

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Often times we see the glass as half-empty.

Some people see Ellenville and the surrounding communities that way.

I prefer to see the Ellenville glass as half-full and filling rapidly. If one looks hard enough, one can always find that silver lining.

Even if the casinos never come to Ulster/Sullivan Counties, there are so many attractions in the area, it would be a mistake to depend upon the slot machines. It's really up to the locals to sell the community to others.

I live close to Hollywood and the CBS Studios in Los Angeles. For decades, both its adjacent areas were on the decline, with nothing but dismal future prospects. Now there are two very large and unique malls (the Kodak, and the Grove), in the area, a new park and post office, and townhouses almost completed on the nearby streets. In Hollywood, Magic Johnson is building a shopping mall with attached residences. Small libraries are being replaced by a large facility, near, of all places, Hollywood High School, unusual for this part of the city.

Where there is a will, there is a way.

It just takes motivation. If done right, the outcome will be positive.

Ellenville has turned around since the 70s and 80s, and will someday resemble its glory days, the Ellenville that I knew and loved a long time ago.

I refuse to see the glass as half-empty.

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Milestones



Kimberly Craft, shown with coaches Lori Tocco and Peter Glass at the Barracuda swim team award ceremony at the **Kerhonkson Firehouse** Aug. 5th, won the 25-meter freestyle race for girls 8 and under at the 25th Dutchess Ulster Swim Organization meet at New Paltz Aug. 2nd, with a first place time of 16.81, breaking the 1993 record of 16.94. Kimberly also holds the **Kerhonkson Pool** record for the 25 freestyle, and 'Cuda record for 25 freestyle, 25 backstroke, and 25 breaststroke, and received these awards at the ceremony, where all team swimmers received a team medal and their ribbons.



Mardi Gras Parade at the YMCA School's Out Summer Program.

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