

THE TIDE RISES

Main Street Mews Hosts Open House

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – As summer arrives, so too will the long awaited opening of Main Street Mews at 234 Main Street. Touted as “Hurleyville’s Premier Residence” the building comprises eight luxury apartments on two upper floors as well as four retail spaces at street level.

An open house held in May, which included a formal

ribbon cutting opening the building for business, spotlighted a fully-furnished apartment on the third floor, and was well-attended. The building’s management says there was substantial interest in the units, which are a significant cut above most of the rental spaces available in Sullivan County in terms of amenities. Some of the eight are already spoken for.

Although they feature slightly different floor plans,



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Each of the eight apartments features two roomy bedrooms.



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A formal ribbon cutting was held in May, kicking off a well-attended Open House at Main Street Mews.



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The apartments are spacious, and feature plenty of windows.

each of the eight apartments includes two bedrooms, a bath, kitchen, living room and dining room, ample closet space and a laundry room. Kitchens are furnished with stainless steel appliances and microwaves, the laundry rooms are fully equipped with washers and dryers, and all units feature wood floors throughout.

In addition, the building offers an elevator, 24-hour security, and housekeeping services. Management says it will be operated as a smoke-free facility.

The four retail spaces all have street-level storefronts. Two of the units are a shade under 1,000 square feet, one is just over 1,000 square feet, and one is 1,200 square

feet.

Parking for tenants will be available immediately behind the building and additional parking is being constructed on an adjacent lot.

Tours are still available for those who missed the open house last month. To arrange a visit, call 914-490-3433 or email info@mainstreetmews.com.

MAIN STREET DANCE GETS CREATIVE

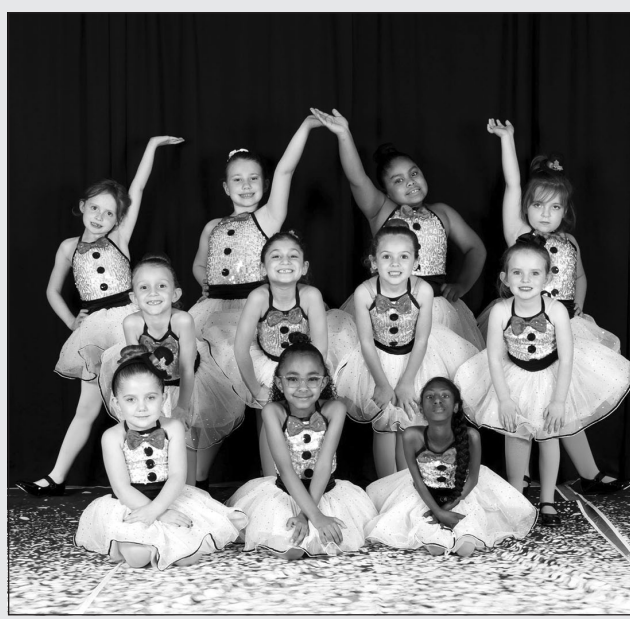
by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – Sherma Williams, who has operated Main Street Dance for nearly 25 years, has always been creative. It is part of who she is. So, when the restrictions resulting from the COVID pandemic threatened the studio’s annual recital, it wasn’t difficult for her to think outside the box. But even she was surprised at the solution that presented itself.

Ms. Williams says Main Street Dance participants have been showcased in an annual recital every year

since she started the business in Liberty in 1997. That tradition continued every year since she moved to the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre building in 2016. That is, until COVID forced her to cancel the recital in 2020. This year, even as the COVID restrictions were slow to ease, Ms. Williams promised she wasn’t going to let that happen again.

“Although not a traditional way of showcasing our dance recital, Main Street Dance Studio is so excited and pleased to announce that our annual dance recital will be debuted on the big



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screen this year,” Ms. Williams says, adding that this year’s performance will be showcased at the Fair Oaks Drive-In in the town of Wallkill on June 10.

“We are very happy that our dancers will be able to watch the recital this year with their families,” she says, pointing out a silver lining to the necessary change.

Approximately 80 dancers, ranging in age from three to adult, will perform in a number of styles, including ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, lyrical and ballroom. The ballroom dancers

have been training at Osorio DanceSport, also located at the Performing Arts Centre in Hurleyville.

Tickets to view the recital will be \$15 per person, but there is a limit to the number of cars they can admit, so no tickets will be available for purchase at the gate.

“We have been told we have a 150-car maximum,” Ms. Williams says.

Dancers families will be given first priority in ticket sales, but there may be additional tickets available. Call Main Street Dance to find out more at (845) 796-6589.

Sullivan County Offices Fully Re-open – *Museum in Hurleyville Not Yet Included*

MONTICELLO – As part of the national emergence from the COVID-19 pandemic, many Sullivan County government offices have re-opened to the public.

“This means most (though not all) offices are once again open without appointments necessary,” explains County Manager Josh Postosek. “We’ll be operating close to the way we did pre-pandemic, although masks will continue to be required for anyone who has not been vaccinated.”

As the County will not be requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination to access its facilities (except where required by law), the following guidelines will be in place:

For the Government Center in Monticello:

- Facial masks required throughout the building for anyone who has not fully completed their COVID-19 vaccine regimen (at least two weeks past the administration of the final dose of vaccine)
- Facial masks required for anyone accessing the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and/or County Clerk’s offices, regardless of vaccination status
- Appointments still required for DMV and County Clerk’s Office; recommended but not required for all other offices
- Six-foot distancing required for unvaccinated individuals
- Check-in with Sheriff’s deputies in lobby no longer required
- No pre-screening to attend public meetings or enter offices, but signing in to an office (providing name and phone or email) will be required for contact tracing purposes

For Family Court in Monticello:

- Open for in-person filings, but email preferred for emergency filings or regular mail for non-emergency filings
- Facial masks and six-foot distancing required throughout the area for anyone, regardless of vaccination status
- Pre-screening and temperature checks remain in place

For the County Courthouse in Monticello:

- Facial masks and six-foot distancing required throughout the building for anyone, regardless of vaccination status
- Pre-screening and temperature checks remain in place

For the Sheriff’s Patrol and Civil Divisions in Monticello:

- Facial masks required throughout the building for anyone who has not fully completed their COVID-19 vaccine regimen (at least two weeks



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The Sullivan County Historical Society’s Museum at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville remains closed for the time being.

past the administration of the final dose of vaccine)- Six-foot distancing required for unvaccinated individuals

For the County Jail in Monticello:

- Not currently open to in-person visits

For the Career (One-Stop) Center in Monticello:

- Not currently open to in-person visits (building is not owned by the County)
- For the Department of Family Services and the Department

of Community Services in Liberty:

- Facial masks and six-foot social distancing required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status
- Appointments recommended but not required

For Public Health Services in Liberty:

- Facial masks and six-foot social distancing required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status
- Appointments required

For the Care Center at Sunset Lake in Liberty:

- Facial masks and six-foot social distancing required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status
- Limited visiting times remain in place, with pre-registration required – check County website for latest details before visiting

For the County Airport in White Lake:

- Facial masks required throughout County buildings for anyone who has not fully completed their COVID-19 vaccine regimen (at least two weeks past the administration of the final dose of vaccine)
- Six-foot distancing required for unvaccinated individuals

For Sullivan County Transfer Stations (Monticello, Mamakating, Cochetcon, Highland, Livingston Manor, Ferndale):

- Six-foot distancing required at all times for unvaccinated individuals
- Facial masks required when indoors, or within six feet of others when outdoors, for anyone who has not fully completed their COVID-19 vaccine regimen (at least two weeks past the administration of the final dose of vaccine)

For Sullivan County Parks

(Livingston Manor Covered Bridge, Stone Arch Bridge in Kenosha Lake, Fort Delaware in Narrowsburg, Lake Superior in Bethel, D&H Canal in Wurtsboro/Summitville, Minisink Battleground in Barryville):

- Six-foot distancing required at all times for unvaccinated individuals
- Facial masks required within six feet of others for anyone who has not fully completed their COVID-19 vaccine regimen (at least two weeks past the administration of the final dose of vaccine)

For the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville:

- Not currently open to in-person visits

These regulations may change as needed. Please refer to www.sullivanny.us for the latest information.

The Inquiring Photographer

by Kathleen Sullivan



Q. What do you love about summer?



ANNA-LENA HILTON

I can be outside in my garden. I can be outdoors with my friends and my family.



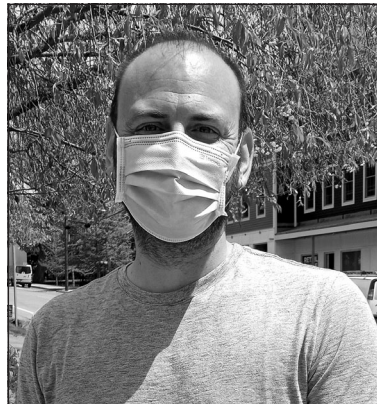
RALPH HILTON

Being in the garden and being outdoors.



SHERMA WILLIAMS

Everything!



CRAIG AGAZZI-COWTON

Summer wardrobe and outdoor activities.

FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



WARM FRONTS

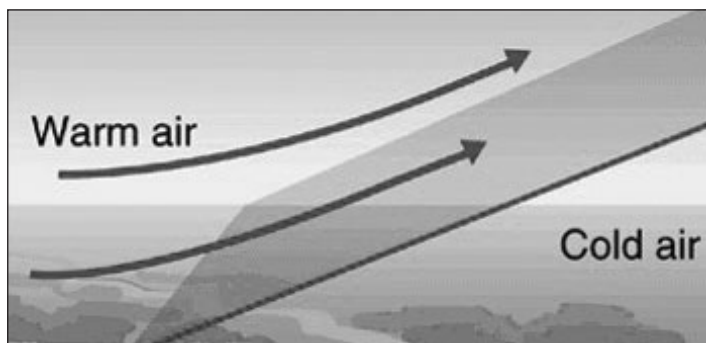


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A warm front is a front located at the leading edge of a warm air mass. Clouds form ahead of the warm front and are mostly Stratus clouds, and rainfall increases as the front approaches.

Fog can also occur with a warm front, followed by clearing, and the air is warmer and more humid when the front is gone.

Thunderstorms may be embedded among the stratus clouds ahead of the front and after the front passes the storm may continue.

So in summary, a warm front is when warmer air is replacing colder air. When colder air is replacing warmer air, that would be a cold front.

On a weather forecast map, the surface location of a warm front is marked with a red line of half circles pointing in the direction the front is moving. On weather maps drawn in color, warm fronts are sometimes marked with a solid red line.

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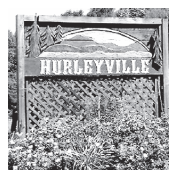
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Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



HURLEYVILLE - SULLIVAN FIRST

Hurleyville-Sullivan First has received a 2021 Sullivan Renaissance Community Beautification Grant that will be used to care for completed projects.

Work dates have been announced to plant barrels and planters. Anyone interested in helping to make Hurleyville more beautiful can join the group at the Hurleyville Firemen's Park at 9 a.m. on Friday, June 4 and Sunday, June 6. Remember to bring your garden tools and gloves. Social distancing will be observed.

Hurleyville-Sullivan First replaced the American flag at the Hurleyville Firemen's Park on Main Street. The staffs from the Hurleyville Sentinel and the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre joined the group in hanging the new flag.

Please visit www.hurleyvillenys.com for more information about Hurleyville-Sullivan First. You can also visit Hurleyville-Sullivan First on Facebook.

HURLEYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Katrina Jaycox reminds everyone that "The church is open and songs will be sung!"

Sunday services at the Hurleyville United Methodist Church begin at 9 a.m.

Plans are underway to start Sunday School soon.

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, June 17 and on Thursday, June 24 from 3 - 5 p.m.

Protocols for social dis-

tancing, 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 Sullivan County Museum is currently not open for in-person visits. Guidelines for a safe reopening issued by New York State and Sullivan County will be followed.

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 for information on volunteering. Volunteers work on a variety of tasks including research, creating displays, managing the vintage clothing collection and gardening.

Go to www.scnyhistory.org for more information on the Sullivan County Historical Society and the Sullivan County Museum. You can also visit the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum on Facebook.

COLUMBIA HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE (CHNA)

The CHNA steering committee meets monthly to share information and discuss strategy in preparation for when the Gan Eden Estates project next appears on the agenda of the Town of Thompson Planning Board for review or action.

The developer of Gan Eden Estates must submit a new DEIS (Draft Environmental Impact Statement) to the Town of Thompson Planning Board for public review and comment. The statement which must address environmental factors and concerns can then be considered for approval and acceptance. If accepted, the Planning Board will then review the applicant's site plan application which



by Mimi

FATHERS'S DAY

"Daddy", I squealed and giggled
So he lifted me high in the sky
We'd pretend that I was an airplane
With my arms spread as if I could fly

And, oh, how he made me so happy
I'm his son that he tossed a ball to
He would give me a fatherly slap on the back
When I hit a home run or ran fast laps on the track

He's been the dad I could talk to
When things in life seemed to go wrong
I'd take a seat right beside him
He'd talk until I felt better and it didn't matter how long

Now I'm a father myself
Who tries to be just like my dad
Because today I would like to tell the whole world
About the wonderful dad that I had

- Mimi
June 2021



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Michael, Janet, John and Ellyane (L - R) joined Hurleyville-Sullivan First in raising the new flag in the Hurleyville Firemen's Park.

will require another public hearing before approval to allow site work to commence.

The developer's application to the Delaware River Basin Commission for a groundwater withdrawal project to supply a proposed public water supply system is still pending.

Visit CHNA at www.columbiahill.org and on Facebook to learn how you can help to protect your environment and your community by demanding sustainable development.

Time and the Valleys Museum Now Open – New Exhibit

GRAHAMSVILLE – The Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County, will open to the public Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. The Museum will also be opening a new exhibit: One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room, on the one room schools of the Tri-Valley area. Special for Memorial Day Weekend ONLY (Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th) all visitors will receive a free postcard!

Exhibitions:

- *Water and the Valleys*, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes a section on the Lenape Native Americans, early area settlers, farming, local industries and more.

- *Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story*, an engaging exhibition on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, includes why New York City needed water, a description of the three water systems, the heartache of the people who had to give up their homes and how the complex system was built.

- *1930s Catskill Family Farm* is an outdoor, open air 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 a NYC reservoir. Building include a farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with WORKING waterwheel.

- *One Teacher, Eight*

The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

Saturday afternoon, May 22, I went out to see THE JOHNNY JULES BAND on the deck of THE DISTILLERY next to THE DANCING CAT SALOON.

Parking was a problem which was good, because it meant Johnny had attracted his usual great crowd. I wasn't wrong, I got one of the last empty chairs left! The ultra-tight trio of JOHNNY JULES on guitar and lead vocals, DAVID D'ARCY on upright bass/back-up vocals AND BOB DELASSANDRO (BOBBY D) on Dobro were joined by three additional instruments played by consummate musicians, making this a six-piece band!

TRISH MURPHY on banjo was someone the band met at FROGGY DAZE in Narrowsburg in May and just clicked with. Adding a banjo can be a tricky thing. It can be overpowering, or if the key of the song is not adhered to, it can be jarring. Trish's banjo notes wound around both GLENN LAZARO'S guitar as well as JOHNNY'S, like a silk scarf, sometimes underscoring, sometimes emphasizing. It was magical to listen to.

I have heard MANGO MIKE and his mandolin before. In this large group, he sometimes would go with the flow, adding a quiet sweetness to the melody, and other times sprinkling those stac-

cato butterflies over the top when warranted.

GLENN LAZARO often performs with Dancing Cat owner STACY COHEN. His guitar playing in this instance was a little bit rhythm, a little bit second guitar adding depth. And here was my good friend, Johnny, orchestrating it all as a sort of band leader. For as long as I've known him, he can still surprise me. That much larger group became a cohesive unit. And just before they took a break, Johnny tracked down Stacy so she could add her voice. A truly wonderful way to spend an afternoon!

As joyous as this day was, it was also very sad. As of May 23, THE DANCING CAT and the adjacent DISTILLERY are no more, having been sold. It was the first shining jewel to appear in Sullivan County in the decade I have lived here. It welcomed live music. It was where I lunched with and had dinner with friends. It was where I was introduced to a cocktail invention one December by one of the bartenders, the name she called it having been long lost. To me, it was always the "Cat Cocktail." It was where two friends of mine met, became friends, then fell in love. It was an amazing place, and I attribute all it was to the personality of STACY COHEN, which was so entwined with

THE DANCING CAT that speaking of either meant you were speaking of both. It is unclear what the new owners have in mind. It is unclear whether live music fits their vision. It is believed they will continue distilling.

Venues, even the strictly outdoor ones, are still reluctant to release a schedule of booked live music at any time other than last minute. I respect that. These are the few live music events I know:

OUTDOOR VENUES (weather permitting and until further notice):

Ope n Mic every Sunday at RAFTERS in Callicoon; 3 p.m.

Open Mic every Thursday at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville; 7 p.m.

Friday, June 4: OXFORD STATION at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville; 7:30 p.m.

Saturday June 5: JAZZ ON THE LAWN at 1864 Route 52, Liberty; 5 p.m.; admission \$20 (includes food) TICKETS LIMITED

OXFORD STATION at the SMOKE JOINT, Livingston Manor; 5:30 p.m.

POISON LOVE at RAFTERS, Callicoon; 7 p.m.

Stay safe, stay strong, and if you're more comfortable masked, MASK UP!

Until next time....



PHOTO BY DENNIS MUTHIG

The working farm is just one of the many exhibits at the Time & the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville.

Grades, One Room is a new temporary exhibition on one room school in the Tri-Valley area. Includes a full size

replica of a one room school! The Museum has everything in place to protect the health of both visitors and

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THINC-ING BACK

Technology Hub Moves to Rock Hill to Make Room for High School

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE – As the THINC staff are busy getting ready to move their department to Rock Hill to make room for the new Collaborative College High School, here's a look back over the past couple of years at a few of the projects created at 202 Main Street and at some of the people who helped create them.

The gratification that came from being an integral part of Hurleyville's Main Street revitalization will sustain the staff as they move on to an exciting new chapter...



PHOTOS BY THINC STAFF

1. Staff and some of the many students who passed through the programs at THINC pose in the lobby.

2. Putting the finishing touches on one of the new and innovative projects designed and built at THINC over the years.

3. Students experiencing virtual reality!

4. Students from a number of school districts around the region found endless possibilities at THINC.

5. Another of the projects created at THINC over the years.

6. Video and sound equipment available at THINC was state-of-the-art and among the most popular attractions.

7. TCFD residents were among those able to gain valuable experience in a wide range of activities at THINC.

8. Working on a sign for The Center for Discovery's Sweet Hill Farm in Grahamsville.

When my neighbor's away, I take care of his cats. One is colored like an arctic landscape - white with black patches. The other, silvery grey, wheezes like an asthmatic. Our relationship was established on strictly utilitarian grounds: when I show up, they get food. Wheezer and Tundra (not their real names) would greet me at their bowls, attuned only to the sound of the food tin being opened. Over time, as they took my measure and deemed it trustworthy, we'd get playful; as I took theirs, I felt a familiar sense of kinship reasserting itself, that old, uncanny mammalian bond.

My first cat, half a lifetime ago, was a litter-runt, discovered abandoned beneath a garden hedge. We took the little fellow in - he fit in one cupped hand - and fed him from an eye-dropper till he could manage his own bowl. We called him Nebbish. Once you get to naming them, the bonding process takes on some of the emotional color of family relationships. Nebbish would clamber up the leg of my pants and perch on my shoulder, as if eager to adopt my vantage, just as I would eagerly adopt his, at ground level, when we tussled or batted objects



Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

back and forth. He spent the winter indoors and, one early spring morn, I was awakened by my girlfriend in tears with the news: Nebbish had ventured outside and, crossing a road, likely for the first time, been hit by a car. I buried him in our backyard and mourned like a keening widower. I don't know that I ever got over it.

Mourning for animals isn't simply a sentimental displacement of mourning for humans (though it can be that), but a natural consequence of the creaturely comity that links our lives. As we're destined to outlive our pets (unless we're into tortoises), we receive such grief tutorials again and again. As per Yeats: "Man is in love and loves what vanishes, / What more is there to say?" Cats teach us, among other things, about vanishing.

John Gray, a cat person serious enough to have authored a treatise on "Feline Philosophy," wrote: "Cat-lovers do not love cats because they recognize themselves in them. They love

cats because cats are so different from them." But this seems a half-truth at best. If people valued difference so highly, they'd content themselves with Pet Rocks. We name our cats in a gesture of kinship, yet their names echo, when we call, across the gulf of speculation. I think it's the play of difference and similitude - all the ways we're akin mixing with all the ways we're not - that makes the relationship so compelling, so personal. Wheezer and Tundra combine behaviors that are idiosyncratic enough to seem individual and generic enough to be species-wide. The same could likely be said about me.

Cats are type-cast as aloof creatures, self-sufficient and indifferent, but when I tend my neighbor's cats, I provide not only food, but needed contact and attention. They gaze at me and I gaze back, in extended moments that I find both comforting and unsettling. Without that contact, my neighbor, when he returns,

finds their state to be noticeably more agitated. The creaturely relationship extends our sympathies.

Cats provide not only companionship, but proximity to something beyond domestication, something essential to the well-being of the human psyche. They're like portable tracts of wilderness, and we require the moderating influence of things that escape our comprehension in order to retain humility about the things that don't. "Living with animals," Gretel Ehrlich said, "makes us redefine our ideas about intelligence." Maybe it's that slight yet pivotal relinquishment of our own centrality in the scheme of things that compels our turn towards animals. They check our human grandiosity, providing a salutary reminder that we share the planet with others and remain in interdependent thrall to the whole of it.

Even Descartes, who denied that animals had souls and likened them to machines, had a pet dog. His name was Monsieur Grat.

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PAPER CLIPS...

by Elaine Corrington



Are We Coming Back to Life?

We often hear stories about people who keep themselves hidden away from the rest of us because of choices they have made-- or that were made for them-- about where and how they would live and survive.

A two-hour movie describing those choices, and why they were made, is about all we can stand. And yet it compels further thought once we have left the screen behind. The choices never seemed to be a move toward anything we might have described as a happy life. Instead, they were often choices that minimized fears. Fears caused by hatred of others: family members, those who chose not to be friends, or understanding supporters who felt unable to deal with the scope or the intensity of the mental health and lifestyle choices that created these loners.

"Choices" doesn't even seem like the right word to describe the lifestyles being shown on the screen. The percentage of people living these less familiar lives is even too small to be calculated. Who and where are they?

There have been pandemics before in the lives of many of us that are older. None of them had the impact of the COVID pandemic. Part of that is because we never had the access to all of the information, speculation and bickering both personal and world-wide that we have today. The hidden people were not mythological, but they-- and their stories-- were unavailable to us. But we are available to tell our lonely stories and make our fearful decisions with information both corroborated and totally unsubstantiated. It is clear to some of us that there is substantial

information we can use to make choices that will protect us, our loved ones, and even those we consider jerks from the predictable possibilities of the virus.

We don't hide that choice, and we see ever more information that supports decreasing fears by making those choices. I know of no one who refuses to share making those choices. It is clear from some others that they think the touted prevention strategies actually endanger those who believe in and take the offered preventative measures, and will cause far greater harm to modern people. The world-wide prevention strategies are due both to the proof of effectiveness, and the need to do what can be done to stop progression of the pandemic.

Although there is still a huge threat from the pandemic and the great numbers of people who have not been able to choose and use measures that can be effective, some things are changing. If you have taken the vaccine, there are many restrictions that are being loosened, and it seems we are coming back to a life of choices that we value personally, professionally, and for just plain fun.

Can we cast all concerns behind? Nope. Will everyone believe it? Nope. Do we know everything, and will we make sure that the best choices are available for everybody? We'll try. Is there still joy to be had? Yes.

If nothing else, we know what we have missed, and we can make sure that we find the safest way to make those joyful choices available to us and plan ahead for coming back to life, or going back to the lonely fearful misery we experienced in living without available joyful choices. Don't be the antihero or heroine for a two-hour movie about hiding away from life in fear. That doesn't make you safe. Celebrate those joyful moments that came about because you did something great that was fun, or even did something that turned out awful that was fun.

And be prepared to offer friends and family the same.

DRAMATIC WORKSHOP OPENS ITS DOORS

2021 Season Gets Underway

SOUTH FALLSBURG – The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is excited to be able to finally open its doors for its 2021 season, and will begin with "The 10 Minute Play Festival." The show will hit the boards at the historic art-deco Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg on June 11, and run for six performances through June 20.

Produced by Jenny Silverman and directed by Harold Tighe, "The 10 Minute



Play Festival" brings you two weekends of fabulous original plays written by playwrights local and beyond. Each weekend will feature a different set of plays, none longer than 10 minutes. Playwrights include John Bavaso, Bill Duncan, Sally Glad-

den, David Guaspari, Carlos Holden, Pamela Morgan, Marj O'Neill-Butler, Rich Orloff, Marc Paykuss, Lynne Porter, Keith Prince, Arianna Rose, and Teri Schwartz. For a full list of directors and cast members, please visit our Facebook or website.

Performances will be on Friday and Saturday, June 11, 12, 18, and 19 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 13 and 20 at 2 p.m. at the Rivoli Theatre, 5243 Route 42 (Main Street),

South Fallsburg. General Admission is \$15 Adults, \$12 Seniors (60+), students (with valid ID), military, and veterans. Advance sales are available online, or tickets can be purchased at the Box Office beginning one hour prior to curtain for any performance.

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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.

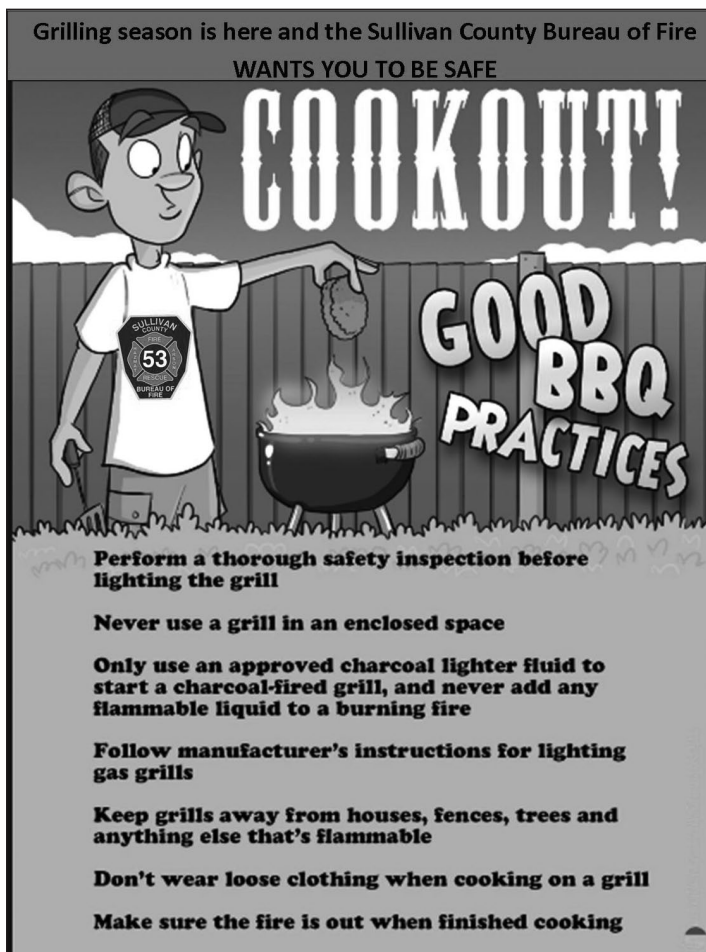
Finally places are starting to open up and events are starting to be scheduled.

The 20th Annual Morningside Fishing Classic sponsored by the Town of Fallsburg Parks and Recreation Program, the Hurleyville Fire Department and the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at the Morningside Lake on Brickman Road in Hurleyville. This is the first day of the 2021 Bass Season. The tournament will start at 5 a.m. and end at 1 p.m.

There will trophies for first, second and third places in three different categories: Bass, Walleye and Pickerel. In addition, there will a Lunker prize of \$50 for the largest single bass, pickerel or walleye caught by weight at the contest.

Registration will take place at the lake and will be \$10 per person.

Fishing can be from boats with trolling motors only and everyone in the boat must be registered, or you can fish from shore.



You can contact me at (845) 436-5418 or Woody at (845) 434-3103 for more information.

The Fire Department has also scheduled the 10th Annual Bill Carlson Golf Classic on Saturday, August 21 at the Tarry Brae golf course located on Pleasant Valley Road in Fallsburg. More information will follow.

Sullivan County fire departments have been extremely busy. Here is a partial summary of some of the incidents they have responded to since our last

edition. A two-car motor vehicle accident with two fatalities, a boater drowning, a boater rescue, a deer-motorcycle collision with a fatality, a car into-a-pond incident with a fatality, four hazardous material incidents, a couple of shootings, a multi-building structure fire, numerous activated alarms, a number of structure fires, a couple of large brush fires, and many motor vehicle accidents. The call volume is up significantly in the county. Traditionally, the call volume goes up from June thru September, with the increase of population and second home owners populating the County.

When you see a fireman, thank them for their service; we are all volunteers.

With a little bit of a gas shortage, people are filling any type of container with gas and putting them in the

trunk of their car. These are ticking bombs. In the warm weather, the gas will give off dangerous explosive vapors. What happens if you get into an accident and get hit in the rear or roll over? Use only containers approved for gasoline. The same goes for a Bar-B-Q propane tank. Left in the trunk in the heat the propane will expand, and it could release propane gas. Both situations are just waiting for an ignition source to create a disaster. Never leave the tanks in your vehicle longer than it takes to transport them.

Now that you have a fresh tank for your grill, here are a few safety tips for safe grilling:

- Keep your grill at least 10 feet away from your house. ...
- Clean your grill regularly. ...
- Check for gas leaks. ...
- Keep decorations away from your grill. ...
- Keep a spray bottle of water handy. ...
- Keep a fire extinguisher within a couple steps of your grill. ...
- Turn on the gas while your grill lid is closed. ...
- Leave a grill unattended.

Every year fire departments respond to fires caused by grill fires.

Summer storm season is now approaching. Are you ready? Did you ever buy that new flashlight or portable radio/flashlight that you can crank for power? Have you enrolled in NY-Alert yet?

Now is the time to think ahead for what you may need in the event of a prolonged power outage.

Be safe out there and use some common sense.

FROM THE FILES OF...

THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

The Only Newspaper Published in the Town of Fallsburgh

COMPILED BY **Sullivan County Historian John Conway**

June 16, 1909

Local and Personal News

Since moving, the Sentinel management has been laboring under difficulties. We have had several mishaps, such as breaking down of the power plant, etc., which badly crippled us for some time. We ask our readers to be patient and we hope to have everything in operation next week.

Local and Personal News

Leon's Moving Picture Company has made arrangements with Mr. Lawrence to show in his hall one night every week through the summer, commencing on Thursday, June 17. The Leons will positively show only the latest and best pictures and songs that money can buy. Popular prices will be charged. There will be plenty of comfortable seats for everybody and a nice clean performance of which the management boasts. Don't forget the date of the first show, Thursday evening, June 17.

June 23, 1909

Local and Personal News

Leon's Moving Pictures Company gave their entertainment in Lawrence Casino last Thursday as advertised. The weather could not have been much worse, rain coming down in torrents, but a few of the brave ones came out and enjoyed a pleasant evening. The pictures were well planned and well selected. There will be an entire change of program next Thursday night, June 24, and the entertainment will take



PHOTO PROVIDED

The Lawrence Casino (right) on Main Street hosted moving picture shows in 1909.

place as before, rain or shine.

June 30, 1909

Local and Personal News

We are informed the State Board of Health has notified the Hurleyville Creamery to remodel their buildings and not accept milk from farmers unless it stands at 50 degrees when presented at the creamery. This makes it nice for the farmer when the thermometer stands about 90 degrees in the shade and he has to drive about three miles to the creamery. It would look as though they would have to milk about midnight and bring it in while the moon is up. There are very few farmers who have made arrangements for ice for such a case and the result will be that many of them will stop taking milk to the creamery. The farmers say if the members of the board drank more milk they would be better off.

June 11, 1937

Graduation Program Next Week at Local School Auditorium

The Commencement exercises for the Hurleyville

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 Tennenbaum 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 GRADUATED 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 Salom, 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 address.

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.

BCES "K Kids" Lead the Way

Beautifying Our World



PHOTO PROVIDED

The group of planters, including some parents and all the children participating, pose in front of the miniature train.

WOODRIDGE – On a beautiful Saturday morning at Centerville Station on the Woodridge Rails to Trails, a group of "K Kids" from Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) gathered to plant several brightly colored annual plants in the replica of miniature railroad cars.

The children are part of the Ecology Club, and are also a branch of the Woodridge Kiwanis Club. On hand to supervise the activity were Kiwanis Vice President and staff member of BCES, Debbie Jacobsen and her daughter, Kirsten Cerrone, who is a landscaper. Ms. Cerrone's trade name is The Dirt Diva.

The Club's co-advisors, Dawn McCarthy and Lori Lindridge, welcomed the students and their parents. They immediately took up trowels to plant the petunias, marigolds, spike, and other annuals.

The K Kids/Ecology Club previously planted flowers at BCES as practice for Saturday's event. The members of the Club are third-graders Addison Eckerson, Ariel

Payne, Kimberly Duncan and Zhara Snead, and fifth-grader Zayd Snead.

Attending the planting was Woodridge Mayor Joan Collins, who first asked Ms. Jacobson and Ms. Cerrone to organize the project. The Village paid for the plants and will water and maintain them. Woodridge is applying for a Sullivan Renaissance Grant to beautify various locations with flowers.

BCES staff member Amanda O'Neill literally dug in and joined in the planting. Ms. Jacobson's three-year old great niece, Ruzzi, was clearly one of the stars of the morning along with the K-Kids.

The club has been selling dog bone cut-outs for \$5 (large bone) and \$1 (small bone), and they will continue through the end of the school year. All proceeds will benefit the Rock Hill SPCA and Rocky's Rescue in Liberty, which is a local spay/neuter clinic.

These young people are dedicated to taking care of the planet and keeping it healthy and beautiful.



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A Brief History of the Theatre in Sullivan County
HISTORIAN JOHN CONWAY
Thursday, June 24, 2021 / 6:00pm
In Person & Online / \$10



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by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – The hamlet's Main Street—due for some major changes in upcoming months with the opening of the Main Street Mews and the Collaborative College High School—continues to evolve in smaller ways, as well.

Last week, new signs went up on two buildings, one of which foreshadows the arrival of a new occupant. An attractive green and blue sign with the Catskill Mountainkeeper logo was erected on the front of 220 Main Street, which will become the new Catskill Climate and Education Center this summer, when CMK returns to Hurleyville. The non-profit environmental group, headquartered in Livingston Manor, operated an office in the Sullivan Dairy building



a few years ago.

The new Mountainkeeper education center will open in September in conjunction with the opening of the High School, which will be located at 202 Main Street under



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY

Above: The new sign on 227 Main Street.

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At left: The new Catskill Mountainkeeper sign at 220 Main Street.

the auspices of the Homestead School of Glen Spey.

The second new sign erected last week went on the front of 227 Main Street, the home of Fiber on Main and The Hurleyville Sentinel. The building, owned by The Center for Discovery, has been christened the Bob Wright Family Building in honor of Bob Wright, former CEO of G.E. Capital

and NBC and a co-founder (along with his late wife, Suzanne) and former Chairman of the non-profit group, Autism Speaks, which funds research into the causes, prevention, treatment and a cure for autism.

No plans have been announced for any changes in use to the building at 227 Main Street.

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JIMMY

Fallsburg Constable Bronco Kelly is back, and that can only mean adventure...In this month's story our fictional hero rubs elbows with a couple of real life tough guys...one from either side of the law...

It was a little after dawn on a cool, damp, grey morning in early May of 1935, and I was walking from my home on Creamery Road to Main Street in Hurleyville for some breakfast when my silent reverie was interrupted by the distant calling of my name.

The shouts were coming from a small, oddly dressed man approaching me from Main Street, moving quick-

ly but still a hundred yards away, obviously agitated.

"Mr. Constable!" he hollered, nearly out of breath. "Thank God I found you, Mr. Constable. You'd better come quick."

As he drew closer, I could see the excited man was Newly Richards, a local character most townspeople believed was of Indian blood, who seemed to live nowhere in particular.

"Good Morning to you, too, Newly." I answered calmly while still walking, hoping my demeanor would rub off. "What's the trouble?"

"It's Drucker," Newly said. "He and a couple of his boys are fixin' to roll a guy in the

drug store."

I nodded knowingly, and quickened my pace. Jack Drucker was a well-known tough guy in town, often working for the New York City gangsters who frequented the hotels in the area. Drucker was quickly gaining a reputation as a schlammer, an enforcer for those gangsters, and when he wasn't looking for trouble, he was likely to be causing it.

I slowed down as I approached the Hurleyville Pharmacy, and carefully peered into the big front window. Sure enough, Drucker and two other men I could not immediately recognize from that angle were gathered around a man seated on a stool at the counter. The man appeared to be ignoring them, staring at a glass of water in front of him, the hood to a rumpled sweatshirt pulled over his head.

I pulled open the front door and walked in, the tinging of a bell announcing my entrance.

Drucker and his friends turned around almost in unison. There was a moment of silence, and then one of the men, tall and gaunt and carrying a two-foot long pipe wrench, spoke to me.

"G-g-good morning, Bronco," he said, nervously hiding the wrench behind his back. "We was...uh, we was just leaving."

He turned toward his companions, and then walked quickly by me, carefully keeping his distance. The other man with Drucker,



ILLUSTRATION PROVIDED
He was boyishly handsome despite a misshapen nose.

older and heavier, followed suit without saying a word, although he kept his eyes glued on me as he made his way past. Drucker, too eventually walked toward me, but he squared himself up in front of me. He was sturdily built, about as stocky as me, but a good eight inches shorter. Still, he scowled perceptively as he fixed his cold grey eyes on me.

"Kelly," he said, nodding slowly. "Be seeing you around..."

He followed his friends out of the store and they all disappeared up the street. I turned my attention to the man at the counter.

"You okay, Mister?" I asked.

"I'm okay," he said quietly without turning his head.

"I'm Bronco Kelly, the town constable," I said. "You're not from around here, are you?"

"No. I'm not," he said, still staring straight ahead. "I'm

staying over at the Evans. Just got in a couple of days ago. I stopped in here for a glass of water after my morning run, and those guys came over and started in with me."

"Morning run?" I asked. "What do you mean?"

He stepped off the stool and came toward me. He was a big guy, perhaps six-three, and even under the tattered, baggy sweats it was obvious he was well put together.

"I should thank you," he said, extending one hand while pulling back the hood of his sweatshirt with the other. He was fair skinned with dark hair and dark eyes, boyishly handsome despite a misshapen nose. The hand he offered was large and mangled, like it had been broken more than once. I shook it, and could feel the power in his grip.

"I'm Jimmy," he said. "And I'm glad you showed up when you did."

"Jimmy?" I said, thinking there was something familiar about the guy.

"Jimmy Braddock," he said matter-of-factly. "I'm a boxer. I'm at the Evans training for a fight."

"You're fighting Max Baer," I said, it suddenly dawning on me why he looked familiar. "You're fighting for the championship."

"That I am," he said, nodding. "On June 13th. But right now, I'm just trying to get into shape. My trainer is running me ragged. I do ten miles every morning, and then I shadow box for most

of the day. And I eat. They have some great food at the Evans, you know, and plenty of it. I haven't started sparing yet, they are building me up to that, but we'll start that soon. You should stop by and watch. As a matter of fact, you look like you could go a few rounds, yourself."

I found myself chuckling at the thought.

"Ever been in the ring?" he asked.

"Not in a long, long time."

I said.

"Well, anyway, come by sometime."

He slipped past me and headed for the door, shouting over his shoulder, "Thanks, Maxi!" to the owner of the drug store, who had been in the back of the store the entire time. As he opened the door, he paused and turned toward me again.

"By the way," he said. "You said your name is Kelly? You wouldn't mind telling a fellow Irishman where I can go to Mass on Sunday, would you?"

I told him about St. Mary's, about the time of Sunday Mass, and gave him directions to the church.

"I hope I'll see you Sunday!" he said and exited the store.

I did see Jimmy Braddock at St. Mary's that following Sunday, and for several Sundays thereafter. Each week he looked leaner and more chiseled than the week before. Despite repeated invitations, I never did go over to the Evans to see him spar, but I did listen to the radio

on June 13th when he took on Max Baer for the world's heavyweight boxing championship, a ten-to-one underdog.

Almost all of Hurleyville celebrated that night when, in one of the biggest upsets in boxing history, Jimmy Braddock, who less than a year before had been on welfare, claimed the greatest title in all of sports.

Fallsburg Constable Bronco Kelly is a fictional

character, and the incident in the Hurleyville Pharmacy never happened. But it could have. In 1936, Jimmy Braddock would return to the Evans as World Champion to train for a fight with Max Schmeling that never happened. He would lose his crown to Joe Louis in 1937. In 1944, Jack Drucker was convicted in the ice pick murder of Walter Sage seven years earlier. He died in prison.

FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Kelly Wells & Amanda Letohic



Happy June everyone! As we continue to take baby steps towards reopening, we have some new updates to inform you of. First, beginning June 6, we will be adding Sunday hours back into the library's schedule. Our new schedule will be as follows: Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.- 6 p.m., and Sundays 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Please note that we are still requiring face masks to be worn by anyone over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status. The Board of Trustees will revisit this at their Monthly Board Meeting on June 24. Please also note that we are still limiting in building use to 30 minutes per person per day, but are accommodating walk-ins whenever possible. We still strongly encourage appointments for computer use, as we are still not able to have all computers in use at the same time.

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.

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@rcls.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.

As we inch closer to Summer Reading - please note that we will be doing it virtually again this year. We're very excited to be partnering with Page Turner Adventures to offer 6 weeks of daily online activities - from stories to crafts, geared towards those ages 5 - 11. Stay tuned for more information - or contact Miss Amanda to find out how to sign up!

No library card? No problem! Just give us a call or send us an email, and we'll let you know what we need from you to get a card set up. For a Fallsburg Library card you must live within the Fallsburg Central School District - if you do not and you are unsure of what library is your "home" library, give us a call and we can direct you to the right library.

Stay up to date with the latest library updates by following our Facebook page or visiting our website, www.fallsburglibrary.org. As always, thank you for continued support and patience. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without your support. Be well!

Fallsburg Announces Scholarship Recipients

FALLSBURG - For the past 70 years, Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) has honored academic and community service achievement with the award of Samuel Beytin Community Scholarships and several other awards named in honor and memory of former FCSD staff members. Normally, these awards are given at a dinner or luncheon every May. In the past two years, this event has been cancelled due to the pandemic.

On May 13, Sonja Ferreira, Faculty Guidance Counselor for the Class of 2021, announced the recipients to the FCSD Community. The Community Scholarship

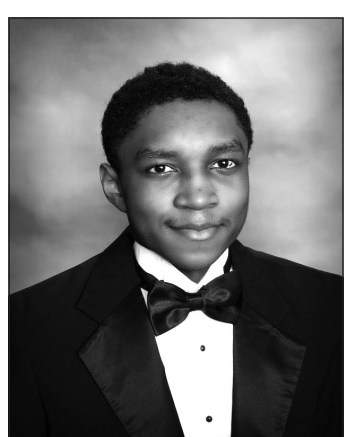


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Cody Harvey is Fallsburg High School Valedictorian this year.

Awards go to Neema Darboe, Haddy Gai, Cody Harvey, Dolce McPherson, Jamie Rein, and Nevaeh Valree. The Blossom Cohen Award recipient is Ennie Li. Gianna Matthews earned the Candy



PHOTO PROVIDED
Ennie Li is the Fallsburg High School Class 2021 Salutatorian.

Gold Memorial Scholarship. The Esthyr Mintz Flanagan Award winner is Janelly Santos Lopez. Daniel Milov received the Edward Bryan Award. Cody Harvey and

Bus Trips Are Back! Primetimers Are Off to Vermont!

MONTICELLO - The Primetimers of Temple Shalom in Monticello are organizing a 5-day bus tour to scenic Vermont from September 20 to September 24, 2021. The trip, which will leave at 8 a.m. Monday morning, September 20, from the Temple Shalom parking lot in Monticello, will include tours of Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks, Ben and Jerry's ice cream factory (with free samples!), Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Rock of Ages Granite Quarry, the Vermont State Capital, and Stowe Village. Participants will visit historic houses at the Shelburne Museum



PHOTO PROVIDED
The Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream factory will be one of the stops on the bus trip.

and enjoy a dinner cruise on Lake Champlain.

COVID safety will be a priority. All participants

will be required to be fully vaccinated, and social distancing and masks will be in effect.

Based on double occupancy, the cost of the trip will be \$639 per person, which will include all breakfasts and dinners, 4 nights of lodging, tour guides, and entertainment.

All are welcome, but space is limited and the bus is likely to fill quickly, so early reservations are recommended.

The Primetimers organization raises funds to benefit Temple Shalom and other charities. For further information about the Vermont trip, call one of the tour organizers -- Paula Schroeder at 845-794-2314 or Susan Horowitz at 845-796-3777.

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Visit us at www.hurleyvilleny.com or on Facebook.



The Art of Being

by Deborah Chandler, Ph.D.

Awakening

What is a spiritual awakening?

Our lives go on two paths: on outer path and an inner path. The outer path is determined by biology and environment. The inner path is determined by grace. Grace is the nameless way in which fortune shines upon us.

On the outer path, we live through our mind-body experiences. As our brain matures, we develop the capacity to know our name, our personality, our preferences, our action choices. Our mind-body self tunes into the world through the sense organs. The senses feed us the information we use to construct our lives. If we do not encounter a form of awakening, this is all we know of life.

Awaking can come in various forms. We may have an artistic awaking, feeling the pulsation of creativity move through us which we form into an artifact of our personality. We may be opened to the miracles of creation in our own gardens as we dig into the dirt. Most profoundly, we may have an awaking of our own energetic potential. This inner potential is sometimes called kundalini.

Kundalini lies asleep within us. She lies coiled like a serpent at the lower energy levels of our subtle body. The subtle body aspect of us is not entirely physical or energetic. Our subtle body is the luminosity that infuses us with energy and light. When we awake to our subtle body, we

begin our inner journey.

Sometimes I find myself captured by the outer path, absorbed by the glitter and enticements of the outer world. However, with glitter comes dullness. In this outer realm the pairs of opposites rule. Handsome and ugly. Smart and dumb. Loved and rejected. On the outer path I ricochet between these pairs of opposite, never finding rest. In the mind-body world, there is no lasting peace.

In the mind-body world, I become aware of how I am cloaked in fear as a defense against old hurts and rejections. From this outer space, I try to offer my hurt self to the inner realm of meditation. Sometimes to enter the inner world I soak in my tub or dance with abandon. In this inner realm I find a core of light and ease.

Recently, I have intensified my focus on the inner realm by being more regular in my meditation practice. I am learning to trust that the inner world will lovingly hold me and protect me, giving me the fortitude and clarity to face what's before me.

My spiritual awakening has taken me to this inner path. I am grateful for the strength and light that I find. Hey! There's magic in there.

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.

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CONNECTING TO NATURE

MILK TRAIN TRAIL HAS MUCH TO OFFER

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – The myriad restrictions that resulted from the COVID pandemic may be easing to some extent, but there are trends that originated from necessity over the past year that may continue long after those restrictions are fully lifted.

And some of those are positive trends.

For example, when the COVID pandemic limited activities and shrank many people's universe, some families began including regular trips to their local rail trail to spend time together outdoors while getting some much needed exercise. Surveys done in the wake of the pandemic and casual conversations with folks on the Milk Train Trail

in Hurleyville indicate that this is a trend that is likely to continue even now that the world has begun to re-open.

In a nation in which a recent study by the Environmental Protection Agency revealed that the average American spends 93 per cent of their time indoors, the increased use of rail trails is good news. And in Sullivan County, which has been mired in poor health outcomes for decades now, this combination of increased time outdoors and regular exercise is surely a positive indicator.

One of the most interesting aspects of the increased use of the Milk Train Trail during the pandemic has been the number of young children regularly accessing the trail with their parents. From infants in strollers to

toddlers on tricycles and in pedal cars, to youngsters on bikes, the demographic is well represented on the rail trail on any given day.

And because it is well-maintained and the fact that a substantial length of it is paved, many children and adults with mobility issues are also frequenting the trail.

On a weekday last month, a small group of young children and two adults could be observed gathering around a tiny turtle that was making its way across the pavement of the trail. On another venture along the trail, a parent could be seen explaining one of the interpretive signs to a pre-teen youngster. Some parents have said they incorporate regular trips to the rail trail into the curriculum they use for home schooling their kids. The diverse eco-

systems that can be accessed from one end of its length to the other and the interpretive signs that provide a glimpse into both science and history, make the Milk Train Trail an ideal classroom.

Regardless of age, and whether accessing the trail as individuals or in a group, it is obvious local residents and visitors alike are making the Milk Train Trail a regular destination.



PHOTOS BY JOHN CONWAY

Above: There are several very different ecosystems along the length of the Milk Train Trail, including three separate wetlands.



At left: One of the ten interpretive signs along the Milk Train Trail, which provide insights into science and history.



PHOTO BY J. JAMES WALL

Four year old Valen Hawk studies his father's photos on one of the ten interpretive signs The Center for Discovery has erected along the Milk Train Trail.

National Trails Day® 2021

America's Largest Trails Event to Feature Pledge to Save Trails and Build a More Inclusive Outdoors

SILVER SPRING, MD

Millions of people have found physical, mental, and emotional restoration on trails during the pandemic. Thousands of folks will return the favor and care for the magnificent American trail system, helping more people in the U.S. enjoy trails and quality green space. American Hiking Society (AHS) invites the public to celebrate National Trails Day® on June 5, 2021.

Events will take place at the east trail head of the Milk Train Trail in Hurleyville beginning at 9 a.m.

“While the COVID-19 quarantines have put into sharp focus how much our minds and bodies need time outside every day, the trails and parks we value are falling into disrepair, and not everyone has easy access to safe, quality green space,” explains Kate Van Waes, Executive Director of American Hiking Society. “In honor of National Trails Day®, we are encouraging everyone to take American Hiking's #NationalTrailsDay-



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY

Opening ceremonies for National Trails Day in Hurleyville will begin at 9 a.m. on June 5 at the east trail head of the Milk Train Trail (by the basketball court).

Pledge to help restore trails and parks and build a more inclusive outdoors.”

In addition to taking the #NationalTrailsDay-Pledge, American Hiking encourages the public to register an in-person or virtual event and join the National Trails Day® digital movement by sharing on social media why access to

trails and natural space are vital to them. Tag photos with #NationalTrailsDay and @AmericanHiking to be entered into a photo contest on Instagram with a chance to win a prize package of outdoor gear.

The pledge is a simple way to take action in 2021 to care for trails and advocate for safe, welcom-

ing access to quality green space. American Hiking will provide easy actions people can take; American Hiking also encourages trail enthusiasts, land managers, and supporting organizations to create a unique challenge or custom call-to-action for their community too. Everyone who takes the pledge will be entered to win one of several prize packages.

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NEW BUSINESS ROLLS INTO TOWN

Fortress Bikes at PartyMaster

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE – Hal Simon hasn't yet figured out what he wants to do when he grows up. But he knows where he wants to be, and that's in Sullivan County.

As a young boy, Mr. Simon spent summers in Woodbourne with family, and he fell in love with the Catskills. When his parents bought a house on Long Island, they stopped coming to Sullivan County, and he hated summer day camp on the Island. Luckily, his grandparents were still here each July and August, and he was able to continue his Catskills summer adventures, eventually getting jobs at the Raleigh Hotel and Ideal Bungalows as a lifeguard.

Mr. Simon then landed a job at Kaplan's Deli, which was the beginning of a fulfilling

career in the food business in the New York City area. He loves meeting people, so this work suited him. He and his wife, Lori bought a house on Long Island and had two daughters, now grown up with their own careers.

But Mr. Simon missed the magical mountain summers, and he was searching for a change in lifestyle along with a less demanding job. He and Lori bought a second home in Emerald Green, and, like Superman, he had found his “fortress of solitude.”

His wife even bought him a sign for the house that's painted with the moniker.

The Simons had made friends in Rock Hill, and their daughters grew to enjoy the landscape their father loved. The couple were spending time hiking local trails when the wheels of a new business

started turning in their heads. They knew they could live here full time, but what could he do that would allow him to meet people?

One day on the paved Milk Train Trail in Hurleyville, Mr. Simon had a thought:

“This town needs bike rentals.”

After some research and visits to other bicycle businesses, the Simons connected with Perry Gips, longtime Hurleyville resident and owner of PartyMaster, a national entertainment company. He agreed to rent out the front of his warehouse at 194 Main Street, and Fortress Bikes was born.

The location is perfect – just steps away from the rail trails and municipal parking. Mr. Simon's vision is to make the place visible and welcoming. They uncovered a large patio in front of the building, and a new facade is almost finished. Fortress bikes will be a four-season business, renting bikes, in-line skates, and in the winter, snow shoes.

As reported in Outside mag-



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Hal Simon will soon be opening fortress bikes in the front of the PartyMaster building on Main Street.

azine, the pandemic created a huge exercise boom in the U.S., with bikes at its center. New bicycles have been in short supply for months, and some shops have entirely sold out. This was a bump on the trail for Fortress Bikes, making it difficult to acquire inventory. So, Mr. Simon plans to open shop in mid-June, with a ribbon cutting and press release.

For now, Fortress Bikes is established on Facebook and Instagram, waiting to announce their grand opening. And Hal Simon is about to begin a new grown-up Catskills adventure.



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 two Major League pitchers have pitched perfect games in the month of June?
2. How many NBA championships did the Chicago Bulls win in the 1990s?
3. What Major League Baseball player hit the most home runs during the month of June?
4. How many Stanley Cup championships did the Los Angeles Kings win in the 2010s?
5. What is the only team to ever come back from a 3-1 deficit to win the NBA Finals?

Last month's answers:

1. What MLB player hit the most home runs ever in the month of May? (**Barry Bonds, 17 in 2001**)
2. What MLB player hit the longest home run ever on Memorial Day? (**Mickey Mantle, NY Yankees, 620 feet in 1956**)
3. What team has the longest active playoff streak in the NBA? (**Portland Trailblazers, 8 straight**)
4. What team has the longest active playoff streak in the NHL? (**Pittsburgh Penguins, 15 straight**)
5. What MLB player had the most stolen bases ever during the month of May? (**Rickey Henderson, 27 in 1982**)

There was no winner last month.

FIFTY YEARS AGO... Liberty Beats Fallsburg; Caps Perfect Season

by John Conway

LIBERTY – Fifty years ago this month, on June 2, 1971, the Liberty High School Indians baseball team completed its perfect season in the DUSO Village League with a 19-4 win over the visiting Comets of Fallsburg High.

With the victory, Liberty finished its regular season with a 9-0 league mark, while the loss spoiled Fallsburg's hopes for a winning record, dropping them to

4-5 in league play on the year.

“Liberty High, with the DUSO Village League crown firmly nailed down already, plastered luckless Fallsburg 19-4 Wednesday to finish regular season play with a 9-0 record,” the Times Herald-Record newspaper reported the day after the contest.

“The Indians locked up the victory with a 12-run first inning, belting out eight hits, and taking advantage of six Fallsburg errors and

a walk,” the TH-R account continued. “Besides six singles, Liberty got a triple by Gary Sussman and a three-run homer by Lee Winters.”

Doug Friedman was the winning pitcher for the home team, going five innings and giving up just one hit—a first inning single by Frank Jackson. Winters, who had been playing right field, pitched the final two innings for the Indians.

Fallsburg managed eight hits in the game, three of them by Jackson. All four

of the Comet runs came in the sixth inning, after Friedman had exited the game.

As DUSO Village League champs, Liberty went on to play in the Class C division of the Section IX tournament, travelling to Washingtonville on June 7 to take on the Wizards of Washingtonville High, the winners of the Orange County League crown.

The Indians season ended when they dropped a 1-0 extra inning heart-breaker.