

# DUTY OF A SOLEMN NATURE

## A REMATCH IN DISTRICT 6

### Miranda Behan Challenges Legislator Luis Alvarez

by Jonathan Shimkin

**HURLEYVILLE** – On Tuesday, November 5, residents of Legislative District 6, which includes Hurleyville, will go to the polls to elect their representative on the Sullivan County Legislature. In a rematch from four years ago, incumbent Luis Alvarez, the Republican candidate, and Miranda Behan, the challenger and Democrat and Working Families candidate, will once again face each other. Mr. Alvarez won the seat in 2015 by 85 votes.

The Hurleyville Sentinel met with each candidate to hear their plans and hopes for the district and the county, and those plans and hopes are presented here:

#### Miranda Behan

Miranda Behan is running for the second time on the Democrat and Working Families tickets. Back in 2015, she stated as her priorities: “Our Legislature should focus on small businesses coming in and keeping them... Small businesses can offer jobs that can help our kids get work experience.”

When asked if, in the four years since her first run, she had seen any changes in the

country that affected her sense of priority, Ms. Behan said:

“Well, I’ve seen more people leaving; they can’t afford the taxes. It’s getting harder than it’s been in the past.”

Her priorities remain the same: “Small businesses are forgotten. Big businesses get exemptions; small businesses get nothing. They’re struggling, and they’re the backbone of the area.”

Her policy prescriptions for attracting and sustaining business activity in the county focus on taxation. She believes the Legislature must create tax incentives to attract and keep small businesses. Legislators need to critically examine property tax rates, as well.

When asked if there was one measure she could magically enact in this very moment, what would it be, Ms. Behan responded:

“Revenue sharing,” she says, referring to the sharing of a portion of the sales tax revenue the county collects with the towns and villages. “I would do tax sharing. I think that’s very important.”

Other specific policy proposals she favors include staggered terms for legislators, about which she said, “I believe we should have

staggered terms. It was proposed and voted down, but if all the legislators change at one time, you have to have somebody there who knows the ropes. You need continuity.”

Staggering legislative terms was recommended by the Charter Review Commission in 2017, along with the transition to a County Executive form of government for Sullivan County. About the latter, Ms. Behan said, “I believe that could work.”

She emphasized that, as someone who has lived in Sullivan County for 44 years, who has raised a family here and seen her family struggle to maintain a small business (an auto repair shop in Hurleyville), she is mainly concerned with the county’s viability for families and small businesses.

She said it’s vitally important to expand the attractiveness and sense of possibility of the region, for people to move here and stay here long-term, contributing to a sense of coherent community.

“How many more people do we have to lose, how many more have to move away, before someone from the Legislature says, ‘Enough! We need to something to help our people.’



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District 6 Challenger Miranda Behan

That’s what I’m going to do... I’m ready to fight. If nobody fights for us, eventually everyone’s going to move away from here.”

When asked who, among politicians and civic leaders, she has been inspired by in her life, Ms. Behan said President Kennedy. “The way he spoke... That still inspires me.”

In fact, she echoed President Kennedy’s inaugural address, saying: “Personally, I’m not in it for what I can get. I’m in it to do something good for others, to do something good for the county.”

Her final message for Hurleyville: “Please come out and vote. Every vote counts. We can’t change anything if you don’t come out and vote.”



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Current District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez.

#### Luis Alvarez

Republican Luis Alvarez has been the District 6 representative on the Sullivan County Legislature, as well as the Chairman of the Legislature, for the past four years. Running for the first time in 2015, he declared:

“We want businesses to feel welcomed - like they made the right choice by coming here... We need to focus on housing, infrastructure, communications and transportation. These are big issues.”

When asked last week what he saw as the signal achievements of his four-year term, Mr. Alvarez cited a balanced budget, a reduction of property taxes county-wide, the ratification of union contracts with county employees, the completion

of construction on a new County Jail in Monticello, and a reduction in landfill fees by one-third.

Mr. Alvarez said he has strived to make the work of the Legislature both more transparent (via live-streaming of legislative sessions on the Internet) and more collegial – “We have worked so hard to work together, to go forward” – and feels it has borne fruit in less partisanship and greater consensus in the decision-making process.

He also stressed the necessity of team-building across all levels of county governance.

“County legislators, county manager, government agencies, community partners, towns and villages, all have to work together as a team; if you don’t have all of these together, this is not going to work,” he said.

On the issue of revenue sharing (the County allocating a portion of the sales tax revenue it collects back to the towns), Mr. Alvarez was unequivocally against such a measure, as tax revenue, he says, is critical to the county meeting both its budget commitments and projects and policies that come in the form of State mandates.

In lieu of revenue shar-

ing, he says, the discretionary funds left at the end of a budget cycle can be shared with the towns.

Mr. Alvarez says the emphasis should not be on revenue sharing but on the sharing of services.

“The key element to work with the towns is sharing services. We share equipment, material, repairs, manpower...”

He said he’d like to see an increase in service-sharing arrangements across the county.

On the specific recommendations of the Charter Review Commission, Mr. Alvarez is against changing over to a County Executive model, favoring instead the consensus-oriented governance style of the legislative team.

On the issue of staggered terms for legislators, he is “in favor of letting the public tell us what they want; I’m in favor of a referendum.”

A proposal to hold a referendum on this issue has yet to be approved by the Legislature, but Mr. Alvarez says that legislators have to listen to what the public wants,

and cited letters, e-mail, and speaking at public meetings as means of communicating public opinion on this matter.

Given four more years, he says he would like to see a further reduction in property and county taxes, an increased emphasis on service-sharing, and a greater focus on tourism as a generator of Sullivan County business.

“I want to see the county prosper as much as possible,” he says.

When asked if there was one measure he could magically enact in this very moment what would it be, Mr. Alvarez said he would do something to improve the conditions of county employees.

“It is important that county employees receive a decent salary, otherwise we lose manpower and you have the expense of starting all over again with new people.”

And to the question of whether there is a politician or public servant that has been inspirational for him, Mr. Alvarez replied, “General George S. Patton. He got it done - no nonsense!”

## TWO BIG COUNTY-WIDE RACES ON ELECTION DAY

### County Court Judge, County Clerk Positions Open

by Win Hadley

**MONTICELLO** – The 2019 election in Sullivan County features races for all nine seats on the County Legislature, myriad town races including town supervisors, and two county-wide races of great interest, both brought about by the retirement of incumbents.

A County Coroner position is also up for election this

year, with two term incumbent Alan Kesten, a Republican, running unopposed.

Sullivan County Clerk Daniel L. Briggs is retiring at the end of the year, deciding not to seek re-election after 12 years in the office. Former Sullivan County Legislator and ex-Monticello Village Manager David Sager of Jeffersonville is running on the Democratic line in the contest to replace Mr. Briggs, while

Deputy County Clerk Russell Reeves, a councilman in the Town of Liberty and former acting Supervisor of the town, is the Republican candidate. Mr. Sager will also have the Working Families party line, while Mr. Reeves is also running on the Conservative and Independence Party lines.

It is the first contested election for County Clerk in Sullivan County since 2007, when Mr. Briggs defeated Demo-

crat Neil Gilberg by just over 1100 votes. Mr. Briggs then ran unopposed in 2011 and 2015.

Sullivan County Court Judge Frank LaBuda is also retiring at the end of the year, having reached the mandatory retirement age of 70 for judges in New York State. Longtime Sullivan County District Attorney Jim Farrell is the Republican candidate in that race, while Mamakat-

ing attorney and Town Justice Cynthia Dolan is the Democrat. County Court judges serve ten-year terms.

Hurleyville is part of the County Legislature’s District 6, which this year will feature a rematch between incumbent Republican Luis Alvarez and Democrat Miranda Behan. Mr. Alvarez won the seat in 2015 by 85 votes. Each candidate’s views are outlined in another article in this edition.

Other parts of the town of Fallsburg are included in District 7, currently represented by Republican Joe Perrello, and District 8, represented by Democrat Ira Steingart. In another rematch of four years ago, Mr. Perrello is being challenged by former Legislator Gene Benson, the Democrat he unseated in 2015. Mr. Steingart, is running unopposed.



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100 NORTH STREET - MONTICELLO, NY 12701  
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Saturday	October 26, 2019	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday	October 27	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Monday	October 28	9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday	October 29	9:30 am - 8:00 pm
Wednesday	October 30	9:30 am - 8:00 pm
Thursday	October 31	9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday	November 1	9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday	November 2	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday	November 3	9:00 am - 2:00 pm

<http://sullivanny.us/Departments/Elections>

## SULLIVAN UNVEILS MASTER PLAN

### Major Upgrades Planned in Several Areas

by John Conway

**LOCH SHELDRAKE** – Officials at SUNY Sullivan unveiled a \$64 million Master Plan on September 24, an ambitious undertaking that would call for more than \$48.5 million in capital improvements and \$16 million in remediation work.

Officials say the Master Plan addresses three major objectives: ensuring the College’s existing facilities can accommodate predicted

enrollment and instructional requirements; providing new facilities to enhance enrollment, improve student retention, and increase the College’s academic resources; and providing facilities to maintain, reinforce and increase the College’s value to students, Sullivan County, and the local community.

The remediation work outlined in the plan would include drilling additional geothermal wells and the

replacement of obsolete heat pumps and chillers that currently make up part of the geothermal heating and cooling system. The plan also calls for increasing the availability of domestic hot water throughout the campus, replacing all the windows remaining from the original construction, and replacing at least one roof.

Capital work includes an addition to the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse and a new main entrance for the College, as

well as classroom enhancements and significant upgrades to culinary program space and to the Seelig Theatre.

“The Theater and Performing Arts program is poised to become a major influence in recruitment for the college,” officials note. “It is thought that with a modest capital investment the program could be in line to offer certificates and degrees that will offer more practical and “Broadway

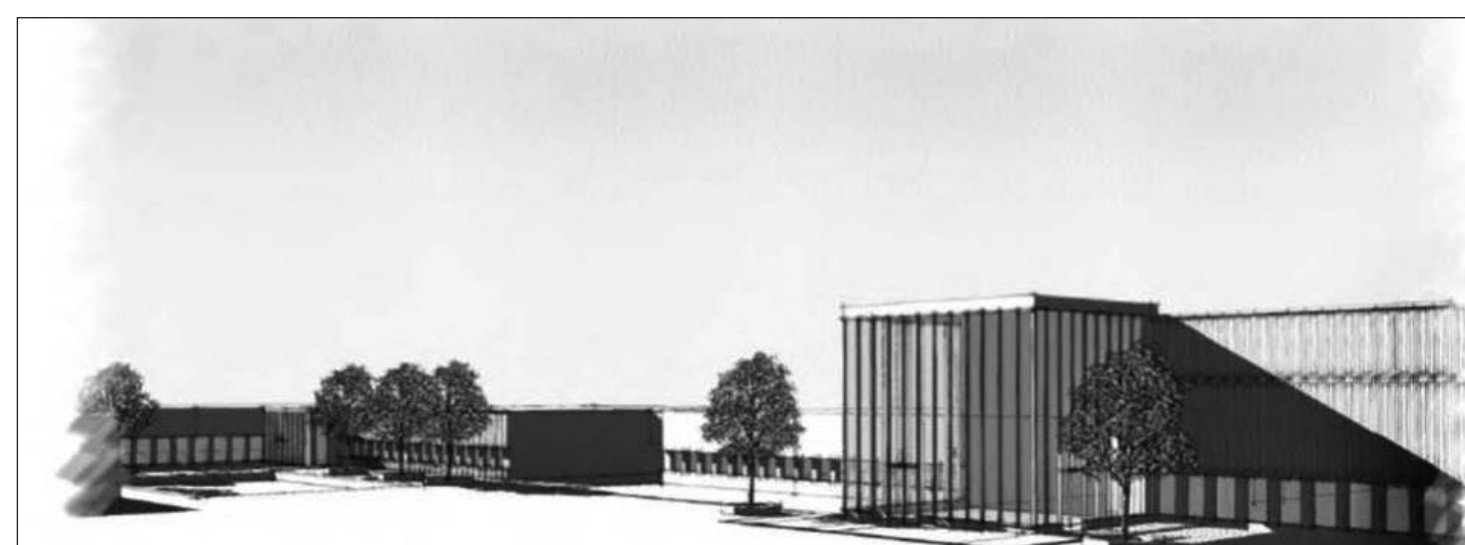


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An architect’s rendering of the proposed new main entrance at SUNY Sullivan.

ready” skillsets to its graduates. It is also the face of the college to the community. Improvements here will

be highly visible to visitors and visiting families.”

In addition to the remediation and capital work,

the Master Plan also calls for a number of “green initiatives” which officials say will “expand on current en-

vironmentally responsible strategies in energy use for further reduction in the carbon footprint.”

# The Inquiring Photographer

by Kathleen Sullivan

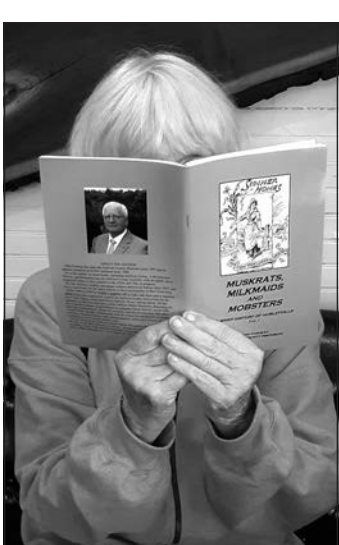


*Q. "The Hurleyville General Store just opened...a fabulous addition to the wonderful array of businesses on Main Street. What other type of establishment would you like to see on Main Street?"*



**Lorraine Allen**  
I think a lot of folks would appreciate the convenience of a Laundromat.

**Ralph Burger**  
I'd like to see a Chinese restaurant.



**Elaine Corrington**  
I would love to see Mexican and Chinese restaurants to satisfy everyone's tastes. A bookstore would be fun. I'd also like to see a store that sells exercise equipment and a hobby/art supply shop.

**Ann Herzbrun**  
I'd love to see a clothing store on Main Street.



**Editor's Note:**  
*The incorrect question appeared with this column in our September edition, so the responses shown did not seem to make sense. The correct question was: "Who...past or present...would you like to have dinner with? Why?" We regret the error.*

## OPWDD COMES TO SULLIVAN COUNTY

LIBERTY – Sullivan County residents can now attend the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities' (OPWDD's) Front Door Orientation session without having to travel to Orange County.

The Front Door process guides you through the steps involved in finding out if you or a loved one are eligible for services offered by OPWDD, helps to identify specific needs and helps you work on a plan for getting services.

The OPWDD Front

Door Orientation sessions will be held at The Arc Sullivan-Orange Counties, NY at 203 Cimarron Road in Monticello on the following dates:

- November 7, 2019 – 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- February 6, 2020 – 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
- May 7, 2020 – 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

To register for a Front Door Orientation session, please contact Kelly Smith at the Hudson Valley office of OPWDD at 845-695-7330.

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# Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



## The Hurleyville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

Congratulations to the Hurleyville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary...awarded Best Appearing Auxiliary Small Company at the 91st Annual Sullivan County Volunteers Association parade in Rock Hill.

Enjoy a tasty lunch or a delicious dinner at **Frankie and Johnny's Presents Nardi's** in Hurleyville on any Wednesday in October, and you'll help support the Hurleyville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

The Nardi family will donate a portion of the proceeds from every meal served...eat in or take out...on each Wednesday in October to the Ladies' Auxiliary. Frankie and Johnny's Presents Nardi's, on Main Street in Hurleyville, is open Wednesday through Monday for lunch and dinner.

## The Hurleyville United Methodist Church

The Hurleyville United Methodist Church will host its Annual Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, Saturday, October 26. Volunteers at the church will begin serving at 4:30 p.m. The price for adults is \$12. The price for children is \$6. There's no charge for children under five.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the church is open on the third Thursday and fourth Thursday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m. The volunteers at the food pantry serve at least 40 families every week. Free clothing is offered to families in need on the last Thursday of each month.

"MESSY CHURCH," a different kind of family church, will be held on October 12 at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy an evening of fun activities, songs, games, crafts, stories and refreshments.

Services are held at the church each Sunday from 9 to 10 a.m. A women's group meets after the service on the third Sunday of each month.

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

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

Young people are invited to join in a variety of fun activities at the Youth Group that meets at the church. Dates will be announced on the church's page on Facebook. The children and teenagers in the group have also been volunteering at the food pantry.

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

## The Sullivan County Museum


The next First Sunday Music in History concert presented by the Sullivan County Historical Society will showcase the impact of acoustic instruments on American styles of music, including bluegrass and old-time country music. The show, hosted by Little Sparrow, will be held at the Sullivan County Museum on Sunday, October 6 at 2 p.m.

The expert group of musicians scheduled to appear include Mike Baglione, Steve Lane and Clancey Lane. Collaboration among the performers promises to offer some great jam sessions.

The program is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant

**CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN WITH US!!**

5th Annual **Trunk or Treat**



Thursday, October 31st  
4:30pm - 5:30pm

in the parking lot at the entrance to the Rails to Trails on Main Street in Hurleyville

**ALL YOU NEED IS TIME AND CANDY TO JOIN US FOR THIS FUN EVENT!!**

Please call or text Brynn if you're bringing your treat-loaded trunk to the event... 845-807-8672.





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**The Hurleyville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary captured a first place at the annual Fireman's Parade in Rock Hill.**

program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Admission to the performance is free and donations are welcome. You can find information on upcoming performances at [www.scnyhistory.org](http://www.scnyhistory.org) or at the Sullivan County Historical Society page on Facebook.

The Frederick Cook Society with host a talk by arctic researcher Douglas Bonoff at the Sullivan County Museum on Sunday, October 20 at 2 p.m. Mr. Bonoff will discuss Dr. Cook's early travels, Arctic controversies and some of Cook's contemporaries, including Robert Peary, Matt Henson and Roald Amundsen.

Admission to the lecture is free. More on this elsewhere in this edition.

The Sullivan County Historical Society will present the 2019 "History Maker" and "History Preserver" awards at the society's Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner at the Rockland House in Roscoe on Sunday, October 27.

Award winners are honored for their preservation of Sullivan County history for the enlightenment of future generations, the stated mission of the Society.

This year the Society will recognize two historical eras of education in Sullivan County.

Gordon MacAdam and Henry MacAdam will receive the 2019 History Preserver Award. They have sparked interest in one-room schools in Sullivan County through their work with the One-Room Schoolhouse project in the town of Thompson.

The 2019 History Maker Award will be presented to Charles S. Hick, a former District Superintendent for Sullivan County Schools. Mr. Hick oversaw the organization of the first centralized school dis-

trict in New York State at Youngsville in 1915. He also administered the record-making centralization of four more school districts in Sullivan County before his retirement in 1941, and served as Sullivan County Historian from 1952 until his death in 1959.

Please call 845-434-8044 for information on the Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner.

Volunteers 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 for information on volunteering.

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

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

## Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance

The lawsuit filed against Gan Eden Estates and the Town of Thompson by The Center for Discovery and Catskill Mountainkeeper is being closely followed by the members of Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance (CHNA). The lawsuit argues that the project would adversely affect both organizations. The suit also seeks to void the settlement reached between the developer of the project and the Town of Thompson on the basis that the town violated open meetings law and failed to comply with current SEQRA regulations.

The Gan Eden Estates project on Columbia Hill is a threat to our community. Flawed planning decisions, faulty water quality testing and irresponsible environmental considerations are a recipe for disaster in our community.


The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) has still not announced the result of Gan Eden's permit request to withdraw millions of gallons a month from the aquifer for use as the development's public water supply.

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

# The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville

by Jane Harrison



Well, it's about time! As you read through the schedule below, you will see a few more venues dipping their toes in the water, offering live music for their patrons. This is a wonderful step forward, not only for musicians, but for Sullivan County as a whole.

In addition, both the Pickled Owl in Hurleyville and The Fat Lady Café in Kauneonga Lake are continuing their Sunday brunches. Personally, I love a good Sunday Brunch. There is something so civilized about it, and I can attest to the excellence of the one at the Pickled Owl, having indulged there. I have no doubt the one at The Fat Lady will also be excellent, and I believe they have engaged popular talent JOHNNY JULES to play.

If you missed the Harvest/Fiber Festival at Bethel Woods, put it on your calendar for next year. There were multiple vendors for each item, whether freshly baked bread, honey, or farm-to-table vegetables, and the yarns-- handmade items for sale from sweaters to woven mats. I was chatting with Annie Cadden at the FIBER ON MAIN booth, watching the spinning demonstration by Lorraine Nilsen and Ronnie Greene, when who should come by but Hurleyville resident Julie Hagan Bloch, who is a master at drop spindle spinning, which to me seems an older version of using a wheel to turn carded wool into yarn. Learning to spin, in one form or another, is my winter goal. (Keeping with my New Year's resolution to do something each month that I've never done before).

I was also surprised by the music as I entered, WILLA AND COMPANY. Willa is by far the best female Blues artist I've heard in quite some time, with an earthy, rich voice and a string of originals that don't just speak to you, but make you sit down slack-jawed and lis-

ten! You won't be hearing her too much around here, though. She's part of the Falcon circuit and truthfully, she's definitely someone I'd travel to see again.

Speaking of Blues, Saturday September 7 was the birthday party for Sullivan County's own Blues Man, SLAM ALLEN at HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL of Grahamsville. And if you didn't buy your ticket in advance, your chances of getting in were seriously thin. Several came by to help celebrate with Slam on stage. In addition to JEFF ATKINSON on Bass and the BUTTER on drums (who are both incredible), RALPH HOUSEMAN brought up his Blues harp (harmonicas), DAN BROTHERS gave Slam a break with a rendition of "Too Much Weekend", and the indomitable CECIL ALLEN made an appearance, adding his own Blues style. DAVE and DON SNOWDEN were also on hand as part of THE USUAL SUSPECTS, who opened for SLAM. This is another new collection of musicians worth watching as their classic rock/country-ish/blues-ish sound covers enough genres to earn the adjective, "eclectic."

**Happy Halloween everyone! Until next time...**

**Every Monday:** DUTCH'S

OPEN MIC: 205 Rock Hill Dr, Rock Hill, 7pm

**Every Tuesday:** THE GREATER SULLIVAN COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA (Joanna Gass, Steve Schwartz, Keny Windheim, and Eric Neis), BREW, 280 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill, 6:30 p.m.

**Every Wednesday:** CAB'AROKÉ, CABERNET FRANK'S, 38 Main Street, Parksville; (hosted by SULLIVAN CATSKILLS); 5 p.m.

**Thursdays:** CABERNET FRANK'S

**FROM THE WEATHER CENTER**  
by John Simon



## Weather at Woodstock Festival – 1969 and 2019

50 years ago in August, "the greatest concert in history" happened in Bethel. The three-day Woodstock Music Festival began on August 15, 1969 on Max Yasgur's farm. Billed as "An Aquarian Experience: 3 Days of Peace and Music," the epic event would later become known simply as "Woodstock" and become synonymous with the counterculture movement of the 1960s with almost half-a-million people showing up.



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The weather at the Woodstock Festival in 1969 was hard to track as the location changed twice before taking place in Bethel. It started out hot, and on the third day, the rain started and people started playing in the mud as the work crew frantically covered the electric equipment with tarps. This year's Woodstock 2019 was the same thing; there were thunderstorms with rain and wind during the weekend afternoons, and there wasn't any sun except for the weekend mornings.

My grandmother, Mary Scheutzow, originally from Jeffersonville, attended the Woodstock Festival concert in 1969, and saw the whole hillside covered with blankets and bodies. She came with friends who had a motorcycle and all the main roads were clogged so they came in through the back roads and at that point the concert was free. They were lucky and missed the rain since they were there on the Saturday.

This past summer, there were events happening though out Sullivan County, from concerts at Bethel Woods to finding the peace doves throughout the area. Fall is a great season to find all 50 peace doves around Sullivan County. Hint: I'm standing next to the one in Hurleyville.

OPEN MIC; 7 p.m. (hosted by SULLIVAN CATSKILLS)

Oct 3: hosted by FISHER/KEAN

Oct 10: hosted by LITTLE SPARROW

Oct 17: hosted by BOB TELLEFSON

Oct 24: hosted by FISHER/KEAN

Oct 31: hosted by LITTLE SPARROW

Nov 7: hosted by BOB TELLEFSON

KNOW IT ALL NIGHT (Trivia Night) at RAFTERS TAVERN, 28 Upper Main St., Callicoon; 7 p.m.

TRIVIA NIGHT at the PICKLED OWL; 7 p.m.

**Fridays:**

Every Friday: "The Great American Song Book" with DEFINO and RAVDIN, and great Italian food! SORELLA'S, 3562 State Rte. 55, Kauneonga Lake; 6-9 p.m.

BUM & KELS LAKESIDE TAVERN, 1132 State Route 52, Loch Sheldrake

Oct 4: ALBI 8 p.m.

ROSCOE BEER COMPANY, 145 Rockland Rd., Roscoe

Oct 11: BJ & GREG; 8 p.m.

Oct 25: BJ & GREG; 8 p.m.

Nov 8: BJ & GREG; 6 p.m.

Oct 4: OCTOBERFEST at RAFTERS TAVERN, 28 Upper Main St., Callicoon

CABERNET FRANK'S, 38 Main St., Parksville; 8 p.m. unless otherwise specified

Oct 4: JAZZ FOLLIES

Oct 11: OXFORD STATION BAND

Oct 18: SIDE F/X

Oct 25: THE CALLICATS

Nov 8: SOULCAKE

Every Saturday: "The Great American Song Book" with DEFINO and RAVDIN, and great Italian food! Sorella's, 3562 State Rte. 55, Kauneonga Lake; 6-9 p.m.

**Saturdays:**

Oct 5: OCTOBERFEST at RAFTERS TAVERN, 28 Upper Main St., Callicoon

BUM & KELS LAKESIDE TAVERN, 1132 State Route 52, Loch Sheldrake

Oct 12: BJ & GREG

Oct 26: HALLOWEEN PARTY

ROSCOE BEER COMPANY, 145 Rockland Rd., Roscoe

Oct 12: FBG ACOUSTIC; 5 p.m.

PICKLED OWL, 218 Main Street, Hurleyville; 6-9 p.m.

Oct 5: MARC DELGADO

Oct 12: JEFF ENTIN

CABERNET FRANK'S, 38 Main St., (Exit 98 off 17W) Parksville; 8 p.m. unless otherwise specified

Oct 5: ALYSSA

Oct 19: LLL (Look, Laugh & Listen) SHOWCASE

Oct 26: PAPRIKA!

Nov 2: STEPHEN CLAIR AND HIS SUPERBAND

ROCK BAND

Nov 9: THE FAR TRIO

**Every Sunday:**

MUSIC WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT: DeFillippis Bakery, 506 Broadway, Monticello; 11 a.m.-1:30ish

RAFTERS TAVERN, 28 Upper Main St., Callicoon

Open Mic; hosted by KEITH THOMSON (NYC artist/photographer); 3-5 p.m.

HAL GALPER TRIO; 6:30 p.m.

Oct 6: OCTOBERFEST

JOHNNY JULES at the FAT LADY CAFÉ for Brunch; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Sunday**

Oct 25: FBG ACOUSTIC at ROSCOE BEER COMPANY, 145 Rockland Rd., Roscoe; 1 p.m.

# A GAME FOR EVERYONE

## THINC Project Creates Fun

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE—Have you ever played cornhole? It is a lawn game in which players take turns throwing square fabric bags of feed corn at a raised wooden platform with a hole in the far end. You may have seen it played at picnics or outdoor parties with teams competing for bragging rights or prizes. Cornhole is fun to play and can be adapted so that players can throw from a seated or standing position, making it accessible

to people of all shapes, sizes, and capabilities.

At the THINC Lab this spring and summer, cornhole boards were custom made by and for students from the Fallsburg Central School District and The Center for Discovery.

Members of the Fallsburg Maker's Club received a request from their Physical Education department to create cornhole games that could be used in gym classes using materials purchased by the school. Working with designer Mark McNamara

at THINC, this group of middle and high school makers designed and built cornhole boards using traditional woodshop tools in the traditional manner – measuring, cutting and assembling with plywood, two-by-fours, screws, glue, paint and resin. Cornhole has official rules and regulations, established by the American Cornhole Association, so the students were able to research the specifications for board shape and size.

Since the board surfaces are not bound by official requirements, the students customized them using original artwork with the theme of Fallsburg Comets, the school's official logo and sports team name.

Lots of learning and problem-solving took place over many club sessions from March to May. Using a scaled-down template of a cornhole board, the students first drew

comet designs by hand. The group voted to choose two favorite designs, and those were scanned and digitized in Adobe Illustrator. The young makers learned how line drawings became vector graphics, which serve as map-like instructions for the CNC router to cut the exact design into the surface of the wood board. The students then poured colored resin into the routed drawings on the boards.

The boards were then sanded, finished and covered with a mirror coat of resin. The finished boards will be used by Fallsburg students in physical education classes this fall.

The cornhole boards created by Center for Discovery students were made entirely from plywood using a more digital approach. Using official size specifications, THINC designer Mark McNamara modeled the boards in SketchUp, design software that is fre-

quently used at the lab. This process created a complete set of cut files for the CNC router, which then cut the board pieces to fit together perfectly. The students assisted in screwing the pieces together.

They then drew their favorite designs using the same board template as the Fallsburg students. Their designs were turned into laser-cut stencils that the students could paint over on the surface of the boards. The boards were then finished with a spraying of clear-coat paint. The finished boards (picture below) are being used by resident students and staff for recreation.



Fallsburg students pour colored resin into the routed drawings on the boards.



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A finished board built by students from The Center for Discovery.

## HURLEYVILLE HAUNT HERALDED

### Museum Building Among Sullivan County Locations Featured

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – A new book entitled "Catskill Ghosts" has been published by Black Cat Press, and includes a number of Sullivan County locations.

The former Hurleyville School at 265 Main Street, currently the Sullivan County Museum operated by the Sullivan County Historical Society, is among them.

The author of the book is Lynda Lee Macken, a well-known radio personality who has written 26 other books about haunted places.

"On multiple occasions, the Sullivan Paranormal Society (SPS) investigated the museum due to

feelings of unease experienced in the building," Ms. Macken writes in her chapter about the Museum building. "On each occasion, the SPS recorded a lot of EVPs (Electronic Voice Phenomena). Because of the building's association with the polar explorer Frederick A. Cook, a team member addressed any 'explorers in spirit' who might be attracted to the location. When asked, 'What kind of animals did you see?' a spirit voice distinctly answered, 'A duck.'"

Other Sullivan County locations discussed in the 135-page paperback include the Minisink Battleground just north of Barryville, the Callicoon National Bank, the West-

ern Hotel in Callicoon, the Burn Brae Mansion in Glen Spey, the Stone Arch Bridge in Kenoza Lake, the previous location of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Memorial Library in Monticello, and the former Dodge Inn restaurant in Rock Hill.

The book is available on Amazon and through other online booksellers for \$14.95.

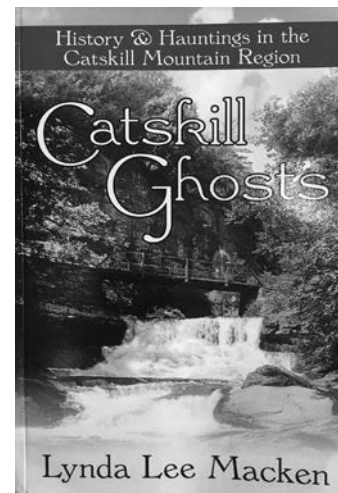


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## COOK AND PEARY CONTROVERSY AT THE SC MUSEUM

### Lecturer Discusses Polar Explorers October 20

HURLEYVILLE – Dr. Frederick Cook, the world renowned arctic explorer and Sullivan County native, was born in 1865, into a small family in Hortonville, NY. His claim to fame was the discovery of the North Pole, but he was also a physician, an entrepreneur, an ethnographer and an author. One of Dr. Cook's books in particular, "Return from the Pole," is a powerful and poignant work of artistic excellence that affirms the highest values of the human spirit.

And yet his life was defined by controversy.

In 1909, Dr. Cook's discovery of the North Pole was maliciously challenged by Robert Peary, another explorer claiming to have reached the Pole first. Peary, who initially befriended Cook, was described by polar historian Fergus Fleming as "undoubtedly the most driven, possibly the most successful and probably the most unpleasant man in the annals of polar exploration."

The story of these two men has been widely debat-



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ed. The North Pole consists of shifting ice floes, and as such it seemed there would be no way to prove either claim. The Frederick Cook Society was born out of this controversy, and today it is housed in the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville. An entire gallery on the second floor of the Museum is dedicated to Dr. Cook's life and work.

On Sunday, October 20 at 2 p.m., the Cook Society will host a talk by arctic researcher Douglas Bonoff, who will discuss Dr. Cook's early travels, the McKinley climbs, and some of Cook's contemporaries, notably Matt Henson and Roald Amundsen. He will also discuss Robert Peary and

the Greenland meteorites, stolen from the northern Inuit and now housed in the Museum of Natural History in New York. Mr. Peary will come in for some praise but also, according to Mr. Bonoff, "some round condemnation for his theft of the meteorites and general abuse of the northern Inuit. And likewise, the American Museum of Natural History for complicity in acquiring grave artifacts, as well as the Eskimos who Peary brought back to New York and promptly died."

The stories are as magnificent as they are heart-breaking.

Mr. Bonoff has a career that spans five decades of mountaineering across

North and South America, including the 1998 first ascent of a 12,000-foot Alaskan spire. He has been studying and researching the polar controversies for much the same length of time.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville. The lecture is free, and everyone is welcome. For more information, call 845-434-8044. For directions, visit the Sullivan County Historical Society website, [www.senychistory.org](http://www.senychistory.org). For more information on Frederick Cook, visit: <http://www.frederickcooksociety.org/>.



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## Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

From our front window we have the vantage of the sunrise. Over the course of the year, we watch as the sun moves back and forth like a bead strung on the wire of the ecliptic. It swerves left, toward Slide Mountain, as summer approaches, and right, toward Loch Sheldrake, with the return of autumn. So we make the still point of our front porch the measure of celestial motion!

The sunrise changes from season to season. The soft gauzy sunrises of summer are gradually superseded by a wintry light pitched in a different register. The colors get thicker and more saturated as we head into winter: dark banks of cloud seem to crack open, revealing rifts of molten light – red, purple, gold. Often, when the sun finally tops the hills, it releases this condensed radiance – packed as if under pressure – into larger circulation, flooding the eastern sky with a rush of color that flares,

then dwindles down, within a few quick minutes. On other mornings, when clouds and mist veil the sun, the light seeps in slowly – on the sly, as it were.

Starting the day this way is a type of ritual, a private observance; the perspective gained at sunrise helps shape the subsequent hours. I read that the great American poet, Wallace Stevens, would wake at 5 a.m. and spend half an hour observing the sunrise; later in the morning he would walk to work, composing poems in his mind as he walked. Given the amount of light that circulates through his verse, one can only imagine what he drew from what he saw in those early morning hours.

We start the day, like the poet, parting the curtains and pausing to wonder at a wintry dawn, with its odd blend of promise and portent. It's a privilege to witness this primary event; our days begin, every day, at our window, fronting radiance, and I believe are much improved thereby.



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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 or to get an application.

It has been a while since the fire department took in any new members, and this month we did. Welcome aboard Keith Adams, and thanks for joining.

In August the fire department took part in the escorting of the Vietnam Wall replica from Woodbourne to the Rock Hill firehouse where it was set up on their ballfield. It was quite a sight as about 100 motorcycles and 30-plus fire trucks and Chief's cars were in the procession.

The Wall was set up in time for the 9-11 service. It was a very moving experience as well over 150 firefighters marched from the firehouse to the ballfield for the service.

Then, on Saturday the Annual County Parade was held in Rock Hill. The Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary took home a first place trophy for small company Ladies Auxiliary. Congratulations, ladies.

On to October: Don't forget about the Halloween parade through town on Halloween, starting at 6 p.m. from the MobilMedic building through town to the firehouse, where prizes will be given out and our Ladies Auxiliary will be serving cider, hot chocolate and doughnuts.

Here are a few safety tips for trick-or-treating:

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be

- fire-resistant
- Avoid masks, which can obstruct vision
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks
- When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic
- Be sure to pick a costume that will not be a safety hazard

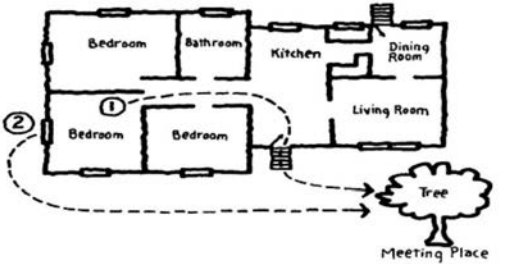
Also, put this on your calendar: the fire department's annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 3, serving our world famous buckwheat pancakes from 7 a.m. to noon.

Now back to October: The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12, 2019. This year's campaign recognizes the everyday people who motivate their households to develop and practice a home fire escape plan; these seemingly basic behaviors can have life-saving impact.

"This year's campaign works to celebrate people of all ages who learn about home fire escape planning and practice, bring that information home, and spur their families to action," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "From young students who learn about the campaign at school to parents who attend a community event house - all of them truly are heroes because they're taking steps to make their households much, much

## Not every hero wears a cape. PLAN AND PRACTICE YOUR ESCAPE!™

### Practice Your Escape Plan



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- Have two ways out of your sleeping area
- Have a family meeting place outside your house
- Once out NEVER go back in
- Close doors on the way out
- Get the whole family involved in planning your escape plan
- Call 911
- PRACTICE \* PRACTICE \* PRACTICE

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safer from fire."

"Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" also focuses on what a home escape plan entails and the value of practicing it. These messages are more important than ever, particularly because today's homes burn faster than ever. Ms. Carli notes that synthetic fibers used in modern home furnishings, along with the fact that newer homes tend to be built with more open spaces and unprotected lightweight construction, are contributing factors to the increased burn rate.

"People tend to underestimate their risk to fire, particularly at home. That over-confidence lends itself to a complacency toward home escape planning and practice," she said. "But in a fire situation, we've seen

time and again that advance planning can make a potentially life-saving difference."

A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) that's a safe distance from the home. Home escape plans should be practiced twice a year by all members of the household.

We all should be aware of Fire Prevention Week but should be practicing fire safety all of the time.

Let me leave you with this thought. Have you serviced your home heating device yet?

## FROM THE FILES OF...

# THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

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October 17, 1941

### Success Predicted for Strong G.O.P. County Ticket

Sullivan County residents from the Ulster line to the Delaware River and from Rockland to Bloomingburg are showing unmistakable enthusiasm for the Republican county ticket, it was revealed over the week-end as candidates ended the first week of intensive campaigning and took time off to sum-up the results of the initial part of their tour.

For the office of Sheriff, John R. Baldwin, of Livingston Manor, is meeting with general approval. Capable, honest, experienced in business and in public office, the Republican candidate is recognized throughout the county as one of the best known and best qualified men to handle the important post at Monticello. Mr. Baldwin, it will be recalled, lost the election by a mere 46 votes in 1935 - and he and his friends are determined that he will go over the top in a big way in this year's campaign.

J. Bruce Lindsley's reelection to the office of County Clerk is being freely admitted in opposition circles. An able campaigner who is seen and known by his constituents the year around, Mr. Lindsley is finding Republican sentiment at high pitch and expresses the opinion that the entire G.O.P. ticket is going to meet with a hearty response on the part of the voters. Mr. Lindsley's qualifications for County Clerk need no expounding, the efficient manner in which he has conducted the office indicating more plainly than could words that the multitude of details and the high standards of accuracy demanded by the position are being handled with en-



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Hyman E. Mintz served in the NYS Assembly from 1951 to 1965. He died in 1966.

tire satisfaction.

October 31, 1941

### A Valuable Public Servant for Both Town and County

Largely responsible for the adoption of the self-insurance plan for Sullivan County in 1939 which replaced the state compensation system previously used, Arch B. Rosenstrauss during his last term as Supervisor of the Town of Fallsburg, can be credited with saving the taxpayers of the county more than \$40,000 in the 1939-1940 and 1940-1941 period on that one measure alone. This is only one of the many valuable services he has rendered.

Seeking re-election as Supervisor of the Town of Fallsburg on an independent ticket and with the endorsement of the Republican Party, Arch Rosenstrauss unquestionably deserves return to the office he has handled so well in the past.

### Keep a Good Man in Office

With a splendid record of economy and service during his past four years as Supervisor of the Town of Neversink, Robert T. Many

of Grahamsville seeks re-election to the office this year.

During his administration, the affairs of the township have been handled in a highly efficient manner. Through his efforts, the maintenance and repair of sixteen bridges in the township was taken over by the county, a move which provides a substantial saving to the property owners in the Town of Neversink.

Keeping the tax rate at a low level without sacrifice of necessary equipment or expenditures, Supervisor Many, with other members of the Town Board, authorized the purchase of a truck, tractor, bull-dozer and grader, all of which will be paid for by the end of this year. Despite the heavy damages caused by the flood which necessitated the borrowing of \$13,000, the entire indebtedness of the Town of Neversink has been reduced by \$8,000, substantial evidence of careful management.

Thoroughly acquainted with the problems of the township and the responsibilities vested in his office, the re-election of Mr. Many will assure the taxpayers of the continuance of good government for the Town of Neversink.

### Hyman Mintz Well-Qualified for Office of Tax Collector

Hyman E. Mintz, the Republican candidate for Tax Collector of the Town of Fallsburg, well deserves this office.

As a child living in South Fallsburg, he attended the South Fallsburg Grade School and Monticello High School. After graduation, he attended Cornell University where he earned the degree of B.A. He then enrolled in the Cornell University Law School and was

graduated with an L.L.B. degree. His clerkship was served for a period of two years in the prominent law offices of Watts, Oakes and Bright at Middletown and in the office of Ellsworth Baker of Monticello.

Mr. Mintz, immediately upon his return from college, took an active interest in the civic and community affairs of the Town of Fallsburg. He joined the South Fallsburg Fire Department and ably served as its President for a period of three years. He was one of the founders of the Fallsburg Community Center and had been a member of the Board of Directors of the Center since it was organized.

The candidate for Tax Collector has served on the Board of Directors of the Monticello Hospital for the past five years and has given much of his effort toward the progress of that institution. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the South Fallsburg He-brew Association.

During the past four years when he served as a member of the Town Board of the Town of Fallsburg, Mr. Mintz has had the opportunity to acquaint himself with the problems of the taxpayers and residents of the town and has given un-sparingly of his time and assistance in efficiently and justly solving their problems.

Mr. Mintz has the education, the business experience, the knowledge and honesty so necessary in carrying out the duties of Tax collector. Above all, his pleasant and courteous manner, together with the foregoing qualifications, ably fit him for your choice as Tax Collector of the Town of Fallsburg.

Your vote for Hyman E. Mintz will place in office a man who is qualified and will efficiently serve you.

# AWARD WINNING DOCUMENTARY AT HURLEYVILLE ARTS CENTRE

## "Inside Peace" Looks at Breaking the Cycle of Crime

MONTICELLO - "Inside Peace," winner of eight film festival awards, including four for Best Documentary, will have a premiere screening in Sullivan County on Thursday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hurleyville Arts Centre at 219 Main Street in Hurleyville.

The Sullivan County Human Rights Commission is presenting this riveting film in collaboration with the Hurleyville Arts Centre, and in partnership with the Sullivan County NAACP, SALT, Sullivan 180, and Health Promotion Strategies. "Inside Peace" focuses on several hardened offenders doing time at the Dominguez State Jail, it offers a rare look, not only about life inside a correctional facility, but inside the hearts and minds of the men fea-

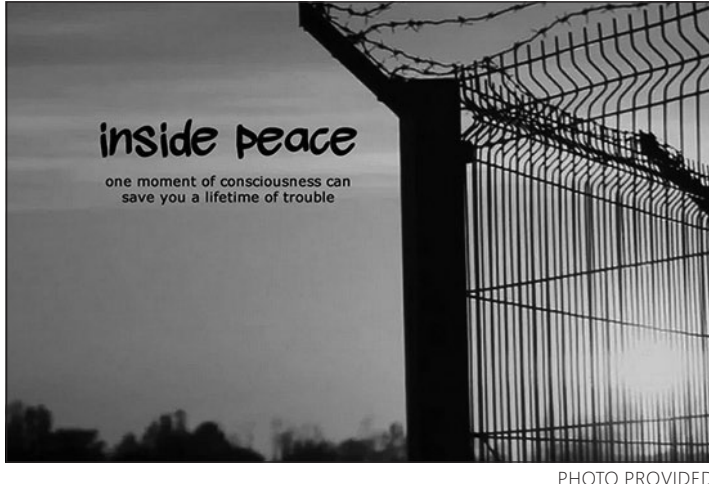


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tured. At a time when the call for criminal justice reform is headline news and the number of incarcerated individuals is escalating in the U.S. (currently almost 2.3 million), "Inside Peace" highlights a timely and humanitarian approach that demonstrates how peace education helps chronic offenders break the cycle of crime.

Filmmaker Cynthia Fitzpatrick has spent more than two decades as an editor for such award-winning TV series as "The Sopranos," "Six Feet Under" and "Sex and the City."

"I wanted to share the stories of these individuals I came to know, whose lives touched mine as I watched them navigate the arduous journey from inside prison walls to their return home, a journey not only of outward release but of inner transformation," Ms. Fitzpatrick said.

The film will be followed by a panel discussion featuring two local professionals, Carol Ryan, RN, and Jim Hobbs, MS, who volunteer to facilitate the Peace Education Program

at Ulster Correctional Facility in nearby Napanoch, and Laura Quigley, Director of the Sullivan County Center for Workforce Development, who will speak about a post-incarceration re-entry work program being rolled out in Sullivan County.

Tickets will be available online through the Hurleyville Arts Centre website. There is no charge, but there will be a donation option to the Hurleyville Arts Centre to help to cover the costs of running the film and of staffing the theatre.

For information about "Inside Peace" and to see a trailer, visit: [www.inside-peacemovie.com](http://www.inside-peacemovie.com)

For questions about the film showing, please contact Dana Borowski, Executive Director of the Sullivan County Human Rights Commission, at [dana.borowski@co.sullivan.ny.us](mailto:dana.borowski@co.sullivan.ny.us) or Judy Balaban, Vice-Chair at [work4tolerance@aol.com](mailto:work4tolerance@aol.com).

Tickets and more information are available online at <https://hurleyvilleartscentre.org>, or call the ticket office at 845-707-8047.

## FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Kelly Wells & Amanda Letohic



The leaves are changing and the air is getting crisp, which means fall is here! This October the Fallsburg Library is participating with hundreds of libraries across New York State in "The Great Give Back." The mission of "The Great Give Back" is to provide a day (in our case a week) of opportunities for the patrons of public libraries in New York State to participate in meaningful, service-oriented experiences. This year, the Fallsburg Library will be organizing a "Sock Drive" from October 19 to October 26. If you are interested in participating, you can drop off a package of any sized new, unopened socks to the Library. If we are not

open, the donation can be dropped in our book drop as long as the socks are in an unopened package. All donations collected will be donated to the Federation for the Homeless in Monticello to be distributed to those in our community in need. After giving back to our community, be sure to check out these great programs coming up in October at the Library:

On Wednesday October 9 at 6 p.m., kids ages 7+ can come in and help create an awesome desert pizza to eat. Wednesday, October 16 at 6 p.m., people ages 18+ can come paint a canvas with some cute stargazing bunnies. On Wednesday, October 23 at 6 p.m. is Kids' Pump-

kin Painting Night! We'll provide the pumpkins and paint. We will provide one pumpkin per child. On Wednesday, October 30, we'll be making pumpkins out of yarn just in time for Halloween! Adults ages 18+ only please.

As usual, we have our Children's Craft Night Monday evenings at 6 p.m., and on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. we have Preschool Story Time. Please register for programs as

space is limited. You can stop in or call us to reserve your seat.

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!

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# “H” IS FOR HALLOWEEN

An Original Short Story by Jack Robbin

**Fallsburg Constable Bronco Kelly is back, this time investigating a strange occurrence at the Smith Hill Cut on the O&W Railway tracks in Hurleyville. Our story takes place on Halloween in 1933.**

When you're a Constable like me, you learn to dread Halloween. It's not the alleged hauntings or the trick-or-treating that makes it so difficult, it's the fact that otherwise good kids often use the occasion as an excuse for bad behavior, doing things they typically would never think about doing. And because they are otherwise good kids, no one wants to see them in trouble, least of all me.

About 9 o'clock on Halloween night in 1933, I was walking along Main Street in Hurleyville, marveling at how quiet the evening had been when I heard a commotion from down near the train station. I was only a hundred yards or so away and quickly made my way over to see what was going on.

Upon arrival, I found a group of about ten young kids, probably ranging in age from nine to twelve, talking excitedly and all at once to Caleb Will, the O&W's nightshift station master.

"I sure am happy to see you, Bronco," Caleb greeted me as soon as I was in sight of the crowd gathered in front of the station. "I don't know what to do with these kids."

I surveyed the group of kids, recognizing most of the faces. They were mostly boys, though I did see a couple of young girls among them.

"What's going on, kids?" The question was greeted with an indecipherable cacophony of voices, so I decided to take a different tact.

"All right, settle down!" I said loudly. "Jimmy, let's start with you. Why don't you tell me what this is all about?"

Jimmy Smythe was the tallest kid in the group, and seemed to be the leader.

"It's the damndest thing I ever saw," Jimmy said excitedly, blushing when he realized he had uttered a curse word in front of an authority figure.

"We were out trick-or-treating, not causing a bit of trouble, when we heard some of the older kids saying they had seen an actual ghost down by the Smith Hill Cut. They were all scared and excited. We weren't afraid, just curious, so we decided to walk down there and see for ourselves. We get just



about to where the rock walls are and it's pitch black right in there, and then we start to hear really strange noises, like chains rattling around, and all of a sudden a big white thing comes out of nowhere, moaning and floating toward us! It was a real ghost, no fooling! So we all ran back here. It wasn't that I was scared, Constable Kelly, I just wanted to warn everyone else."

"Yeah," some of the other kids echoed more or less in unison. "We weren't scared, we just wanted to warn everyone!"

"Well, that was very com-

mendable," I said. "You've told the right person, so I'll take a walk down there and see what I can find. How does that sound?"

The kids all responded at once, talking excitedly.

"Make sure you take your gun, Constable!" Jimmy said.

"I always have my gun, Jimmy. But I'm not sure that will be much help if it is really a ghost. You kids wait right here, and I'll go take a look."

I took Caleb Will aside and asked him to make sure the kids stayed put while I took a walk down the rail-

road tracks. Although I was convinced whatever they saw was the result of their imaginations running wild, the last thing I needed was a bunch of excited kids tagging along.

I walked east along the tracks, pausing to light my lantern once I got away from the muted lights of a mostly deserted Main Street. The Smith Hill Cut was less than a quarter-of-a-mile down the tracks and my long strides got me there pretty quickly. As expected, I heard no sounds, and saw no apparition, but decided to look around a bit before

returning to the train station with the news that there was nothing to see.

I walked along the tracks, moving my lantern from side to side as I did so, trying to see if there was anything to see alongside the rails. I was just a few feet from the walls of the cut when I spotted something I couldn't quite make out lying in a heap just off to the side of the tracks. I walked over to get a better look, quickly seeing that it was a jacket.

I picked it up and examined it as best I could in the dim light of the lantern. Not

that I needed much light to see that it was a familiar looking blue jacket, one with a big bright orange "H" sewn onto the front. It was a letterman's jacket from the Hurleyville High School basketball team, and there weren't that many of them around town. Only a few kids these days could afford a jacket to sew their letter on, so that narrowed it down quite a lot. A look at the tag in the collar of the jacket narrowed it down even more. The name "Leo" was written clearly on the tag.

I slung the jacket over my shoulder and walked back toward town, but instead of returning right away to the train station, I made a detour through the brush to a tidy little house just off Main Street.

My knock on the door was quickly answered, and I asked if Leo was at home. In less than a minute the teenager was standing sheepishly in front of me. I held out the jacket.

"So let me guess," I said. "You and your friends

thought you'd have a little fun with the younger kids, so you set up a "haunting" by the rock cut, and arranged for them to walk down there so you could scare them. I think you left something behind."

"You're right, Constable Kelly," Leo replied nervously. "But that's only part of the story. We had concocted all these plans to scare the kids, all right, but we never got the chance. Just before they got to where we were hiding, we heard an awful racket and then we saw a wisp of white, moving fast and making the most God-awful groans. We all ran as fast as we could. While we were waiting there for the kids, my girlfriend had said she was getting cold, so I put my jacket over her shoulders. She told me she dropped it when we ran, and I sure wasn't going back there to get it."

**The adventures of Constable Bronco Kelly appear from time to time in The Hurleyville Sentinel. Happy Halloween everyone!**

**EMS Beat**  
by Albee Bockman, AEMT-P

## “OUCH, THE WEATHER HURTS!!!”

How many times have we heard someone tell us that their body aches because there is a change in the weather coming? Well, the idea that certain painful health conditions are affected by the weather is both widespread and quite old, dating way back to Hippocrates in the fourth century B.C. Although many believe in the connection between weather and health, most medical studies have come up with very little to support that premise.

Researchers, however, are interested in looking at some potential connections between atmospheric conditions like temperature, barometric pressure, and humidity and painful conditions such as arthritis, fibromyalgia, and sinus headaches. The difference here is that the connections are not as obvious and the mechanism that would cause the symptom isn't known. There is an endless supply of evidence backing up the belief that weather can affect painful conditions like arthritis. Hey, just ask Grandma. She'll tell ya!

It is important to note that doctors and researchers do not believe that weather actually makes arthritis or any disease worse. The idea is that weather can affect your symptoms. The question is . . . why would the change in weather cause pain? No one seems to have that answer. The suspect most often picked on by arthritis sufferers and researchers is the drop in barometric pressure. That is the pressure exerted by the air around us. A drop in that pressure often precedes a storm. The theory is that a decrease in

the air pressure can cause the tissues around our joints to swell causing arthritic pain. Use a balloon as an example. If the pressure outside drops, the air in the balloon expands. If the same happens around our joints, the expansion or swelling could irritate the nerves causing pain. The key here is . . . this theory is . . . theoretical!

Doctors have an issue with the barometric pressure theory. They believe the pressure changes associated with a storm are rather small. That they are about equivalent to what a person experiences going up in an elevator in a tall building. I guess there haven't been many reports in the medical literature of people with arthritis hobbled by elevator rides (sorry, I couldn't help myself). The reason there is a lack of interest probably lies in the fact that studies haven't turned up much.

Despite the failures to find a strong connection between weather and health, most concur that the effects of weather on chronic pain conditions is mild at worst and nonexistent at best. So don't start thinking about leaving Sullivan County and moving to Arizona or Florida where it may be drier or warmer. From all the data, you may feel great for the first few months; but your body will acclimate to that weather pattern and you may feel like you did before.

A final note of "Albee wisdom": "Since there's not much we can do about the weather, let's just work on the things we can change."

Stay well, my Hurleyville neighbors!!!

## MEN WHO KNIT

by Elaine Corrington

**HURLEYVILLE** — Largely because attempting to knit makes me swear more than any other activity, you would think that I would avoid going into Fiber on Main at 227 Main Street in Hurleyville, where knitting, crocheting and other unique creative options are taught by a variety of teachers located by Annie Cadden who runs the store. But I can't.

The store is wonderfully fun with all of the special yarns, knitting and crocheting equipment and samples of what local groups produce while apart or together in laughing and supportive "fiber gangs" engaging in the fiber arts. My very provable lack of talent in these

skills, and my very provable talent in making the air turn blue while trying to knit and crochet over the years with absolutely no improvement in skill, are strong reasons for staying away from such places. Nevertheless, I really love entering the store to see the handmade crafts, and can always appreciate seeing what others can do while thoroughly enjoying their moments together. I even enjoyed a couple of classes that allowed me to create pieces I loved that expressed my appreciation of weird individual use of fibers in ways the usual student would neither dream of nor want to end up with. I even use them in my décor.

One of the great surprises for me was seeing that there are men in the group of very

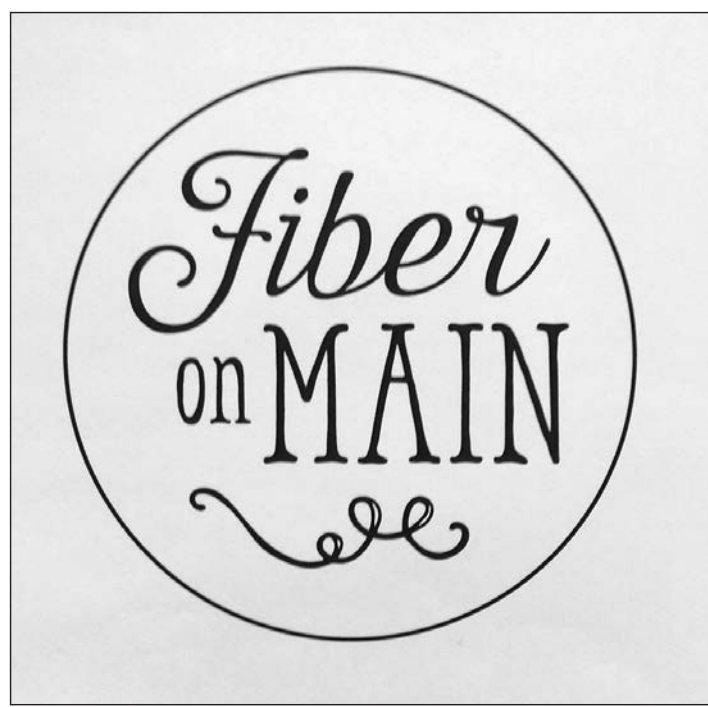


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talented local fiber artists. They are welcome at all of the groupings, and also have a once-monthly meeting called Men Who Knit. Until now, I had never met a man who knitted, and seeing what they are making and have made is extraordinary. Not only that, they use these talents not only as a way to create, but as a way to assure relaxation, meditation, and satisfaction in their daily lives, as well as a

way to make an item to gift and honor family, co-workers and friends. If nothing else, this pretty much clears the blue from the air. It was also very surprising to learn of on-line and in-person classes and conventions for men who knit, and these events are greatly valued by a lot of men.

There were two men in the store the other day, making beautiful knitted products. Ronnie Greene

grew up in Westchester and White Plains and now lives in Monticello, and Joseph Mierzejens has lived in Ferndale for the last 31 years.

"My Mom taught me (to knit) when I was about eight years old, 'cause she was a great knitter," Mr. Greene explained. "I made a grey hat. The most elaborate piece I ever made was a short shawl for a birthday gift for a tiny secretary who had given me a big bag. It was different shades of lavender. I didn't want to open up the door too much for the other women to see, because they were all larger than she was and they would all want one! It was a challenge."

Mr. Mierzejens said he first learned fiber arts in his earlier years in East Harlem.

"I used to shop with a lady who couldn't get out much," he said. "She taught me how to use those stitches."

He kept away from it for a

time, but says "in my early 30s, I got back into it-- I'm 66 now. The first thing I made was a bright red and black scarf. I followed up with a sweater-vest made from mohair and wool. The most memorable piece I ever knit was a lace piece made with size 30 cotton and triple 0 (very thin!) needles. I made it for my Mom, and she used it for all special occasions!"

You can look online for Fiber on Main and see the amazing opportunities for taking classes suitable not only for those who want to expand their perfection in traditional fiber arts, but for those who want to find some creative options with fibers that are fun and don't provoke cursing. All will enjoy the great conversations- even those who never knew you could talk and do fiber arts at the same time. According to Mr. Greene and Mr. Mierzejens, it could even keep you from wanting to harm those who deserve it!

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# SENTINEL SPORTS



## OPENING THE SEASON SULLIVAN MEN, WOMEN HARRIERS BEGIN COMPETITION

by Win Hadley

**LOCH SHELDRAKE** – The SUNY Sullivan Men's and Women's Cross Country teams have both opened their 2019 seasons by travelling to two invitational meets in successive weekends. Both teams competed in the Queensborough Invitational at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx on Sunday, September 15 and in the Fred Pavlich Invitational at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson on

Saturday, September 21. The Queensborough meet featured 131 runners representing 20 two- and four-year colleges in the 5K women's race. Sophomore Prue Sanders led the Lady Generals on the afternoon, finishing with a lifetime best time of 38:21. First year runner Awinita Stassilli and Janelle White were next best for Sullivan.

At Bard, there were 18 teams and more than 160 runners competing in the women's 6K race, and

again Prue Sanders led the Lady Generals, finishing 149th with a time of 40:20.1. Ms. Stassilli and Ms. White were again the next from Sullivan across the finish.

Sullivan coach Ashley Weintraub, who mentors both the women's and men's teams, was proud of her squad's performance, especially that of Ms. Sanders.

"This was a very exciting way to start the season," Ms. Weintraub said. "I hope to see Prue



Sullivan Men's and Women's Cross Country Coach Ashley Weintraub

keep this momentum going through the season. In

the past year she has put in a lot of work and she is starting to see results!"

The Lady Generals next take on Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh on October 5, and then SUNY Delhi on October 8.

On the men's side, there were 149 runners representing 20 colleges at the Queensborough meet, and freshman William Siegel was the first General across the finish line, with a time of 38 minutes. Sophomore Seth DeBar-

ros and freshman Anthony Battle were the next Generals to finish, with times of 40:38 and 41:28 respectively.

The Sullivan men finished 19 out of 20 teams at the 8K Fred Pavlich Invitational, which featured a strong field of two- and four-year schools and warmer than usual temperatures. Freshman Andrew Coddington had the best showing for the Generals, placing 101 with a time of 31:30.4. William Siegel was the next Gen-

eral to finish, ending up in 132nd place.

Like the women, the men next compete against Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh on October 5, and travel to SUNY Delhi on October 8.

This year's Mid-Hudson Conference Championships for both men and women are to be held at SUNY Ulster in Stone Ridge on October 17. The Sullivan women are the defending conference champions.

## BCES TRAIL GARNERS AWARD

Fallsburg's Leah Exner Honored With Innovative Teaching Grant

**NEW YORK** – Voya Financial, Inc. (NYSE: VOYA), a leading provider of retirement plans for educators, announced today that Leah Exner, a teacher at Benjamin Cossor Elementary School in Fallsburg, has received a \$2,000 grant as part of the company's 2019 Unsung Heroes awards program.



Fallsburg teacher Leah Exner poses near the head of the BCES Trail.

Through the Voya Unsung Heroes program, Voya Financial awards grants to K-12 educators nationwide to honor their innovative teaching methods, creative educational projects and their ability to positively influence the children they teach.

"Voya handed out its first Unsung Heroes award more than two decades ago as a way to demonstrate its commitment to serving the education community, which is an important customer group for our Retirement business," said Heather Lavallee, president of Tax-Exempt Markets for Voya's Retirement business. "Af-

ter awarding over \$5 million in grants, the program continues to be a catalyst for innovative learning. It provides educators with an opportunity to make an impact in their community, inspire their students and be recognized for their creative teaching ideas. We're honored to help Leah Exner go above and beyond to prepare our leaders of tomorrow for their own successful futures."

Ms. Exner's innovative teaching idea, "BCES Trail: Educated Wellness," focuses on brainstorming design thoughts from students

of all ages by having them design and build a one-mile trail. Students will create a writing area and brochures about birds, trees and math calculation projects to be included on the trail. With the Voya grant, signs about the history associated with the area of the trail, as well as native birds and invasive species will be added to the trail. Ms. Exner hopes to use student thoughts, technology and cooperative teamwork to guide them through the design of the creative trail.

Selected from a group of more than 650 applicants, Ms. Exner is one of 100 winners across the country who will receive this award to help fund and bring her program to life. In addition, she will now compete with other finalists for one of the top three prizes — an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$25,000 from Voya Financial.

To learn more about this year's winning projects, as well as those from previous years, visit Unsung Heroes (unsungheroes.com). Applications for the 2020 Voya Unsung Heroes awards are currently being accepted through the website until April 30, 2020.

Unsung Heroes is part of Voya Foundation's signature program, Voya Teacher Voices. Voya Teacher Voices focuses on empowering teachers to become leaders by promoting the teaching career, recognizing high-achieving accomplishments, providing training opportunities and offering financial support to achieve their goals.

by Rachel Brooks

**GRAHAMSVILLE** – It's that time of year again: school has started and along with that so has the fall sports schedule. Soon enough the leaves are going to change color and the weather will start to get cooler. Every student knows that going back to school isn't easy, it can be a lot of stress on a teen's mind. The transition from summer vacation to regularly scheduled school weeks isn't the easiest change to deal with mentally.

But there are a lot of ways to release stress in a healthy, fun way. If you are a student reading this, you may roll your eyes and brush it off, but sports can be a good stress reliever from the everyday struggles of school.

Going back to school means work and stress for most students. But for the life of a student athlete, it's so much more than that. It involves constant practices and late nights at home and with your teammates trying to improve yourself in ways that other students couldn't imagine, hitting the weight room even when you're tired and sore, and pushing yourself way past your own personal limits. A student-athlete has to deal with their own personal struggles on top of that

of trying to be the best possible athlete they can be.

Although it may be stressful at times, most student athletes wouldn't stop playing for the world. They find relief in their sports, and the long practices help to blow off steam and focus on something that isn't academic work. It's a hobby that they get to practice with friends and, for some, a possible college activity or career option for the future.

Personally, I find track and field a huge relief. Being able to stay after school with a group of people who wouldn't have been my friends if it weren't for the sport is a huge stress reliever for me, but the running alone is what makes me feel light and stress-free.

When running, I sometimes experience what's called a "running high." I'm not out of breath, my legs move without pain, and I feel like I could run forever. This is the case with many student-athletes. When playing, they lose their minds in the game and everything else just melts away.

Participating in sports is a very good and healthy way to relieve stress in the beginning of the year. So, join a sport, it will be the best decision you've ever made.



The author, a runner, has found that participating in sports can help relieve the stress of going back to school.

## BEARS MAUL COMETS

Tri-Valley tops Fallsburg in Football

by Win Hadley

**HURLEYVILLE** – The Tri-Valley Bears improved their overall season's record to 2-1 with a resounding 43-14 win over Sectional rival Fallsburg in an 8-man football game at Hurleyville's Morningside Park on September 20.

The homestanding Comets fell to 1-2 on the year overall. It was the first Sectional game for each school.

Tri-Valley's quarterback Keegan Streimer was the star of the game, passing for a touchdown and rushing for two more.

Fallsburg hosted Sectional rival Ellenville as The Hurleyville Senti-

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nel was going to press on Friday evening, September 27. The Blue Devils traveled to Hurleyville's Morningside Park with a 1-0 mark in Sectional

games and a 1-2 record overall.

The Tri-Valley Bears are next in action on Saturday, October 4 when they play a Sectional game against

Sullivan West in Lake Huntington. At press time, Sullivan West stood at 0-1 in Sectional play, and 0-3 overall for 2019.

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