

# THE END OF AN ERA

## Iconic Main Street Restaurant Closes

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – After 41 years as a Main Street landmark, the iconic Frankie & Johnny's Restaurant (also known as Nardi's) has closed its doors.

After enduring a year of the COVID pandemic that saw their business restricted to take-out orders only, the popular Italian eatery permanently shut down rather abruptly on April 12. The announcement of the closing came just days after the restaurant had re-opened on April 8 following a brief early spring hiatus.

"It is with a grateful heart that The Nardi Family is closing our doors to Frankie & Johnny's," the family posted on the restaurant's website and on Facebook. "We would like to thank our customers & friends for 41 years of

support. It was a pleasure to serve you & be part of your lives for so long. 2020 taught us an invaluable lesson to be grateful for our health & to shift our priorities.

"We are looking forward to starting our next chapter spending quality time with our family.

"Thank you for appreciating our life's work.

"With Love, Mary, Johnny, Frank, Amy, Family & Staff"

"It really was a last minute decision," Amy Nardi said last week. "But we all just decided it was time."

The Nardi family first opened Frankie and Johnny's in 1980, when they decided to leave the Bronx where they had operated a family restaurant also called Frankie and Johnny's. The Hurleyville eatery soon became known far and wide for its casual

atmosphere, its red sauce, and large portions, as well as for the house salad dressing, which co-owner Mary Nardi made personally.

For decades, people came to Hurleyville specifically to eat at Frankie & Johnny's.

The restaurant quickly became part of the Hurleyville community, and soon added a private party room and off-premises catering. Many of the ingredients in their specialties came directly from the little garden John Nardi continues to tend in back of the restaurant. John Nardi will turn 90 years old in August of this year while Mary is 83.

"Owning a restaurant is a 24-hour a day job, and you can't do it forever," Amy Nardi said. "Last year was a difficult year, and it changed everything. We lost a number

of loved ones, and we have just decided we want the time to spend with the loved ones we have left."

Frank Nardi emphasizes that the family is not leaving the area, and intends to remain a part of the Hurleyville community.

"We're still going to be around. We're looking forward to the future here, there are exciting things happening," he said, citing the new high school slated to open in September, and the Main Street Mews, which is nearing completion.

Both husband and wife agreed it was a difficult decision to close the restaurant after so many years, and an emotional one.

"We most definitely want to say thank you to all of our customers," Amy Nardi said. "We are very grateful

that we were able to be part of so many of their family celebrations over the years, weddings and birthdays and graduations. But we missed a lot of our own family celebrations because we never had time. Now we hope we will."

She said the family had put the restaurant building up for sale at one point last winter, but has decided to take it off the market. They currently have no plans to sell the property, although they continue to evaluate their options, including possibly selling or leasing the building.

Amy says the family would love to hear from the community, and she has set up a dedicated email address for people to send comments or keep in touch.

The email address is fnj-nardis@gmail.com.



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Frankie & Johnny's, a Hurleyville landmark for more than 40 years, has closed for good.



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220 MAIN Street in Hurleyville, the future home of Catskill Mountainkeeper.

## CATSKILLS CLIMATE AND EDUCATION CENTER COMING TO HURLEYVILLE *Mountainkeeper to Unveil*

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – On the heels of the recent announcement that the Homestead School of Glen Spey will be opening a high school in Hurleyville in September, Catskill Mountainkeeper says it will also be coming to town by summer's end.

Mountainkeeper Executive Director Ramsay Adams says the organization will be opening its newly designed Catskills Climate and Education Center at 220 Main Street in Hurleyville on the first day the new high school opens.

"The opening of the Homestead's Collaborative College

High School in Hurleyville is one of the most significant developments for helping create a smart sustainable economy in the region," Mr. Adams says. "The more educational opportunities we have for our students the better we can attract and retain families who live here."

Jack Comstock, Director of the CCHS, is also excited about the potential synergy the two new additions to Main Street will bring to the community.

"We at Homestead Collaborative College High School couldn't be more thrilled by Catskill Mountainkeeper's new location in Hurleyville," Mr.

Comstock told the Sentinel. "Our partnership with Catskill Mountainkeeper is one more example of how the collaborative learning model that is being created in Hurleyville will help transform our approach to education and graduate students with the skills, vision, and passion to contribute to the healthy and equitable development of the region."

Catskill Mountainkeeper, which was founded in 2006 by Mr. Adams and local farmer Wes Gillingham with a mission "to protect our region's wild lands and natural resources, support smart development to sustainably grow our economy, nurture

healthy communities, and accelerate the transition to a 100% clean energy future in New York and beyond" has been based in Livingston Manor since its inception and will maintain that office.

But what has been happening in Hurleyville over the past few years has proven to be an irresistible lure to an organization whose mission so neatly dovetails with other high profile tenants of Main Street.

"A core mission of CMK is to support smart revitalization of the communities in the Catskills," Mr. Adams said. "The region is uniquely situated to be a model for the na-

tion on how to retool rural economies to survive and thrive in a post-COVID, completely wired world. Hurleyville is smack dab in the center of Sullivan County, and perfectly nestled between SUNY Sullivan and The Center for Discovery, with wild lands, rivers mountains and a newly designed rail to trail. We hope that opening a Mountainkeeper office will contribute to the blossoming of this beautiful town."

Once renovations to the building are complete, Mountainkeeper will be moving into the space at 220 Main Street formerly occupied by Edgar Osorio's Dance Studio, which has moved into a space at the Hur-

leyville Performing Arts Center.

Mr. Adams says he is looking forward to being part of the exciting changes the hamlet has been undergoing.

"Our office in Hurleyville will be focused on celebrating the wonderful things that the region has to offer while offering environmental education programs in partnership with SUNY Sullivan, the Homestead School, The Center, and other institutions," he said. "The Homestead's Collaborative College High School will have, in Mountainkeeper, another partner and collaborator in educating and celebrating the wonderful Catskills."

## NAVIGATING THE PANDEMIC – *Supply Chain Management Proves to be a Key*

by John Conway

HARRIS—Many experts have described the COVID pandemic as the "black swan event" that has forced a number of businesses and organizations to rethink their supply chain models. Disruption to virtually every industry has resulted, as the pandemic has exposed vulnerabilities in many organizations' procurement procedures.

The Center for Discovery is a massive operation that depends heavily on an uninterrupted flow of goods, especially medical supplies and personal protective equipment. Despite the vagaries of the supply chain over the past year, The Center has managed to fare better than most organizations, mainly due to the efforts of the procurement and distribution team working out of the main purchasing warehouse in Harris.

Brian Dunne, Senior Director of Warehousing & Procurement at The Center, is the man faced with the re-

sponsibility of ensuring that the support staff has what it needs to perform their everyday duties. It hasn't always been easy, but for the most part, Mr. Dunne says, the procurement team has been able to mitigate the impact of the pandemic.

"I am very fortunate to work with the team I have here in Purchasing," Mr. Dunne said recently. "As COVID began to spread, and the urgency to source PPE, food, household items, etc., became more of a challenge, the whole team here stepped up in a major way with their flexibility with scheduling and ensuring that implemented protocols were in place and strictly followed."

Mr. Dunne specifically cited the contributions of Donald Morton, Matt Hendrickson, Saoirse Moloney, and Rebecca Crossman in keeping things running smoothly as more and more of his time was spent dealing with other matters.

"As the pandemic situation

evolved, more and more of my time in the day-to-day operations in Purchasing became strained with more meetings and conference calls both within the agency and with our external vendors, along with the load of finding, procuring and distributing PPE," he says. "They all stepped up and assumed more responsibility in managing and over-

seeing respective areas within the operation, which allowed me to focus more of my time on product research and working with other departments to develop procedures to mitigate potential COVID exposures. I am thankful that I have a staff that I can count on to implement and follow through on directives to an almost flawless extent."

While Mr. Dunne is quick to credit the efforts of his staff, he is slower to acknowledge his own contributions to navigating the pandemic, starting with having established strong relationships with suppliers in the first place.

"By establishing and maintaining excellent business relationships with the companies and their representatives

that provide critical items (medical supplies, foods, furniture, etc.) we were able to foresee many areas where shortages were likely to occur and implement an early procurement strategy based on expected usage," he says. "In addition to leveraging our strong business relationships, our Environmental Services, Nursing and DNA teams at

The Center have been instrumental in maintaining constant communication and assisting with developing contingency plans for likely supply chain disruptions within their respective areas."

And most of all, Mr. Dunne says, strong leadership within the organization set the tone early on for a successful strategy in dealing with the many ramifications of the pandemic.

"I'd have to say the biggest factor in staying ahead of the virus and ensuring as safe an environment as possible for our staff and residents has to go to Patrick (Dollard) and Terry (Hamlin)," he says. "Their foresight into the danger of this virus among our population and realization that this was going to be a very long road, allowed me to move on product early, before critical supplies became short. Though the financial impact of what we needed to bring in was monumental, they realized it was necessary and gave me the green light

to procure what we would need."

At the risk of unintentionally overlooking someone deserving of credit, Mr. Dunne also praised the contributions of David Fanslau, Roger Anderson, Susan Sayers, Jason Kean, Lindsey Veety, Peggy Parten and "many others" throughout the agency who played critical roles in keeping the impact of the pandemic to a minimum.

A little over a year into the pandemic, Mr. Dunne says things are becoming "more normalized" and most of the shortages have eased. But new challenges have arisen, he says, most notably a shortage of syringes with which to administer the COVID vaccines. Such gaps in the supply chain are likely to continue for the foreseeable future, he says.

"We will eventually have to pivot again as we come across other challenges down the road, but we will make the appropriate adjustments and find ways to make it through."



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The Center for Discovery warehouse and purchasing staff: Front Row (Left to Right): Manny Ramirez, Ahmik Bruton, Termaine Stone, Brian Dunne, Donald Morton, Marlon Alfaro. Back Row (Left to Right): Trent Piatek, Saoirse Maloney, Briana Frisbee, Matt Hendrickson, Ryan Reed.



# The Inquiring Photographer

by Kathleen Sullivan



*Q. Mother's Day...a special day to honor all mothers...is on May 9th. What's special about your mom?*



## BRIAN DENNIS

My mom is special because she is very nice to me and a terrific grandmother to my nephew, Jimmy. I can't imagine anyone being a better mother or grandmother.



## MADELYNE MAXWELL

My mom is caring, loving, protective and smart. She's really amazing!



## PATRICK MAXWELL

My mom is special because she's so caring and nice. She's very thoughtful.



## MOTHER'S DAY

Today is the day for all mothers  
Celebrate her and make her smile  
Get her a gift or some flowers  
And lighten her heart for a while

She was teacher, wife, mother and cook  
During a year that was so very hard  
Topped off perhaps by working from home  
If nothing else, make or buy her a card

Let the words in the card ring out  
About how you appreciate  
The 100% that she's tried to give  
To her children, her family and mate

No matter the situation  
She's someone on whom you depend  
Through each trial and tribulation  
She's been confidante, counselor and friend

So, if you sincerely love her  
Just promise to lift any strife  
Beginning today you can promise  
Your mom will have a wonderful life

- Mimi  
May, 2021

# Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



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**Hurleyville-Sullivan first will use a Renaissance grant to care for projects already completed.**

## HURLEYVILLE - SULLIVAN FIRST

Hurleyville-Sullivan First will receive a 2021 Sullivan Renaissance Community Beautification Grant. The grant will be used to care for projects the group has completed: the signs at the entrances to Hurleyville, the signs at the entrance to the Rails to Trails and the historical kiosk at the Hurleyville Firemen's Park. More weather-proof cabinets for books will be added to the Little Free Library at the park.

Volunteers will be needed to help get gardens, planters and barrels ready for planting. Work dates will be announced soon.

Please visit [www.hurlevillyny.com](http://www.hurlevillyny.com) for more information about Hurleyville-Sullivan First. You can also visit Hurleyville-Sullivan First on Facebook.

## HURLEYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Hurleyville United Methodist Church is open for Sunday services. Services begin at 9 a.m.

Pastor Jorge is delivering sermons online on Facebook at 11 a.m. on Sundays.

You can pray with others over the phone on the church's prayer line on Sundays from 7 – 8 p.m. The prayer line phone number is 605-472-5491 and the access code is 251678.

The Bible study group

meets in the sanctuary at the church every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Pre-made boxes of food, personal hygiene products and COVID-19 supplies are distributed to individuals and families in need by the volunteers at the Bread of Life Food Pantry. The food pantry will be open on Thursday, May 20 and on Thursday, May 27 from 3 until 5 p.m.

Protocols for social distancing, mask-wearing, disinfection and cleaning are being followed at all activities.

"MESSY CHURCH", Youth Group meetings and the women's group meetings are cancelled for now.

Please call Katrina at 845-436-7942 for more information. You can also get updates from the church's page on Facebook.

## THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The volunteers at the Sullivan County Museum and Historical Society hope to reopen the building this spring.

Volunteers are always needed at the museum. Anyone interested in genealogy and the history of life in Sullivan County can send an email to [info@scnyhistory.org](mailto:info@scnyhistory.org) for information on volunteering. Volunteers work on a variety of tasks including research, creating displays, managing the vintage clothing collection and gardening. Senior citizens may qualify for travel reimbursement

## FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



## BRUSH FIRES



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**Brush fires like this one near Sam's Point in Ulster County are all too common in the region this time of year.**

Brush fires are part of life in many parts of this country. In dry weather, they can start at any time from many different causes.

Sometimes called wild fires, wildland fires, rural fires, desert fires, grass fires, or hill fires, brush fires can start from dry weather, lightning from a thunder storm, or by human activity. Brush fires can cause extensive property damage and even threaten human life.

Locally, near Ellenville in 2018, a brush fire burned

2,400 acres of land, but fortunately no one was killed. This was just one of several serious brush fires in that area in recent years, as thousands of acres have been destroyed.

In an attempt to minimize the potential for brush fires, local officials enact a burn ban each year from mid-March to the middle of May. While this helps prevent many brush fires, there are still quite a few fires that occur in spite of the ban. This year's ban ends on May 14.

# The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

Some very exciting things are blossoming along with the brilliant yellow Forsythia.

SUNY Sullivan Theatre Arts is presenting SPRING AWARENESS at the Seely Theatre on the SUNY Sullivan campus as well as Live Streamed. Unfortunately, I just received the dates and times so the time to catch this will be short as the dates presented are April 23-May 8. This musical, originally written by Frank Wedekind about 1891 German adolescents and their rebellion against the norms, has been updated with the book and lyrics by Steven Sater and music by Duncan Sheik.

Yes, this is out of MY norm of music tastes, BUT I was fortunate enough to catch a preview at CABERNET FRANK'S Saturday April 17. I was only there to pick up food, but I found my leaving delayed by friends I have rarely seen in the last year popping in. And then these young people took the stage. The blend of voices, singing through their masks, was so crisp, clear and strong I actually stopped in mid-sentence to listen. The subject matter too, captured my attention. I highly recommend this production. It will give you a smile, if not a down-right belly laugh. April 30-May 8: SPRING AWARENESS (a musical); Seely Theatre at SUNY Sullivan cam-

pus or live stream. 8 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays. Reserve your tickets at [showtix4u.com/event-details/50086](http://showtix4u.com/event-details/50086). Suggested donation is \$10.

Saturday night, April 24, I caught STEPHEN CLAIR's trio at CABERNET FRANK'S. STEPHEN CLAIR is the guitarist and front man of the trio that make up THE GREAT EFFING BAND. And it truly is. The music is all original but with the hook of the oft-combined sounds of Kinks/Elvis Costello/ 58 Special/Tom Petty/ Dave Matthews creating an updated 20th century Rock and Roll. Each of this trio sings and the expertly blended voices is something I don't hear too often. As a guitarist, STEPHEN CLAIR plays his guitar as it was meant to be played, no electronic special effects just those unique 'pizzazz' moments between the artist and the instrument. A kind of purity, if you will. I look forward to hearing them again and finding out more about this band.

There are a good many band dates being booked for the summer in the venues in and around the County. Right now, it is still pretty much catch-as-catch-can as many still wisely choose to perform outside wherever possible. Much of the live music to be had is "surprise pop-up" when the weather supports a Saturday or Sun-

day afternoon performance in venues that offer outdoor seating.

So here is what I know about so far:

CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville has re-opened their Thursday night OPEN MIC, and it is rumored that the Wednesday Karaoke will follow. Seating inside is still wisely limited and weather permitting, the Open Mic is outdoors in their DEER GARDEN. Weekend afternoons, you have a good chance of catching one of the aforementioned pop-up performances.

RAFTERS in Callicoon has also re-opened their Sunday afternoon OPEN MIC which can be switched to Saturday afternoons if rain is predicted. These are always held in their outdoor garden called THE NEST.

HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL kicked off their season Friday April 30 with FISHER AND KEAN premiering their newest CD "PURE LOCAL HONEY." This is indoor seating only but it is a very large space and can accommodate quite an audience social distanced.

You have no idea how good it feels to be able to write about music again. But even being fully vaccinated, I will continue to be extremely careful.

Stay strong, stay well, stay masked.

*Until next time...*

# Monti School Board adopts \$91.27 million budget

## Property Tax Levy Decreases

MONTICELLO – At its April 20 meeting, the Monticello Central School District Board of Education adopted a proposed budget for the 2021-22 school year. The \$91,266,606 spending plan is a decrease of \$1,420,266 from the rollover budget initially proposed earlier this year, and decreases the property tax levy by 2.06%

Given the unusual circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, district administrators created a budget and expenditure list based upon a three-year average of data, rather than relying solely on data from the unprecedented last year and a half. The proposed budget preserves all existing positions, adds new custodial equipment and a truck, increases pro-

fessional development, and adds additional positions to support student and district success, including a teacher aide, school district accountant, three teaching assistants, a security attendant and social worker.

The proposed budget is an increase of \$733,581 from the adopted 2019-20 budget; however, an 8.39% increase in state aid enabled the district to reduce the property tax levy by 2.06%

"We have worked diligently since 2015 to progressively shrink the portion of the budget funded by the tax levy, while increasing funding from other sources," Assistant Superintendent for Business Lisa Failla said. "Less than half of the district's expenses have been funded by our taxpayers since the 2018-19 school year and we were pleased to be able to continue that trend in this upcoming year."

Although the district expects to receive federal funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP), those funds are not included in the proposed budget. This one-time federal relief funding is intended to address specific challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and will not be an on-going source of revenue for American school districts. The stimulus money must be placed into a special aid fund that is separate from the general fund. In order to receive aid, school districts must submit a plan

District residents will vote on the proposed spending plan and elect three members to the Board of Education on Tuesday, May 18 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

If anyone has questions about where they should vote, they can call 845-794-7700, ext. 70523

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# PAUSING TO REFLECT

## THINC Continues to Adapt to Changing Times

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE – After pivoting, improvising and answering many calls for assistance during the pandemic, it's time to pause and review the past year's innovations and activities at the Technology Hub and Incubator (THINC).

When the Center for Discovery (TCFD) closed its campuses and schools in response to the virus outbreak in March 2020, teachers and therapists of all kinds began creating new ways to connect with their students at home. The Digital Media Lab at THINC ramped up its instructional video production with Project Coordinator Julie Palmer at the

helm. Countless videos for both staff and students were created at THINC, edited and uploaded to the TCFD network. The Recreation Team moved into THINC and created portable kits and games that could be delivered to residential houses, providing fun activities for the newly shut-in.

Personal protective equipment suddenly became essential to direct care staff members and essential workers everywhere. Short supply? No problem. The Assistive Technology Lab, steered by Mark McNamara, retooled and adapted to create sanitary production lines for clear face shields and cloth masks, joining a worldwide community of

makers that united to get frontline healthcare workers the necessary protection they needed to stay safe while working. Jason Kean, Director of Innovation, helped secure a grant to pay for materials, and thousands of items were created and distributed.

TCFD leadership, weighing the decision to reopen campus schools in Fall of 2020, requested tabletop dividers and protective barriers for their classrooms. THINC answered the call. They built sturdy, adjustable equipment without having the luxury of testing it first, an essential step in the design/build process. Many of these still remain in program classrooms,

while others will be deconstructed and repurposed for other projects.

Throughout the lockdown, the expected work in the creation of assistive devices and equipment continued at THINC, even if a bit more slowly. The universally designed FlexTable was refreshed in an effort to offer greater functionality, streamline in-house production and make the product more easily accessible for purchase. It's available in new colors and sizes, waiting for its debut at in-person trade shows and expos. The Wrist Talker, an augmented and alternative communication device (AAC), was developed over the last year at THINC. The

newest version uses a clip and is worn around the waist, attached to a belt or pocket. The Tool Grabber, a lightweight assistive device with an adjustable grip, is undergoing a second round of research and development due to supply - chain issues, a common problem in the manufacturing world right now.

It surely has been a productive year at THINC, with flexibility at the forefront of all projects and activity. Readers of the Sentinel and other publications have seen that a new school is coming to 202 Main Street



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The THINC building at 202 Main Street will soon be the home of the new high school.

in Hurleyville, the current home base of THINC. A new school is an exciting development for the ham-

let, and the THINC superheroes of creative technology will demonstrate that innovation is not dependent

on brick and mortar. Stay tuned for exciting news about the next pivot!

March is a see-saw month, swinging between seasons. One can take its measure by walking the Milk Train Trail in Hurleyville, heading east. In late March the trail is dry and clear on the straight-away past the pond, right up to the turn that takes you into the Smith Hill rock cut. The cut, the signage tells us, has an "ambient temperature perceptibly colder than anywhere else in the vicinity," and when you cross the threshold you're back in winter, clomping over a thick crust of snow and ice made extra slippery by a thin overlay of melt. The snow follows the curving contour of the trail through the rocks, till you emerge on the other side, where it's clear dry ground again, straight through the woods to Westwood Drive. The seasons appear to have reached an agreement as to which spaces they'll inhabit: it's spring fore and aft and, in between, that wide arc of snow, like a fading smile of winter itself.

This toggle rhythm is current in many quarters. We're in the second spring of the pandemic. As dire as



### Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

it has been, there's more of hope and less of dread than the first time around, when uncertainty and opacity ruled. Percentiles of public spaces open up in measured increments, luring one to dine out or go the movies. The vaccine tap opens wider every week, and hope for containment of the virus dilates with it. Respect for science is reestablished in the White House and one can begin to imagine a day when the stringent measures to which we've grown accustomed (or not) will no longer be necessary.

On the other hand (there's always another hand), the CDC's Director announced feelings of "impending doom." The graphs tracking the numbers tell the same story we've been hearing all year: claim a premature victory over the virus and you risk a Pyrrhic one. These see-saw rhythms can intensify to

a kind of moral whiplash, poised as we are between the promise of change and the mulish intractability of things. One looks for some accommodation between the extremes, between where we wish to be and where we actually are, something to ease the strain of the many competing claims and narratives.

The great spring holidays wheel round and lend weight to the hopeful side of the scales. The weather does its best to oblige, winter succumbing to spring in piecemeal fashion. The warming water of our lakes (Sheldrake, Echo, Morningside) break up their surface ice into discrete islands that disappear one by one. The mountainous snow piles ranged around our cottage recede; green lawn reappears; red flares light the tips of the tree branch-

es. One friend is alerted to spring by "some very noisy grackles." I had to look up grackles - they're "black-birds that look like they've been slightly stretched." I think I may have spotted a few myself.

Vernal equinox, Passover, Easter - we pass through the traditional gateways to spring. A succession of mild days in late March lulls me into thinking the seasonal shift is over. Then frigid air returns and I watch the odd late snow showers, tiny flakes barely able to make it into particulate form. On Good Friday I wake to a fresh layer of snow on the ground; it's gone by noon. The gentle ebb-and-flow of these transitional weeks provides a consoling rhythm of its own: extremes meet, exchange greetings, and change places in an elemental dance.

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Monticello Kiwanis president Marvin Rappaport (right) presents the Everyday Hero Award to Sheila Lashinsky.

### AN EVERYDAY HERO

#### Sheila Lashinsky Honored

MONTICELLO – The Kiwanis Club of Monticello proudly presented its Everyday Hero Award to Sheila Lashinsky in grateful recognition of her many years of service to Kiwanis and in appreciation for her giving back to the community through volunteer work in several other organizations that touched the lives of so many children and adults.

Among her many activities for Monticello Kiwanis, Ms. Lashinsky has served as advisor for its Builder's Club comprising Monticel-

lo Middle School students doing community service, and has coordinated the Monticello Kiwanis "Sweet Dreams" project which provides personal grooming items and clothing for children moving into foster homes. In addition, she has been an active volunteer for the Mid-Hudson Alzheimer Association, Sullivan Renaissance, various Senior Citizen groups and her synagogue.

"Nobody does more for so many causes than Sheila," said Monticello Kiwanis President Marvin Rappaport. "She is always thinking of ways to help others and to serve her community, even without being asked. Sheila is truly an 'everyday hero.'"

Kiwanis is a service organization of local volunteers dedicated to assisting our children and improving our community through scholarships, distributing food baskets, and donating toys and books. For more information about the organization, contact Monticello Kiwanis President Marvin Rappaport at 845-701-1655.

### SULLIVAN I.D.A. GETS NEW C.E.O.

Sykes Steps Down; Kiefer Appointed

MONTICELLO – Edward T. Sykes, Chief Executive Officer of the County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency, announced his retirement effective April 16, 2021. Appointed to the IDA Board in 1996, he will remain a board member and serve in his newly appointed position of Vice Chair.

"We are grateful to Ed for his commitment to the IDA and the advancement of meaningful projects during his tenure as CEO. As of December 2020, the IDA's approximately 70 active projects have created 2,560 new jobs in Sullivan County," said IDA Chairperson Suzanne Loughlin.

"I have always enjoyed my work with the IDA and am proud of our achievements in facilitating economic opportunities here in Sullivan County," Mr. Sykes said. "I look forward to continuing to work with the board and its newest mem-

bers, Craig Fleischman and Sean Brooks."

The IDA Board has appointed John W. Kiefer to fill the role of CEO. Mr. Kiefer, a Sullivan County native, is a seasoned executive with extensive experience in finance and commercial banking. Since returning to Monticello, John has worked with the Sullivan County Revolving Loan Fund, enabling the growth and development of dozens of businesses in the County.

"I believe good things come from collaborative efforts and building on ideas one brick at a time. Miracle grand events seldom happen and when they do, they are often not all that was expected," Mr. Kiefer said.

"We welcome John aboard and look forward to working with him as we continue to advance job opportunities and the economic welfare of the people of Sullivan County," Ms. Loughlin said.

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### PAPER CLIPS...

by Elaine Corrington

As I sit down to write this month's column-- staring out the window and contemplating a topic-- I discover something awful that just about sums up all of the anticipated possibilities of Winter and early Spring. Of course, the pandemic has had its hideous and terrifying effect on the minds of all of us and the health of many, and if we are smart we have not engaged in those bad weather activities that we have learned to love or invented for the bad weather season. We need to wear masks and maintain distance.

Some of those winter activities happened inside our house, others worked in a few indoor eateries, visiting friends, games, walking down the street to local businesses to purchase sweet treats that we certainly should not be eating, winter sports, making snow monsters, and gluing our hair into new shapes with unfortunate results. But THIS year, I was fully anticipating adding more of the early Spring activities I usually save for the warmer days of May in April! Winter days were over, I told myself-- until I looked outside my window, and there were snowflakes.

Aurrrrrgh. Shoot. And worse. What kind of seasonal arrogance is April pulling on us?

Well, May is coming. Certainly, we will have the possibilities to get started on some of the activities that can get us outside enjoying ourselves without all of that trapped and socially isolated non-interaction. If we are walking on the Rail Trail, or on Main Street, even though the masks and social distancing are still necessary, we have the joy of getting out, and even waving and calling out to people we only know from seeing in local places and have never really met. And even though we can't be sure of who they are with 50% of their face covered.

Hmmm. Maybe we should all try wearing T-shirts with our pre-mask faces on them. (I wonder if anyone would notice that the one I would wear actually was the face of Marilyn Monroe...).

The month of May MUST offer us true Spring weather. It is imperative for pandemic mental health!

Along with this gift from May, we might also be encouraged to turn around those indoor enclosed bad behaviors that indicated poor choices when our regular level of happiness could not be maintained through these usual Hurleyville Winter months. If we don't slide painfully down on ice, we can get some exercise that makes us feel and look healthier, and if we look and feel healthier, we are rewarded by greater internal strength to eat a healthy diet. If we can get to it, we can pick up litter on those places we love to be, and we can get friends to socially distance but share these activities!

We can wear clothes that we love, but didn't want to wear if nobody could see them. We could cut our hair. We can appreciate a little town that may not offer us all that we want, but allows us to walk to all that we need. We will NOT need to forget May!

Wait. Will we? What is that I see floating by my window? Is it my imagination?

This is serious. I need chocolate. Have I given May too much credit in advance? Chocolate, big old ugly clothes, putting feet up and watching TV—are these the solutions for surviving yet another month of the most anti-social aspects of the pandemic? Will we need to forgive May as well? There have to be more good days than bad, so let's survive those bad days and celebrate those good days. Maybe we will pass each other walking and plucking- and waving. We can do this.

Well, chocolate WILL help.

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# From the Firehouse

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



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


Remember that the New York State “Burn Ban” is in effect until May 14th. There is no open burning of any kind. Why, you may ask? Before everything greens up, the ground can be extremely dry. Even as the under growth starts to get green the surface can be dry. It doesn’t take much to start a brush fire from a burn barrel or a pile of burning brush. A little wind and one ember is all it takes. Even after the “Burn Ban” is lifted you need to use caution on dry, windy days. This season was a bit crazy. Nice days in the high sixties and then rain and snow flurries. Just about every nice day there were numerous brush fires through the county. Some of these brush fires spread to the homeowner’s shed and house. Use some common sense.

Last month I wrote about what to do after a fire.

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What about before a fire? As a homeowner, do you have enough insurance on you home and contents? As a renter, do you have renter’s insurance? Talk to your insurance company about improvements you may have made to your home.

Have you ever invento-

ried your high value possessions? Do you store one of kind documents in a fire proof box? Does your insurance company want a list of you inventory?

What do you need to prove to the insurance company that you own a diamond ring, valuable paintings, and items in your garage etc.?

Prevention is the best course of action. But unfortunately fires do happen Here are some tips to consider:

- Install the right number of smoke/CO detectors in your home. Test them once a month and replace the batteries at least once a year.
- Teach children what smoke/CO alarms sound like and what to do when they hear one.
- Ensure that all household members know two ways to escape from every room of your home and know the family meeting spot outside of your home.

• Establish a family emergency communications plan and ensure that all household members know who to contact if they cannot find one another.

- Practice escaping from your home at least twice a year. Press the smoke alarm test button or yell “Fire” to alert everyone that they must get out.
- Make sure everyone knows how to call 9-1-1.
- Teach household members to STOP, DROP and ROLL if their clothes should catch on fire.

These are only a few helpful hints. Common sense is the best course of action.

I have been busy the past few weeks with structure fires, brush fires and rescue calls. I have made a number of observations while on these calls.

Do you leave devices plugged into the charger even after they are charged? Read the manufacturer’s recommendation on the device to see when to take it off of charge. Some devices can over heat over time and start a fire.

I was using an old lap top because it had a camera for a zoom meeting and I was surprised how much heat the interior fan was pushing out. Left plugged in for an extended period of time could create a problem. Remember when cooling pads for laptops were sold? There was a reason.

Had a couple of fires this heating season where the homeowner used a plastic bucket for the woodstove ashes stored in the garage, an uncovered bucket of woodstove ashes up against a shed on a windy day, or woodstove ashes just dumped outside the door of the home. All did not have a good ending.

Use some common sense out there and Be Safe.

FROM THE FILES OF...

# THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

The Only Newspaper Published in the Town of Fallsburgh

COMPILED BY **Sullivan County Historian John Conway**

May 26, 1909

## Local and Personal News

We have made arrangements with L. W. Lawrence whereby the Sentinel office will occupy the room recently completed in the Casino building. As has been previously stated we have purchased a typesetting machine and will endeavor to make the Sentinel what it should be, a clean, family newspaper devoted to the interests of the village in which it is printed. Items for publication must be handed in before Tuesday afternoon as the paper is published the first thing Wednesday morning. Copy for change of advertisements must be handed in by Saturday and a notice to the effect appears every week in the paper. You may say you have not seen other notices: if so, you will see this and act accordingly that we may not be delayed in publication.

## Cemetery Association Buys Land

The Hurleyville Cemetery Association has purchased about an acre and a half of ground adjoining the cemetery from B. T. Lawrence. Consideration: \$300.

## Prisoners Moved

The prisoners were taken out of the Monticello jail Saturday and taken to Newburgh where they will remain until the barn in which they are kept is prepared and the cells moved.

May 27, 1933

## Dairymen’s League Secures Freight Reduction

A 19-percent reduction in railroad freight rates on fluid milk shipments to New York City will become effective soon, saving dairy farmers \$1,000,000 annually. Downward revision of milk



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

**Public enemy number one, Irving Wexler, a/k/a Waxey Gordon.**

rates comes as a result of a movement instituted by the Dairymen’s League Cooperative Association, Inc., last August, said President Fred H. Sexacur in announcing the agreement with railroad executives.

The agreement applies to the New York Central, Lackawanna, Pennsylvania, D&H, O&W, Lehigh Valley, and the Erie.

## Waxey Gordon, Racketeer and Bootlegger, Captured at White Lake by State Troopers

White Lake, Sullivan County, again comes into the spotlight with the capture of the notorious “Waxey Gordon,” racketeer rated by Uncle Sam as Public Enemy No. 1. Federal agents have been searching the county for him since April 27, and he felt much chagrined, as he expressed it, “to be taken by a couple of hick cops.” He will probably have a better opinion of Sergeant Thomas Mangan and Sergeant Jack Hopkins of the State Police in the future. Gordon was held on \$100,000 bail in New York City for appearance June 5.

## Man Killed, Flier Held

Charles Glassner of Parksville, 27 years old, was killed instantly shortly after midnight last Saturday in an accident for which J.M. Gamewell, Jr., twenty-three, North Carolina aviator, with headquarters at Livingston Manor, is held as

the hit-and-run driver.

Glassner was run down in front of the store of his father-in-law, Morris Seigel. Moe Grossman of Parksville, who saw the accident, caused Gamewell’s arrest in Liberty, after following what he saw was the death car from Parksville. Gamewell’s car was said to have been splattered blood when he was arrested.

Gamewell, questioned for some time by State Police, refused to make a statement. Charles Henry of Liberty, twenty-one, his companion on the ride from Livingston Manor to Liberty, said he was asleep and was unaware of the accident.

Gamewell was held in Sullivan County Jail in Monticello for a hearing at noon before Magistrate Fred Sprague at Liberty.

## Now Open

Weissman’s Drug Store has opened the soda fountain and luncheonette and are prepared

to serve you delicious and refreshing food at reasonable prices.

## Largest Crowd Ever at Jefferson Dinner

More than 900 guests, including many Democratic leaders from southern New York, constituted Thursday night of last week the largest Jeffersonian dinner party ever in this part of the state. The capacity of the Flagler Hotel dining room was taxed to the limit by the crowd, which enthusiastically paid tribute not only to Thomas Jefferson, founder of the Democratic party, but also to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Governor Herbert H. Lehman.

Vincent Dailey, state director of the Democratic Union, paid tribute to the Democratic county chairman, James M. Kelly, who, he said, had built the greatest Democratic organization in any upstate county. Dr. Victor Bourke of Livingston Manor was toastmaster.

## EMS Beat

by Albee Bockman, AEMT-P



## THE “THIN WHITE LINE”

Ever since the tragic occurrence of 9/11, our police and firefighters have been labeled heroes for their brave and heroic actions - - and rightfully so. So many lives perished that day, along with so many of those brave First Responders, including Paramedics., We will NEVER FORGET them for giving the ultimate sacrifice to save our citizens and for the love of our country.

In recognition of our police and firefighters, we have seen our nation’s precious flag have a variety of different colors portrayed. Most of our population now recognizes the thin blue line on the flag representing the bravery and sacrifice of our nation’s police force. Additionally, we also are familiar with the thin red line on the flag which represents our nation’s brave firefighters for their commitment to the preservation of life and property. What is shocking, however, throughout my travels here in Sullivan County and other counties and states, the general population is not familiar with what the THIN WHITE LINE depicts. The white line shining through the American Flag represents our country’s Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

The “selfless” dedication of these highly skilled Paramedics and EMTs have limited much suffering from pain of those inflicted with trauma; and saved countless numbers of lives from cardiac arrest, heart attacks, stroke, and other serious medical emergencies. So the ques-

tion arises, “Why is it the American people are unaware of the THIN WHITE LINE meaning?!!?!?”

The THIN WHITE LINE represents the EMS technicians throughout America today. Currently, there are over 250,000 EMS professionals in the United States. Not as many as one would think, right? They are rare, overworked, underpaid, and under-appreciated. Again, why is it citizens are not familiar with EMS? There is a simple answer.

Emergency Medical Services are prohibited from revealing names and addresses of patients due to HIPPA regulations. Further, they are not seen in newspapers or interviewed by the media during emergencies. Therefore, their exposure to the general public is limited much unlike our brothers and sisters of the police and fire service, respectfully. EMS, in relation to other emergency services, is relatively young. It was not until the award-winning television show “Emergency” debuted in 1970 did we realize the need for advancement in pre-hospital care. Doctors began to specialize and the General Practitioner making house calls became a rarity. Henceforth, the “birth” of a new, valuable, lifesaving service.

Paramedics are true lifesavers dedicated to the preservation of life. They are selfless, dedicated, professional technicians deserving of your recognition and appreciation. It wouldn’t hurt to thank them should the occasion arise.

## Fallsburg High School Third Quarter Honor Roll

<b>FALLSBURG</b> – The Fallsburg Central School District has released the names of those students in the junior and senior high school who have earned a place on the Superintendent’s Honor Roll and the Honor Roll for the third quarter:  <b>12th Grade Superintendent Honor Roll</b> Lindita Ahmetaj, Ava Anderman, Jaiden Brenner, Velkys Canales Mendoza, Angelina Colletti, Fatoumatta Darboe, Neema Darboe, Enjelay George, Cody Harvey, Gianna Matthews, Dolce McPherson, Emily Mead, Daniel Milov, Madelin Moran, Gabrielle Pantel, Arne Peterson-Langeland, Jamie Rein, Janelly Santos Lopez and Nevaeh Varlee.  <b>12th Grade Honor Roll</b> Mindy Asitimbay, Diciziana Campos Fuentes, Bianca Cruceta, Haddy Gai, Elmin Granados Gomez, Christian Granados Sandoval, Essence Jackson, Madison Lent, Ennie Li, Amy Manjarrez, Karen Melara Reyes, Kasandra Mendoza, Kayla Millas, Noah Moody, Siomarelix Ocasio-Ortiz, Genesis Osorio Gutierrez, Om Patel, Areli Perez Grande, Mark Rodriguez Tellez, and Kailie Ruiz.  <b>11th Grade Superintendent</b>	<b>Honor Roll</b> Emily Collura, Santiago Cordero Jr., Kaitlyn Cross, Angie Delgado, Emily Dunn, Jonathan Espinoza, Olga Flores Bonilla, Josie Galeas Iraheta, Yahaira Garcia, Delmis Guzman Fuentes, Emily Hannold, Jonathan Hernandez, Jonathan Rodriguez, Jennifer Santos, Nabiha Shah Jahan, and Kyle Tremper.  <b>11th Grade Honor Roll</b> Akinde Bryan, Carol Carbajal, Tahjane Coakley, Helen Flores Mayrena, Ashley Grande, Anne Mahnken, Audrey Nicolai, Keterin Pena Ortiz, JonCarlos Reyes, Estefani Rodriguez, and Jenna Varner.  <b>10th Grade Superintendent Honor Roll</b> Leona Ahmetaj, Isaia Argueta Hernandez, Kyalah Brewster, Hunter Doty, Carla Granados, Jason Hernandez, Najuwa Ladan, Samantha Medina Garzon, Nicholas Muscia, Andrew Rein Jr., Maritza Rivas Joya, Ilyanna Smith, Michael Storms, Yadhier Tejeda, and Christos Vernezos.  <b>10th Grade Honor Roll</b> Bintou Darboe, Cristian Diaz, Jose Flores Ramos, Isabella Frunzi, Laura Marquez Vasquez, Caleigh McDole, Edwin Morales Jr., Ruth Murillo, Katerin Nunez, Luke Oefelein, Lucas Parisi,	Allison Perna, Diego Rivera Diaz, Cyriah Russell, Mateo Scanna, and Madison Torres Martinez.  <b>9th Grade Superintendent Honor Roll</b> Gustavo Avila Morales, Haris Basic, Jordan Batista, Emma DeGraw, Jaedon Espinoza, Mia Irlbacher, Angelina Levner, Adam Mednick, Emily Perna, Jalysa Poindexter, Nadiushka Rosa Gonzalez, Besart Selimaj, Rugiatu Sesay, Laila Varlee and Isaiah Young.  <b>9th Grade Honor Roll</b> Ezekiel Acosta, Sherlin Bruno, Dominick Busch, Keelie Damms, Lila Dedrick, Jacob Lawrence, Aryany Mercado Dubon, Catherine Pena, Cindy Romero and Willson Torres Martinez.  <b>8th Grade Superintendent Honor Roll</b> Maya Ballard, Isabelle Batista, Evyonna Gilliard, Hannah Johnson, Gianna Jourmet, Erli Maldonado Garcia, Francely Maradiaga, Nancy Martinez Cadena, Brianna McManus, Daryl McPherson, Rachel Montenegro Sandoval, Jennifer Murillo, Bella Muscia, Vivian Ordenez Cabrera, Dalila Ortiz Fuentes, Kayla Peace, Kaitlyn Pedersen, Byron Pratt, Marco Reyes Mansanarez, Cecelia Riker Lainez, Jennifer Rios Nunez, Jaily Sebastian, Jordyn Wall-	Carty and Gabriella White.  <b>8th Grade Honor Roll</b> Rubin Bonilla Jr., Arsllyn Cantave, Kolbie Damms, Kimberly Diaz, Ethan Dunn, Kenya Escalante, Luciano Esposito, Adrianna Garcia, Prissila Hernandez Palacios, Yaniel Hernandez, Hayden-Marie Herrera, Nicole Jimenez, Nazir Lopez, Mayline Maldonado, William Martinez Martinez, Keyla Otero-Deras, Nicholas Storms, Elisheva Sudranski and Ioannis Vernezos.  <b>7th Grade Superintendent Honor Roll</b> Angelina Alvarado, Saladin Basic, Robert Berman, Xzavier Berrios, Alexia Clark, Jacob Espinoza, Johnarris Lopez-Lan-daverde, Douglas Medina Carcamo Jr., Allison Rojas, Kevin Rosales Campos, Marilyn Santos, Aarik Sauer, Steve Snihura, Kierstyn Surerus, Noelle Varner and Nataly Zempoaltecatl.  <b>7th Grade Honor Roll</b> Diego Balcazar Lavin, Allison Cabrera, David Cole, Xavier Curry, Bintou Darboe, Marcos Deras Lopez, Jayden Edwards, Sebastian Fowler, Isabella Giannico, Angel Gonzales, Jaxon Ingber, Eric Li, Alanna Lorino, Jayleen Molina, Nathalie Quinteros, and Jansel Rosa Gonzalez.
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# THE YOUNG PITCHER

Excerpted from the novel by Zane Grey

*The hero of Grey's story, Ken Ward, is a freshman at the University, and he has not had an easy time of it so far, inadvertently drawing the ire of the upperclassmen even beyond the normal disdain they would naturally have for freshmen. In this excerpt from Chapter Two, Ken is being chased by a group of frenzied sophomores for a transgression he was not even aware he had committed...*

A yell arose then in the constricted passageway that seemed to Ken to raise College Hall from its foundation. It terrified him. Like an eel he slipped through reaching arms and darted forward. Ken was heavy and fast on his feet, and with fear lending him wings he made a run through College Hall that would have been a delight to the football coach. For Ken was not dodging any sophomores now. He had played his humiliating part of dodger

long enough. He knocked them right and left, and many a surprised Soph he tumbled over. Reaching the farther door, he went through out into the open.

The path before him was clear now, and he made straight for the avenue. It was several hundred yards distant, and he got a good start toward it before the Sophs rolled like a roaring stream from the passage. Ken saw other students running, and also men and boys out on the avenue; but as they could not head him off he kept to his course.

Ken mounted to the sidewalk, gave vent to a gasp of relief, and, wheeling sharply, he stumbled over two boys carrying a bushel basket of potatoes. When he saw the large, round potatoes a daring inspiration flashed into his mind. Taking the basket from the boys he turned to the head of the stairway.

The bronze-haired Soph was half-way up the steps. His followers, twelve or

more, were climbing after him. Then a line of others stretched all the way to College Hall.

With a grim certainty of his mastery of the situation Ken threw a huge potato at his leading pursuer. Fair and square on the bronze head it struck with a sharp crack. Like a tenpin the Soph went down. He plumped into the next two fellows, knocking them off their slippery footing. The three fell helplessly and piled up their comrades in a dense wedge half-way down the steps. If the Sophs had been yelling before, it was strange to note how they were yelling now.

Deliberately Ken fired the heavy missiles. They struck with sodden thuds against the bodies of the struggling sophomores. A poor thrower could not very well have missed that mark, and Ken Ward was remarkably accurate. He had a powerful overhand swing, and the potatoes flew like bullets. One wild-eyed Soph slipped out



of the tangle to leap up the steps. Ken, throwing rather low, hit him on the shin. He buckled and dropped down with a blood-curdling yell. Another shook himself loose and faced up-

ward. A better-aimed shot took him in the shoulder. He gave an exhibition of a high and lofty somersault. Then two more started up abreast. The first Ken hit over the eye with a very small potato, which popped like an explosive bullet and flew into bits. As far as effect was concerned a Martini could not have caused a more beautiful fall. Ken landed on the second fellow in the pit of the stomach with a very large potato. There was a sound as of a suddenly struck bass-drum. The Soph crumpled up over the railing, slid down, and fell among his comrades, effectually blocking the stairway.

All at once he turned his battery on the students gathering below the crush, trying to find a way through the kicking, slipping mass on the narrow stairs. He scattered them as if they had been quail. Some ran out of range. Others dove for cover and tried to dodge. This dodging brought gleeful howls from Ken.

Several times as he turned to look over his shoulder he saw the man he had noticed at first. But that did not trouble him, for he was sure no one else was following him. Ken reached his room exhausted by exertion and excitement. He flung himself upon his bed to rest and calm his mind so that he could think. If he had been in a bad light before, what was his position now? Beyond all reasoning with, however, was the spirit that gloried in his last stand.

Later, after dinner as he sat reading, he heard a door-bell ring, a man's voice, then footsteps in the hall. Someone tapped on his door. Ken felt a strange, cold sensation, which soon passed, and he spoke: "Come in."

The door opened to admit a short man with little, bright eyes sharp as knives. "Hello, Kid," he said. Then he leisurely removed his hat and overcoat and laid them on the bed.

Ken's fear of he knew not what changed to amazement. At least his visitor did not belong to the faculty. There was something

familiar about the man, yet Ken could not place him.

"Well up in your studies?" he asked, cordially. Then he seated himself, put a hand on each knee, and deliberately and curiously studied Ken.

"Why, yes, pretty well up," replied Ken. He did not know how to take the man. There was a kindliness about him which relieved Ken, yet there was also a hard scrutiny that was embarrassing.

"All by your lonely here," he said.

"It is lonely," replied Ken, "but—but I don't get on very well with the students."

"Small wonder. Most of 'em are crazy."

He was unmistakably friendly. Ken kept wondering where he had seen him. Presently the man arose, and, with a wide smile on his face, reached over and grasped Ken's right arm.

"How's the whip?"

"What?" asked Ken.

"The wing—your arm, Kid, your arm."

"Oh—Why, it's all right."

"It's not sore—not after peggin' a bushel of potatoes on a cold day?"

Ken laughed and raised his arm up and down. "It's weak to-night, but not sore."

"These boys with their India-rubber arms! It's youth, Kid, it's youth. Say, how old are you?"

"Sixteen."

"What! No more than that?"

"No."  
"How much do you weigh?"

"About one hundred and fifty-six."

"I thought you had some beef back of that stunt of yours to-day. Say, Kid, it was the funniest and the best thing I've seen at the university in ten years—and I've seen some fresh boys do some stunts, have. Well... Kid, you've a grand whip—a great arm—and we're goin' to do some stunts with it."

Ken felt something keen and significant in the very air.

"A great arm! For what?... who are you?"

"Say, I thought every boy in college knew me. I'm Arthurs."

"The baseball coach! Are you the baseball coach?" exclaimed Ken, jumping up with his heart in his throat.

"That's me, my boy; and I'm lookin' you up."

Ken suddenly choked with thronging emotions and sat down as limp as a rag.

"Yes, Kid, I'm after you strong. The way you pegged 'em to-day got me. You've a great arm!"

*The Young Pitcher, originally published in 1911, is one of a handful of baseball stories Zane Grey wrote. It is in the public domain, and as a tribute to the first month of baseball season, we offer this excerpt.*

## CADET CHANGE OF COMMAND

*CAP's Sullivan County Cadet Squadron*

SWAN LAKE – Civil Air Patrol's Sullivan County Cadet Squadron recently had the honor of holding a Cadet Change of Command where Cadet Captain Galen Ferrara relinquished the position of Cadet Commander to Cadet Second Lieutenant Christian Vargo.

The ceremony was held virtually due to COVID restrictions.

Reflecting on the position he has held since September 2019, Cadet Captain Ferrara said, "My time as Cadet Commander has been a blast. Designing and running programs the cadets enjoyed was always the highlight of my weeks. The experiences I had, things I learned, and



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Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Christian Vargo (right) and Captain Galen Ferrara (second from right) receive instruction from a Civil Air Patrol pilot along with Cadet Technical Sergeant Abigail Fuller.

people I met, made every obstacle I encountered well worth it."

The Squadron Commander, Captain Bill Mason, praised Cadet Captain Ferrara as "a great Cadet

who has done an excellent job as Cadet Commander during an especially challenging situation.

The COVID crisis has forced us to go virtual which is inherently less

satisfying but he made the best of it and kept our meetings interesting."

Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Vargo joined Civil Air Patrol in August of 2018. He thanked C/Capt Ferrara "for all that you have done for our squadron and for being a good friend and mentor."

The Cadet Commander is in charge of planning squadron meetings, training cadets and advising the Squadron Commander on matters that concern the cadre of cadets. The position is held by a responsible cadet and is rotated among senior cadets.

Those interested in learning about Civil Air Patrol can visit [www.civilairpatrol.com](http://www.civilairpatrol.com) or contact the Sullivan County Cadet Squadron via their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ny387cap](http://www.facebook.com/ny387cap).

Civil Air Patrol is the longtime auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and as such is a valued member of its Total

Force. In its auxiliary role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 single-engine aircraft and 1,994 small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS).

It performs about 90% of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 82 lives annually.

CAP's 60,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. Operating as a nonprofit organization, CAP also plays a leading role in STEM/Aerospace education, and its members serve as mentors to about 25,000 young people participating in CAP's Cadet Programs.

FROM THE  
FALLSBURG  
LIBRARY

by Kelly Wells  
& Amanda Letohic

May is finally here and normally we would be talking about our budget vote and Trustee election, which is typically held the first Tuesday in June. This year, however, we have no Trustee seats up for election and for the third year in a row, we are NOT asking for a tax levy increase. Therefore, there will be no budget vote or Trustee election. We worked really hard this year to ensure no tax levy increase, as we know many are still struggling from the fallout of the pandemic. We hope that you and your families stay healthy and stay positive as we try to move past this pandemic.

We are also pleased to announce that we are no longer quarantining returned library materials – based on the CDC's latest studies indicating COVID-19 transmission from surface contact is EXTREMELY unlikely. We are still checking materials in "fine free," and will continue to do so through the end of June – so if you have an item that you forgot you took out, it's not too late to return it! Get it to us before the end of June and there will be no fines associated with its extended stay in your home!

Another baby step toward normal is our DVD covers are out for browsing once again. You may recall that we had to remove all of our bins for browsing to try and cut down on touch points in the library,

but all of the bins are back out for you to flip through. Please note, that as of this writing, we are still doing in-building appointments for 30 minutes only – so call today to set up your appointment.

We are still offering our "Craft Kits to Go!" Be sure to check our Facebook page, or request to be added to our email list, to see what the latest offering is. You can call Miss Amanda at 845-436-6067 ext. 102, or email her at [aletohic@rcfs.org](mailto:aletohic@rcfs.org) to see about reserving your kit today. Just please be sure to pick up your kit(s) if you reserve one – you could be keeping someone else from making a fun craft otherwise, as a limited number of kits are made.

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The Art of Being

by Deborah Chandler, Ph.D.

## Contentment

Contentment is easy when everything goes as I plan. However, contentment has to be more than getting my way. Perhaps, we experience contentment when we reconcile the different stories that we tell ourselves about ourselves.

I have a memory of a moment with my mother when I was 2 years old. I was throwing a tantrum, and she was trying to quiet me. My memory is that I wanted a hug. She wanted me to stop being so upset, and she threw a glass of water on me. Freeze frame. A bad moment for all involved. So here I am, 50 plus years later. Am I a victim of a ruthless dictator? Am I a ram-bunctious, disruptive child that exhausted my mother?

How I tell myself this story influences my capacity for contentment. As the victim, I feel abandoned, perpetually left and deserving of recompense. As the out-of-control disrupter I feel shame, needing to hide my emotional needs. When I step back and observe the story as a brief film clip, I see how emotions drive a disruption between daughter and mother who only want love. Once I remove hurtful intention, I feel softer and more joined with mother, seeking inner peace and love with each other.

So contentment derives from resolving the old story of hurt into a new story of affirmation and mutuality. By no longer being demanding

and outraged, I am free to be content now.

We are an accumulation of memories, shaped by their emotional impact. We don't have memories stored in file cabinets in our brains. We have impressions that we tell ourselves. In the retelling we change the story; the meaning evolves for us. So memories are malleable. How we construct our stories is how we experience ourselves.

I think my story influenced me to demand control. I relied on the fantasy that if I had enough control, I couldn't be hurt. I became too busy. If I could get enough done and keep all the demands of my life moving along, I'd never be harmed. Instead, I lived in the hurt of the past, trying to force compensation.

Now, my contentment derives from how I ease myself into the fabric of life. When I resist with anger and fear, life seems a bumpy ride. When I relax into the flow of events, life is easeful.

When I surrender to the pulsation of life, I feel calm and poised, ready for the next bounce. I don't need to have my way; I have the way that is. I am free of posing and managing. I am content in the now.

*Dr. Chandler is a psychologist in private practice in South Fallsburg. Read more of her "The Art of Being" at [www.riverreporter.com/the-art-of-being](http://www.riverreporter.com/the-art-of-being).*

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# SENTINEL SPORTS



## RAIL TRAIL EXPANSION

### HISTORIC FALLSBURG TUNNEL WILL EVENTUALLY BE REINSTATED

by Brian Dennis  
and John Conway

#### SOUTH FALLSBURG

With the arrival of the spring weather, the town of Fallsburg is expected to begin work shortly on the expansion of the O&W Rail Trail in the town. As reported in an earlier edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel, the town has been awarded a \$400,000 grant to undertake the project, which is expected to eventually link the existing Milk Train Trail that runs through Hurleyville with a section that will stretch all the way to Mountindale. The resulting trail will then run from Ferndale to Mountindale.

There are a couple of major obstacles to overcome, however. The historic Falls-

burg tunnel needs extensive rehabilitation before it can be utilized as part of the trail, and a crossing has to be erected at the Neversink River to allow the trail to continue into Woodridge and its final stretch to Mountindale.

Fallsburg Supervisor Steve Vegliante says the tunnel work will be put off until Phase II of the project.

“We are concentrating on a bridge over the Neversink, and negotiating the grading to avoid any steep slopes as we encounter the proposed bridge,” Mr. Vegliante says. “We will be working this year on the area around the tunnel, creating a temporary alternate trail route and re-pairing the trail down to the trestles at the Neversink.”

The \$400,000 currently



A vintage postcard showing the Fallsburg Tunnel as it looked during the heyday of the O&W Railway. PHOTO PROVIDED

available for the project consists of \$250,000 from New York State, secured by Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, \$150,000 from Sullivan Renaissance, and a \$50,000 in-kind contribution from the town. Mr. Vegliante says the town will do much of the early work on the project in-house, but will likely bid out the major work to private contractors.

The O&W Railway abandoned the right-of-way in 1957, and it was sold along with most of the railroad's holdings to settle its debts. A nine-mile stretch of trail through Hurleyville from Ferndale to South Fallsburg was purchased in 2014 by a partnership of the Open Space Institute and The Center for Discovery, and has been rehabilitated, in-

cluding the paving of about three miles of it.

Further expansion and improvement of the entire former O&W right-of-way in Sullivan County has become a stated priority of the most recent County Legislature, and the county Planning Department is spearheading those efforts. It is hoped that if a continuous trail can be developed it will draw tourists to the County, improving the economic climate here, as well as provide recreational opportunities to local residents, hopefully improving the county's traditionally dismal health rankings, which have slipped again this year to second worst in New York State.

“If COVID has taught us anything, it is the value of outdoor entertainment, and

the need to focus on our overall health,” Mr. Vegliante told The Sentinel. “This project serves both of those interests, resulting in a roughly 13-mile continuous trail from Mountindale, through Woodridge, South Fallsburg, Hurleyville and eventually leading to Liberty. It will provide an incredible jewel for the residents of the Town of Fallsburg, and, we believe, will become a regional tourist attraction.

“Imagine if you will, our first trail-based marathon event, and the showcasing of our hamlets to visitors,” he said. “When we can rehabilitate a tunnel, visitors will be able to experience firsthand what those on trains in the 1800s saw traversing our town. It will be amazing!”

## HISTORY HIKE DRAWS CROWD

by Win Hadley

HURLEYVILLE – The fifth annual “Hurleyville History Hike” led by Sullivan County Historian John Conway, took place in the hamlet on the afternoon of Saturday, April 24 to help commemorate national Celebrate Trails Day.

Approximately 50 people took part in the hike in perfect weather—mostly sunny skies and 62 degrees. Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, masks were required and social distancing was mandated. Still, participants obviously enjoyed the afternoon.

The hike, which Mr. Conway insists is always “more of a saunter,” started out in front of an interpretive sign at the entrance to the large municipal parking lot one block west of Main Street. The sign explains the impact the O&W Railway had on tourism and farming in the region when it arrived in the 1870s, and Mr. Conway began his narration by elaborating on that.

“Without the railroad, Hurleyville would not have existed, certainly not as it came to be,” he said. “And like many small towns in America, including several in Sullivan County, the hamlet began to decline when the trains stopped running.”

From there, the group sauntered westward, following its leader, who addressed them with the aid



PHOTO BY RUTH HUGGLER

About fifty people gathered in perfect weather to begin the Hurleyville History Hike on Saturday, April 24.

of a small public address system slung over his shoulder. Further topics of discussion centered on the Native American Lenape tribe, their culture and some of their language, and the tanning industry and the role it played in the growth of the town of Fallsburg and Sullivan County.

What seemed to be the highlight of the afternoon for most of those assembled, however, came at the point where the group gathered near a mostly-buried car abandoned on the side of the trail. Mr. Conway explained that while the car likely had nothing at all to do with the mobsters who once frequented Sullivan County and Hurleyville, it was a reminder of what used to be commonplace.

The participants obviously enjoyed the Historian's rendition of two “hits” carried out by Murder, Inc., the enforcement arm of organized crime, in Hurleyville in the 1930s. While alluding to a number of other murders, Mr. Conway specifically noted that of Charles Sherman,

whose body was buried in a lime-filled grave in the dirt floor of the Drucker barn on Anawana Lake Road in 1935, and the hit on taxi driver Irving Ashkenas, whose bullet-ridden body was discovered by a Hurleyville milkman in the driveway of the Paramount Manor Hotel just outside the hamlet in 1936.

Mr. Conway mentioned the corpse of gangster Maurice Carillot, which was pulled from Loch Sheldrake in 1939, and the murder of Sol Goldstein, whose body was dumped in the lake in August of 1936 and has never been recovered.

He also told the story of the 1944 murder trial in Monticello of mobster Jack Drucker, who grew up in Hurleyville, in which both the prosecutor, District Attorney Ben Newberg, and the defense attorney, Moses Kove, were also from Hurleyville.

Mr. Conway says he is considering doing another history hike in the fall, along the rail trail heading in the opposite direction, toward South Fallsburg.

by John Conway

FALLSBURG – Ask anyone of a certain age from Monticello, and they will tell you that the sportswriters and/or editors at the Middletown Times Herald-Record newspaper always took delight in demeaning the accomplishments and highlighting the shortcomings of the high school's sports teams.

Perhaps this was never so evident as in a May 11, 1971 headline on a story about the DUSO Village League baseball game played between the visiting Monties and the homestanding Fallsburg Comets the previous afternoon.

## SUNY SULLIVAN SEARCHING FOR COACHES

### Wrestling, Cross Country, Track & Field Openings

by John Conway

LOCH SHELDRAKE – On the heels of a national search for a new women's basketball coach which ended in March with the hiring of Monticello native Ben Newberg, SUNY Sullivan is looking to fill additional coaching vacancies.

Chris DePew, Director of Athletics & Recreation at Sullivan says the school is hoping to hire a men's wrestling coach as well as coaches for men's and women's track & field and cross country.

“We plan to have those positions filled very soon so they can start work on building a recruitment class for the fall of '21,” Mr. DePew said.

Former Monticello High School standout Anthony Ng had been the Generals' wrestling coach for the past five years, and Ashley Weintraub had headed up both men's and women's cross country and track & field.

Mr. DePew said Ms. Weintraub decided to step down from her role coaching the four teams she headed up in order to resume her own stud-

The headline read: “Fallsburg Wins Battle of Losers.”

The article, and the accompanying box score, went on to tell the story of Fallsburg's 3-0 victory in a game that featured just five hits in total. It was the Comets' first DUSO Village League victory after dropping their first two league contests, while Monticello fell to 0-3 with the loss.

Still, the headline seemed a little harsh.

“The two teams, both with 0-2 league records going into the game, battled for four scoreless innings before Fallsburg took the lead on a combination of errors, stolen bases, and timely hitting,” the article stated.

“Comet pitcher Morris Cohen, meanwhile, was shutting out Monticello on two hits and striking out six in the process.”

Fallsburg first scored in the fifth inning, without the benefit of a base hit, when centerfielder Robert Jancko reached first on an error, stole second, advanced to third on a wild pitch, and came home on a sacrifice fly by Franshaw Jackson.

The Comets added two runs in the sixth, when after another Monticello miscue and another Fallsburg stolen base, first baseman Nate Patton drove in a run with a single and then came around to score on a double by Jancko. Monticello senior south-

paw Bob Jahrling was the victim of his teammates' sloppy play, taking the loss despite surrendering just the three hits.

The Monties' DUSO Village league losing streak continued the following Friday, by the way, as they once again managed just two hits in a 3-1 road loss to Liberty

that dropped them to 0-4 on the season. With the victory Liberty remained undefeated in league play with a perfect 5-0 mark.

Despite the continued frustration for Monticello, the TH-Record chose to highlight Liberty's unbeaten streak in composing the headline reporting that game

### 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 prize. Have fun!

May Trivia:

1. What MLB player hit the most home runs ever in the month of May?
2. What MLB player hit the longest home run ever on Memorial Day?
3. What team has the longest active playoff streak in the NBA?
4. What team has the longest active playoff streak in the NHL?
5. What MLB player had the most stolen bases ever during the month of May?

Last month's answers:

1. What major leaguer had the most hits on Opening Day during his career? **Pete Rose (31).**
2. What pitcher stuck out the most batters in an Opening Day game? **Camilo Pascual for the 1960 Washington Senators.**
3. Two players have hit home runs in their first Major League at bat in an Opening Day game, and they did it in the same game. Who were they? **Ernie Koy of the Brooklyn Dodgers and Heinie Mueller of the Philadelphia Phillies did it in the same game on Opening Day in 1938.**
4. Only one player in history has ever hit for the cycle in an Opening Day game. Who was he? **Gee Walker of the 1937 Detroit Tigers**
5. Four players have hit three home runs in Opening Day games. Who are they? **George Bell, 1988 Toronto Blue Jays; Tuffy Rhodes, 1994 Chicago Cubs; Dmitri Young, 2005 Detroit Tigers; Matt Davidson, 2018 Chicago White Sox.**

There was a winner last month: **Bianca Burgos** answered four out of the five questions correctly to become the FIRST winner ever of Brian's Ballgame Bafflers!

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