Decoration Day, and became an official federal holiday in 1971, honoring the men and women who died for our country in all our wars. I talked recently with Fallsburg Councilman Arnold Seletsky about the holiday.

Question: How long have you been on the town board?  
Answer: Since 1995.

Question: What does the town do for Memorial Day?  
Answer: "They are having an event called "The Spring Fling event," when you go to play or have fun. They also have a lot of fun activities like a pie contest, dog park, beach volleyball, boat rides, hay rides, and more."

Question: What do you think celebrating Memorial Day is all about?  
Answer: "To celebrate the people who sacrificed their lives for our country."

Question: What are some exciting projects the town is working on right now?  
Answer: "Beautification and participating with Sullivan Renaissance. Also they added new campsites, overlooking the back of the lake. Also, to celebrate the Fourth of July there is a celebration to be held on Saturday, July



PHOTO BY GABRIELA ALMONTE  
Fallsburg Town Councilman Arnold Seletsky.

2 with a live band, fireworks, and fun activities."

Question: What is a nice Memorial Day quote to leave us with?  
Answer: "We thank all those men and women who sacrificed their lives so we can have a better way of life."

Question: Last but not least, do you know about anyone in

Fallsburg who died serving our country?  
Answer: "There is a plaque in the court room, one in Morningside Park, one in the school, and a lot more. There are many who served our country who lived right in our backyards. They helped give us a better way of life."

For more than a century, Civil War scholars agreed—and school children were taught—that there were 360,222 killed from the North during the war and 258,000 from the South, a total of 610,222, the greatest toll in any American war by a large margin. Then, a few years ago, a groundbreaking study revised those numbers—upwards—by more than 20 percent, with scholars now estimating that more than 750,000 were killed in the conflict.

by Eli Ruiz

HURLEYVILLE – On April 12, 1861, after a protracted dispute between slave-holding states in the American South and the Union's months-old Lincoln administration over slavery and "states' rights," an army unit from the newly formed "Confederate States of America" attacked the Fort Sumter Union Army installation near Charleston, South Carolina, representing the beginning of a brutal and bloody four year internal battle called the American Civil War.

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Yes, the Civil War, with its especially brutal close-quarters battles and skirmishes, featuring foot-soldiers carrying small arms, saw more deaths than both World Wars and all their technological advances, combined.

## A VISIT WITH THE MILITARY EXHIBITS AT THE SCHS MUSEUM



PHOTO BY ELI RUIZ  
A "To Exit" sign graces the entrance to the SCHS exhibit honoring Stephen Crane and local connections to the Civil War.

That, and the fact that Memorial Day has its very roots as a holiday in the practice of decorating Civil War veterans' graves with flowers, which gave rise to the name Decoration Day, make the Civil War exhibit at the Sullivan County Historical Society's Museum in Hurleyville a perfect place to commemorate Memorial Day weekend in Sullivan County.

Here, visitors can pay tribute to the many local Union Army volunteers and conscripts who paid the ultimate price, not only to keep the United States united, but more importantly, to end the South's long-term dependence on slave-labor.

And for the observant visitor, the Museum's exhibits actually memorialize the county's three principal links to the Civil War.

To be sure, there is an homage to the soldiers, representing a number of regiments such as the 143rd, the 56th and the 28th. There is an exhibit depicting the tanning industry in the county, which during the war turned out more leather for boots and belts and bridles than any other county in the Union, and there is a large display of artifacts and memorabilia dedicated to the author Stephen Crane, who lived in Sullivan County and wrote what is arguably the greatest Civil War novel of them all, "The Red Badge of Courage."

Interestingly, Mr. Crane was not born until well after the war ended, but his connection to the conflict through his book has become his most celebrated legacy.

Other men are honored, as

well. For example, Sullivan County native John C. Holley of Callicoon, who in 1862, according to the historical website, [dman.ny.gov](http://dman.ny.gov), "received authority to recruit a regiment" in Monticello.

Serving as Colonel for the newly formed regiment was Monticello native David P. DeWitt. Also according to the account, Mr. Holley recruited from throughout the whole of Sullivan County, and "they left New York [for battle] on October 14, 1962...[initially] serving in the defenses of Washington in the 3rd Brigade."

Several other such "defense" missions would be taken on by the 143rd, which, by the war's



PHOTO BY ELI RUIZ  
The SCHS Military Room exhibit features uniforms from local servicemen from the Civil War to Desert Storm.

end, had lost six officers, 215 enlisted men, 37 of whom died "in the hands of the enemy, according to the account (the vast majority of the deaths were due to disease), which also states, "the large loss by accident (9) was primarily caused by a railroad accident."

The Museum also includes a salute to other local veterans from other wars. Its Military Room was opened to the public in November, 2016. The Military Room exhibit - also on the museum's second floor - features uniforms, weaponry, medical supplies and much more from the Civil War up to Operation Desert Storm. All items in the Military Room exhibit were donated locally and feature many familiar Sullivan County surnames.

Uniforms from the Civil War through Desert Storm are representative of some of those who served proudly from Sullivan County. Memorabilia is also on display with items from the Civil War through post- WWII.

For more on the Sullivan County Historical Society's Civil War Gallery and Military Room, visit the Museum at 265 Main St. in Hurleyville. For hours and special exhibit information go to [www.scnhistory.org](http://www.scnhistory.org) or call 845-434-8044.



# The Inquiring Photographer

by Heather Gibson



Q. "What does Memorial Day mean to you and how do you commemorate it?"



Carl Gluck

"I barbecue with family and friends and I always attend a Memorial Day parade. Sometimes I go down south to visit family and friends."



Alan Barrish

"Of course, first and foremost, Memorial Day must be a time to remember the people who died while serving in this country's armed services. But also for me, as one growing up in the days when this was a great resort area, a time when this holiday was also known as Decoration Day, it was a foreshadowing of the summer, a time of transition for bungalow colonies, summer hotels, and summer businesses to prepare for the coming season."



Elaine Corrington

"Since Memorial Day used to be Decoration Day, I like to use it- and any other holiday- as an opportunity to decorate outside. There will be a Teepee with the start of climbing beans and flowers put in the Little Free Library area on Main Street so that kids can go inside and read in a little reminder of Hurleyville history. You might also see a couple of little snapping turtle statues in that area. There will also be an unusual flag on my fence that celebrates the beautiful environment we enjoy in this Hamlet! Feel free to come and take a book or magazine- or leave a book or magazine that you know others will enjoy."



Lionel Weekes (left): "I like to mark the day with a barbecue and by working in the garden."

Evett Tate (right): "I love reading books and enjoying the time getting together with family and friends."

# Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



The members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First will begin planting their gardens, planters and barrels on Monday, June 5. Anyone interested in helping, can meet the group at the Hurleyville Firemen's Park on Main Street at 9 a.m. Don't forget to bring your gloves and garden tools. Volunteers will be needed to help with watering and weeding throughout the season.

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 interested in the revitalization and beautification of Hurleyville.

Please visit [www.hurleyvilley.com](http://www.hurleyvilley.com) for more information about Hurleyville and Hurleyville-Sullivan First.

"LION OF ANACOSTIA: The Last Interview of Frederick Douglass" will be performed at the Sullivan County Museum on Sunday, July 2 at 2 p.m. The play explores the collaboration between Douglass and Susan B. Anthony from the Abolition Era through the Women's Suffragette Movement. The museum has scheduled this performance to coincide with Douglass' renowned "Fourth of July" oration. The presentation is being offered as a fundraiser for the museum and will be followed by a question and answer discussion with the playwright, Gregory F. Giblin, and the cast. Light refreshments will also be available.

Plans are in the works at the museum for the formal unveiling of the prototype of the bagel making machine invented and patented by Hurleyville inventor Lebel Wichinsky. The event will be held on Saturday, August 12, the day before the Bagel Festival in Monticello.

The museum will also host a Book Fair on August 12. The fair will feature authors and illustrators who were born in Sullivan County, who live in Sullivan County, or who have published books on Sullivan County. Please contact Suzanne Cecil at the museum for information on participating in the event. Suzanne's email address is [genealogy@scnyhistory.org](mailto:genealogy@scnyhistory.org).

Interesting and educational exhibits at the museum include:

- Sullivan County Wildlife Exhibit
- The General Store
- The Woodstock Festival
- A History of Sullivan County Farms
- The Military Room
- Early Sullivan County
- The Borscht Belt
- The Frederick A. Cook Gallery

The Sullivan County Historical Society is still accepting donations of yearbooks from Sullivan County high schools and Sullivan County Community College. Yearbooks from the years before 1947 and for the years 1951, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1965, 1968, 1972, 1973, 1980, 1983, and for the years after 1987 are needed to help make the collection complete.

Volunteers are needed at the museum. Anyone interested in exploring genealogy and

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the history of life in Sullivan County can call Pat Burns at the museum. The museum's phone number is 845-434-8044.

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

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

The congregation of the Hurleyville United Methodist Church will miss Pastor Melvin Boone. He has been appointed to a church in Brooklyn. Pastor Boone has performed many good works during his time in Hurleyville. His replacement will be announced shortly.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the church is open each Thursday (except the first Thursday of each month) from 4 p.m. 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.

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

The church hosts a Youth Group on Fridays from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Young people are invited to join in a variety of activities including board games, trivia, movie nights, arts and crafts. Upcoming dates are June 9, June 30, July 7, July 14, July 28, August 4 and August 18.

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

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

Vendors, environmental groups and community organizations are invited to participate in the third annual "What the Hill?" Friend-Raiser Festival hosted by the Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance. Contact Donna, 845-800-5402, or MaryAnn, 845-798-5418, for more information or to reserve a space.

The festival will be held at the Hurleyville Fire House on Sunday, August 27 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and will feature live entertainment, fun activities for

kids of all ages and local artisans and vendors.

Visitors to the festival will have an opportunity to learn how irresponsible development and poor planning can adversely affect our environment and our quality of life.

The event is open to the public and admission is free. Refreshments will be available.


Parking will be available at the fire house at 166 Main St. in Hurleyville.

CHNA volunteers are dedicated to the preservation of the very special rural community character of Thompson and Fallsburg, protection of the natural resource base and encouragement of smart growth. High density, multi-family projects are not suitable for our current land capacity or for the future of the Catskill region. We can develop responsibly and protect our environment only when we insure our community infrastructure is balanced and sustainable.

Visit CHNA at [www.columbiahill.org](http://www.columbiahill.org) or on Facebook for more information

# The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

The sun is out (sometimes) and we have finally said goodbye to those pesky 30 degree nights! Welcome back to all our friends who are beginning to open their summer homes here.

For those of you who love the fresh produce grown locally, The Rock Hill Farmer's Market kicks off their 2017 season at 10 a.m. June 3 this year. There will be pony rides, a cooking demo by Majestic Farm and the music by our own Debbie Fisher.

The best place to be on Sunday mornings remains DeFillipi's Bakery in Monticello. For those who don't know, "Music Where You Least Expect It" has been so successful that the bakery remodeled just to accommodate it. So stop on by between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. or so for a sit down breakfast or just one of the specialty sweets (the cannoli donut is to die for), and sample the best musicians around. May 22 had Steve Schwartz from Steve's Music on guitar and Kenny Windheim on bass with performances by David Samuel Bloch, Lee Karasik, Carmine Pace, Kenny Bowles, Joanna Ducher, Lenny (welcome back from Florida), Ed Holchek and Greg Batton. Antoinette was on hand adding harmony and Kenny 'ABC' brought in part of his drum kit for substance. Kudos to David Rosenberg for putting this all together.

There's a really special night coming up Thursday July 6 with Joanna Gass and friends at the Brew in Rock Hill. It's for the

ASPCA. They do such good work and they need your support so come out and support all those furry faces that need your help or a home to go to.

We missed you David! David Bloch is back out among us again and we hope soon his lovely wife Julie will be joining him soon on the stage. A very talented photographer and equally talented Haiku-ist, I hope soon to see a book of them (hint, hint). See David solo at the Rock Hill Farmer's Market on Saturday, June 10.

Friday, June 9 will be the third open mic poetry reading at the Empowering Ellenville Center. Sponsored by C.A.P. (Calling All Poets) out of New Paltz, and hosted by Mike Jurkovic and Glenn Werner. Rules: 2 poems, 5 minutes. Suggested donation \$2.

For June and July 1-6  
**Mondays**  
Every Monday: Dutch's Open Mic, 7 p.m., 205 Rock Hill Dr, Rock Hill

**Tuesdays**  
June 6 & June 20 (and maybe the 27): Another Odd Tuesday, with The Greater Sullivan Search and Rescue Orchestra, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Brew, 280 Rock Hill Dr., Rock Hill

**Thursdays**  
June 1 and July 6: Open Mic at the High Falls Café, 12 Stone Dock Rd., High Falls

July 6: Brew Joanna Gass and Friends for the A.S.P.C.A., Brew, 280 Rock Hill Dr., Rock Hill

**Fridays:**  
Every Friday: Sorrella: Al Defino and Larry Rav-

din, Jazz standards to dine by, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake

June 9: Poetry Open Mic: Empowering Ellenville, 159 Canal Street, Ellenville

**Saturdays**  
June 3: Open Mic/Home Grown: radio show with host Kevin McDaniel, WJFF 90.5FM Every Saturday:

Rock Hill Farmer's Market: 10 a.m. -1 p.m., 223 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill (Music starts at 11)

June 3: Debbie Fisher Bloch

June 10: David Samuel Bloch

June 17: No music, but come by and see The Stump Devils Wood Carving demonstration

June 24: JB Jones

July 1: Bryan Gordon Sorrella: Al Defino and Larry Ravdin, Jazz standards to dine by, 6 p.m. -9 p.m., 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake

The Pickled Owl: 6 p.m. start, 218 Main St, Hurleyville

June 3: Campfire Jones and Sara Hulse (Rock, Bluegrass, Reggae)

June 10: The Acquaintances (Jazz to Rock variety)

June 17: Albi (acoustic variety)

June 24: Barry Scheinfeld (Jazz Trio)

**Every Sunday:**  
Music Where You Least Expect it: 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., DeFillipi's Bakery, 506 Broadway, Monticello

The Dancing Cat Saloon: #ShineOn, Jazz Brunch, 11 a.m. -2 p.m., 2037 State Rte 17B, Bethel  
*Until next time....*

## 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 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 the beauty inherent there 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 native plants there is something hap-

pening 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 state- 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 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, cre-

ate 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.

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# WORLD RENOWNED WILD LIFE EXPERTS AT ARTS CENTRE

HURLEYVILLE – Fortunately rain is a symbol of good luck in Africa, because it was a rainy Saturday when the Hurleyville Arts Centre hosted the African Wildlife Foundation for a discussion about the ravages of ivory trafficking. Hurleyville Arts Centre and AWF hosted a screening of the Leonardo Di-

Caprio documentary, “The Ivory Game,” on May 13, followed by a panel discussion about ivory trafficking and the declining African elephant population. The event was held in conjunction with a conservation-themed art exhibit across the street in Gallery 222, curated by Six Summit Gallery.

AWF is very optimistic about the progress being made to cut down poaching and the ivory trade, AWF President Kaddu Sebunya said, but there is a lot more work to be done to ensure African elephants continue to roam the continent. Mr. Sebunya led the panel alongside AWF Vice President for Species Protection Philip Muruthi and AWF Director for Program Design Jimmiel Mandima, with moderator Craig Sholley, the senior vice president of AWF.

Africa has been experiencing a poaching crisis since 2007, Mr. Muruthi said, and if the current population decimation rates continue, all elephants would be erased from the continent within 15 years. It’s a dire situation, Mr. Muruthi said, but

new policies put in place in the U.S. by the Obama administration, and in China and the United Kingdom, could go a long way toward curbing ivory trafficking once they are fully in place at the end of this year.

“The Ivory Game” followed activists’ and investigators’ efforts to track one of the most infamous ivory traffickers in Africa, highlighting the dangers of the war against poaching. Wildlife trafficking, including elephants, rhinos and other endangered species, is a \$20 billion industry, driven by demand from people who want decorative ivory products or believe a rhino horn has medicinal properties. AWF is working to educate people in China, Vietnam and other countries about the global harm done when these animals are killed. The organization is also focused on putting more boots on the ground in Africa to find and stop poachers from killing the animals or being able to transport them for sale.

As an organization large-



PHOTO BY AMANDA LOVIZA

The documentary and panel discussion were held in conjunction with a conservation-themed art exhibit at Gallery 222, curated by Six Summit Gallery.

ly led by Africans, Mr. Muruthi said that AWF is working to get African governments to understand the economic value of conservation, and how protecting Africa’s natural resources will benefit all Africans by increasing tourism and providing better opportunities.

“Africa has been endowed with wildlife,” Mr. Muruthi said. “This is what we have to make our brand...I like to believe that conserving wildlife and wild spaces is conserving me.”

Richard Chiger, a Monticello resident and retired teacher who himself gives talks about elephants, said he was thrilled to have such an enlightening event take place in Hurleyville. More people need to understand what’s happening to elephants and what needs to be done to protect them in the future, Mr. Chiger said.

“This was beautiful,” Mr. Chiger said. “These people are really passionate, and they’re going to do some good.”



PHOTO BY AMANDA LOVIZA

The Hurleyville Arts Centre hosted a panel discussion on ivory trafficking and the declining African elephant population that brought world renowned experts to town.

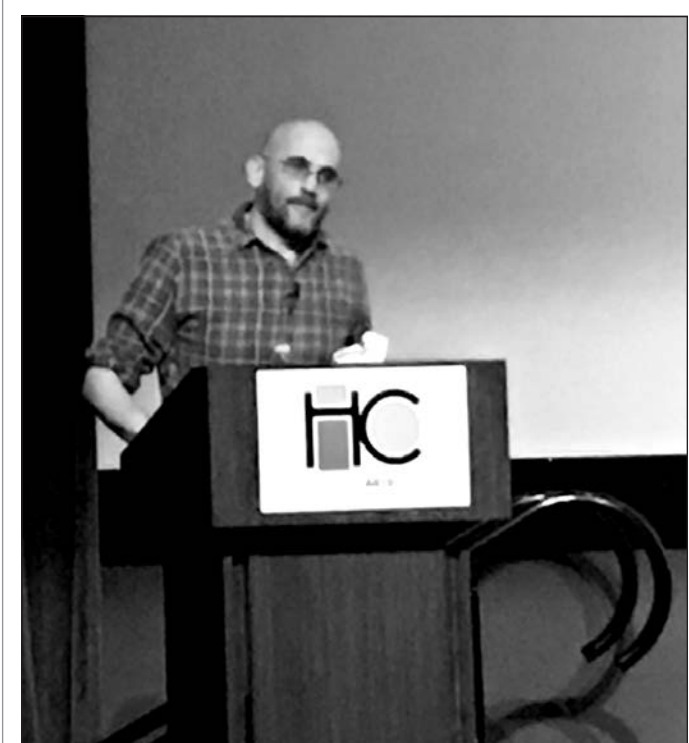


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Award winning documentary filmmaker George Bilard hosted a question and answer session after his film “Thou Shall Not Perish” screened at the Hurleyville Arts Centre on May 20. The documentary will soon be seen on PBS, and represents just one more world class event the Arts Centre has brought to “the liveliest little hamlet in the Mountains!”

## Fallsburg Robotics Team Returns from International Competition

FALLSBURG - “It was overwhelming for the students to enter Kentucky Exposition Center. You could fit both the Fallsburg Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School Buildings into this vast space with room to spare,” exclaimed teacher

Don Thomas. He was recalling the moment the Fallsburg Junior High School Robotics Team of Landen Berry, Kai Schreier, Aiden Ferris and Oliver Norminton stepped onto the floor for the VEX Robotics World Champion-

ships on April 19 in Louisville. Fallsburg was the only middle school from New York State, and was among the top 3% of all teams worldwide from 15 different countries. In total, there were 180 middle school teams.

The three days of competition began with opening ceremonies that included a Parade of Nations. Each team worked with an alliance partner for each of ten rounds of competition and played against another randomly paired alliance team. On the first day Fallsburg was paired with teams from China, Mexico, and California—a totally new experience working with peers from different cultures.

The competition is designed to test each team’s proficiency in designing, building, programming, and driving a robot. During the actual competition, electrical and mechanical issues forced Fallsburg to completely rebuild their robot’s chassis (base and drivetrain). They finished with a record of 4 and 6 at the end of qualifiers and earned 52nd place in their division of 80.

The event closes each year with a reveal of the competition challenge for the next year. On the way home the students started to plan their strategy for the 2017-2018 VEX competition “In the Zone”. They are determined to increase their



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FCSD Robotics Coach Don Thomas (left) poses with (left to right), Landen Berry, Oliver Norminton and parent volunteer Robert Scheier. In front of Mr. Scheier are his son Kai and Aiden Ferris.

autonomous and driver control skills and become more competitive.

Support from the Sullivan County/Fallsburg community is greatly appreciated. The Robotics Team has two fantastic parent volunteers, enjoys significant community support, and invites people to share their knowledge of robotics, engineering, and programming.

“We would not have been nearly as successful without our parent volunteer Robert Schreier, who drove his vehicle to the event and transported all of our equipment,” Mr. Thomas said.

The Team welcomes sponsorships from businesses, Chambers of Commerce, service agencies and local and state government.

The team will be hosting their second annual regional competition on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at SUNY Sullivan. Contact Mr. Thomas by telephone/email at 845-434-6800 or dthomas@fallsburgcsd.net to find out how you and your business can sponsor the young people who are learning STEM and bringing international recognition to the Fallsburg and Sullivan County community.



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FCSD’s annual Blossom Cohen Luncheon has been honoring community scholarship recipients for more than sixty-five years. Pictured (seated left to right) are Rebecca Budrock, Grace Strauss, Mary Elizabeth Kellerman, and Brittany Mackiel, and (standing left to right) Sam Zheng, Merime Cenovic, Brittany Leventoff, Alexandria Porter, Megan Langeland, Abigail Langeland, and Olav Peterson Langeland.

## Fallsburg Honors a Decades Long Tradition of Scholarship

Fallsburg Central School District has been awarding Community Scholarships to worthy members of the senior class every year for more than 65 years. The tradition continued on Sunday, May 7, 2017, with the honoring of 11 students and their families with scholarships at the annual Blossom Cohen Luncheon at Bernie’s Holiday Restaurant in Rock Hill.

Winners of Samuel Beytin Community Scholarships were Rebecca Budrock, Merime Cenovic, Mary Elizabeth Kellerman, Megan Langeland, Olav Peterson Langeland, and Pu (Samuel) Zheng. Brittany Mackiel earned two awards, the Candy Gold Bolton Memorial and Nancy Solomon Memorial Scholarships. The Edward Bryan Memorial Scholarship went to

Abigail Langeland. Brittany Leventoff received the Milton Brizel Memorial Scholarship, and Alexandria Porter earned the Blossom Cohen Memorial Scholarship. Grace Strauss received the Esther Mintz Flanagan Scholarship in memory of her parents Sarah and Isidor Mintz. Two students won honor awards for highest academic averages—Olav Peterson Langeland and Pu (Samuel) Zheng.

Each recipient spoke eloquently in thanking the families who were responsible for providing the monetary awards that will help support them in their continuing education at various colleges and universities. Guidance Counselor Joe Levner was especially moved by the stories of the challenges in immigrating to America faced by the parents of Mer-

ime Cenovic (Albania) and Pu Zheng (China).

Chairperson of the Luncheon Committee was Renee Kates, who emceed the festivities. Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz welcomed the guests, thanked the committee for their selfless work in keeping the scholarship program alive and vital for more than 60 years, and acknowledged the scholarship winners, their families, and the school staff for supporting these special students over their years in Fallsburg.

At the end of the ceremony, in a tradition that honors the longevity and origins of this Scholarship Awards event, retired teacher Jay Kasofsky extended the regards of Mrs. Florence Beytin, widow of Samuel Beytin, who celebrated her 101st birthday this past year.

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

On May 7, the Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighter's Association held their 58th Annual Memorial Service at the Sullivan County Government Center to remember those brothers and sisters who answered their last alarm in 2016. The weather was a little wet, so we didn't line up outside, instead all the firefighters in their full dress blue uniforms lined the hallways in the Government Center. The color guard with bagpipes playing led the families down the hallway through the lines of blue to their seats.

Hurleyville Fire Department Chaplain Melvin Boone was honored to give the memorial message. He spoke with eloquence about service to your community and how the firefighters are always called upon for any need in our small communities.

As the roll call of departed members was read, a firefighter escorted a family member to the podium to receive a red rose.

At the conclusion, the weather cleared some and the officers of the Association placed a wreath in front of the firemen's stone behind the Government Center.

Hurleyville Fire Department honored three fallen members: Richard (Ricky) Simmons, Robert (Bob) McKay and William (Chipmunk) Cole.



James Bertholf, Jr. won the prize for the longest drive.



The winners of the 2017 Bill Carlson Golf Classic sponsored by the Hurleyville Fire Department were (left to right) Mark Danvet, Sandy Diamond, Harold Diamond, and Ray Campbell, who shot a best ball 11 under par 61.

On Saturday, May 20 the fire department held the seventh annual Bill Carlson Golf Classic at the Tarry Brae golf course. PGA golf pro Glen Sonnenschein and his staff had the course in magnificent shape for the tournament. In addition to getting the course ready, his staff put on a great lunch before the start and a tasty awards banquet at the end. A 50/50 was held and many raffles were drawn.

Tournament Director John Jaycox was closest to the pin on the par 3 seventh hole. He was a mere four feet four inches from the pin. James Bertholf, Jr. had the longest drive on the par 4 16th hole.

The winners were the father and son team of Harold and Sandy Diamond along with Mark Danvet and Ray Campbell. They shot a best ball score of 61, which was 11 under par. Second place was the team of Billy Wood, Jeff Taylor, Wayne Pirnos and Vinnie Dollard, shooting a 65.

Next up is the 16th Annual Morningside Fishing Classic sponsored by the Town of Fallsburg Parks and Recreation Program, the Hurleyville Fire Department and the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department. It will be held

Saturday, June 17, at the Morningside Lake on Brickman Road in Hurleyville. This is the first day of the 2017 bass season. It will start at 5 a.m. and end at 1 p.m.

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

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

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

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

For further information:

Jack 436-5418 or Woody 434-3103

On the firematic front the "New York State Burn Ban" expired on May 14. With the rain that we have had, spring has finally sprung and the fields and woods have greened up.

There is still always a risk or danger of a brush fire. There were three different brush fires because of downed arcing powerlines in the past week



John Jaycox was Tournament Director of this year's Bill Carlson Classic and also won the prize for closest to the pin.

even with all of the green.

Now that the grass is green and growing, you are going to need to cut it. When getting gas for your mower, please make sure that you use a "real gas container" not a plastic gallon jug. Putting any gas container in the trunk of a car in the heat of the day can be very dangerous. The can will expand and could leak gas or crack open resulting in a potential bomb.

The same goes for your barbecue propane tank. The gas will expand and be released through the safety valve filling the car or trunk with propane vapor.

Both of these situations are just looking for a spark to explode.

Be safe.

From the files of...

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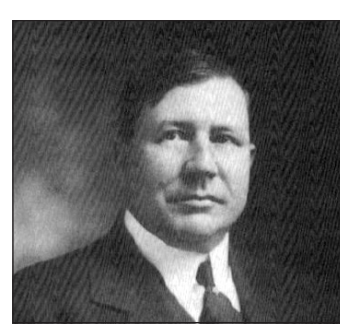
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Compiled by Sullivan County Historian John Conway

## JUNE 11, 1937 Graduation Program Next Week at Local School Auditorium

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

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



Sullivan County Court Judge George L. Cooke.

addresses and Hyman Nasofer, twenty-nine, only son of the slain man, took the stand. His testimony based on what he had witnessed at the age of twelve, was given with descriptive vividness and tenseness of manner that suggested the incidents related had occurred within recent months.

"I'll never forget it—all my life," he said.

### Fedun - Bagailuk

Miss Sophie Bagailuk and Harry Fedun, both of Hurleyville, were united in mar-

riage in a beautiful wedding ceremony performed at the Thompsonville Ukrainian Church on Sunday, June 13 at noon. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Theo. Yaworsky in the presence of

nearly two hundred friends and relatives.

A reception was held at the Garden House in Hurleyville. The newlyweds are spending a honeymoon at Niagara Falls.

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### SO YOU WANT TO BE A WRITER?

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Would you like to see your original work in our pages? We are now offering a unique opportunity for aspiring writers to become published authors by participating in the very first *Hurleyville Sentinel Fiction Writing Contest*.

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The guidelines are simple. Send, via e-mail to [hurleysent@hotmail.com](mailto:hurleysent@hotmail.com), your original short story of between approximately 1,000 and 3,000 words, remembering to include your name, address, and telephone number, as well as your e-mail address. This information will not be shared with anyone. Stories, and all characters therein, must be fictional.

Our panel of judges will review the entries and choose up to three entries for publication in The Hurleyville Sentinel. Stories will run in one or more issues, depending upon length, and may be edited for better fit. Winners will be notified via e-mail. Entries will be judged on creativity, writing style and proficiency, and structure. Extra consideration will be given to entries that incorporate Hurleyville or its history into the storyline. All decisions by our judges are final.

There is no entry fee, and there is no limit on the number of entries you can submit. All entries must be received by June 30, 2017.



### JUNE 18, 1937 Slain Victim's Son First Witness on Banks Murder Trial

After a day's delay in selection of a second alternate juror, Matthew Wegman, Roscoe farmer, was sent to the box at 2:55 Wednesday, and trial began. Within twenty minutes, both sides had made opening

## FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Kelly Wells and Amanda Letohic



Summer is very quickly approaching, which means that the Fallsburg Library is gearing up for "Summer Reading at New York Libraries!" Despite the name, Summer Reading at the library involves so much more than just encouraging reading. We offer various activities and programs that incorporate a specific theme. Every year offers a new theme and this year's theme is "Build a Better World" which allows for endless interpretations.

Of course, with "Build a Better World" we will be offering programs where children and teens can physically build their own "better" miniature world using a variety of materials, including paper and everyone's favorite...Legos!

We will also be encouraging children and teens to "Build

a Better World" by becoming engaged in their communities, whether through activities such as litter plucks or just helping out a neighbor or friends.

While Summer Reading is largely associated with children and teens, we do offer adult programs as well. This summer we are happy to welcome back Sullivan County Historian John Conway as he leads a three part lecture series every other Thursday evening starting in July. We are also partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension to offer a three part "Eat Smart New York" series.

Keep your eyes out for a more detailed schedule to come out next month.

If you are interested in signing yourself or your chil-

dren up for Summer Reading this year, just call or stop by the library. Did we mention that we end the summer with a prize party?!? We hope you're getting excited about summer, but in the meantime check out some of these great programs we have coming up in June:

We will be offering a couple of family nights this month: on Wednesday, June 7 families can stop in starting at 7 p.m. to make ice cream in a bag, and on Wednesday, June 21 families can stop in at 7 p.m. to learn how to make candy dots out of Kool-Aid. On Thursday, June 8 we'll be teaching children ages seven to 14 how to make their very own rock candy. Wednesday, June 14 will be an adult and teen craft night, where you can sign up to make a sea glass

covered flower pot...we may even have some seeds you can plant! On Thursday, June 15 at 6 p.m., adults can enjoy a craft night for those 18 and over, and make a decorative bowl out of confetti. Please note that our regular weekly programs for children (Mondays at 6:30 p.m.) and preschoolers (Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.) will continue through the third week of June.

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



## HURLEYVILLE MARKET ON MAIN

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# HIT AND RUN

My wife and I had just finished dinner. We poured ourselves high balls made from Ruby Shindler's finest moonshine and settled onto the Davenport, looking forward to listening to Guy Lombardo and the Royal Canadians on the radio as they ushered in the New Year with their music. That's when the telephone rang.

"That had better be someone calling to wish us a Happy 1932 and not some kind of emergency," Irene said as I got up to answer. "They don't pay you enough to expect you to respond at eight o'clock at night, especially on New Year's Eve."

I picked up the phone, hoping my wife was right, but all too aware of a sudden feeling deep in the pit of my stomach that this was not a social call. Only a handful of people had phones, and social calls were rare.

"Hello?"  
 "Joe Kile here, Bronco," the raspy voice on the other end of the line said. "You'd better get over here to my house right away. There's been an accident."

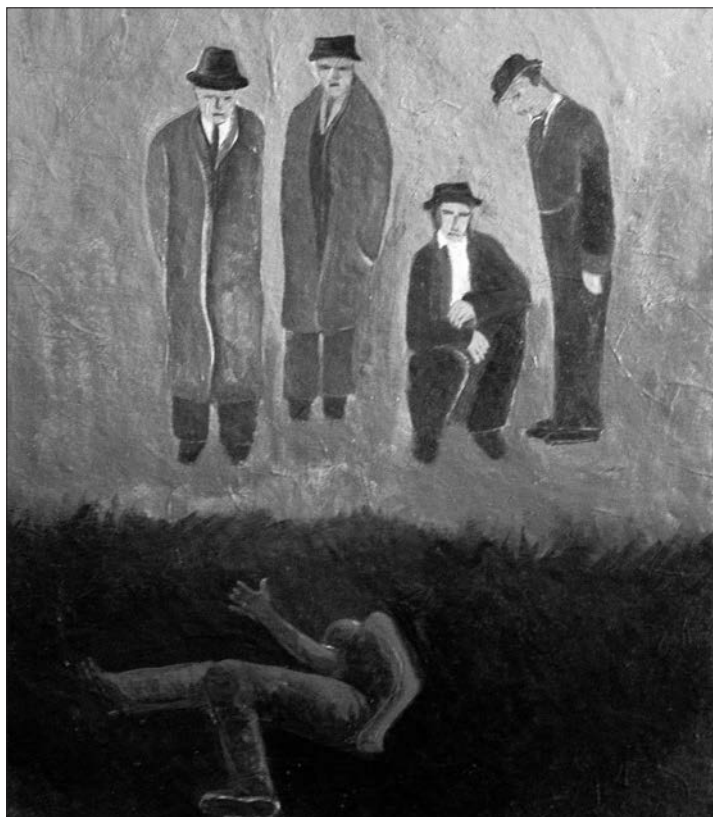
Joe Kile was one of Hurleyville's most prominent citizens, and a man you didn't say no to, at least not when you were a public servant. So I assured him I would be along as quickly as I could and gave my wife the bad news.

"Looks like you are on your own tonight, Babe. I've got to go out."

Irene wasn't happy, but she poured the coffee that was left over from dinner into a battered thermos as I changed back into my uniform and handed me the thermos and a flashlight as I buttoned up my coat and headed for the door.

"I'll try to get back before midnight, I promise," I told her, and then kissed her. I always kissed her before I left the house to go to work.

It had turned cold and blustery outside in the hours I had been at home, and it took me



There was a small group gathered on Joe Kile's front lawn, their attention focused on the ditch by the road.

almost as long to get the car with the cranky choke started as it did to drive to Joe Kile's home on Hurleyville's Main Street. An ambulance arrived as I was getting out of the car.

A small crowd had gathered on Kile's expansive front lawn. They were congregated close to the road, their attention seemingly focused on the ditch in front of them, and I could hear murmurs of excitement as I approached through the snow.

Joe Kile stepped forward to meet me. He was a big man, nearly able to look me in the eye, and spoke with a tone of authority in a deep, steady voice.

"Sorry to drag you out at this hour, Bronk," he said. "We've got a hit and run, right here in front of my house."

"A hit and run?" I repeated, watching the ambulance driver and another man rushing by with a stretcher. "Anyone you know?"

"It's Doc," Joe said softly. "Looks like he's in bad shape."

I knew that "Doc" was Sidney Grant Van Keuren, a longtime resident of Hurleyville.

Most people knew Doc, but not many knew his real name. He lived alone, and had for

weather since Christmas having allowed all but the most packed down accumulation to melt away. A short distance from where Doc's body was found, the ditch was torn up, and frozen chunks of dirt were strewn about. Walking to the spot, I knelt down and surveyed the scene. My light revealed no skid marks, and my immediate impression was that the car that had struck Doc had swerved off the road without slowing down, hitting him at full speed, sending his body flying about 20 feet or so through the air. The car had then entered the ditch, corrected its path, and returned to the roadway, all without slowing down.

I looked up to see Joe Kile standing over me.

"Were you the one who found him?" I asked.

"Yeah, I was," Joe said thoughtfully. "The wife and I were waiting on some company, the kids were coming over for a little New Year's Eve get together, so I was looking out the front window from time to time. I had just turned away from having a look when I heard a thud. Damnedest sound I ever heard. Didn't know what it was, but knew it wasn't nothing good. I looked back out and saw a car speeding away. I thought it hit a mail box or something, but decided I should have a look. Like I said, the sound just seemed off to me. Came out and saw Doc, all mangled there. I ran back in and called the ambulance and then I called you."

"So what time would you say that was?"  
 "Right about 7:30, I'd say."  
 "Okay, thanks Joe. If I have any more questions, I'll get in touch. I think I'd better call the Sheriff now. And then I think I will take a ride over to Monticello to the hospital. Maybe Doc will wake up and be able to tell me something."  
 "You can use my phone to call the Sheriff."  
 "Great. Thanks."  
 Ben Gerow of Liberty was

the Sullivan County Sheriff, and would be for another year. Under New York State law, a county sheriff could not succeed himself, so he would not be able to run in November of 1932. A popular man with the political crowd, there was strong speculation that he would run against the Republican Assemblyman John T. Curtis instead.

Gerow's wife Angeline answered the phone with a pleasant "Happy New Year" greeting, and then upon hearing me identify myself, turned the phone over to her husband. Gerow grumbled and cursed a bit, and said he would be over shortly. About an hour later he pulled up in front of Joe Kile's house with two of his men.

Joe had let me wait inside, and sat with me in the kitchen while his wife entertained the children and grandchildren in the living room. The coffee was hot, and Joe was talkative, so the wait was bearable.

I asked him if he had been able to see the car clearly enough to identify it. He didn't think so. I asked him if he had any idea what Doc might have been doing in front of his house at that hour, and he sat silently for a few seconds before answering.

"He had just left here," he said before falling silent again.

"What? You mean Doc had been here just before he was hit?"

"Yes, Bronco. He was here. He had been doing some work for me this week, cleaning out the furnace and hauling away the coal ash and tidying up the coal bin, that sort of thing. He came over this evening to get paid."

"Okay, and he left here about 7:30? Any idea where he was headed?"

An Original Short Story Written by Jack Robbin

Illustration by Carol Smith

Based on Actual Events

## EMS Beat

by Albee Bockman, AEMT-P



### "YOU'RE DRIVING ME TO DRINK!"

This time of year can run havoc with our bodies -- if we don't hydrate!

The human body is made up of approximately 70% water. So it makes perfect sense that fluids are vital for the majority of our bodily functions. When the loss of body fluids -- mostly water -- exceeds the amount that is taken in, that is called DEHYDRATION. With dehydration, more fluid is moving out of the cells and bodies than what we take in through drinking. And what occurs can be most devastating. So please read, heed, and listen, Hurleyville!

We lose water every day in the form of water vapor in the breath we exhale and in our excreted sweat, urine, and stool. Along with the water, small amounts of salt are also lost. When we lose too much water, our bodies may become "out of balance" or DEHYDRATED. Not to alarm you, but dehydration can lead to death.

Many conditions may cause rapid and continued fluid losses and lead to dehydration.

One very common cause is heat exposure during the elevated temperatures of the summer.

We all look forward to the warmth this time of year especially after the winter we just experienced. Sure glad that is over with! However, exposing ourselves to the outdoors working on the garden, mowing the lawn, exercising can dehydrate our body in a short period of time. Sometimes, it can creep up on you before you have the chance to recog-

nize the trouble you might be in. So avoid injuries to the skin such as a sunburn and infections. Consuming WATER is your best defense against dehydration. Before any above average activity during the warmth of summer, be sure to drink plenty of water before, during, and after activities.

Another condition that leads to a loss of fluids is when we get sick. Contracting a fever contributes considerably. Ever notice how dizzy, lightheaded, and weak we feel? That is an early sign of dehydration. If we complicate the illness with vomiting, diarrhea, and infection, the loss of fluids accelerates.

The signs and symptoms of dehydration range from minor to severe. Increased thirst, dry mouth, and generalized weakness are some of the minor signs and symptoms you could experience. But when confusion, lethargy, and fainting occurs, then it becomes an emergent situation and requires the response of Paramedics to introduce intravenous fluids to stabilize you hemodynamically. One sure sign is the color of urine. If one's urine is concentrated and deeply yellow or amber, you may be dehydrated.

In summation, dehydration is a serious matter. Younger children and older people are more susceptible to this condition. So please be prepared, cautious, and alert!

Enjoy the summer, Hurleyville!

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## SPOTLIGHT ON A HURLEYVILLE TREASURE... AND HERO

by Kathleen Sullivan

### "WILLIAM SILBERMAN"

Hurleyville is the hometown of World War II hero, William Silberman. William grew up here with another hero, Medal of Honor recipient, Francis Currey.

He served as Private First Class, U.S. Army in the 168th Infantry Regiment, 34th Infantry Division. On April 12, 1945, just a short time before the war in Europe ended, William was leading a patrol in Gargano, It-



William Silberman, killed in action in Italy in WW II.

He stood up bravely to give a warning to the members of his

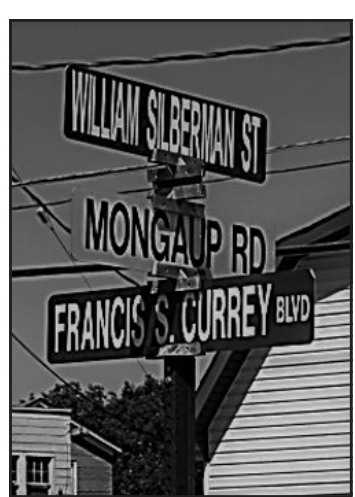
platoon and was killed by German soldiers.

William was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star. The Bronze Star is awarded to a person who, while serving with or in the United States Army after December 6, 1941, distinguishes himself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service in military operations against an armed enemy.

William was also posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States, who after April 5, 1917 have been wounded or killed in action against an enemy of the United States or an opposing armed force.

William's body has not been recovered. He is commemorated in perpetuity in the Tablets of the Missing at Florence American Cemetery in Impruneta, Italy.

It was long overdue, but in July of 2010, William was honored by his hometown for his



Mongaup Road in Hurleyville was named William Silberman Street on July 3, 2010.

heroism. Mongaup Road was renamed William Silberman Street. William's sisters, Sonia Weinstein and Seckie Dole, along with Francis Currey and other veterans, joined in the community celebration that paid tribute to his bravery.

William is one of Hurleyville's many special...and heroic...treasures.

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William Silberman's sisters, Sonia Weinstein (left) and Seckie Dole flank Medal of Honor recipient Francis S. Currey at the dedication of William Silberman Street in July of 2010.



# SENTINEL SPORTS

Angelee Santillo, Sports Editor



## GREATER HURLEYVILLE AREA WELL-REPRESENTED IN SCWSL

By Bridge Morris

HURLEYVILLE – A staple of the local sports each spring and summer, the Sullivan County Women's Softball League (SCWSL) is back in full-swing, with games happening on most weeknights through July.

The league has two divisions, A and B, which divide teams by skill level and experience. The B-division contains a mix of teams, some remaining in the lower-level division because of their makeup of both experienced and inexperienced players, and some because they are brand new teams to the league. As for the A-division, many of the league's veteran teams, including Charlie's Angels and L&B Tack, find themselves playing high-level arc ball due to being well-seasoned, playing with each other year after year, and some just happen to be teams comprising very good softball players.

There are three teams in this year's SCWSL representing the Hurleyville surrounding area, and they all sit near the top of the A and B divisions. First is The Center for Discovery, a team unlike those A-division teams mentioned above in that they haven't been playing together for decades. Instead, The Center's team, organized by coach by Mike Whipple, was just restarted for the 2015 season after fielding a team in the league many years ago. This new Discovery Diamonds team was originally placed in the B-division for being a new addition to the league, but after sweeping the lower level in their first season were moved up to the big leagues. Last season, their first stint in the A-division, the Discovery Diamonds took home second place in the division after a crushing defeat to longtime champions L&B Tack, but Coach Whipple expects nothing less than the league's highest trophy this year.

What makes the Hurleyville area's Discovery Diamonds different than the other teams in the A-division is their athleticism. They aren't just good be-



The Discovery Diamonds will be playing their third season under Coach Mike Whipple this year.

cause of the chemistry of playing together for years. In fact, they've lost key players and gained new ones along the way. They are simply fast, strong, and smart at the game of softball, and it shows on the field.

Co-captains Nicole Kothe and Amanda Goddard, both employees of The Center for Discovery and three-year Discovery Diamonds players, spoke about some of their hopes for this season and offered insight on why the team has been so successful in the challenging A-division.

"Our defense is very strong, but hitting is what failed us last year," offered Ms. Kothe, a former college softball player who leads the Diamonds' infield as shortstop. "We have to play championship ball when it matters, and if we can do that, I think we can win it all. We deserve it."

"I do think we have a stronger chance to win this year than last year," said Ms. Goddard, who starts at first base for the Diamonds. "Our team is stronger, we all blend well together, and the chemistry is there. Without that, we wouldn't be a great team."

The co-captain did, however, speak candidly about the Diamonds' biggest challenge this year.

"I think the toughest thing for us this season will be defeating L&B," she said. "We have high expectations for ourselves, but they know how to take advan-

tage of our errors."

Diamonds pitcher Jessica VanderMeulen also spoke about the level of play in the A-division.

"In the A-division they really make sure your pitches are accurate and where they need to be as far height and positioning goes. I'm just grateful to have such a great defense behind me."

New for this year, the SCWSL has reverted to its old policy where A-division teams play B-division teams once during the season. This has been a bone of contention for many teams, especially because so many first-year teams in the B-division have very little experience and will be forced to face A-division teams that play very high-level softball.

Ms. VanderMeulen, who has played in both divisions, provided some thoughts on this change.

"I'm afraid for our team to take it full-speed against some of these B-teams because I'd hate to see any of their players get hurt," she said as she watched one of the league's newest teams, Dominick's, struggle against New Hope in a B-division game at Collins Park. "At the same time, it's also not smart for us to play a weaker game because when we go back to our division games, we might not be as sharp."

As she spoke, New Hope was in the process of ringing up more than three times the runs

of Dominick's, as the new team made crucial errors despite giving it their best effort.

"I am looking forward to playing New Hope in the B-division, because they're always a fun team," Ms. VanderMeulen finished, "But I still feel like the league didn't make the best choice by allowing this to happen."

Jessica's sister, Jamie, also plays for the Discovery Diamonds, holding down third base as a key infield player. She offered some final words on her team ahead of the season.

"Our biggest strength as a team is that we pull a lot of talent from different areas to field a very strong group as a whole," Ms. VanderMeulen said. "I'm hoping to go undefeated this year, but if we lose one or two games, that's ok. I just want to take the championship."

When it comes to the B-division, the two teams representing the greater Hurleyville area, Loch Sheldrake's Bum & Kel's and New Hope, are fortunate to be two of the more experienced teams in the B-division, which is why they have remained leaders in the division's stats.

Brittany Delaney of defending B-division champions Bum & Kel's shared some of her thoughts on the A-and-B-division matchups this year.

"I personally think it's not completely fair, because some A-teams are very good and will be playing against B-teams that are just starting together," Ms.

Delaney said, on par with many players' sentiments about the league's decision this season. "But it is good practice to get better, and it makes you a stronger team when you play against better teams."

The B-division is hotly contested this year, as the competition among the experienced teams is higher than ever. As the defending first place team of the B-division, Bum & Kel's is the one everyone is trying to unseat, but the current champs welcome the friendly competition.

"Last year our biggest competition was VanKeuren's [Landscaping], and New Hope is very good as well" Ms. Delaney said. "Those were always games you knew would be tough because our teams are equally as good as one another."

When asked about the pressure to defend their title, Ms. Delaney spoke for her team with modesty.

"We always work hard and play hard as a team, because we have some tough competition," she said. "But even though we love to win, more importantly we love to laugh, have fun, and just enjoy the game!"

Longtime captain of New Hope, Darlene Malewit, had a similar outlook on her team's season in the B-division.

"I'm looking forward to playing all A-teams to see if we can be competitive," she said.

Team New Hope is one of the Sullivan County Women's Softball League's veteran groups, and although they didn't get the win last season, they are always competitors to look out for in the B-division.

"Our goal is to always have fun, enjoy our team, and hopefully win as many games as we can in the process," said Ms. Malewit.

The Sullivan County Women's Softball League is currently in the beginning of their regular season, with games running now through July. For detailed game schedules and to support our area's three teams, visit <http://m.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=scwsll>.

## Fallsburg Interact's Hoops for Ally Fundraiser

by Julia Batista

FALLSBURG – On April 29th, the Fallsburg Interact Club held a basketball tournament at their home court to help raise money for the Allyson Whitney Foundation. This organization was founded by Barbara Strong, a third grade Fallsburg elementary school teacher who lost her young adult daughter to a rare kind of cancer. After Ms. Strong's loss, she decided she wanted to spread awareness about rare cancers in young adults and created the Allyson Whitney Foundation, named after her own daughter.

The foundation has existed for a few years, raising money for those that are battling cancer locally and nationally.

"There are a variety of things that my foundation does that helps raise awareness for rare cancers," Ms. Strong said. "That includes our biggest fundraiser, the 5K walk that we host here in the beginning of May."

"This basketball tournament is yet another fundraiser that the Fallsburg Interact club has put together today," Ms. Strong shared.

"A lot of Ally's friends like to help contribute to the foundation, one of them hosting a 5K walk all the way in California. Another one is being hosted in Honolulu in December as well, proving how much the foundation has spread from here."

In talking about the need to spread awareness about the effects of cancer on young adults, Ms. Strong explained, "a lot of the focus on cancer is mostly on the old and very young ages of our population, yet not many look at the in-between, at our young adults. I would like to raise the awareness of cancer in our youth because we never really think about the teens."

"One hundred percent of everyone at the Allyson Whitney Foundation are volunteers, and our funds go to grants that are called 'Life Interrupted Grants'™ that are given out to young adults fighting and undergoing cancer treatment. Only a small percentage of our funds go to the research of cancer."

Being a part of the Fallsburg community from which Ms. Strong comes, the Fallsburg Interact Club put together their own fundraiser to help support her foundation. All basketball players from Sullivan County under the age of 18 were invited to participate, and schools such as Ellenville, Liberty and Monticello all convened at the Fallsburg Comets' home court to play ball.

The tournament was held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with players donating five dollars each to play while the specta-



The Fallsburg Interact Club sponsored a "Hoops for Ally" fundraiser. Pictured are (left to right) Jenna Vairo, Julia Batista, Ms. Barbara Strong, Sadie Caballero and Shoshana Conlon.

tors were donating three dollars to watch. Concessions were also available, along with some merchandise from the Allyson Whitney Foundation; with all proceeds going towards the organization.

"This event required so much preparation, I'm very proud to say that [Fallsburg students] Sadie and Shoshana did do a lot of the work by putting this all together," beamed Ms. Skully, adviser of the Interact Club. "I'm very impressed by the amazing job they did, taking up a huge leadership role and reaching out to the rest of the community to bring them together for this fundraiser."

Sadie Caballero, the president of the Interact Club, had some words to share about the tournament as well.

"It makes me feel good to host an event that allows kids to come here and have fun for a good cause. I'm glad that by allowing everyone to come play, we're raising awareness for rare cancers so that another person gets to live another day so that they could spend it with their families."

"I just want to make sure that everyone had fun and that we've made a significant amount of money for the foundation today," Caballero continued. "But I also want the kids to go home happy knowing that they played their best for something good."

Seven teams came out to play early that Saturday, about fifty-five people in total showing up. The players on the winning team were given gift cards to local restaurants, along with an Allyson Whitney t-shirt to take home. Many of the players that took part in the tournament agreed that this event was something the community should do more often, as it is so rare that communities across Sullivan County come together for big events.

"I came out today because I wanted to play basketball and help this foundation out, because something like this is nice for the community," remarked Roy Penn Cosentino, a Liberty basketball player. "There's high stakes here just like a championship, and not a lot of schools do this. It's a lot better than sitting at home doing nothing when I can be here instead and compete against other schools with my own team."

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"I have love for the game and I'd do anything to support a cause like this because I know that some of my family members have suffered from cancer," offered Kalaysha Sanders from Monticello. "It means a lot to me that something like this was put together and partnered up with the sport I love, because practicing while it's off-season only makes me better."

Many of Fallsburg's own basketball players came out to support the cause as well, one of them being Rashaad Nurse.

"I'm here to help friends and family out, to bring awareness to something that brings people together for a good cause," he said. "I liked the idea of us having a community event, and it's important because it's different and we can all have fun on the weekend while still competing with others from all around the county."

remarking on the successful event, Ms. Strong stated, "It makes me very emotional and humbled to know that my foundation is being backed by my local students and community. It's very hard to put into words."

"Just walking in brought a lot of emotion because Ally would've really loved this," Ms. Strong said through tears. "She was a very big Knicks fan, and her heart is where basketball is. She grew up in Monticello and it's very nice to see that our own community has come out to help me help others now."

After the event was all over, the Ellenville team won the tournament and the Fallsburg Interact Club had successfully collected \$565 to donate to the Allyson Whitney Foundation. All of the money was given to Ms. Strong to be put towards her organization, while the winning team happily earned prizes and rewards for participating.

The Fallsburg Interact Club is planning on organizing another fundraiser just like this one for the Allyson Whitney Foundation next year, so hopefully many more will be able to come out to help support the foundation while they playing their hearts out on the court at the same time.

## PANIAGUA, MEDINA, MARTINEZ PACE GENERALS

### SUNY Sullivan Finishes Season Second in Region XV Division II

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE – After sounding their message loud and clear throughout the early innings, SUNY Sullivan's General saw their bats go silent at the end, resulting in a 25-22 loss to homestanding Westchester in the Region XV Division II championship game on May 15.

The Generals had scored seven runs in the third inning, three in the fourth, five in the fifth and six in the sixth before pushing across just one more in the final three innings. Westchester, meanwhile, struck for six runs in the seventh and four in the eighth to seal the victory, and their fourth straight conference title. Each team used

seven pitchers in the contest, with no hurler on either side retiring more than 11 batters.

Sullivan finished the year with a 29-16-1 record overall, including a 12-8 conference slate. The 29 victories are the most ever recorded by a Generals baseball team.

The offense carried the Generals throughout the year, with Johann Paniagua, Ronald Medina and David Martinez swinging the hottest bats.

Mr. Medina led the team in batting average, with a .439 mark in conference play, fourth best in Region XV. He also posted a slugging average of .739, the Region's fifth best mark, and blasted seven home runs while driving in 43 runs. Mr. Martinez drove in 45



The 2017 SUNY Sullivan Generals won 29 games, more than any previous baseball team in the school's history.

runs, while connecting for 14 doubles and eight home runs.

In addition to setting the SUNY Sullivan career mark in home runs at 15, Mr. Paniagua posted stellar numbers on the year in several categories. He was second in the conference in slugging percentage with a .762 mark, fourth in runs scored with 46, first in home runs and runs

batted in with nine and 54, and eighth in doubles with 12. His 56 hits were tied for third place in the conference, as well as third best on the team, behind the 57 garnered by both Edwin Feliciano and Mr. Medina.

In recognition of his record breaking season, Mr. Paniagua was named the Region's co-Player of the Year, sharing

the award with Westchester's Scottie Giordano.

Mr. Paniagua, Mr. Martinez and Mr. Feliciano were named to the All-Region XV first team for the season, while Mr. Medina was selected for the second team. In addition, the Generals' David Diaz was named the pitcher on the Region's Gold Glove Defensive Team.



The squad from Ellenville won the Interact sponsored "Hoops for Ally" fundraising tournament.