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A GANGSTER HIT

Trivia Night at Forage & Gather

by Lily Barrish Levner

HURLEYVILLE— There was a lot of talk about "hits" as Sullivan County Historian John Conway and I hosted the first ever "Gangster Trivia Night" at Forage & Gather ly from Flushing, Queens, in Hurleyville on May 7.

Judging from the reaction of those who particia hit of a different kind.

and Lily. It was a packed house," said Rachel Steingart, manager of Forage had concluded. "Everyone enjoyed it so much. We hope we can do it again,"

The idea to host a local Bounty." trivia night—not in and of came about when John our upcoming books. They both have Catskills gangsters in them, so the idea quickly morphed into focusing on trivia about the mobsters who frequented the area-- and specifical-Retrospect" is expected to hit shelves toward the end

the selection of four-person teams, some which arrived intact, ready to play, some formed on the spot, and then John kicked things off with a few brief anecdotes about the local

activities of the gangsters, in particular the Brooklyn thugs the media of the day began calling, Murder, Inc. Then the competition began. Toss-up questions

sided over Gangster Trivia Night.

followed by a bonus question for those knowledgeable enough, and quick enough, to successfully answer the toss-up. One point for a toss-up, three points for a bonus.

Josip Bosnjak, originalwas among those in attendance. The opportunity to learn local history excited pated, the event itself was him, and he was thrilled to end up on the winning "Great night with John team. When offered a choice of books as part of his prize package, he chose "Muskrats, Milkmaids and & Gather, when the event Mobsters" by John Conway. He had already read my Catskills Capers Book 1, "Banquets & Bootleg

The information he itself a unique concept-- gleaned from my fictional mystery that borrowed and I were talking about heavily from historical events no doubt contributed to his success in the contest.

"It was a little catch up of history, reading your book; I wasn't expecting it to be real. Your books connect ly the area hotels—in the on certain vivid detail," he 1930s and '40s. John's told me. "I put 'Banquets' book, "The Borscht Belt in and the Muskrat book together, and right away the names hit me. Jack Druckof June, and the second in- er was the gangster's name stallment in my Catskills in your book, and also the Capers series, "Mountain name in John's book. Wal-Maître D' Mystery" will ter Sage's body in Swan be available on July 2. Lake, the ice pick, the The evening began with old barn situation, the local carpenter, the blood stains—I couldn't believe it was all real."

> Now he knows it is, as do the other participants who put their knowledge on display that evening.

The positive feedback from the event was exactly what we had hoped to hear. Stay tuned for more similar events this summer.



PHOTO BY JEREMY LEVNER Lily Barrish Levner (standing left) and John Conway pre-

Fallsburg Gets State Money for Demolition



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The former school building at 36 Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg has seen better days.

grant money to address the demolition of the building, which had through the years served the Fallsburg school district, Sullivan County Community College, and Sullivan ARC.

Governor Kathy Hochul Initiative. Restore New York supports municipal revitalization efforts with funds to help remove and reduce blight, reinvigorate new residential and economic opportunities statewide. The program, administered by Empire State Development, is designed to help local governments encourage new commercial investments through community revitalization, growing local housing, and putting properties back on the tax rolls to increase the local tax base.

"Revitalizing and renor Hochul said. "Restore increasing housing and re-

ALBANY – The town of New York helps our mu-vitalizing communities. Fallsburg is set to receive nicipalities plan for the fumore than \$750,000 in state ture by catalyzing economic growth and supporting long abandoned and con- housing, businesses and demned former school cultural spaces. We are furbuilding in South Fallsburg. ther unlocking the potential The funding will go toward of these sites and communities across New York."

Two applications were awarded a Special Project designation because, if left undeveloped, the parcel or property causes severe economic injury or creates has announced that more a depressing effect on the than \$50 million has been overall economic developawarded to 50 projects ment potential of the com- cleared, shovel-ready site Initiative and \$100 million through the State's Restore munity. The City of Rome and enhanced infrastruc- for NY Forward. These to rehabilitate two buildings that were destroyed by the tornado that touched down in Rome on July 16, 2024. Upon completion, communities and generate these buildings will add an additional 180,000 square feet of commercial manufacturing space to the community. Additionally, the City of Ogdensburg was awarded \$3.5 million to rehabilitate several historic mill buildings on the St. Lawrence River waterfront

into a mixed-use complex. Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner Hope Knight said, "Under Govhabilitating vacant and ernor Hochul's leadership, blighted areas of our com- New York State is building munities for housing or de- for the future by supportvelopment is vital to make ing projects that advance

Through the Restore New York Communities Initiative, we are working together with municipalities to remove blight and generate new investments to pro- ment Governor Hochul's mote sustainable economic economic development vigrowth."

Fallsburg's project involves the demolition of the condemned revitalize the economy schoolhouse at 36 Laurel and create more opportu-Avenue, and site prepara- nities for New Yorkers. tion for the future construc- The FY2026 Budget intion of a 5,000-square-foot vests \$100 million for the healthcare facility. The Downtown Revitalization ture will support the con- programs help municipalstruction of a permanent medical home for underserved residents if additional funding can be se-

cured. ty municipality, the town tionally, the \$400 million of Rockland, will receive money under the same program. Rockland is slated to get \$1 million toward its Livingston Legacy Holdings Project, which will transform seven long vacant, formerly commercial structures on 10 Pleasant Street in Livingston Manor into a bustling multi-use in part, for \$150 million in hospitality campus, featuring a restaurant, a sake brewery and tasting room, advance catalytic economopen air market, public gar- ic development projects dens and multi-use spaces backed by enhanced implefor other community-de- mentation funding to jumpdowntowns thrive," Gover- statewide priorities like fined needs. Once com- start regional growth. plete, this campus will fea-

ture a much-needed venue suitable for large gatherings and social events requiring large spaces, parking, and catering capabilities.

These awards complesion by making strategic proposed investments in communities across the State which ities promote quality of life, foster socio-economic development and create walkable, livable and safer neighborhoods in every One other Sullivan Coun- corner of the state. Addi-Championing Albany's Potential initiative, a collaborative. State-led effort to revitalize Albany's downtown core. The Budget also includes funding for the state's Regional Economic Development Council initiative; new this year, the 10 councils will compete, funding as part of the new ACHIEVE initiative to

Little Miss Sunshine And Green Tomatoes at HPAC

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE — The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre has two highly acclaimed films coming to the Cinema in June.

an adult sensory-friendly showing of "Little Miss Sunshine," the 2006 dark comedy starring Steve office. Carell, Toni Collette, Greg Kinnear, Abigail Breslin, Paul Dano and Alan Ar-"Little Miss Sunshine"

tells the story of the Hoovers, one of the most endearingly fractured families ever seen on motion picture screens. Together, the motley six-member family treks from Albuquerque to the Little Miss Sunshine pageant in Redondo Beach, California, to fulfill the deepest wish of seven-year-old Olive, an ordinary little girl with big dreams. Along the way, the family must deal with crushed dreams, heartbreaks and a broken-down VW bus, leading up to the surreal Little Miss Sunshine competition itself. On their travels through this bizarrely funny landscape, the Hoovers learn to trust and support each other along the path nior Cinema and sensory of life, no matter what the friendly film offerings, challenge.

The screening is at 10 org.

a.m. and tickets are \$10 at the box office.

HPAC's popular Senior Cinema series continues on the second Thursday of each month, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and includes a On June 11, there will be film and complimentary social coffee hour. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online or at the box

> On June 12, it's "Fried Green Tomatoes," a 1991 American comedy-drama film directed by Jon Avnet, based on Fannie Flagg's 1987 novel "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe."

"Fried Green Tomatoes" stars Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy, Mary Stuart Masterson, Mary-Louise Parker and Cicely Tyson.

The film tells the story of an unhappy housewife who befriends an older woman in a nursing home, who shares tales of her past, including the lives of two women who ran the Whistle Stop Cafe. The film features a notable cast, and explores themes of friendship, love, and resilience against societal challenges.

For more information about the various HPAC programs, including Sevisit the website, hpacny.



The main cast of the 1991 film, "Fried Green

Town of Fallsburg to Host Juneteenth Celebration Set for Morningside Park

FALLSBURG - The States. The celebration is sion." Town of Fallsburg is proud a time to honor the past, to announce that it will embrace cultural heritage, host this year's NAACP Sullivan County Branch Juneteenth Celebration on Thursday June 19, from 12 to 4 p.m. at Morningside Park in Hurleyville. This bring this important celcommunity-wide event is free and open to all.

anniversary of the emancipation of enslaved African shared commitment to di- Fallsburg and welcome They can listen to narra-

and promote unity and progress.

"We are honored to partner with the NAACP Sullivan County Branch to ebration to Morningside Park," said a spokesperson

event will feature live performances, speakers, vendors, cultural displays, youth activities, and com- er of how far we've come munity resources.

"This is more than a celebration—it's a moment to reflect, to educate, and to build bridges in our Juneteenth marks the for the Town of Fallsburg. community. We are excit- is imperative that children "This event reflects our ed to host Juneteenth in have good role models.

this powerful day of unity. This year's Juneteenth Each year we grow stronger and more connected as a community.

Juneteenth is a remindand how far we still must go. This event is for everyone to learn, celebrate, and uplift one another. Our focus is the youth. It Americans in the United versity, equity, and inclu-everyone to be a part of tives of past and help them

understand how we have Juneteenth Celebration overcome and triumphed! Events like these will help them learn to advocate and overcome any injustices that they may face and develop a true sense of community." said Alasha Santiago, Vice President of the NAACP Sullivan County Branch and Juneteenth

Chairperson.

Tomatoes."

Event Details: What: 2025 NAACP Sullivan County Branch

When: Thursday, June 19, 2025

Time: 12 - 4 p.m.Where: Morningside Park, 11 Hurleyville Road Fallsburg NY

Admission: Free and open to the public

For more information or to get involved, please email Alasha Santiago at alashasantiago09@yahoo. "Unmasking the Appeal" and focused on giving young people the truth about the tobacco and

fully engineered products that are designed to entice young people with their candy flavors. According to the World Health Organization, there are more than 16,000 unique vape flavors on the market today that have hooked an estimated 37 million children aged 13-15 years old worldwide. The Hurleyville event on Friday featured an art display titled "Airing Big Tobacco's Dirty Laundry" which was created by nearly 50 local This year's theme was high school students participating in the Sullivan 180 Warrior Teens program. Dr. Jessie Moore, Public

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er, Katherine Giron Cabrera,

Ravyn Henry, Jase Hermann,

Olivia Hilliard, Brianna

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ma, Eliza Lagos Guardado,

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Braylee Maitland, Elizabeth

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Carlos Pineda Reyes, Skyla

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Superintendent's

Grade 6

Torres, Queenie Wang.

Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Announces Honor Roll

FALLSBURG - Benjamin Cosor Elementary School is excited to announce their elementary Honor Roll and Superintendent's Honor Roll recipients for the third marking period. Students who made the Honor Roll list earned an overall grade-point average of 3.0-3.5, and students who made the Superintendent's Honor Roll list earned an overall grade-point average of 3.6-4.0. The students who were recognized for their high academic achievements are:

Grade 4 Honor Roll: Elian Aguilar Cortez, Jalen Anthony, Mila Anthony, Raegan Atkins, Juliette Aviles Zelaya, Abigail Bensimon, Athenna Betancourt, Jaycole Brizuela Fuentes, Juan Cabrera Chavez, Abigail Call, Sophia Carpenter, Ancel Chavez, Aubrey Curtin, Giuliana DiCostanzo, Trinity Doolittle, Annabella Fisher, Stefan Garcia Delgado, James Geagley, Matthew Gernant, Jaime Giron Paredes, Jacob Guillen Matamoras, Maydelin Jacobo Lopez, David Jimenez-Castillo, Meleny Juarez Cadenal, Elias Lopez, Raymond Lopez III, Giavanna Mack, Sofia Madera, Ashton Mahodil, Sandoval Eliana Montenegro, Lia Mora Ceron, Zoe Murry, Gabriel Ortiz, Zoe Otero Deras, Adeline Parsells, Dove Picciotti, Kenneth Reyes Sierra, Ashley Ruano Lopez, Lillyann Vazquez.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Pearl Gold and Keysi Otero Deras.

Grade 5

Honor Roll: Amina Berisha, Amore Brown, Anpol Caguana, Jonathan Castro Moreno, Keila Coj Tambriz, Elijah Cruz, Isaiah Crawford, Samantha Darcy, Kadence Duncan, Dominic Esposito, Jax Frunzi, Gianna Guerrero, Jonah Godby, Esther Grande Lagos, Jacob Graham, Josiah Hinton, Jackson Hockenberry, Meberlyn Hernandez Ruano, Faith Kehlenbeck, Bryan Maldonado Alvarado,



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO **Amanda Langseder**

Health Director for Sullivan County, stated "tobacco and nicotine use remain major public health challenges, particularly among youth. At the Sullivan County Department of Public Health, we are dedicated to supporting prevention efforts, promoting education, and helping our community make healthier choices."

proclamation



Sullivan County Public Health Director, Jessie Moore, DrPH

dorsing World No Tobacco Day and encouraging smoking cessation was read by Sullivan County Legislator Catherine Scott. Community leaders spoke about the local effects of nicotine addiction, the impacts on schools and the resources available to help people quit. A very special youth speaker, Ceen- leste D'Andrea, Monticel-

lo High School student, agement, and Sullivan 180 shared "as a society we tabled along the trailhead. need to start realizing that Those who visited were this is not simply teenage able to sign up for a Freerebellion or a trend. Parents, educators and com- that is happening on Monmunity leaders must shift day evenings in June and from immediate discipline July at the Sullivan County to proactive education and cessation for those teens who are hooked. Vaping is not a harmless trend. It is a org, or to sign-up for Freethreat to the health and future of our youth."

trailhead turned into a Prevention Programming 'Quit Party' inviting the at 845-295-2681 or amanpublic to kick start their quit journey with cessation resources and a freshair walk on the Rail Trail. Supportive community agencies including the American Lung Associa-Department of Health, Tobacco Free Action Communities, Restorative Man- at Sullivan 180.org.

dom from Smoking class Government Center.

For more information, visit www.sullivan180. dom from Smoking, contact Amanda Langseder, After the remarks, the Sullivan 180 Director of da@sullivan.180.org

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

Cooper Quinn, Malcolm

Strother, Jim Sullivan, Wa-

verly Van Aalsburg and

The show features set

design is by Neira Sinan-

basic. Costume design

and construction by Elin

Agustsson, Beth DeVrieze

and Liz Huntington. Sound

and lights by C. Peditto.

Music by Klaus Doldinger

There are just four per-

formances scheduled: On

Saturdays, June 21 and

28 at 7 p.m. and Sundays,

June 22 and 29 at 2 p.m.

and Giorgio Moroder.

Hudson Williams-Eynon.

sburg Central School District has announced that its summer food program is ofprogram is available to all children in the district under the age of 18. From July 7 to August 15, meals will be

> **Benjamin Cosor Elementary School** 15 Old Falls Road Fallsburg, NY 12733

> > Lakeview Apartments/ **Woodland Townhouses** 5 Woodland Road Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759 Lunch: 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

Breakfast: 8 to 9:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11a.m. to 12 p.m.

delivered to five different

locations each week, Mon-

day through Friday. The fol-

lowing are the locations and

times for meal pickup:

Main Street Houses 5254 S Fallsburg Main Street South Fallsburg, NY 12779 Lunch: 1 to 1:30 p.m.

Morningside Park 11 Morningside Park Road Hurleyville, NY 12747 Breakfast: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Lunch: 12 to 12:30 p.m.

FROM THE

FALLSBURG – The Fall- Woodridge Housing **Authority** 357 Mountain Dale Road Woodridge, NY 12789 ficially underway. This free Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 12

FCSD to Hold

Summer Food Program

p.m.

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For more information, please contact the Fallsburg Central School District at (845) 434-6800 or 115 Brickman Road, Fallsburg, NY 12733.

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THE VENTURI EFFECT

Venturi Effect Wind can accelerate through narrow passages

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The Venturi Effect is a opening through which the phenomenon many people have heard about, but speed while decreasing the few understand. While it is a complicated concept to explain in mathematical detail, in simple terms, it is a drop in pressure (with a corresponding increase in velocity) when a liquid or a gas passes through a confined space. Think of how a breeze is impacted when it passes though a cracked

door, for instance. Several machines, including the vacuum cleaner, ventilator, or the diffuser in an automobile, operate on the Venturi Effect. Also, the Venturi Effect is the drop in static pressure of John "the Weatherman" Sia liquid through a pipe. Think of placing your on weather for The Sentinel. thumb over the outlet of a He lives in Hurleyville.

water hose. Minimizing the

water passes increases its pressure.

The Venturi Effect can cause damage in weather as wind speed is increased in narrow spaces, which could be naturally occurring, like in the mountains or man made, like those created by buildings in cities. The narrower the opening through which the wind passes, the greater the increase in its speed.

The Venturi Effect is named for the 18th century Italian physicist, Giovanni Battista Venturi.

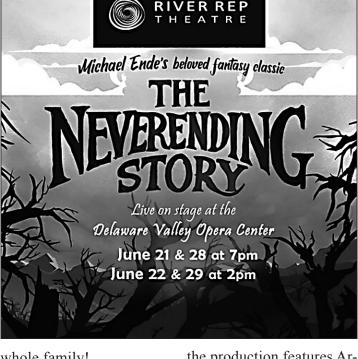
mon writes a regular column

THE NEVERENDING STORY

River Rep Theatre at Lake Huntington

LAKE HUNTINGTON - River Rep Theatre is thrilled to present the beloved fantasy classic "The Neverending Story" at the Delaware Valley Opera Center in Lake Hunting-

Adapted for the stage, and told with all the thrills of a classic adventure, "The Neverending Story" follows a young boy named Bastian, who opens a mysterious book and becomes drawn into a timeless world of fantastical creatures — a world that only he can save from certain destruction. Filled with spectacle and wonder, this magical tale of the trials of childhood and the triumph of imagination



whole family!

Directed by Christopher Peditto, based on the novel by Michael Ende, and will delight and inspire the adapted by David S. Craig, Ellie J, Lexee McEntee, www.riverrep.org/

the production features Arthur Aulisi, Jess Beveridge, Hannah DeVrieze, Tiffany Esteb, Tibor Feldman,

Tickets are \$30 each with

children 12 and under at half price. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the website, https://

County Expands Monticello Transfer Station Scale Hours

MONTICELLO - In order to better accommodate commercial haulers, Sullivan County's scale at the Monticello Transfer Station will operate on an expanded schedule, starting June 2.

"Our private waste haulers have said they need increased access to our main transfer station, and I'm pleased to say that is about to become a reality," said District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, chair of the Legislature's Public Works Committee. "We'll be staffing our scale in Monticello a full hour-and-a-half longer Mondays through Fridays, and 45 minutes more on Saturdays."

Monday through Friday, weighed out by 3 p.m.), until 1 p.m.). inbound scale hours will and Saturday, inbound scale be from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. hours will be from 7-11 or to ask questions, con-



For more information thelman@sullivanny.gov or

(hand-unloaders must be a.m. (bags will be accepted tact Recycling Coordinator Kassie Thelman at Kassie. 845-807-0291.

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BORSCHT BELT MARKER PROJECT EXPANDS INTO ULSTER COUNTY

New Markers Dedicated in Greenfield Park, Ellenville

by John Conway

GREENFIELD PARK -The ongoing Borscht Belt Marker Project, which last went off well," she said. summer visited Hurleyville for the reveal of a marker two days. We had Gilbert in front of the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre, has now officially expand-

ed into Ulster County. Two markers were dedicated in the town of Wawarsing over the Memorial Day weekend: one in Ellenville and one in Greenfield Park. Both locales were home to Fallsview in Ellenville and the Tamarack in Greenfield

Scheinfeld was pleased

was especially happy with the special guests who joined in the ceremonies.

"Our Ulster dedications "Overall, a really amazing Gottfried's wife Dara and his kids join us at the Ellenville dedication, where Dara spoke, and Lisa Hackett, daughter of Buddy, flew in to speak at the Greenfield Park dedication on Sunday, where her father was celebrated."

Gilbert Gottfried, the well-known Borscht Belt edgy and controversial resorts, the Nevele and the Brooklyn born comedian, died in 2022. Buddy Hackett (born Leonard Hacker, also in Brooklyn) was an Project leader Marisa internationally known comedian who worked at a with the two events, and number of Catskills hotels,



including the Golden in marker funding initiative in Hurleyville, where he first 2006, the Pomeroy Founperformed as a teenager and dation has funded over often claimed he didn't get 2,600 markers and plaques a single laugh, and the Con- in 49 states, all the way to cord in Kiamesha Lake. He Alaska. died in 2003.

Ms. Scheinfeld also an- will be installed on Route nounced that the project 42 at its intersection of team had been notified by Heiden Road in Fallsburg, the William G. Pomeroy foundation that they would 52 overlook just outside be receiving funding for Ellenville," Ms. Scheintwo New York State histor- feld said. "While Sullivan ic markers to augment the County was undoubtedly larger, more detailed markers the project is erecting.

PHOTO PROVIDED Hackett, daughter of the late comedian and Borscht Belt veteran Buddy Hackett, was on hand for the dedication of the new marker in Greenfield Park.

"One [of our markers] and the other on the Route the epicenter of the Borscht Belt, we felt it was import-Since it began its historic ant to recognize that corner of Ulster County as well, in order to fully honor the region's historic landscape."

> She said it is expected that the Pomeroy markers will be delivered and dedicated this fall.

Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

One of our neighbor's elegiac sense of things slipcats — I call her Wheezer, as she sounds a bit asthmatic — is now 21 years old. In human years, as these things are figured, that's around 100. Wheezer is preparing for her end the way cats will, often withdrawing to a secluded corner of the house or settling deep in a cabinet drawer, not responding to calls or coming out for food — the strategies of a weakened creature instinctively looking to protect itself from predators. At other times, she seems her younger self again, perched out in the open on a high stool, front paws expanding and contracting with pleasure, like a feeding kitten, when she's scratched between the ears. Still, the weight of her years hangs heavy on her, like a

One night I had a dream that Wheezer's time had come and she was very near death. Outside the house. from the surrounding woods, animals emerged, one-by-one — all the local fauna: deer and bear, fox and hedgehog, coyote and turkey. They gathered together on the porch of the house, along with some not-so-local creatures; there was a lion among the company. They sat in silence, looking like one of Edward Hicks' "The Peaceable Kingdom" paintings, with a foregoing sleep in order to due solemnity, but not grim. They had come to pay their respects, to sit vigil for their way, as we conceive of dying sister.

veyed a sense of an under- ily or citizens of a nation, lying harmony to things, Earth in its wholeness. life asserting a principle of unity, which made me think of Emerson's "Na- of vigil because the times ture": "The greatest delight call for wakefulness. which the fields and the woods minister, is the suggestion of an occult relation between man and the vegetable." Ay, flora and fauna kin@gmail.com, or via his

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ping away. The vigil was also a wake.

The dream caught the mood of this fraught season. An autumnal broodiness hangs over this year's spring, damping it down. Maybe it's all the rain: the saturated air meets the cool mornings and, day after day, I'm enveloped in fog on my way to work. It's been a "season of mists" that has May rhyming with October.

Or maybe it's the sense of things slipping away in the squalls of our civic life, like falling leaves in the winds of autumn. Among those falling things: the precarious bit of traction that had been gained towards halting, or blunting, the impact of climate change, that now seems lost to ground slick with oil — an accelerating skid into the irreparable. Against the background of climatic calamities, the fresh greens of spring arrive tinged with irony. Is it time yet to sit vigil for nature?

Vigils are not only for the dead and dying. There are vigils for the living as well. In the monastic tradition, "vigil" is one of the canonical hours, the prayers offered in the darkest hours of the night. To keep vigil is to be watchful, alert, vigilant. We become vigilant to guard against danger, extend protection. We can each sit vigil in our own what's due to the living we The dream was both ex- care for: individuals or colhilarating and sad. It con- lectives, members of a famthe gardens we tend or the

I believe I had my dream

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Beauty

Visitors Association Announces New Membership Model

ivan Catskills Visitors "Transitioning to a free Association (SCVA) has membership model allows just announced an inclu- us to better serve the ensive shift in its member- tire business community ship structure, an initiative without the constraints of designed to elevate the transactional expectations. Sullivan Catskills region This change reflects our in its entirety, and ful- commitment to servant ly represent the diverse leadership—removing businesses and organiza- barriers, fostering inclutions that define our com- sion, and focusing our efmunity. As each business' current membership year as a whole." concludes, the SCVA will officially phase out its traditional paid membership membership for all businesses within the region.

growth while fostering greater equity, collaboration, and representation. this year, we'll be work-Under the new model, all businesses that sign up for the free membership will remain integrated into the SCVA's marketing efforts, including listings in the official Sullivan Catskills Travel Guide and on the organization's website.

The SCVA aims to encourage broader participation and ensure that everyone—from longstanding tourism staples to new businesses—has the opportunity to benefit from and contribute to the Sullivan Catskills brand.

funding now in place, we our entire community." believe it's time to evolve our approach," explains President and CEO of the

LIBERTY - The Sul- SCVA, Michael Martelon. forts on lifting the region

While the core membership will now be free, the SCVA is in the process model and introduce a free of developing a series of enhanced collaborative opportunities. These will This change will be piv- include supporter tiers otal to the SCVA's con- and additional ways for tinued mission to support businesses to engage more tourism-driven economic deeply with the region's promotional efforts.

"Also, over the course of ing on developing a suite of data products and insights—in partnership with leaders like Key Data Dashboard and Datafy not to generate profit, but to break even and reinvest in what matters most: raising awareness for the Sullivan Catskills brand," Mr. Martelon said. "By offering access to these powerful tools at nominal monthly fee, we're helping local businesses understand the tourism landscape more deeply and make smarter, more stra-"With dedicated public tegic decisions that benefit

The SCVA looks forward to sharing updates as this transition is underway.

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FCSD Hosts Community Awards Banquet

FALLSBURG - On May 30, the Fallsburg Central School District hosted their second annual Community Awards Banquet at Tarry Brae Golf Course. The ceremony recognized 21 seniors who received scholarships from the Fallsburg Alumni Association, Kiwanis Club of Woodridge, Lions Club, and Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Central Community Scholarship Fund. The scholarship recipients are as followed:

Candy Gold Memorial Scholarship: Elisheva Sudranski.

Edward Bryan Scholarship: Emy Sierra Mejia. Esthyr Mintz-Flanagan

Scholarship: Luciano Es-Fallsburg Alumni Asso-

ciation Award: Maya Bal-

lard and Erli Maldonado Garcia. Fallsburg Lions Annu-Maya Ballard, Isabelle

Batista, Hannah Johnson, Nancy Martinez Cadena, Owen Messenger (Monticello CSD) and Bella Mus-

Jack Leshner Memorial donez Cabrera, Dalila Or-



Scholarship and award recipients: (from left to right) Luciano Esposito, Erli Maldonado Garcia, Vivian Ordonez Cabrera, Rachel Montenegro Sandoval, Brianna Noller, Emy Sierra Mejia, Jaily Sebastian, Angie Rodriguez, Ceceila Riker-Lainez, Nancy Martinez Cadena, Dalila Ortiz Fuentes, Evyonna Gilliard, Isabelle Batista, Maya Ballard, Bella Muscia, Elisheva Sudranski, and Owen Messenger. Missing from photo: Hannan Johnson, Daris Koljenovic, Nicholas Storms, and Jordyn Wall-Carty.

Cadena.

Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Jordyn Wall-Carty. Central Community Scholarship: Hannah Johnson, Nancy Martinez Cadena, Bella Muscia, Vivian Or-

jenovic.

Woodridge Scholarship: Isabelle Ba-

al Achievement Award: Award: Nancy Martinez tiz Fuentes, Angie Rodri- tista, Evyonna Gilliard, guez, Jaily Sebastian, and Erli Maldonado Garcia, Rachel Montenegro San-Sheryl Kalter Memorial doval, Bella Muscia, Bri-Scholarship: Daris Kol- anna Noller, Cecelia Riker Lainez, Nicholas Storms, Kiwanis and Elisheva Sudranski.

FALLSBURG HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN EARNS **2025 SALON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Memorial Scholarship

Hannah is the daughter class. of Erin and Willie Johnson Jr. of Woodridge, N.Y. She will receive \$1,000 toward her first year of post-secondary studies at Syracuse University this fall.

overcoming personal chal-

nah Johnson, a graduating commitment to communisenior at Fallsburg High ty service. Hannah served School, has been named as the captain of severthe 2025 recipient of the al varsity sports teams Marion and Philip Salon at Fallsburg HS and is the valedictorian of her 132-member graduating

In a letter of recommendation for Hannah, Town of Fallsburg Councilman Sean Wall-Carty said: "Her service on the Student Equity Committee She was selected for highlights her commitment to fostering inclu-

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FALLSBURG - Han- school career and for her school and community. arship is funded by the She has worked to ampli- children and relatives of fy student voices and cre- Marion and Phil Salon, ative positive changes."

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whose two children, Shep The scholarship, which and Rebecca, graduated

Marion and Phil Salon ny and Salon's Corners, a convenience store, over a 40-year period. Mr. Salon served for 24 years on the

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From the Firehouse

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

The Hurleyville Fire Department is always looking for help, to fight fire or support those that do. We even supply all the gear and provide all the training needed, for free. Stop by any Monday night and find out how

you can help. Memorial Day has passed us and the official start of grilling season is upon us. In recent years I have been to a number of grill fires and some have caused a great deal of damage to homes and garages. Statistically about 20 percent of the grill fires were attributed to a dirty grill. So here are some commonsense safety hints for grilling:

- For propane grills, check the gas tank for leaks before use in the months
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Place the grill well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- gas grill lid is open before dows rolled up.

GRAHAMSVILLE - The

Time and the Valleys Muse-

um, on St. Rt. 55 in Graha-

msville is now open for the

• Water and the Valleys, an

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Rondout and Neversink wa-

tershed area from early geo-

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tury. This exhibition includes

a section on the Lenape Na-

tive Americans, early area

settlers, farming, local indus-

Exhibitions:

tries and more.

at least three feet away from the grilling area.

- If you use starter fluid when charcoal grilling, only use charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. When you have or are finished grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing them in a metal con-
- Never leave your grill unattended when in use.

Another topic for spring Safety is weather related incidents. There have already been a couple of thunder and lightning storms in the area this spring. Here are some safety hints to refresh your memory as to what to do in the event of a storm:

- Be aware: Check the weather forecast before participating in outdoor ac-
- Go indoors: Remember the phrase, "When thunder roars, go indoors." Find a safe, enclosed shelter when you hear thunder. Safe shelters include homes, offices, shopping centers, and hard-• Always make sure your top vehicles with the win-
- Seek shelter immedi-• Keep children and pets ately even if caught out Be Safe

TIME AND THE VALLEYS MUSEUM NOW OPEN

• Tunnels, Toil and Trouble:

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up their homes and how the

Farm is an outdoor, open air

1930s Catskill Family

complex system was built.

in the open: Act quickly to find adequate shelter. Crouching or getting low to the ground can reduce your chances of being struck but does not remove you from

- **Separate:** If you are in 14. a group during a thunderstorm, separate from each other. This will reduce the number of injuries if lightning strikes the ground.
- structures.

There are many, many apps that can help you keep on top of the weather events. One is NY-Alert.

This is a free app that you can fine tune to your preferences. NY-Alert sends out critical information for

Coming up is the 24th Annual Morningside Fishing Classic. Saturday, June 21 5 a.m. – 1 p.m at Morningside Lake, 614 Brickman Road, Hurleyville.

Summer is coming and there will be an increase in the population in the County. Roads, stores, everything becomes busier. Be aware of your surroundings and be safe.

Use common sense and

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experience with several early

farm buildings all illustrating

life on a Catskill family farm

during the 1930s, about to be

removed for the building of

include a farm house, 1870s

barn, electric plant, milk

house, outhouse and work-

The Museum is located at

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in Grahamsville. It is open

to the public on Saturday and

Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m.

through September or by ap-

pointment. Adults admission

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and children under six are

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Open House at Homestead School Campuses Saturday, June 14

HURLEYVILLE – The Homestead School invites families, prospective students, and community members to experience its vibrant and inclusive learning environment during the Annual Open House on Saturday, June

The Open House will take place at both the Glen Spey Campus (Pre-K through 6th Grade) and the Hurleyville Campus, • Don't stay near tall home to the Collaborative College High School (grades 7 through Early College).

- **Open House Schedule:** • Glen Spey Campus, 428 Hollow Road, Glen
- Hurleyville Campus, 202 Main Street, Hurleyville: 1 - 4 p.m.

Spey: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Guests at both campuses will enjoy campus tours, meet-and-greets with faculty and staff, engaging children's activities, including crafts and a bouncy house, and student work on a display that showcases the school's commitment to impact-based learning—where knowledge is turned into meaningful action.

Food will be available at both locations, with food trucks and local ice cream vendors stationed at the Glen Spey campus.

The Homestead School is dedicated to cultivating an inclusive, student-centered environment where curiosity, compassion, and community engagement are essential to the educational experience. At the Glen Spey campus, students benefit from a unique farm-based Montessori program set on a 100-acre landscape that includes permaculture learning across various gardens, farm animals, nutrition education, local their first college credits. plant identification, and service learning—such as visit composting, service projects, and volunteering for main office at (845) 856local food pantries are 6359. embedded into everyday

learning.

As students advance into the middle and high school years, the Hurleyville campus offers a transformative academic model through the Collaborative College High School (CCHS), where students gain early college credits while tackling real-world challenges. The open house will spotlight achievements such as CCHS's first graduating class, including a National Merit finalist, college acceptances to leading educational institutions, and significant tuition savings through dual-enrollment with SUNY Sullivan.

about student-led business and civic engagement projects, including sustainability and food equity initiatives. In addition to these exciting opportunities for students Pre-K through Early College, the school is expanding its outreach to support homeschooled students, offering enrichment in after school programs and weekly engagement for families to attend with their students.

For more information,

Visitors will also learn

Families are invited to join the Open House to learn more about these offerings on the Homestead School's unique campuses. The Homestead School's mission is to inspire a lifelong love of learning while empowering students to become thoughtful stewards of their communities and the natural world.

Through a commitment to diverse perspectives, hands-on education, and action-oriented learning, Homestead students are not just preparing for the future—they're actively shaping it. Join in on June 14 to experience how The Homestead School is

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COMPILED BY Sullivan County Historian John Conway

SUCCIVAN COUNTY-

The Next Act

CATSKILLS

June 21, 1916 **POST OFFICE ENLIGHTENED**

The post office is now equipped with electric lights which makes a great improvement.

June 28, 1916 **NEW CONSTRUCTION** Jos. Brenner & Son have

broken ground for a new building and we understand they contemplate putting in a mill with electric power.

The stone road between Hurleyville and Loch Sheldrake had been repaired and now the town road machinery goes to Mountaindale.

A LONG DAY'S **JOURNEY**

John Knapp came down from the Columbia Monday in his car and boarded the nine o'clock train for Liberty telling those here he would be back on the 10:17 in time to take them to the house. Well, he came on the 10:17 all right and when it went through here about 50 miles an hour he sung out the window, "I'll be back on No. 1." Well, No. 1 now goes through faster than that, but that wasn't the worst of it – the train he was on never stopped until it reached Middletown, so he had quite some excursion, reaching home on the 7:43 that evening.

June 11, 1937 **LOCAL GIRLS WIN PRIZE**

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

A large group of performgrowing confident, capa- ers competed for honors beand outdoor classrooms. ble changemakers—from fore an audience of nearly Leadership opportunities, their first steps in pre-K to five hundred people. The Young Folk's League of Sullivan County sponsored the show, which was followed by a dance.

David Leider of Monticello, a singer, was awarded first prize; the Hurleyville girls

second; and Edward Hones, Roscoe cornet player, was third. Prizes were \$10, \$5, and \$3.

BETROTHED COUPLE FETED BY FRIENDS

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

shower; about fifty attended the stag party.

June 18, 1937 NEWS AND PERSONAL NOTES

Mrs. George Lounsbury has returned to her home here after spending the past four weeks in the Robert packer Hospital at Sayre, PA, where she submitted to a serious operation. Her present condition is said to be favorable.

Max Tennanbaum has opened a grocery and appetizer shop in the Kurland store for the summer months.

Miss Marjorie Prince has returned to Hurleyville for the summer where she plans to conduct a beauty shop at one of the local hotels.

June 25, 1937 STUDENTS GRADU-ATED FROM LOCAL **SCHOOL WITH HIGH HONORS**

Thirteen graduates of the Hurleyville High School received diplomas at the Commencement exercises held at the school auditorium on

Saturday evening while on the previous evening fifteen diplomas were distributed to graduates of the grade school.

Leo Salon, salutatorian of the high school, enjoyed the distinction of winning four awards, the first for 100% excellence in Intermediate Algebra, a five dollar cash prize donated by Lazurus I. Levine for the highest mark in American History, another for being chosen the outstanding boy in the class, and the fourth, a prize donated by Philip Krukin, Monticello jeweler, for the highest Regents average.

Miss Dorothy Osdoby delivered the valedictory ad-

William G. Birmingham, Liberty attorney and president of the Sullivan County Bar Association, was guest speaker. He stressed the value of the Constitution, and urged the graduates and the audience to cherish the freedom which they now possess.

June 2019 "THE NEXT ACT" AT HPAC

"The Sullivan County Catskills: The Next Act," a film by Grayce Arlotta-Berner and Peter J. Russo, is a 38 minute evocation of the Sullivan County Catskills past, present, and potential future. It weaves together the viewpoints of ten interview subjects, interspersing them with historical images (film. photographs, postcards and posters). The perspectives converge and diverge along lines that give the film its distinct texture and argument. "The Next Act" is a deft and suggestive collage.

D&H CANAL INTERPRETIVE CENTER NOW OPEN

Canalside Museum Is Free to Visit

Delaware & Hudson Canal a NYC reservoir. Building Interpretive Center at 16 Bova Road in Summitville is now open to the public. Admission is always free. shop with WORKING water-

The Interpretive Center will remain open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through September 1, from 10 a.m.– 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and from noon–5 p.m. Sundays.

Sullivan County's D&H Canal Interpretive Center sits adjacent to the historic remains of the former Delaware & Hudson Canal, including a lock and waste weir. The Center takes visitors on an exploration of life on the canal, through each

operation.

Learn about the lock system and enjoy the historic available. features of the site. Hike along the canal towpath from Summitville to Wurtsboro. Enjoy occasional special events! Whether you are a canal enthusiast or simply wonder why there are remnants of fancy stone walls in strange places along Route 209, the D&H Canal Interpeople were up to in this area starting in the 1820s.

The Center also houses original artifacts from the canal, photographs, paint-

SUMMITVILLE - The phase of the canal's con- ings, documents, postcards, struction and its 70 years of numerous maps, and other canal-related materials. A bookstore and restrooms are

The D&H Interpretive Center provides free group tours on select days. These are great for schools, history clubs, and community groups! The maximum group size is 40 people. For more information or to book a reservation, contact the Sullivan County Parks, Recpretive Center will solve reation & Beautification Demany mysteries about what partment at scparks@sullivanny.gov or 845-807-0287.

Additional information is available at www.sullivanny.gov/Departments/Parks-Recreation.







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THE GENTLE LIFE PART III

short story originally published by Henry Van Dyke in 1901, and is currently in the public domain. In commemoration of the opening hidden in her leafy choir, of trout fishing season in New York State in April, we are offering it in four installments. In the opening chapter, our narrator, a serious fisherman, disclosed that he had arranged to meet his friend, Ned Mason, at Contentment Corner on the Neversink River for a noontide lunch and smoke and talk, "he fishing down Biscuit Brook, and I down the West Branch, until we came together at the rendezvous..." but Ned Mason is running late, and instead, an old man, a stranger, yet somehow familiar, appears out of nowhere, and in Part II, a conversation ensues. That's where we pick up the story in Part III...

comfortable on the shady bank, and... my new companion entertained me with the sweetest and friendliest talk that I had ever heard...

wherein should you and I be der Charles. The goodness happier, this pleasant after- and mercy of God are still noon of May, had we all the over all His works, whether

gold in Croesus his coffers? Would the sun shine for us more bravely, or the flowers give forth a sweeter breath, or yonder warbling vireo, send down more pure and musical descants, sweetly attuned by natural magic to woo and win our thoughts from vanity and hot desires into a harmony with the tranquil thoughts of God? And as for fame and power, trust me, sir, I have seen too many men in my time that lived very unhappily though their names were upon all lips, and died very sadly though their power was felt in many lands; too many of these great ones have I seen that spent their days in disquietude and ended them in sorrow, to make me envy their conditions or hasten to rival them. Nor do I think that, by all their perturbations and fightings and runnings So we made ourselves to and fro, the world hath been much bettered, or even greatly changed. The colour and complexion of mortal life, in all things that are essential, remain the same "But as concerning riches, under Cromwell or un-

Presbytery or Episcopacy be set up as His interpreter. Very quietly and peacefully have I lived under several polities, civil and ecclesiastical, and under all there was room enough to do my duty and love my friends and go a-fishing. And let me tell you, sir, that in the state wherein I now find myself, though there are many things of which I may not speak to you, yet one thing is clear: if I had made haste in my mortal concerns, I should not have saved time, but lost it; for all our affairs are under one sure dominion which moveth them forward to their concordant end: wherefore 'HE THAT **BELIEVETH** SHALL NOT MAKE HASTE,' and, above all, not when he goeth a-angling.

"But tell me, I pray you, is not this char cooked yet? Methinks the time is somewhat overlong for the roasting. The fragrant smell of the cookery gives me an eagerness to taste this new dish. Not that I am in haste,

"Well, it is done; and well done, too! Marry, the flesh of this fish is as red as roseleaves, and as sweet as if he had fed on nothing else. The



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flavour of smoke from the fire is but slight, and it takes nothing from the perfection of the dish, but rather adds to it, being clean and delicate. I like not these French cooks who make all dishes in disguise, and set them forth with strange foreign savours, like a masquerade. Give me my food in its native dress, even though it be a little dry. If we had but a cup of sack, now, or a glass of good ale, and a pipeful of tobacco?

"What! you have an abundance of the fragrant weed in your pouch? Sir, I thank you very heartily! You entertain me like a prince. Not like King James, be it understood, who despised to-

nounce the recipients of

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• Monticello Central

• Town of Lumberland

• Livingston Manor

bacco and called it a 'lively image and pattern of hell'; nor like the Czar of Russia who commanded that all who used it should have their noses cut off; but like good Queen Bess of glorious memory, who disdained not the incense of the pipe, and some say she used one herself; though for my part I think the custom of smoking one that is more fitting for men, whose frailty and need of comfort are well known, than for that fairer sex whose innocent and virgin spirits stand less in want of creature consolations.

"But come, let us not trouble our enjoyment with careful discrimination of others' scruples. Your tobacco is rarely good; I'll warrant it comes from that province of Virginia which was named for the Virgin Queen; and while we smoke together, let me call you, for this hour, my Scholar; and so I will give you four choice rules for the attainment of that unhastened quietude of mind whereof we did lately discourse.

"First: you shall learn to desire nothing in the world so much but that you can be happy without it.

"Second: you shall seek that which you desire only by such means as are fair and lawful, and this will leave you without bitterness towards men or shame before God.

Third: you shall take pleasure in the time while you are seeking, even though

you obtain not immediately that which you seek; for the purpose of a journey is not only to arrive at the goal, but also to find enjoyment by the way. "Fourth: when you attain

that which you have desired, you shall think more of the kindness of your fortune than of the greatness of your skill. This will make you grateful, and ready to share with others that which Providence hath bestowed upon you; and truly this is both reasonable and profitable, for it is but little that any of us would catch in this world were not our luck better than our deserts.

Rules I will add yet another--Fifth: when you smoke your pipe with a good conscience, trouble not your-

in the world who will find fault with you for so doing. If you wait for a pleasure at which no sour-complexioned soul hath ever girded, you will wait long, and go through life with a sad and anxious mind. But I think that God is best pleased with us when we give little heed to scoffers, and enjoy His gifts with thankfulness and an easy heart."

A Short Story by Henry Van Dyke

self because there are men

The conversation between our narrator and his strange visitor is becoming much more engrossing than even fishing the wild and abundant Neversink could be. Where "And to these Four is it heading? Find out in the concluding chapter of our story, only in the July edition of The Hurleyville

Fallsburg Students Receive Al Rasnick Do the Right Thing Award

FALLSBURG – On May 27, two Benjamin Cosor Elementary School students, Rebecca Malespin Argueta, Jayden Padgett, and four Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School students, Angel Cadena Romero, Maiya Davis, Ruth Mahnken, and Aileen Rodriguez, were named recipients of the Al Rasnick Do the Right Thing Award.

The purpose of the award is to celebrate students who were caught doing a good deed or helping others in need—not solely for recognition or praise, but out of genuine humility and kindness toward their peers and staff. Each of these students has demonstrated what it means to be a strong role model and positive influence in the school community.

The award has been a cherished tradition since 2004, when then-School Resource and is beyond proud of them Officer, Ed Liotard, brought for exemplifying integrity,

going financial support from Town of Fallsburg Judge, Bart Rasnick, and the Fallsburg Police Department. The Fallsburg Central

learning about the Miami

Police Department's version

of the Do the Right Thing

Award. Since its inception,

the award has received on-

School District wishes to congratulate the recipients the idea to the district after compassion and leadership.

FORT DELAWARE ANNOUNCES PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

Bold Gold Media Speaker Series 2025

NARROWSBURG Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History in Narrowsburg, NY has announced its schedule of special programs for the 2025 season.

For the fourth consecutive year, the series of presentations will be sponsored by Bold Gold Media.

The Bold Gold Media Speaker Series kicks off on the Fort's opening day, Saturday, May 17 with a presentation by Sullivan County Historian John Conway exploring the newly discovered connection between Benedict Arnold and Cushetunk, the first permanent European settlement in the Upper Dela-

ware region. Benedict Arnold will also be the subject of two other programs this season, as authors Jack Kelly (God Save Benedict Arnold) and Matthew Reardon (The Traitor's Homecoming) will visit Fort Delaware to discuss and sign their books at

different times. Fort Delaware's event tent was destroyed in a recent rain storm, so until it can be replaced all special programs will be presented in the James W. Burbank Pavilion. For the first time, the presentations will be open to the public at no charge. All special programs start at 4 p.m. unless

otherwise noted. The programming schedule includes:

Saturday, May 17: "The Benedict Arnold Connection" by Sullivan County Historian John Conway; 4

Saturday, May 24: "The Battlefield Death of Dr. Benjamin Tusten" by Sullivan County Historian John Conway (Memorial Day weekend program about one of our first veterans to



Rich Jenkins is a direct descendant of the man who guided General John Sullivan (namesake of Sullivan County) on his Revolutionary War expedition and recorded the journey on his powder horn. Mr. Jenkins will present a program on the topic at Fort Delaware Museum on August 16.

give his life in battle); 4

Monday, May 26: (Memorial Day) Special Program TBA

Saturday, June 14: "God Save Benedict Arnold: The True Story of America's Most Hated Man" discussion and book signing by book author Jack Kelly; 4 p.m. (Benedict Arnold died on June 14, 1801)

Friday, July 4: "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" by Oliver King as Frederick Douglass; 4 p.m.

Saturday, July 5: "The Spirit of Philadelphia: A Call to Rediscover the Founding Principles" discussion and book signing by book author Chris Gibson, PhD. (Dr. Gibson is a retired military officer and former U.S. Congressman)

Saturday, July 12: "Patriots and Loyalists: The Reading of the Declaration of Independence and the Loyalist Rebuttal" with Fort Delaware staff and re-enactors; 1 p.m.

Saturday, July 19 and Sunday, July 20: Queen

Esther's Refugees on the Warpath encampment and siege of Fort Delaware; 11 a.m.; (Fort closes at 3 p.m. Saturday for Battle of Minisink Commemoration at 4 p.m. at Minisink Battleground Park)

Saturday, July 19: Commemoration of the Battle of Minisink; Minisink Battleground Park, County Road 168, Barryville; Terry Bernardo, NSDAR Keynote Speaker (Fort Delaware closes at 3 p.m. today only)

Saturday, August 9: "The Traitors Homecoming: Benedict Arnold's Raid on New London, CT" discussion and book signing by book author Matthew E. Reardon; 4 p.m.

Saturday, August 16: "Guiding General Sullivan: The Sullivan Expedition as Recorded by its Guide" by Richard Jenkins; 4 p.m.

Saturday, August 23: "To Quell, Suppress, and Bring Them to Reason by Force: Combatting the Loyalist Threat in NY During 1775" by Dutchess County Historian Will Tatum, PhD.

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 Sullivan West Central School, High School -Campus Beautification

Beautification

"We are so pleased to recognize the creativity and commitment of this year's grant recipients," said Carmela Hugel, Beautification Program Manager at Sullivan 180. "It's incredibly rewarding to see public spaces and schools transformed by the hands of those who live, work, and play in them."

Community projects are always seeking volunteers to participate. Contact Anne-Louise Scandariato, Director of Community Engagement at 845-295-2405, to connect with a project in your community. For information on Beautification Grants, contact Carmela Hugel at 845-295-2453 or Carmela@Sullivan180.org.

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SENTINEL SPORTS



SAUNTER WITH US!

SENTINEL SPONSORS WORLD SAUNTERING DAY RAIL TRAIL EVENT

recognition of World Saun- the United States in the tering Day, The Hurleyville Sentinel has announced that it is sponsoring a walk on the Milk Train Trail guided and narrated by longtime Sullivan County Historian John Conway (who also happens to be the editor of World Sauntering Day a litthe newspaper).

World Sauntering Day is celebrated internationally each year on June 19, scheduled for Wednesday evening, June 18 beginning at 6 p.m.

a 2017 article on the little

the idea of World Sauntering Day "as a response to HURLEYVILLE - In the jogging fad that swept 1970s.'

> The Sentinel Saunter is believed to be the first time the holiday will be commemorated locally.

Mr. Conway became aware of the existence of tle over a year ago, and in an article this reporter did for the July, 2024 edition of The Sentinel, he promised but the Sentinel Saunter is to consider doing a walk to commemorate it in 2025.

"We are scheduling the first ever Sentinel Saun-World Sauntering Day ter for the evening before began back in 1979 at the World Sauntering Day," Grand Hotel on Macki- Mr. Conway said. "The nac Island in Michigan. In reason for that is simply that we don't want to conknown holiday, the Smith- flict with any of the events sonian Magazine noted that that have been planned to the hotel's publicist, W.T. celebrate the Juneteenth "Bill" Rabe, came up with holiday. Hopefully, the fact

The Sentinel Saunter will leave from the west side trailhead at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 18.

that our saunter will be in the evening on June 18 will encourage people to participate who might work during the day. Everyone is welcome."

Participants are advised to meet in the upper west side municipal parking lot behind the train station in Hurleyville. The Saunter will proceed along the Milk Train trail westward toward Ferndale, and will last approximately 90 minutes. Mr. Conway has often

said the section of rail trail west of Main Street is his favorite place to saunter.

"The quiet solitude of the west side rail trail lends it-



a number of historical top- and the resorts, the dairy in- whom frequented this area self perfectly to saunter- ics we can discuss along the dustry, gangsters, and even for the abundance of game ing," he said. "And there are way, including the railroad Native Americans, many of found here. We'll try to

into the saunter.

"There is also an incredibly diverse ecosystem from one end of that section of trail to the other, and that cuts down on the monotony of the saunter. There is enough greenery throughout to provide the medicinal benefits of being in nature."

Mr. Conway has long been a proponent of what the Japanese call shinrin yoku, or forest bathing, which is sometimes referred to in this country as silvotherapy.

While the concept of nature based therapies in the treatment of disease and the prevention of illness is nothing new, recent research has quantified the physiological and psychofrom them.

Forest bathing has been defined as the practice of

work each of those topics immersing oneself in nature by mindfully using all five senses. This is a traditional practice in Japan, and during the 1980s, it became a pivotal part of preventive health care and healing in Japanese medicine, not only boosting the immune system, but providing measurable benefits to the cardiovascular and respiratory

> According to the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy Guides and Programs, "there are an infinite number of healing activities that can be incorporated into a walk in a forest or any other natural area."

This is another topic that will be explored during the first ever Sentinel Saunter.

The event is free and logical benefits to be gained open to the public, and no pre-registration is neces-

THE HEAT IS ON

2025 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge

Sullivan 180 Healthiest Fire ter pickups, wall sits, plank Department Challenge has officially reached the halfway mark of the 8-month- Wheat, Outreach Program long initiative with local fire Manager at Sullivan 180. fighters logging over 1,000 activities toward improved health goes beyond the phys-

2025 Participating Fire Departments: Blooming- ing by completing suicide burg, Callicoon Center, awareness training, watch-Grahamsville, Hortonville, ing mental health webinars, Kauneonga Lake, Liberty, practices such as journaling Livingston Manor, Lumberland, Monticello, Narrowsburg-Lava, Rock Hill, Roscoe-Rockland, wood-Mongaup Valley, White Lake, and Woodbourne. "These dedicated individ-

uals have embraced a wide range of physical challenges,

June Questions:

in the month of June?

during the month of June?

Kings win in the 2010s?

to win the NBA Finals?

challenges, and even weekly yoga sessions," said Lindsay "But the commitment to ical — firefighters have also prioritized mental well-beafter calls."

The Healthiest Fire Department Challenge calls attention to the mental and physical health of our firefighters. Firefighting is physically and emotionally demanding from the moment the tones drop. More than half of all firefighters have

BALLGAME

BAFFLERS

BY BRIAN

Here are five ballgame bafflers for your consideration. The first person

to email the most correct answers to hurleysent@hotmail.com will win a

1. What two Major League pitchers have pitched perfect games

2. How many NBA championships did the Chicago Bulls win

3. What Major League Baseball player hit the most home runs

4. How many Stanley Cup championships did the Los Angeles

5. What is the only team to ever come back from a 3-1 deficit

1. What National Leaguer has the most home runs by a switch

2. What year did David Wells pitch a perfect game in May? (1998)

4. Who got his 3,000th career hit on May 4, 2018? (Albert Pujols)

(The first night game in Major League Baseball history;

3. In May of what year did Nolan Ryan pitch his seventh career

5. What historic baseball event took place on May 24, 1935?

hitter in a season? (Chipper Jones, Atlanta Braves,

HURLEYVILLE - The including daily walking, lit- elevated blood pressure; ed by September 1, 2025. are obese and pre-diabetic. 90% or more have poor diet or exercise habits, additionally, suffering from heart in the amount of \$15,000 disease, PTSD and lead in suicide more than any other first responder. Firefighters are consistently managing the balance between family, work and serving their community. Absorbing the trauma of each call has impacts Hurleyville, Jeffersonville, and engaging in reflective that are not always visible or

To make this challenge fun and competitive, departments receive credit in the form of 'turtle points' for each health focused activity they complete. The department that earns the most turtles will be eligible for grant funding through Sullivan 180 and community partners. To date, Black Bear Fuel Oil Heating & Air Conditioning, Garnet Health Medical Center Catskills, Jeff Bank, Liberty & Monticello Rotary Clubs, Schmidt's Wholesale, Sullivan Fire Protection Corp, and Thompson Sanitation have committed to being Turtle Award sponsors.

Grantee levels are based on the final points complet-

The two departments that earn the most turtle points will be eligible for a grant and \$10,000, respectively. Additional grants will be awarded based on a tiered point system. Winners will be announced at the Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters Parade in Monticello on September 6, 2024.

Grahamsville Fire Department currently holds the lead but Kauneonga Lake Fire Department is just a few points behind. Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Department grabs third place.

Support your local firefighters by following the challenge at Sullivan180.org and by joining our Facebook where you'll find live updates and photos.

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Sullivan 180 Celebrates Growth of Spartan Clubs At Sullivan County Schools

LIBERTY van 180's Empowering Healthier Generation (EHG) Program is proud to announce the continued Livingston Manor Middle/ expansion and success of High School, Sullivan West Spartan Clubs across Sulli- Elementary School, Monvan County school districts.

In past years, the EHG Elementary School, Robert program, with generous J. Kaiser Middle School and support from Spartan, has Monticello High School. In assisted in establishing a addition, Sullivan BOCES Spartan Club at Monticel- is piloting a Spartan Club lo's Robert J. Kaiser Mid- through their Physical Eddle School, contributing to ucation program, further- sion to life in a community and uplift our youth, builda growing movement that ing the reach of this wellnow includes six Spartan ness-focused initiative. Clubs in four school dis-

who does their best in things viding 125 free race regisand perseveres in activities trations for Sullivan County that are hard. And even if things are hard, remember that you are brave, you're strong and you can do hard

Sulli- things!" said Alanna, age

Spartan Clubs have taken root in the following schools: ticello's George L. Cooke

Now in its third year of collaboration, Spartan has "A Spartan is someone increased support by propublic school students who form a Spartan Club, enabling them to participate in the annual Bethel Woods

County Government Center.

"We are excited to have

Spartan Race. This incredible support removes financial barriers and empowers students and staff to engage in physical activity, build resilience and strengthen

school community spirit. "We believe every child should have the chance to test their limits, build confidence and enjoy the thrill McDonald, Chief of Staff, Spartan.

Sullivan 180 continues to el Woods Center for the Arts encourage school districts countywide to establish Spartan Clubs at the elementary, middle and high school levels, reinforcing bethelwoodscenter.org/ its mission to empower a events.

healthier generation through wellness, resilience and collaboration.

"Sullivan 180 is deeply grateful to Spartan for their continued and generous partnership," said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Director of Health & Wellness at Sullivan 180. "Together with the school staff and students of a Spartan race. Our work who have created new Sparwith Sullivan 180 is a mean-tan Clubs, this initiative is ingful way to bring that vi- helping to inspire, empower that's all-in on health and ing stronger futures through empowerment," said Dan connection, leadership and team spirit."

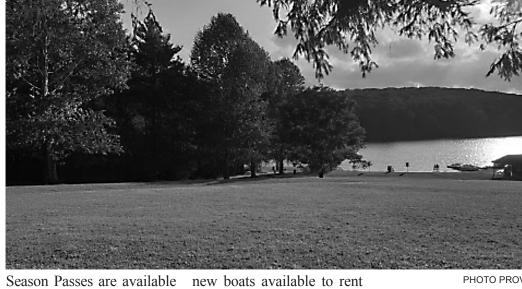
> The Spartan Race at Bethwill be held on June 7 & 8, 2025. To learn more about the races, to register or to sign up please visit www.

LAKE SUPERIOR IS OPEN

County-Operated State Park Offers Family Fun

BETHEL – Lake Superior State Park is now open to the public for picnicking, boat rentals, and swimming and will continue to operate every weekend through the end of June from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Daily operation commences June 21 through September 1. Hours of operation are 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday–Sunday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, subject to weather conditions.

Admission to enter the park is \$5 per person. Children under three years old and veterans who present a valid ID issued through the Sullivan County Return the F.A.V.O.R. program can enter for free. Lake Superior also participates in the Golden Park Program, which grants New York State senior citizens 62 and older free admission to the park on weekdays only (but not weekends or holidays).



for Sullivan County Resifor this season!" said Asdents; these passes are \$15 sistant Recreation Director per person and applicants Fiona Feltman. "We have must provide proof of resipedal boats, row boats, sindency. Season Passes can be gle kayaks, double kayaks, purchased at Lake Superior and now canoes available during hours of operation or to rent for \$8 per hour with a \$20 security deposit per at the Parks, Recreation & Beautification office in the

Several picnic pavilions are available for rent; please

contact the Parks, Recreation & Beautification office at 845-807-0287 or email SCParks@sullivanny.gov for more information.

Lake Superior State Park is operated by the County of Sullivan pursuant to a cooperative agreement with the Palisades Interstate Park Commission.

There was no winner last month.

the Reds beat the Phillies 2-1.)