

## RING IN THE NEW

### CHANGES COMING TO MAIN STREET

#### *New Buildings Underway*

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – Two impressive new buildings will shortly be part of Hurleyville’s Main Street, as the liveliest little hamlet in the Mountains continues to grow.

The buildings, both currently under construction, will also be joined in the months ahead by the new tenant at 210 Main Street, La Salumina, which is expected to open during the first quarter of the year.

The new building that is expected to be completed first is in reality a 3400-square foot addition to the rear of the Hurleyville Arts Centre.

The new section will have a façade and entrance on Main Street and will house a commercial kitchen and catering/dining area. The addition, which was fully framed and sheathed at press time, is expected to be completed by mid-spring according to the



The architect’s drawing of the new building to be located next to the Hurleyville Market.

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project’s contractor, Mike Watkins of Woodstone Development. Mr. Watkins also built the Arts Centre building.

Diagonally across Main Street from the new addition to the Arts Centre will be a

new three-story mixed-use building just getting started next to the Hurleyville Market.

The new building will include four storefronts on the main floor and eight apartments on the two floors

above. Cirillo Architects of 6 Courtland Street in Middletown designed the structure.

The building, being built in what has been the parking lot for the Market, will measure approximately 96 feet long by 58 feet deep. Plans

call for the construction of new parking to help make up for the spaces that will be lost.

“There will be an 11-space parking lot behind the new building, and a 30-space lot on the adjacent piece of

property,” said Peter Cirillo, the building’s architect.

Each of the four retail spaces on the ground floor will have its own entrance on Main Street. Two of the spaces will measure approximately 958 square feet, another will be just over 1060 square feet and the fourth space will be approximately 1265 square feet. Each space includes a bathroom and a storage area.

The eight upstairs apartments all include two bedrooms, along with a kitchen, living room, dining room, laundry nook, and one bathroom. The building, just over 16,000 square feet in total, also includes an elevator.

Although excavation work was just getting started at press time, and the early construction schedule is largely dependent upon the winter weather, Mr. Cirillo says he expects the building to be completed by October of 2020.

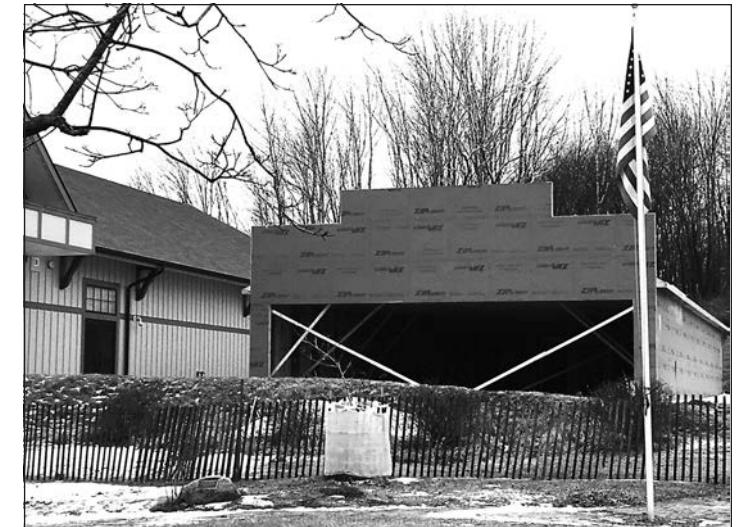


PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY

A new addition to the rear of the Hurleyville Arts Centre, with its main façade on Main Street, is expected to be completed this spring.



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY

Site work has commenced on a three-story building next to the Hurleyville Market that will add four storefronts and eight apartments to Main Street.

## AND THE SURVEY SAYS... PEOPLE POLLED ON WHAT MAIN STREET NEEDS

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – An informal, totally unscientific poll conducted during the Holiday in Hurleyville festivities last month has revealed some interesting information about what people would like to see the hamlet’s Main Street of the future look like.

The survey board was available to everyone who attended the December 7

event, and has been circulating among various businesses in town since, giving more people the opportunity to respond.

As of press time, the single most sought after retail business was a book store. Closely following in second place was a wine shop.

Among the other retail establishments people would like to see come to Main Street according to

the survey was a store that specialized in board games.

And in a separate category, listed as Food/Drink, an ice cream shop topped the suggestions, followed closely by various ethnic restaurants, including Mexican, Chinese, Indian and Vietnamese.

In the third category on the board, Services, a bike shop was by far the most popular suggestion.

“This is an exciting time to be in Sullivan County and we’re so excited that Hurleyville is in the mix with opportunities for new businesses coming in 2020,” said Heather Quaintance, the hamlet’s Main Street Coordinator, who is overseeing the survey. “We are looking forward to getting even more ideas from the community!”

While the survey it-

self will not actually lead to anything directly, it is hoped that it will provide guidance and encouragement to prospective business owners who are considering locating in Hurleyville. There will be four new storefronts available for rent this fall, when a new building is expected to be finished next to the Hurleyville Market.

## Hurleyville

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**What businesses would you like to see in Hurleyville?**

Retail

Food/Drink

Services

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## SULLIVAN COUNTY DRAMATIC WORKSHOP WINS TOP STATE HONORS

HURLEYVILLE – The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop’s production of Savannah Sipping Society received top honors at the Theatre Association of New York State (TANYS) Festival in Rome, NY, on November 10, 2019. Chosen by a panel of judges, Savannah Sipping Society was awarded Best Long Production. The show also received The People’s Choice Award – voted on by the festival attendees who have seen all of the performances during the three day festival. Heather Strauss received an Adjudicator Discretionary Award for Excellence in Costuming. Harold Tighe was the Director. Jim Schmidt was the Technology/Lighting Director. The Stage Manager was Bunny Woloszczak.

TANYS exists to foster the contribution of theatre to the lives of the citizens of New York State and to promote high standards of theatre practice through education and example. There are 89 school, college and community theatre members of TANYS. During the year, more than 140 shows are adjudicated. Of those, ten shows are selected to compete in the TANYS Festival – two long productions (over one hour) and three short plays (under one hour). Savannah Sipping Society, which was performed at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg in September, was selected to be performed at the three-day TANYS Festival. Our local community theatre, Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, has earned



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Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop members (left to right) Ellen Pavloff, Heather Strauss, Lynne Porter, and Felice Schwed from Savannah Sipping Society.

many accolades from this state-wide organization. SCDW is the longest standing community theatre group in our area – a 501(c)(3) organization –

dedicated to provide and promote quality theatre in Sullivan County. Anyone interested in acting, directing, costuming, building, painting and designing sets,

working backstage or helping sell popcorn and candy, is encouraged to contact President Dawn Perneszi at nyx6117@yahoo.com.

## NEW BOOK HIGHLIGHTS COUNTY HISTORY

### “In Further Retrospect” To Be Released This Month

by Win Hadley

BARRYVILLE – The Delaware Company, Inc., a non-profit group whose mission is the promote and support the history and the historic landmarks of the region, has announced that it will publish the book, “In Further Retrospect” this month.

“In Further Retrospect” is a compilation of newspaper columns by Sullivan County Historian John Conway, whose “Retrospect” column has been appearing weekly more-or-less continuously since 1987. The column appeared in the Times Herald-Record newspaper from July of 1987 until 2004, and has been running on Fridays in the Sullivan County Demo-

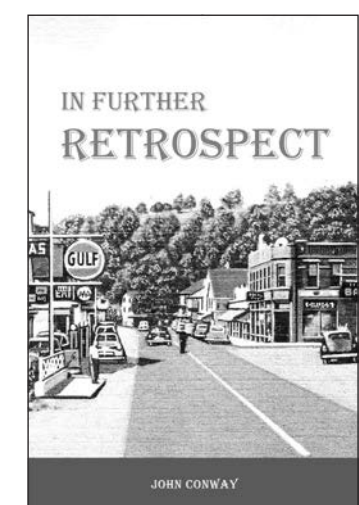


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Mr. Conway’s ninth book, and eighth about Sullivan County history.

The book will be available by mail from The Delaware Company, as well as at local booksellers, including the Sullivan County Historical Society Gift Shop in Hurleyville, and online at Amazon.com. All proceeds from the sale of the book go to benefit The Delaware Company’s mission.

A number of book signings are being scheduled throughout the county. A full list of these signings, including dates and times, will be forthcoming shortly. Mr. Conway is currently the Editor-in-Chief of this newspaper, a position he has held since the paper’s inception in 2016.

crat since 2004. “In Further Retrospect” marks the third book to compile the columns, following “Retrospect,” published by Purple Mountain Press in 1996 and “Remembering the Sullivan County Catskills,” released by History Press in 2008. “In Further Retrospect” is



# The Inquiring Photographer

by Kathleen Sullivan



Q. New Year's resolutions give us the opportunity to accomplish a personal goal or to change an undesired habit. What's your resolution for 2020?



**BARI ALLOR**

My resolution is to give back more.



**URAYOAN CABRERA**

My goal is to escape New York and to move to a warmer climate.



**MICHAEL BROOKS**

In November I was elected to the Sullivan County Legislature, and I am determined to stay humble and grateful in my new role and to stay in contact with my constituents, never losing touch with them, their issues and concerns, and always remembering that I am in office to represent them.

# Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



## Hurleyville-Sullivan First

There were 10 winners in the 23rd annual "DECK THE DOORS" holiday decorating contest sponsored by Hurleyville-Sullivan First.

The names of all the winners were not available at press time. The winners will be announced in the next issue of The Hurleyville Sentinel and on [www.hurleyville.com](http://www.hurleyville.com).

Prizes for the winners were provided by the Arati Store, Catskill Amusements, Elaine Corrington, Fiber on Main, the Hurleyville General Store, izzy's aunt, Jampond, QQL Enterprises, LLC, LouAnn Rexford and the Pickled Owl.

The volunteers in Hurleyville-Sullivan First continue to work to make our hamlet more beautiful.

For more information about Hurleyville-Sullivan First, please visit us at [www.hurleyville.com](http://www.hurleyville.com) or on Facebook.

## The Sullivan County Museum and The Sullivan County Historical Society

The First Sunday Concerts at the Sullivan County Museum are back. The next concert will be on Sunday, February 2. The doors will open at 1 p.m., and the music will start at 2 p.m.

The event is free. Donations are always gratefully accepted.

The program is sponsored by the Sullivan County Historical Society and hosted by Little Sparrow. It is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant 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 the Delaware Valley Arts Al-



liance.

Anyone interested in exploring genealogy and the history of Sullivan County can contact the Sullivan County Museum for information on volunteering. The phone number is 845-434-8044.

The museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville; it 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 go to [www.scnhistory.org](http://www.scnhistory.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.

## Hurleyville United Methodist Church

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

"MESSY CHURCH," another sort of family church, is held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and join your neighbors for 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.

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.

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

Young people are invited to join in a variety of activities including board games, arts and crafts, trivia and movie nights at the church. Dates for the Youth Group will be announced on the church's page on Facebook.

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

## Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance (CHNA)

The members of Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance (CHNA) extend best wishes for the New Year to their friends and neighbors.

The members of CHNA will meet with Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Town of Fallsburg Supervisor Steve Vegliante and Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek this month. This is an opportunity for the group to share its concerns with unsustainable development with local government officials.

A settlement conference was held on December 19 pertaining to the litigation brought against the Town of Thompson by Catskill Mountainkeeper and The Center for Discovery. The case points were reviewed and discussed. Both sides must submit more material to support their positions before a decision can be made by the presiding judge.

The members of CHNA appreciate the community's continued support of their efforts. Visit CHNA at [www.columbiahill.org](http://www.columbiahill.org) or on Facebook to learn how you can help to protect your community.

# The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

Columnist Jane Harrison is on assignment. The Scene will return in next month's edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel.

## EMS Beat

by Albee Bockman, AEMT-P



# "ON THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS MY PARAMEDIC SAID TO ME . . . ."

I hope all my neighbors had a very Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and a Happy and Healthy New Year!!!

In order to make sure our holiday season is a safe and healthy one, I would like to share some thoughts on that subject matter. Firstly, as the days get longer and the nights get colder, it is important that we STAY WARM. Cold temperatures can cause serious health problems for those in our senior years as well as in children and infants. Dress warmly in layers of loosely-fitting clothing. Further, be neighborly and check on elderly people you know.

We have always been told to shy away from people that have the common cold and the sniffles. It happens to be good advice. Most importantly, WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN!!!

Washing your hands with warm water or using alcohol gel is perhaps one of the most important steps one can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others.

During any holiday, we love to eat, drink, and be merry. But when one drinks a little too much and gets behind the wheel of a car, nothing good can come from that. So don't "drink and drive" and don't let someone else "drink and drive". Buckling your seatbelt is critical! This Paramedic has seen much too much serious trauma to people not wearing that important piece of safety equipment. It does save lives!

BE SMOKE FREE! Avoid smoking and breathing other people's smoke. Smoking is a leading cause of breast and

lung cancer to woman over 50; and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) to both men and woman as they matriculate in age. It is a contributing factor to impotence in men as well. As a practicing Hypnotherapist, I counsel many people in Smoking Cessation with great success. So, please . . . be smoke free.

HANDLING AND PREPARING FOOD SAFELY is important to avoid food-related illnesses.

Wash your hands often, as well as surfaces where food is being prepared. Avoid cross-contamination by keeping raw meats away from ready-to-eat foods. Read directions carefully and cook everything to the proper temperatures. And when all is said and done, refrigerate leftovers promptly.

Now, here's a biggy! We must do our best to PREVENT INJURY. Children are at high risk for all kinds of injuries. With all their toys lingering around the tree now that Christmas Day is over, watch for potentially dangerous toys, household items, choking hazards like coins and hard candies. There is nothing worse than an avoidable incident to put a damper on a beautiful holiday. Injuries from falls are a serious matter. With

Grandmas and Grandpas sharing in the spirit of the holiday, those type of incidents are most common. Statistics on falls to Seniors over the age of 75 is staggering. Over 60% of Senior fall victims could possibly die within one year of a serious fall. Hip fractures cause internal bleeding. Multiple bruises larger than one's fist is a 30% blood loss; both life threatening injuries.

No question the holidays can take a toll on one's health. It is so important to MANAGE STRESS. Keep a check on over-spending, over-commitment. Balancing work, home and the holiday is not an easy task. Get support, ask for help from family and friends. Find time for yourself to just relax and chill. And, by all means, get some sleep.

Finally, eating properly and staying active will allow you to enjoy the holidays with friends and loved ones. Yeah, we love chips and dip. But supplement them with more vegetables and fruit.

Have a dance under the mistletoe. Take a walk after dinner. This is a time to be thankful, to give of yourselves to others, and to be kind. This can only be accomplished with a healthy body, a healthy mind, and a good spirit.

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On December 18, 2019, SYDA Foundation donated \$4000 to Fallsburg Central School District at the meeting of the Board of Education. In the photo left to right are FCSD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz; Shubha de Oliveira-Thompson, Manager for Shree Muktananda Ashram; Mallika Maxwell, volunteer with SYDA Foundation, who works with Children and Families; and President of the FCSD School Board of Education Debra Barbiani.

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# WRITING "WHERE'S THE SNOW?"

## YOUNG TRI-VALLEY WRITER DELIGHTS FALLSBURG FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADERS

FALLSBURG – On December 6, 2019, 13-year old Payton Huebsch shared her story of publishing a book, "Where's the Snow?" with fifth and sixth grade classes at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES). Her mom, Nicole is a Certified Teacher of the Speech and Hearing Handicapped at BCES. Payton and Nicole spent a productive 15 minutes per class. The author described why she wrote the book, what the process was like, and how young people can make dreams a reality.

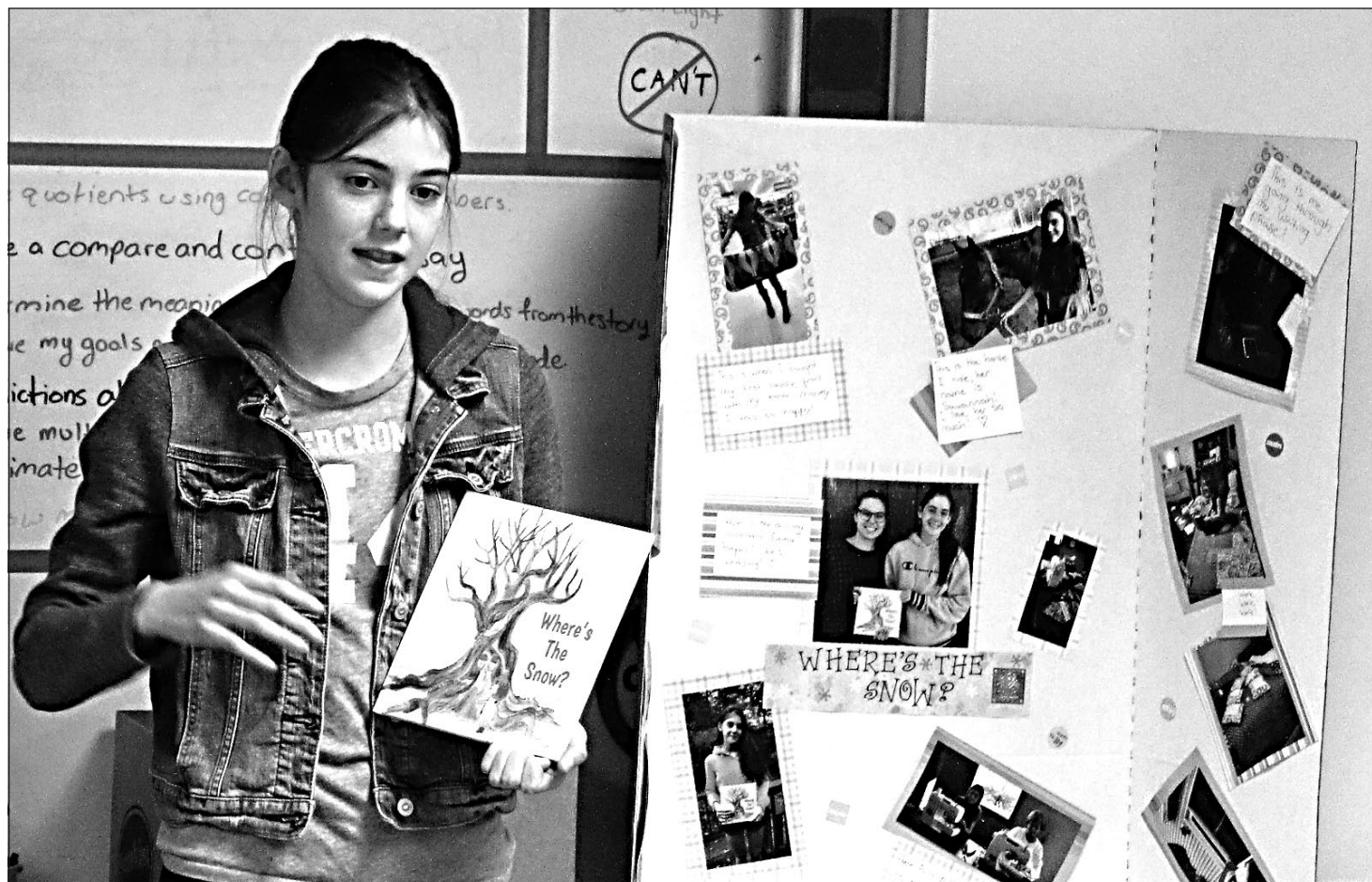
Students were excited to welcome Payton. They were interested to meet someone only a few years older who had published her own book. They were prepared with excellent questions. Some questions made Payton laugh and an incredible warmth that fills up a classroom.

The message of her book is the importance of taking care of the Earth and keeping it clean. To fulfill her goal of writing and publishing, she sewed and sold ninety pillows for family and friends and earned \$450. This money allowed the author to pay for her amazing illustrator, Emma Pompeii. The profits from sales on Amazon.com will go toward purchase of her great love, horses.

es. It was electric how engaged Payton Huebsch became in the presence of an attentive group of pre-teens. It took her three years to write the book and a month to go through the publishing process. Chapter books take a longer time to write. The book has had a positive effect on her family. She herself was very excited to have both hard and soft covers of her book in her own house. So far, the book has profits of over \$1,000, which will go toward buying a horse.

After answering all questions, Payton looked at each student and asked, "How many of you have a dream?" Many hands flashed in the air. "I had a dream to write this book. I did it, and I am feeling a lot of satisfaction. I am proud of myself and so can you be proud of yourself. You can fulfill your dreams like I did!" That's the magical message that Payton Huebsch left that afternoon with dozens of wide-eyed, appreciative fifth and sixth graders in Fallsburg.

PHOTO PROVIDED  
Payton Huebsch holding up her book, next to a story-board she made about her writing and publishing process.



## ROLLING V EMPLOYEES DONATE \$11,000

### Employees use weekly paycheck contributions to give back to the community

FALLSBURG – The holiday spirit is alive and well among employees of Rolling V Bus Corporation. The bus transportation company has announced that its employees have donated more than \$11,000 to local and national charities through its Crisis Fund.

Throughout the year, Rolling V employees make elective weekly paycheck contributions to a crisis fund. The fund was established to assist co-workers in times of real crisis or hardship. This year, there was a surplus after meeting those needs, and employees chose to donate the remain-

ing accumulated donations to nonprofit organizations.

"Our employees recognize the importance of supporting the organizations that contribute to the betterment of our community and nation," said Phil Vallone, president, Rolling V. "They work hard each day to safely transport our region's children and they contribute a portion of their own earnings for colleagues and organizations in need. Now that's the holiday spirit at its best!"

Rolling V employees' donations will support the important efforts of St. Jude Children's Research Hos-

pital, Liberty Fire Department, the Wounded Warrior Project, the Fallsburg Library, the Ulster County SPCA, the Walton Food Pantry and the Grahamsville United Methodist Church Food Pantry. Employees at each bus terminal chose the nonprofit organization they wished to support.

Rolling V Bus Corporation is family-owned and operated by the Vallone and DeSabato families. The Vallone family has been in the passenger transportation business for more than 50 years.



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Pictured with Santa (left to right): Fallsburg Library representative Amanda Letohic and Rolling V employees T'Yona Garner, Will Magie, O'Shane Tate, Luis Rivera, and Scott Squires.

## Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

It's known as the Blue Hour (not blue for dolor, but for color), and the blueness seems to grow more pronounced as the days shorten, in the weeks leading up to winter solstice. It's now mid-December and the sun sets at 4:30 in the afternoon; shortly after that, the snowy fields along Divine Corners Road take on a subtle blue hue, like a shadow, though one uncast by any object. For the space of ten or fifteen minutes (which is how long the Blue Hour lasts) something uncanny is in the air; evening appears to be not falling but rising, darkening from the ground up rather than the sky down. If it's a clear day, the sky overhead might still be as bright as mid-day; the dusk is all downwards. Looking into the woods behind our cottage, I can see night gathering between the forest floor

and the tree branches as if it were seeping out of the earth, forming a spectral zone distinct from the light above the treetops.

This is the Blue Hour at its bluest, the white canvas of the snow rendering it all the more visible. The phenomenon has a sound scientific explanation: as the sun slips below the horizon, the earth's atmosphere becomes receptive to different wavelengths of solar light. When the sun reaches 4-to-8 degrees below the horizon, the blue/violet end of the spectrum permeates the earth's atmosphere, while the red/orange end is filtered out.

Understanding this doesn't make it any less uncanny, for the Blue Hour is a liminal state, slipping between the lines of our accustomed sense of time (it is neither day nor night) and space (sky and earth are confounded in the slow drift and diffusion of darkness). During those brief

ten-or-so minutes, I feel as if the bonds of sense are loosened and the intuitive faculties heightened, opening to suggestion from the far shores of consciousness. This might be why the Blue Hour has been so compelling for artists.

The painters have long been attuned to this phenomenon - see Paul Klee's "Winter Landscape" (1923), which has the earth awash in violet light. The poets, too, have observed it: "The earth and the hedges smoked dusk" - a phrase that appears early on in "Sons and Lovers," and as finely rendered a bit of descriptive writing as I know, chiseled as haiku; no beseeching adjective saps its vigor. I recall this phrase as I watch the snowy fields in the afternoon, as the sun sinks and the light shifts, and I marvel at its precision. Yes, that's just what is happening out there, I can see it: the day is ending and the snow smokes dusk.

## A Present Surprise for Pre-K Kids at BCES

FALLSBURG – For the past several years, just before Hanukah and Christmas, the Student Government Association (SGA) at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) has provided gifts to the two sessions of Pre-Kindergarten classes.

This year, December 20 was the day for the gifts. It was also the last day of school before the Holiday Break, as well as Pajama Day. BCES has been taking one day a year when staff and students wear pajamas to school as a way to generate school spirit.

So, a little after the children arrived for the morning Pre-K class at about 10:15 a.m., the four SGA Officers and their faculty advisor, Peter Dworetzky, entered the classroom like Santa's elves. Teacher Mindy Conciatori and Aide Jennifer Varner were not surprised, but the little children became very excited when the visitors arrived.

Mr. Dworetzky intro-



PHOTO PROVIDED  
The morning Pre-K session with teacher Mindy Conciatori and aide Jennifer Varner with the four SGA Officers and advisor Peter Dworetzky.

duced everyone from the SGA, and told the children why they were there. Because he is a math coach at the school, he had several math puzzles and devices to engage the children in answering questions geared to pre-K level. They each answered the particular questions and were rewarded with a gift with their name on it. Carefully wrapped books, balls, and other toys were distributed. Ferocious

tearing of paper broke out in the room, with adults providing wastepaper baskets for the debris. It was a delightful morning, with eighteen small children, in their pj's, enjoying some pre-holiday gifts from the generous SGA students. Officers of the SGA are President Jacob Espinoza, Vice-President Adam Frunzi, Treasurer Marilyn Santos and Secretary Addison Ingber.

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Some of the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School student awardees and PBIS Staff members pose following the ceremony. Some students were absent and are not in the photo.

## Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Awards On-A-Roll Certificates

FALLSBURG – For the past few years, the Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) Program has presented awards to specially nominated students four times a year in the On-A-Roll event.

A play on words on the "Honor Roll," the event is a pancake breakfast in the school cafeteria and receipt of a certificate with the reasons for the nomi-

nation. Awardees are recognized for being role models, for putting forth strong efforts to improve grades, or make better decisions, or simply doing the right thing under difficult circumstances.

On December 19, twenty-four students were acknowledged with On-A-Roll Certificates by the PBIS Staff members. Thanks go to the Cafeteria Staff for cooking and serving the delicious

breakfast. The FJSHS PBIS Team includes: Daniel Redmond, Evan Mullen, Brienne Beebe-Kauth, Heather Grodin, Pooja Sharma, Christine Justiniano, Gabriella Calvello, Kathryn Grodin, Megan Ollive, Victoria Alzate, Aleta Lymon, Kristen Meyer, Meryl Curry, Sonja Ferreira, Helen Jordy, Katrina Uhrig, Shannon Kroboth, Thomas Ellison, Dawne Adams and Lou Trombetta.



# From the Firehouse

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



## Happy New Year to one and all.

As we state the New Year the Hurleyville Fire Department is always looking to recruit new members. You can stop in on any Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the firehouse to get an application or see what we are all about. If you don't want to fight fire we can use fire police or work behind the scenes and support the front line fire fighters. We do more than just fight fire. We even provide your gear and all of your training you need for free.

This year we gained one new member, Keith Adams. But John O'Neil became a snowbird. He received the attendance award the last few years and did a lot of driving on calls. In addition he was also a commissioner. He will be missed.

Two members answered their last alarm in 2019. Joseph LaRuffa was a long time secretary for the fire department and a well-respected music teacher/bandleader at Fallsburg High School. We also lost Honorary Chief Francis Currey, the recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Francis was a true American Hero. He was also our Grand Marshal at our 50th Fire Department Anniversary Parade.

The fire department held its annual meeting and elections in December. At the annual meeting we always hold our memorial service to remember and honor those brother and sister firefighters that have answered their last alarm. Our Chaplin, Jim Kaufman conducted the service and Past Chief George Gibson rang the bell as he read off the names of our departed members and their last alarm date.

At the start of the meeting, two representatives

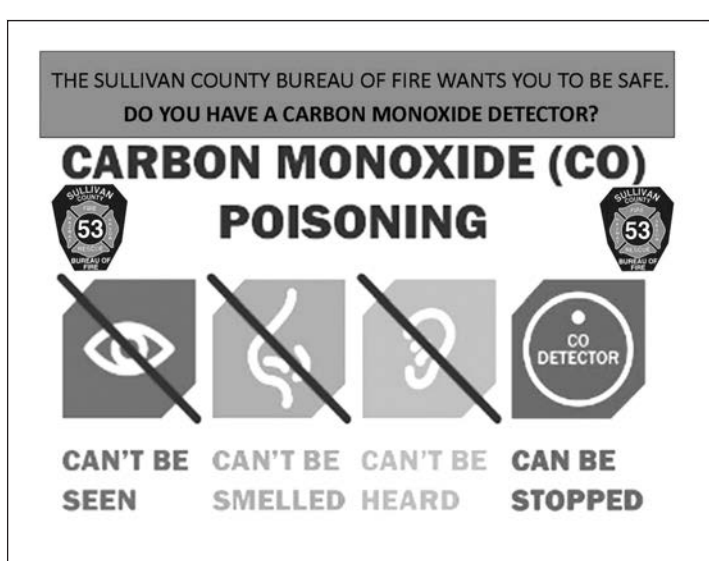
from the SYDA foundation, Manger Barnaby Roason and Santiago Paredes, presented the fire department with a check and a delicious basket of cookies, candies and other goodies for the members to enjoy. They also thanked us for all we do for the community and expressed how much they appreciate us.

Also for our taste buds that evening, Formaggio sent a box of their different cheese products for all to enjoy (and we did). We thank both Formaggio and The SYDA Foundation for their continued support.

Then it was on to elections. Chief Alan Price stepped down after a number of years of service. President Chris Gibson also stepped down. I thank both of them for their hard work and dedication to the Fire Department. Neither job is easy, and both are truly time consuming.

### The results of the elections:

- Chief: Charles Payne
- First Assistant Chief: Chris Gibson (immediate Past President)
- Second Assistant Chief: Fred Froehlich
- Captain: Tony Harvey
- First Lieutenant: Josh Conlon
- Second Lieutenant: George Gibson
- President: Miranda Behan
- Vice President: Pete Micheletti
- Secretary: Erica Payne
- Treasurer: John Jaycox
- Officer at Large: Jim Kaufman
- Trustees: 3 years - Mike Spinelli, 2 years - Bob DeGraw 1 year - Roger Dainack
- Representatives to Firemen's Association State of New York (FASNY): Jack Halchak and Nelson Durland



Representatives to Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association (HV-VFA): Chris Gibson and Charles Payne  
Representatives to Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighter's Association (SCVFA): Barry Herzbrun and Nelson Durland  
Congratulations to all the new officers and have a "Safe Year."

Coming up in February will be our 32nd Annual Ice Fishing Contest on Saturday, February 8. The contest will take place on Morningside Lake, 11 Morningside Road in Hurleyville from

7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Registration will take place the day of the contest at the lake, registration is \$5.00 for adults and free for those who are 15 and under.

This is our 32nd annual contest and we are holding our annual Super Raffle that day. First place is a 55-inch Vizio smart TV, second is a 50-inch TV, third is a 32-inch, fourth is a Canvas Collapsible Party Wagon, and fifth is a set of five deluxe tipups with running flag, a HT jig pole and jigs. You don't have to be present to win. See any Hurleyville firefighter for a ticket.

Refreshments and bait will also be available. We will also drill holes for you if

needed.

There will be an adult and youth division with trophies for first, second and third in the following categories; PERCH, PAN FISH, BULLHEAD, WALLEYE AND PICKEREL. All fish must be legally caught and of legal size.

There is also a special Firemen's Contest. The RICH FARQUHAR MEMORIAL CHIEF'S CUP, it goes to the top firemen's fishing team. A team can be one, ten or as many that shows up. All team members MUST belong to the same fire department. As in the past the cup is passed from year to year to the winning team. There is also a first, second and third place team trophy in the fireman's contest. Last year's winner, the Neversink Fire Department will be out in full force to defend the cup that they won. I'm sure past champions Smallwood Mongaup Valley, Monticello, Tappan and the Loch Sheldrake Fire Departments will be there in force to try and fish it away from them.

This contest has produced some real big fish in past years. As in the past a good time is had by all.

Visit my facebook page (J.W. Halchak) or call me if you have any questions (845) 796-8598.

## Sweet Sounds of Winter Fill the Air in Fallsburg

FALLSBURG – The first musical presentation of the Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) was the Winter Concert by Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) on Tuesday, December 10 at the High School Auditorium. The Concert Band, Elementary Chorus and Concert Choral warmed the hearts of the audience on a very cold night.

Under the direction of Conductor Lauren Bernard, the 28-piece Concert Band played six numbers featuring "Amazing Grace" and Andrew Lloyd Webber's "All I Ask of You". Three soloists, Jacob Espinoza on trumpet, Saladin Basic on trombone and Alexia Clark on flute, were outstanding.

Choral Director Rachel Kleinman conducted her first performance as BCES music teacher. It was a strong debut effort as the students were well-prepared and sang beautifully to the delight of all. The Element-

tary Chorus featured soloists, Madeline Pantel in "Once Upon a Reindeer" and Nahomy Castro in "Al Shlosha D'Varim."

The Comet Chorale is a newly-formed group, and they sang in wonderful harmony. Soloists were Isabella Giannico and Jaxon Ingber, whose triplet brother Brian offered vocal percussion. The concert concluded with an a cappella arrangement that brought the audience to its feet. As usual, Leon Hilfstein accompanied the Chorus on the piano.

It was a memorable evening to start off the winter season and FCSD's musical year.



PHOTO PROVIDED  
Soloist Madeline Pantel.

### FROM THE FILES OF...

# THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

The Only Newspaper Published in the Town of Fallsburg

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January 14, 1938

## Drivers Warned Against Dangers of Winter Roads

Driving at reduced speeds will prevent many "winter" accidents, Motor Vehicle Commissioner Charles A. Harnett told State motorists today.

"Driving hazards increase during the winter months with the combination of early darkness and unfavorable weather conditions," Harnett declared. "Reduced speed enables the motorist to have his car under better control and to cope more effectively with whatever emergency might arise."

In addition to emphasizing the need for keeping windshields clear of ice and snow, the Bureau offers the following suggestions for application of brakes on slippery roads.

1. Use your brakes carefully. Press lightly at first and release quickly. A series of brief, moderate brake actions will aid in stopping car without skidding.
2. Keep the wheels of the car revolving to prevent skidding and to stop more quickly.
3. Take your foot off the gas, but do not release the clutch until the car is almost to a standstill. The slowing down of the engine will aid the brakes in reducing speed.
4. In case of a skid, turn your steering wheel so that the front wheels will be headed in the direction the car is skidding. This will tend to bring to rear wheels back into their proper position on the road.

## Teachers Hear Plea for Zeal

Although he condemned their objectives, Dr. Roland G. Will, education instructor at the New Paltz Normal School, recommended the zeal of Italian, German, and Russian teachers to almost 300 teachers who met at the Monticello High School on Monday night to form the Sullivan County Teachers Association. Chairman of the meeting was William McKernan, principal of Woodridge High School.

"We must have the zealot's desire to do something about things that trouble us," Dr. Will said in his discussion of dangers presently confronting democracy, and of the influence teachers might exert in eliminating them.

"The difference between the real teacher and the complacent routinist is a knowledge of what is happening outside the classroom and correlating it to classroom instruction," Dr. Will remarked. "The danger to our democratic way of life is no longer theoretical or remote,



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A group of skiers pose at the summit of the Walnut Mountain Ski Area in Liberty circa 1937.

but a real thing, now with us," Dr. Will warned. "If we teachers could become as enthusiastic about the teaching of democracy as the teachers of the three dictatorial countries are about their own current national philosophies, we would no longer be uncertain of the fate of our democratic system."

January 15, 1937

## Liberty Ski Fans Greet Light Snow

With the ground again blanketed with a light fall of snow after two weeks of the balmy weather in the memory of Sullivan County natives, sponsors of the Liberty Winter Sports Program renewed their activities this week on Walnut Mountain, where, if the snow holds out, Sullivan's first contingent of skiing fans from New York City will disport themselves this weekend. On Friday night at seven o'clock, the first of a series of O&W weekend snow trains is slated to leave Weehawken.

The first O&W Sunday snow train was to have been run last Sunday, but the lack of snow called the trip off.

## Dry Township Receives Last Liquor Tax Refund

Neversink township, which adopted local option by a vote at the November election, received this week from County Treasurer Roy C. Johnston the last revenue which it will derive from the alcoholic beverage tax. Towns in which local option exists cannot share in the pro rata distribution of beer, wine, and liquor taxes. The final check for Neversink, Mr. Johnston disclosed, was for \$926 and represented a delayed payment for the period ended September 30th.

## Hillig Introduces Two Dairy Bills

Assemblyman Otto Hillig introduced two bills in the Assembly this week, both of which pertain to dairy farming.

The first would provide

tentatively set for Washington's Birthday, movie goes will be presented with an entirely new Rivoli, modern in every detail and completely rebuilt from lobby to screen, with seating capacity increased to 700.

New seats, new projection, new stage and screen, new vari-colored lighting system, new ladies and men's rooms, modern lounge and smoking room, and new decorations will all go to make the New Rivoli the last word in theatre construction.

Jack Kaplan, manager of the theatre, states that everything will be new except the name "Rivoli" which has always stood and always will stand for the ultimate in screen entertainment.

## Judge Kove to Lecture on Brandeis

Justice Moses L. Kove of Hurleyville has accepted an invitation of the Jewish congregation of Liberty to address the members at the Liberty synagogue on Friday evening, February 5th. His theme will be "Justice Brandeis, the Liberal." Jews throughout the United States this year are celebrating the eightieth birthday of Brandeis, one of the great jurists of the country, who was appointed by President Woodrow Wilson.

Kove has become a popular speaker in both political and social organizations of Sullivan County. He is an active member of the Zionist movement in this region.

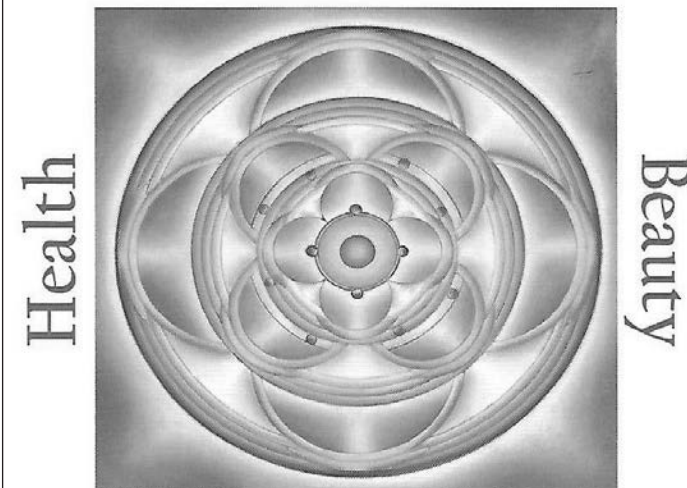
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## Rivoli to Close for Two Weeks

On or about February 10th, the Fallsburg Rivoli Theatre will close down for approximately two weeks during which time extensive alterations and remodeling will take place.

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## FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Kelly Wells & Amanda Letohic



Happy New Year! What better way to ring in 2020 than to get your own library card?! Simply stop into your local library with picture ID and proof of physical address within their servicing area (most follow school district boundaries, if you are unsure just call the library and they can help) and you'll be on your way to getting the most valuable card in your wallet.

With your shiny new library card, you'll be able to access online databases like Rosetta Stone and Consumer Reports. You'll also gain access to thousands of e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines through OverDrive - or the friendlier Libby app. Of course you can also visit any of the almost 50 libraries within the Ramapo Catskill Library System and borrow a good, old-fashioned book, DVD, or magazine. If the library you're visiting doesn't have the title you want, they can order it from one of the almost 50 libraries and have it sent to them! So what are you waiting for? Hurry in and get your library card today. In the meantime check out these great programs we

have coming up this month.

On Wednesday, January 15 at 6 p.m., adults 18+ can come in to make ink-dyed coasters. On Thursday, January 23 at 6 p.m., kids 7+ can stop in to make a fairy/gnome house night light. Mondays at 6 p.m. are our children's craft night (with the exception of January 20) and pre-school story time will be Tuesdays at 10 a.m. And be sure to come out on Wednesday, January 22 at 6 p.m. as we host the first ever Sullivan County Poet Laureate, Mark Blackford, for a night of poetry readings and maybe even some open mic!

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@rcs.org, stop in: 12 Railroad Plaza, South Fallsburg, or follow us on social media. Please note: sometimes winter weather may make us reschedule a program - so be sure to call before heading out if the weather looks iffy! Have a very safe, happy, and healthy holiday season!

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# FEAR IN PHOENICIA

Excerpted from the Novel by Bruce Alterman

## Chapter One

### Leviticus 1928

*"Ye shall not make any cutting sin your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the lord."*

*-The Bible, King James Version*

The room was very shadowy, almost totally black all around, except for the bright bulb of the lamp. The girl was pulled by her tiny hand, which seemed to disappear in the giant bear paw of her brutish father. Her father seemed more like an animal than a man. His expression was sour and ominous; she dare not say no to him or reveal that she didn't like him because he would hit her, as he'd done for the slightest reason before. His brown suit fit like a rhinoceros wearing a wool sweater, the material stretched tight across his giant girth. His body would heave up and down with every breath whenever he climbed steps or got angry, which was quite often.

The dimness and the smell of chemicals in the room terrified the little girl. The firm grip that her father had on her hand did not bring her any comfort either, only more apprehension.

"Daddy, why are we here?" She was only eight years old; too young to figure out what the world was really about, yet old enough to ask questions.

"Eh, nothin', nowhere, just to see the doctor to make sure ya' don't get sick."

His voice was gruff and he grumbled low, harsh tones.

She saw what looked like a barber's chair, with a head rest and metal foot pedals. Next to it was a small steel table. There were tools on a tray and a wire that came from the wall connected to a tool with a long needle on the end. She became even more frightened.

"But pops, I feel fine. This is not like the other doctor's office mommy brought me to. I don't want to see the doctor, I want to go now."

Her voice cracked. She

was on the verge of crying. "Just be quiet little girl! The doctor needs to give ya' some medicine so ya' don't croak. When we get outta here, I'll buy ya' another dolly."

A skinny man, with a long pointed hawk nose stepped into the white bulb harsh light next to the barber's chair. He looked like a freak, with bony hands that had pale rubber prophylactics covering the tips of his knurled fingers. His head was narrow with straight black hair falling over his forehead and his hunched over posture exposed the rutted bones of his spine. The bumpy vertebrae protruding from his backbone added to his distressing appearance.

The sight of him made the little girl shutter with fear. He looked like no other doctor that she ever saw and this place did not have any waiting room, or other people, nor was she greeted by the face of a kindly nurse.

She looked up at her father pleading for mercy and begged him to take her out

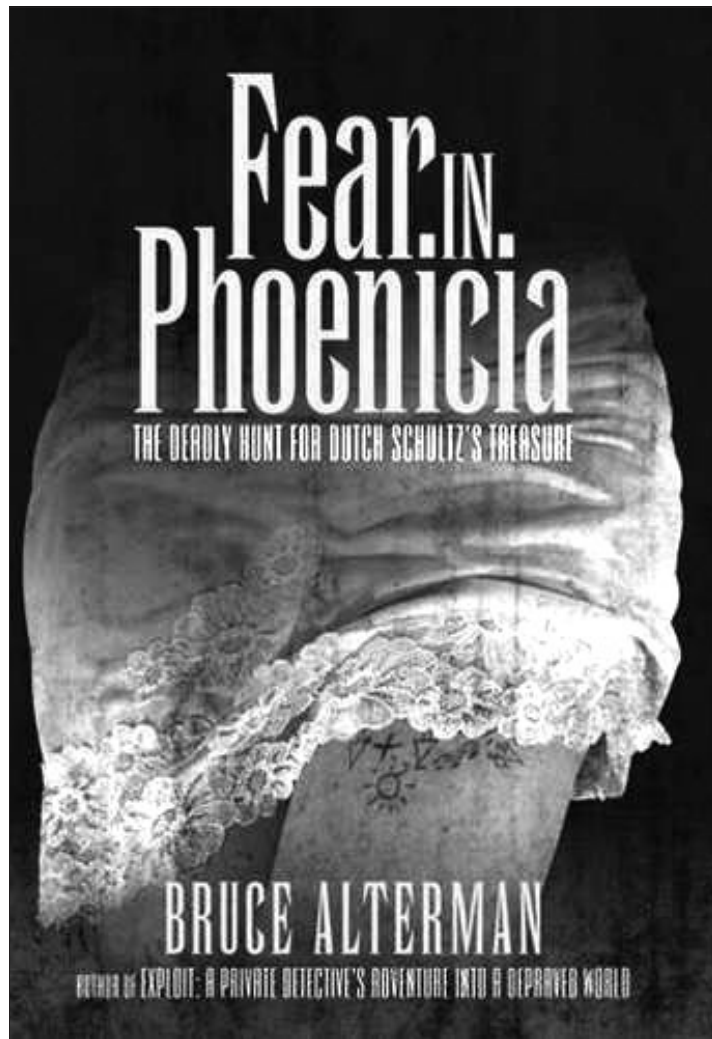


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of this sinister place, but she found no empathy in his expression. He was a callous

bully; a devil. The wide brim of his fedora casted a shadow over his face yet his angry eyes

glowed through the darkness. "Now you stay right here little girl. Don't you go no wherz', you stay right where you is," her father commanded in guttural tones.

He reached into his suit jacket and pulled out a leather wallet. He unfolded a piece of paper and laid it out flat on the metal table so the skinny man with the big pointed nose could have a look at it.

"So this is what you were talking about, eh, Jake?"

The skinny man's voice was nasally and high pitched.

The young girl looked at the paper. It was some kind of drawing with curvy lines and little pictures. What did this drawing have to do with her?

"I want youz to do it just like it looks here. No difference, its' got to be exactly the same way it looks here. You got me?"

She thought about how her father's tone was always nasty, he reminded her of an angry gorilla in the Bronx Zoo.

"Daddy, what is that drawing you have? It looks

strange." "This is our insurance policy, honey. Daddy is giving you a gift to make you a very rich girl when you grow up."

The skinny man with the big nose looked at the young girl with sorrowful eyes and slowly shook his head. The girl didn't know what his expression meant. She couldn't understand what he was feeling when he stared directly into her eyes.

"But Jake, she's a young girl, this is sometin' I never done before. It just ain't right." Her father exploded into a fury.

"You back talkin' to me Jimmy!"

He slapped the skinny man across the face. The man's head jolted to the side, his stringy hair flailed wildly and he stumbled back a step.

The little girl screamed. "You be quiet and sit over there!" Her father yelled.

He grabbed his daughter's left forearm and lifted her off the floor. Her body was suddenly airborne, like she didn't have any weight. Her father's enormous paw swung her into

a wooden chair against the wall in the small room. She let out a high-pitched shriek of sheer terror. He turned quickly like a raging beast cornering its prey and grabbed the skinny man around the throat, pinning him up against the wall, his hairy fat right hand was larger than the man's face. The skinny man's shoe tips dangled two inches above the floor.

"Jake! Jake! No Jake! No problem, no problem at all Jake. Got all the stuff ready to do it right here Jake. Jake! Jake! I can't breathe, Jake," he gasped.

The hulking man didn't say anything at first. His face contorted into a snarling rage, his young daughter sat frozen in a haze of horror, watching the violent scene from the other side of the small room.

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*The preceding has been excerpted from "Fear in Phoenicia: The Deadly Hunt for Dutch Schultz's Treasure," a novel by Bruce Alterman, who lives in the Hudson Valley. The book is available on Amazon.com.*

## SECOND BORSCHT BELT REUNION SET

### Former Staff Invited to April Event

**CALLICOON** – Based on the great success of the historic reunion that took place May 3-5, 2019, Reunion 2.0 is being planned for the weekend of April 24-26, 2020. Whether you join us for the first or second time, this will be another opportunity to gather with old friends, make new ones, and learn things you did not know about yesteryear and the once thriving Sullivan and Ulster County resorts.

All former Borscht Belt/Catskill Hotel(s) Staff and those who spent their summers vacationing in the many Bungalow Colonies are invited to attend. Guests may choose to join us for an entire weekend of special programs/activities or only to attend our Saturday evening Dinner Dance Celebration on April 25, which will take place from 7:00 pm until midnight at the Villa Roma Resort Clubhouse, in Callicoon, New York. The cost is \$90.00

**BORSCHT BELT REUNION 2.0 April 24-26, 2020**  
 With all the nostalgia about Woodstock, how can we not think of our own great memories the Catskills/Borscht Belt era?

For those of us who either worked in one of the many Borscht Belt/Former Catskill Hotels or Bungalow Colonies make sure to save the date for **REUNION 2.0 April 24-26, 2020, at the Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon, NY.**

Join us for the first time, or come again for another glorious weekend of nostalgia, fun, and learning. Celebrate with old and new friends! For all of the details and options for attendance, please join our facebook group **Borscht Belt/Former Catskill Hotel(s) Staff & Bungalow Colonies Reunion** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/266566105032523/>

Even if you don't know anyone, you will know everybody!



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per person and will include passed hors d'oeuvres and cold stations, Buffet Dinner, live band featuring former Borscht Belt musicians, Music Masters DJ Entertainment, photo booth, and a strolling magician. We are excited to announce that Comedian Max

Dolcelli, who is represented by the iconic Borscht Belt talent rep, Arthur Graham, will be our featured entertainment!

For those who would like to extend their experience and make it a weekend getaway, the Villa Roma Resort will be offering a special rate for Reunion 2.0 guests. The weekend will kick-off on Friday evening at 6 p.m. with a private "Meet and Greet" (optional light dinner for \$18 will be available) and will be followed by nostalgic programs throughout the weekend featuring successful Borscht Belt authors Marisa Scheinfeld, Eileen

Freed Lindenblatt, Eileen Pollack, Barry Lewis, Ross Padluck, Allen Frishman, Linda Morganstein, & Elliott Udell. Sullivan County Historian John Conway and New York Times Reporter and Documentary Film Writer, Andrew Jacobs will also be among our program presenters. Nostalgic t-shirts by Yesteryear Wear, books, Borscht Belt music, "tchotchkes" and more!

For information about Saturday's Reunion 2.0 Dinner Dance registration, hotel etc., please email [rmkauff100@cox.net](mailto:rmkauff100@cox.net) or call 401-487-9646. Hotel reservations on or before March 24, 2020 may be made online directly using the following group link: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/2864?groupID=2579455>



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## FARMLAND PROTECTION GRANTS AVAILABLE

**MONTICELLO** – The Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board is currently seeking farms interested in applying for the NYS Agriculture and Markets Farmland Protection Implementation Grant.

Applicants must be actively farming the property and committed to placing a permanent land protection agreement restricting certain development rights on the land. A current appraisal of the value of the farmland to be protected will also be required.

To learn more about conservation easements and the program, visit [www.agriculture.ny.gov](http://www.agriculture.ny.gov). Funding is generally available on an annual basis through the New York State Environmental Protection Fund and administered by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

When offered in the past, the grant has been highly competitive, with requests for

Sullivan County farms on a semi-annual basis. Once farms are ranked, they remain on a list of interested applicants for two years. All applicants are ranked based off criteria from the 2014 Sullivan County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan.

If you are interested in applying to be on the list, please contact Melinda Meddaugh at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County at 845-292-6180 or email [mm2592@cornell.edu](mailto:mm2592@cornell.edu) to receive an inquiry form. All forms are due by Friday, January 24 and can be emailed or mailed to Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty, NY 12754.



tion, and ensure the long-term viability of New York's farming operations," noted Sullivan County Planning Commissioner Freda Eisenberg.

The proceeds resulting from the sale of a perpetual agricultural conservation easement through the Farm Operations in Transition Farmland Protection Initiative may provide the capital needed to assist with a farm's transition to:

- The next ownership of a continuing farm operation, which will be or has been modified to ensure greater financial sustainability,
- A more diversified overall farm operation, or
- A different type of non-dairy farm operation.

The Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board is seeking farms interested in the program in order to develop a list of potentially

eligible applicants. In order to qualify for the program, the Board must rank potential Sullivan

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## BCES CELEBRATES HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

**FALLSBURG** – During each quarter of the school year, Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) fills the school auditorium/cafeteria with proud parents, siblings, grandparents and friends to acknowledge students receiving Honor Roll and Superintendent's Honor Roll Certificates. Fourth, fifth and sixth graders are eligible.

This quarter, each grade came up to the stage and received Honor Roll awards from BCES Principal Mary Kate Stinehour and Assistant Principal Dave Viglione. There were a total of

98 students. Next, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz presented twenty-three students with Superintendent Honor Roll Certificates.

At the end of each presentation, audience photographers snapped pictures of the young people on stage. Thanks to cell phones, everyone is a photographer! At the conclusion of the ceremonies and a very loud ovation from the assembly, students posed alongside their classmate for some special photos that will be cherished by parents in the years to come.



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A partial group of Superintendent's Honor Roll Students from Benjamin Cosor Elementary School.



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BCES Principal Mary Kate Stinehour and Assistant Principal Dave Viglione at the presentations.



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# SENTINEL SPORTS



## GENERALS START WITH TWO TOURNAMENTS

### PHILLY CLASSIC AND MONROE CC TOURNEYS START NEW YEAR



PHOTO PROVIDED  
Darius Lee

by Win Hadley

**LOCH SHELDRAKE** – After closing out 2019 with a bang—a double overtime home victory in which they scored 120 points—the SUNY Sullivan Generals men’s basketball team opens 2020 with a pair of tournaments on the road.

The Generals start the new year with a trip to Herkimer, NY for the Philly Classic on January 11 and 12, in which they will take on Niagara County Community Col-

lege on Saturday and Monroe Community College on Sunday. The Generals will play Monroe Community College again on Sunday, January 19 in Rochester in the second game of the Monroe Tournament. Sullivan first plays Jamestown Community College on Saturday, January 18 as part of that tourney.

The Generals closed out the 2019 portion of their current season with a resounding win, hanging on to beat the Community Col-

lege of Baltimore County Dundalk by a 120-112 score. The game went to a second overtime before it was decided.

Sullivan had rushed out to an imposing 49-40 half-time lead, and seemed well on its way to its 11th win of the season, but faltered in the second half, as CCBC Dundalk came back to knot the score at the end of regulation.

Freshman guard Jalen Reneau led six Generals in double figures in the game

with 27 points. Freshman forward Jordan Drain chipped in with 23 points, and the team’s leading scorer, sophomore guard Darius Lee, had 19.

On the season so far, Mr. Lee is averaging 18.5 points per game while sophomore forward Kendall Robinson is at 16.5. The pair also leads the team in rebounds with 7.8 and 7.6 per game.

The Generals stand at 11-2 on the season, including a 3-1 slate in the Mid-Hudson Conference. The

team has won all eight of its games at Paul Gerry Fieldhouse this season.

Sullivan is currently ranked tenth in the nation among Division II junior colleges, after having been ranked as high as number three just one week prior. The Generals have been in the top ten in the nation in each of the NJCAA’s last four weekly polls.



PHOTO PROVIDED  
Kendall Robinson

## GENERALS INVADE KENTUCKY

### Wrestlers to Compete in National Duals in Lexington

by John Conway

**LOCH SHELDRAKE** – The SUNY Sullivan wrestling team, riding high after a successful showing at the prestigious Long Island Open championships in Garden City last month, travel to Lexington, Kentucky to open 2020 at the National Duals on January 10 and 11.

The Generals closed out 2019 with a ninth place showing at the Long Island Open, beating out such programs as Hofstra, Stony Brook, and LIU Post. Liam Bullock led the way for Sullivan at 125 pounds, finishing fourth. Pedro Rosales took a fifth place at 133.

One other General recorded multiple victories in the tournament: freshman Anas Samir picked up three wins at 157 pounds, highlighted by a fall in 3:27 against Rhongyl Zhang of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

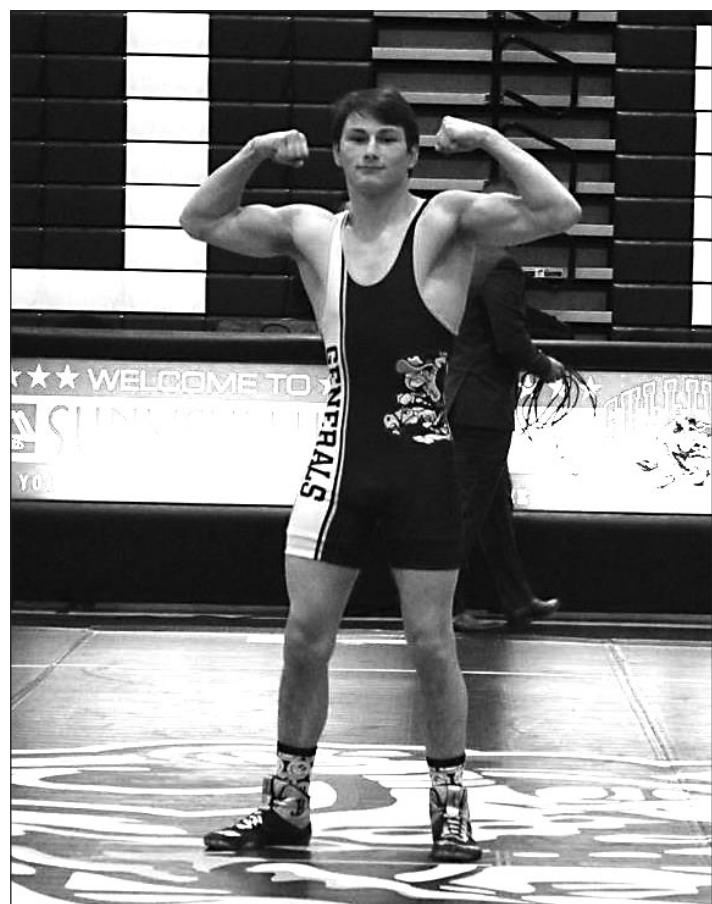


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Liam Bullock

The Generals amassed 28 one-half point behind Camden County College. Nas-

sau Community College, bolstered by unattached wrestlers wearing its colors, crowned three champions and took the team trophy with 194 points. The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy was second at 141.5.

The Generals, who stand at 4-3 in dual meet action this season, take on Middlesex County College in Edison, New Jersey on January 21 and then return home to Paul Gerry Fieldhouse on Friday, January 24 for a 6 p.m. dual against Bergen County Community College.

That is the last home match of the season, although the Eastern District Championships, the qualifier for the National Championships, are being held in Loch Sheldrake this year beginning Saturday, February 22. The Nationals are at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa on March 6 and 7.

## LADY GENERALS RETURN TO ACTION ON JANUARY 14

### Take On Monroe College in New Rochelle

by Win Hadley

**LOCH SHELDRAKE** – The Lady Generals of SUNY Sullivan will open the second half of their 2019-2020 season on January 14 when they travel to New Rochelle to take on Monroe College, a squad they defeated 85-77 at home in November.

The Lady Generals open 2020 with a season record of 10 wins and two losses, and stand 5-0 in Mid-Hudson Conference play. Sullivan has won five games in a row since dropping a 90-79 home contest to ranked Harcum College on November 25.

Freshman guard Infinity Hammonds continues to lead the Lady Generals in scoring on the year, averaging 24.7 points per contest. Ms. Hammonds has played in only seven of



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Traynise Delaney (5)

Sullivan’s 12 games so far. Last year’s leading scorer, sophomore guard Traynise Delaney, is second on the squad in points per game this season, averaging 14.8.

Freshman guard Johnnahyah Curry, at 11.9 and freshman forward Heather Caroccia at 10.8 are the only other Lady Generals averaging in double figures through the first 12 games.

The Lady Generals return home on Thursday, January 16 for a 7 p.m. contest against the Community College of Rhode Island, and then return to the road on January 18 and 19, taking on Jamestown Community College and Mercyhurst Northeast.

The team closes out the month of January with four additional contests, two at home and two on the road. The Loch Sheldrake games include North Country Community College at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 23 and Fulton-Montgomery Community College at 6 p.m. on Thursday, January 30.



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Congratulations to the Fallsburg Comet Nation Junior Cheerleaders! They earned fifth place in the Junior Pop Warner National competition in Orlando, FL in December.

## SUNY ULSTER HONORS FALLSBURG’S AMANDA ZENO

### Women’s Team Retires Number 12

by Win Hadley

**STONE RIDGE** – She never played a game for the school, but the SUNY Ulster women’s basketball team has retired uniform number 12—at least temporarily—in honor of Fallsburg High School standout Amanda Zeno.

Ms. Zeno, a senior at Fallsburg and one of the premier players in the region, having already scored more than 1,000 points, is sidelined as she battles acute myeloid leukemia.

The announcement was made by Ulster’s women’s coach Omar Morales, via social media.

“As the basketball season has started, we can help but think of how hard it must be for [Amanda] to be sidelined,” the women’s team posted on its Facebook page. “We are all wishing her a fast recovery and can’t wait until she is back around the game she loves. The SUNY Ulster women’s team has decided not to let anyone wear Amanda’s #12 until she is back on the court.”



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Amanda Zeno (12) in action for Fallsburg last year.

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