

THE RIGHT ANSWER

“How Government Should Work”

by John Conway

MOUNTAINDALE – Congressman Antonio Delgado (NY-19) joined local leaders and state representatives at a press conference in Mountandale late last month to announce a \$1.1 million investment in the Sullivan County O&W Rail Trail.

The House of Representatives passed a package of seven appropriations bills in July, funding various federal agencies for the fiscal year 2022. Within that legislation, Rep. Delgado secured funding to create over 30 miles of continuous trail in Sullivan County, connecting seven hamlets and villages.

The funding request had been submitted to the Congressman's office by Sullivan County leaders, who see the expansion of the rail trail network in the county as not only a tourist attraction, but also as a tool to improve health outcomes in the County, which has for many years ranked very near the bottom of the 62 counties in New York State.

The Town of Fallsburg had previously been notified of a \$400,000 grant—a combination of Sullivan Renaissance and State money—to improve a section of the trail between South Fallsburg and Woodridge, a project that would necessitate the restoration of the Fallsburg tunnel and construction of a pedestrian bridge over the Neversink River—both costly undertakings. This new federal money will be largely used toward that same work.

County officials, including Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty and Planning Commissioner Freda Eisenberg, have been spearheading the effort to expand and improve the rail trail network, and encouraged local organizations and businesses to write letters of support to include the money in the appropriations bill. They had been notified in July that Congressman Delgado had been successful in getting the line item in, and were later informed that the bill had passed the House. It then made it through the Senate,



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY

Congressman Antonio Delgado announces \$1.1 million in federal funds for the O&W Rail Trail as Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (left) and Sullivan Renaissance founder Sandra Gerry look on.

as well.

“It is an honor to secure this investment and play a role in the development of the historic Sullivan County O&W Rail Trail,” Congressman Delgado said at the press conference. “Thanks to the tireless work of community members and House passage of funding for this project, we are one step

closer to completing the trail.

The Sullivan County O&W Rail Trail will be an essential economic boost that delivers for our local businesses and connects our communities.”

“The incoming investment in the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail secured by Congressman Delgado promises to spur this project forward towards completion. Started



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY

Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty at the August 20 news conference in Mountandale.

as a community effort to utilize existing infrastructure for recreation in the verdant Catskills, it has now blossomed into the socio-economic engine that can bring new life to the towns it once helped to create,” said NYS Senator Mike Martucci.

“I want to thank Congressman Delgado for pushing

this funding through at the federal level. The completion of this trail will mean so much to the people of Fallsburg. This is an example of a community coming together to accomplish something great,” said Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther.

“This joint effort between Democrats and Republicans

is an example of how government should work, and I'm proud to be part of it,” Mr. Doherty said. “I thank Congressman Delgado not only for taking the time to talk with me to understand our plans to connect our various rail trails, but also for agreeing with us that it's worth the investment of federal funds.”

“It has been an honor working with Congressman Delgado and his staff on this project,” Fallsburg Supervisor Steven Vegliante said. “Funding this trail will help the Town create a regional tourist destination and provide all of our constituents with a healthy linear park throughout our Town. We are grateful to the support shown by the County of Sullivan and Sullivan Renaissance. It is a positive example of what can happen when we all work together.”

Sandra Gerry, the founder

and Chairwoman of Sullivan Renaissance was also on hand at the press conference. She spoke briefly, praising the teamwork that went into securing the financing for the trail network.

“Quite simply, what we are witnessing here today is the power of collaboration, where the grassroots efforts of community volunteers and elected officials, coupled with public and private funding, can come together for a common cause and transform an area,” she said.

Coupled with the Golden Feather funding previously obtained, the federal money will go toward the development of a continuous 13-mile trail running from Mountandale to Ferndale. It is hoped that eventually other projects can be completed that will connect separate sections of

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HIGH SCHOOL IS A REALITY!

Ribbon Cutting Marks Milestone in New Venture

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – Officials gathered in Hurleyville on Friday, August 13 for the ceremonial kick off of the new Collaborative College High School with a ribbon cutting at 202 Main Street.

The new venture is a collaboration between the Homestead School of Glen Spey and SUNY Sullivan.

The new high school program – opening this month – builds upon the advanced studies and hands-on learning of the Homestead's Montessori K-8 school, and in collaboration with SUNY Sullivan, will offer college courses for their inaugural class of ninth-grade students.

The school is being headquartered in the former Technology Hub and incubator building owned by The Center for Discovery, which offered the building for the new partnership. The Center's THINC operation has been renamed the Innovation Labs and has moved to Rock Hill.

Officials say the Collaborative College High School will continue to offer education in the Montessori model that the Homestead School has successfully employed in their elementary program since 1978, including individualized academic guidance, offering appropriate academic challenge and direction to the needs of a wide range of individuals.



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SUNY Chancellor Dr. Jim Malatras addresses the crowd at the ribbon cutting for CCHS in Hurleyville as (left to right) CCHS Director Jack Comstock, SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance, TCFD President Dr. Teresa Hamlin, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, and Fallsburg Supervisor Steve Vegliante look on.

CCHS will maintain the low student-to-teacher ratio that has helped make the Homestead School a caring and attentive academic environment. In tandem, the staff of the Homestead, SUNY Sullivan, and The Center for Discovery will provide opportunities for mentorship and counseling that support student growth beyond academics.

“Early Colleges, much like the Montessori movement, operate from the principle that we need to provide quality educational opportunities that help students become the best versions of themselves, and that doesn't always mean fitting

into traditional educational models,” SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance said. “CCHS students will have hands-on opportunities to use SUNY Sullivan's state-of-the-art labs and onsite organic farm to explore topics including the natural and health sciences, visual arts, and farm to table culinary adventures. Education, now more than ever, needs to develop individuals who understand that a sustainable future requires practiced stewardship, meaningful partnerships and collective wisdom. CCHS seeks to model these ideals in our work and service.”



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY
CCHS Director Jack Comstock

This type of collaborative educational model between a private high school and public college is unique in the SUNY network.

State University of New York Chancellor Dr. Jim Malatras attended the ribbon cutting, and said, “The new Collaborative College High School will serve as a model for breaking down barriers between K-12 and

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COLUMBIA HILL SCHOOL SAVED

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – Just as the Sentinel was going to press it was learned that the historic one-room school building on Columbia Hill has been purchased and will be restored.

The new owner is Lee Ann Lounsbury. She hopes to have the renovations completed by spring of 2022.

The Lounsbury family has deep Hurleyville

roots, and for many years resided at the top of Columbia Hill. Their property included the one-room school building, which they leased to the school district. In recent years, the building has fallen into disrepair, and appeared destined to be demolished.

A historic marker was installed on the property in



October of 2018 memorializing the school. More on this story in

the October edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel.

COVID Booster Shots Not Here Yet

Public Health Urges Getting Children Vaccinated, Exposure at Summer Camp Reported

LIBERTY – Sullivan County Public Health Services has begun preparations to offer a third dose of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to eligible populations.

“Right now we're waiting on the NYS Department of Health, whose Commissioner Howard Zucker has convened the State's Clinical Advisory Task Force to finalize guidance on how we can distribute and administer these doses,” Public Health Director Nancy McGraw said.

Those preparations include:

- Determining locations and staffing for clinic sites
- Creating a notification system
- Gathering necessary supplies
- Informing local physicians, healthcare organizations and other partners

“We've amassed a good deal of experience delivering vaccines, so we mostly know what we have to do,” Ms. McGraw said. “I just ask that people be patient as we develop these third-dose clinics. We will announce where they're happen-

ing and who's eligible just as soon as we can.”

In the meantime, Public Health Services continues to urge parents of children over 12 years old to be vaccinated, and anyone who works with children in schools or daycare settings to get vaccinated now if they have not yet done so, before school starts. Just over 63% of Sullivan County's year-round population age 18 and older has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, but active coronavirus cases continue to climb due to the Delta variant, currently standing at 175, six of whom are in the hospital. An additional death has also occurred, taking the cumulative total to 79.

“In communities with vaccination rates less than 70%, and in parts of the County with very low vaccination rates, the likelihood that the Delta variant will continue to put the unvaccinated at higher risk, and make them very sick, is real. This includes children too young (less than age 12) to be vaccinated



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

Sullivan County Public Health Director Nancy McGraw

yet,” Ms. McGraw said.

“The ages of those being admitted to the hospital – almost all of whom are unvaccinated – are getting younger, with 83% of the admissions currently between the ages of 19 and 54 years old. And over half of all new positive cases since July 1 have been among individuals younger than 35,” she added. “There is no pediatric ICU available in Sullivan County, and if younger children start getting sick enough to need hospital admission, their families will have a very difficult time, financially and emotion-

ally, having to travel out of the county.”

Public Health Services continues to offer free Pfizer doses (ages 12 and older) every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m. at its offices at 50 Community Lane in Liberty. Walk-in or register at www.sullivan.ny.us/Departments/PublicHealth/COVIDvaccines/clinics. Local pharmacies and healthcare providers are also offering free shots, and in homebound cases, Public Health can make personal visits. (Call 845-292-5910 to schedule, if homebound.)

Other vaccination locations with current stock can be found at www.vaccines.gov, by texting your zip code to 438829 or by calling 1-800-232-0233. If you have questions about COVID-19, call the New York State COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-364-3065.

Ms. McGraw also strongly encourages everyone – vaccinated or unvaccinated – to wear masks indoors and out-

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Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



HURLEYVILLE - SULLIVAN FIRST

The members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First have been busy all summer.

The plants in the barrels on Main Street and in the planters at the entrances to Hurleyville and at the Hurleyville Firehouse are all blooming.

The signs at the entrances to Hurleyville and at the entrance to the Milk Train Trail have received a painting “refresh.” The historical kiosk at the Hurleyville Firemen’s Park is being repaired. New, larger, weather-proof cabinets are being created, and will be installed at the Little Free Library at the Hurleyville Firemen’s Park.

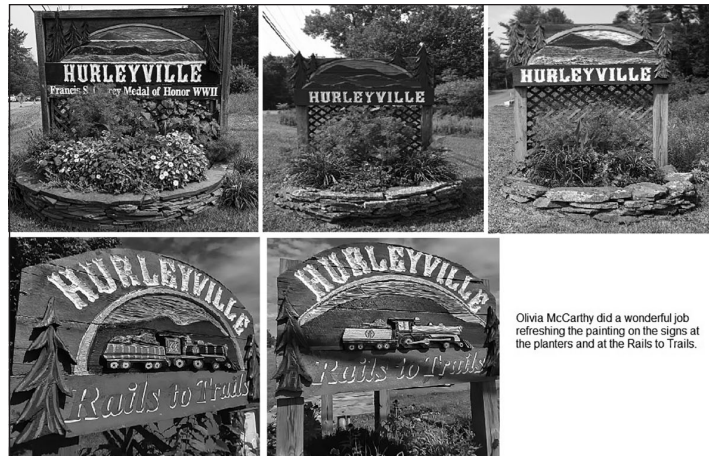
Please visit www.hurlevilly.com for more information about Hurleyville-Sullivan First. You can also visit Hurleyville-Sullivan First on Facebook.

HURLEYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the church will be open on Thursday, September 23, and on Thursday, September 30, from 3 until 5 p.m. Anyone who is not vaccinated should wear a mask when visiting the food pantry.

Sunday services at the church begin at 9 a.m. The Bible study group meets in the sanctuary at the church every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Fully vaccinated churchgoers do not have to wear a mask in the church.

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 to 8 p.m. The prayer line phone number is 605-472-5491 and the access code is 251678.

“MESSY CHURCH”, Youth Group meetings and the women’s group meetings are still cancelled for now.

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

THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Sullivan County Museum is open. Visitors are welcome and the archives are open for research.

Appointments for group tours must be scheduled by contacting the museum office.

The Sullivan County Historical Society Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 24. The event will begin at 2 p.m. at the Rockland House in Roscoe. Award-winning singer and recording artist



PHOTO PROVIDED

Mickey Barnett, SCHS 2021 History Maker Award Recipient.

ist Mickey Barnett will be honored as the 2021 History Maker at the dinner. Mickey has contributed to the entertainment industry in Sullivan County for more than 40 years, as a singer, producer, radio personality and recording artist.

Donations to the museum and historical society are always welcome. Dedicated volunteers maintain the historical displays and the archival records. However, support is always needed for the continual increase in the amount of funds needed to continue operating 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 at the museum.

Please call the museum at 845-434-8044 or email info@scnyhistory.org for more information or to schedule group tours.

The museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, is open on Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00am to 4:30pm and on Sunday from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Per Sullivan County guidelines, visitors to the museum are required to wear masks.

Visit the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum on Facebook or at www.scnyhistory.org.

COLUMBIA HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE (CHNA)

The CHNA steering committee meets monthly to prepare for when the 535-townhouse Gan Eden Estates project on Columbia Hill appears on the agenda of the Town of Thompson Planning Board again.

The members of CHNA are also monitoring the ongoing dubious and threatening building activity in the area of Huschke Road.

Irresponsible and unsustainable development in our community drastically affects everyone. Visit CHNA at www.columbiahill.org and on Facebook to learn how you can help to protect your environment and your community by demanding responsible and sustainable development.

GETTING A JUMP ON HALLOWEEN

Local Non-Profits Schedule Ghost Tours

by Win Hadley

SULLIVAN COUNTY – Summer may not yet have given way to fall, but two Sullivan County non-profits have already announced plans to mark Halloween by reprising popular tours of haunted places.

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop last month held auditions for its wildly successful Haunted Theatre Tours of the Rivoli Theater in South Fallsburg. The haunted tours are schedule for October 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23.

The Rivoli Theater, purchased by the SCDW in 1998, dates back to 1923, and has been the subject of a number of studies by the Sullivan Paranormal Society that have indicated unusual psychic activity in certain areas of the building.

Anyone wishing additional information about the Haunted Theatre Tours is urged to contact the director of the production, Dawn Perneszi, via email at nyx6117@yahoo.com.

And the Barryville-based non-profit history education group, The Delaware Company, has announced that it will once again be staging the Haunted History Lantern Tours at Fort Delaware in Narrowsburg from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 9. The rain date is the following Saturday, October 16.

The Haunted History Lantern Tours features re-enactors in period dress telling ghost stories from local colonial-era history. Music will be provided by the Tara Minstrels, and cider and donuts will be available for purchase.

The Haunted History Lantern Tours are touted as a family-friendly event, and are conducted as a fundraiser for The Delaware Company, which will be operating Fort Delaware beginning next year under a special arrangement with the County. For more information about the event, contact Delaware Company president John Conway by way of email at jconway52@hotmail.com.

FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



TORNADOES IN NEW YORK STATE

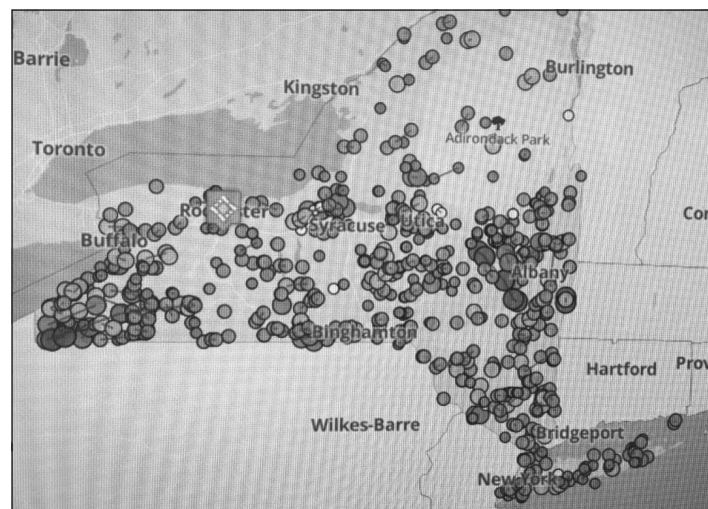


PHOTO FROM NOAA

A map showing tornado activity in New York State since 1950.

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration has been tracking tornadoes for decades, from January of 1950 to April 30, 2021. Their study shows Sullivan County has seen a lot of EF-Zero tornadoes and one EF-2 tornado during that time period.

Our county doesn’t typically have powerful tornados because of the surrounding mountains and because of our higher elevation.

The total number of tornados to hit New York State during that time is 486. There have been 317 direct

injuries from those tornadoes and even one death. Property damage amounted to almost \$479 million and crop damage was estimated at \$883,000.

The 25 tornadoes in 1992 made that the peak year for the number of tornadoes in New York State, but the 18 tornadoes spawned in 1989 caused the most property damage, \$175 million.

The 91 people who were directly injured by the tornadoes of 1998 is the largest for New York State since 1950.

The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



I braved the traffic on a Friday and ventured out to Mountaintdale on the end of July to see two fun bands and check out two new venues. I've been to Mountaintdale maybe three times in the 12 years I've lived here. Nicely painted storefronts, but pretty much all empty. So, when I heard there were things happening there, I had to see for myself.

The HIGH VOLTAGE on Old Post Road, just off Main Street, has an amazing bar and live music stage called THE CREEK, and if you’re looking for a new experience, this is somewhere you should check out. At the sidewalk is an entry arch made of branches with THE CREEK. From there, all you see is nature EXCEPT for a small wooden sign with an arrow. Follow the path and you begin to hear rushing water. Then you come to an opening with picnic tables, padded seating around a fire pit (there is another fire pit on the far end of the clearing), all well-spaced. There is what appears to be a makeshift bar that is anything but, where you can get a drink and order food

RIBBON CUTTING

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college, and they are leading the way to not only provide access to students, but excellence in programming, as well. We know that the type of learning children receive is as important as access to education, and the Montessori method is one of the premier methods of educating children. I want to thank SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance for helping to develop this model, and bringing together a grassroots coalition of leaders to make this vision of the collaborative high school a reality.”

This fall, ninth grade students will begin the process of selecting a study track that will allow them to dive deeper into areas that interest them, while their academic pursuits are supported by the specialized facilities and experts available to them.

College level courses will be taught at the Collaborative Hub in the Junior High and as students enter the Senior High program they will have the opportunity to attend classes at SUNY Sullivan.

“An authentic education at the high school level must be a partnership of students, teachers, community members, and organizations,” Jack Comstock, Director of the CCHS, said. “For our students to gain confidence, practical skill, and knowledge they must be actively engaged outside the walls of the classroom. An outstanding community college like SUNY Sullivan is already doing this at the college level and therefore is a perfect partner for bringing this collaborative ethos to the high school level. With six years of Collaborative College High School, and with all of the possibilities for deep learning and deep engagement that lie ahead, Homestead and SUNY Sullivan are together creating a model of education that is rooted in place and global in scope.”

The band, R SQUARED (RON, vocals and guitar; RIGO YAEGER on drums) is what only can be described as bright, engaging and fresh. They had me at their creative, but still recognizable, take on HAN-DLE ME WITH CARE by the Traveling Wilburys. I don’t remember the last band that even attempted that song! Brilliant! This is one of those bands that’s high on my “see again” list.

Kitty-corner across the street is THE DALE. The vibe is comfortable chic, where the owner and the staff make you feel immediately welcome. This, too is an outside venue with picnic table seating, also well-spaced. And the band? None other than CRAWDADDY! I was shocked to hear they were back in the area so soon. It was also humbling that I was greeted like a longtime friend

August 11 was certainly an Odd one, as it was the one and only performance by THE SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA this year at their old stomping grounds, BREW in Rock Hill. Ordinarily I’ve been shying away from indoor spaces, but I couldn’t resist.

My good friend Joanna is a powerhouse of a singer with a voice that is theatrical stage quality, and with enough professionalism to know how to moderate it and maneuver the microphone to accommodate a

small room without sacrificing one bit of that quality. And she’s one of the few who can actually make me LIKE standards. When she’s not asking for requests (“It’s Raining Men” is a favorite request among the mature ladies), she will go flawlessly from “Misty” into Janis Joplin’s “Bobby McGee.” JOANNA GASS is a treasure, and each and every member of THE SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA has that same level of that professionalism and quality.

August 22, I went to see another good friend and fellow Hurleyville-ian DAVID SAMUEL BLOCH who was performing at the ROCK HILL FARMER’S MARKET with CELESTE ALDRIDGE. This duo goes by MUST BE DREAMING and it is a perfect name. Celeste has what can only be described as an ethereal voice. As a song writer, she writes the kind of song that when you hear it, you stop and listen. David is no slouch at songwriting either. When I first met him, his style was very folksy, the kind of songs that wrap you up and let you float. In the last few years, since partnering with Celeste, even his guitar work has evolved into a more potent mix and still with the whiffs of folk here and there.

Stay safe, stay well and mask up!

Until next time...

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NEW NAME, NEW LOCATION, SAME CREATIVE DRIVE

TCFD's Innovation Labs Now in Rock Hill

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE – With September upon us and Autumn right around the corner, the team at The Center for Discovery's THINC (Technology Hub and Incubator) has a new name and a new location, but the same enthusiasm, creativity and innovative spirit.

Appropriately renamed the Innovation Labs at The Center for Discovery, Rock Hill is their new home, located in the bright, sprawling space of the second floor at the Children's Specialty Hospital building.

There is plenty of room for both the American Portfolio Assistive Technology Lab and the Walter and Vera Scherr Design Lab, where clinicians, educators and other staff at TCFD can collaborate with designers and engineers to creatively solve problems.

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Assistive technology for students at TCFD, like the tool grabber, the wrist talker and the Bluetooth switch interface were created at THINC and continue to undergo improvements at the Innovation Labs, under the guidance of Jason Kean, Director of Innovation and Mark McNamara, Design and Fabrication Coordinator. There's also plenty of room for the production and editing of creative educational videos for TCFD staff and students in the digital media lab.

Julie Palmer, Project Coordinator, has been especially busy during the pandemic, filming and editing videos that are shared on the TCFD network. Her current projects include a self-advocacy video for new employees, filming Taft grant seminars, and a baseball showcase video that highlights newly



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

The Children's Specialty Hospital Building in Rock Hill is the new home of TCFD's Innovation Labs.

learned baseball skills of students at the Ridge campus, a great project created by Bari Allor, a veteran recreation team member.

With the new school year starting soon, there is also room at the Innovation Labs for socially distanced learning and problem-solving

activities for local school groups through the Sullivan BOCES "TEAMS Challenge" program. This volunteer afterschool program is

open to all junior high and high school students and focuses on the development of project management, design thinking, collaboration and presentation.

Each school fields a team of up to 15 students who work together to devise solutions to authentic challenges. These challenges focus on improving an aspect of each team's school, and often include learning design software and prototyping with 3-D printers or laser cutters. Members develop critical thinking, community involvement and partnerships, and participate in activities related to STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. The program culminates in a meet-up where teams present their solutions to each other and to a panel of local experts,

who judge the competition using a performance rubric that awards points for each team's solution, display and oral presentation.

The Fallsburg Maker's Club is an after-school group that met weekly at THINC before the pandemic, and our team hopes to rekindle relationships and guide young makers once again from the Fallsburg Junior Senior High School through weekly creative projects during the upcoming school year. The club will meet in Hurleyville at the site of the Collaborative College High School, thanks to their school leader, Jack Comstock.

The Innovation Labs team is looking forward to new beginnings in Rock Hill, and picking up where we left off with new students from all around Sullivan County.

After a year and a half of pandemic-induced immobility, we had the opportunity to spend a few days away from Divine Corners, at the Atlantic shore. So off we went on vacation, to see the sea.

We live, in the Catskills, in a region of encompassing forests and mountains; our cottage is bounded by the woods behind us, the hills of Neversink around us, and in the distance, the imposing ridgeline of the Slide Mountain Wilderness. Verticals predominate; we live aslant, looking ahead to what's over the next rise. The landscape declares vistas, but to actually take in an unbroken horizontal you'd have to climb one of its mountains, and even that's no guarantee – you can reach the peak only to find the view obscured by dense foliage and forest.

As we travel toward the shore – heading south, then east – we descend from the verticality of our home terrain; the Catskills gradually dwindle, the landscape flattens, and a sense of horizon



Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

tal expansiveness displaces the familiar sense of enclosure. The look of what we see induces a change in how we feel, a fact that accounts for some of the avidity around vacations: change your view, change your view.

Reaching the level shoreline at the end of our journey, we revel in the sense of unbounded space; nothing obtrudes between us and the horizon line. After orienting to verticals for so long, the experience of the primacy of horizontals is like a long slow exhalation of breath; everything comes down to earth; one is, perforce, on the level. Emerson said that the health of the eye demands a horizon, and here, by the sea, the eye's the limit, to the very edges of the perceptible.

On our second day out, we

sit on the southern shore of a great bay. The point of egress to the raw, unbuffered Atlantic is hard to see; from where we sit, the northern arms of the bay overlap in a way that appears seamless. The bay has the self-contained placidity of a lake, the waters as calm, the tide as subdued – a gentle lapping of waves, the slightest of undertows. One can swim in a line parallel to the beach for as long as one can swim.

The buoyancy of the salt water makes it possible for me to float, something I'm unable to do in the fresh water of the Catskills ("Neversink" is a serious misnomer to me). Lying back, letting the subdued pulse of the bay's waves sway me with a gentle undulating motion, like the pendular swing of a rocking chair or

the sway of a hammock, I let go of any residual sense of enclosure; I surrender to the luxury of unstructured time; I find my vacation in the moment. What a different sense of self from that imparted by the adamant verticality of the mountains; this seaside self seems ready to disperse into air.

We're away only a few days and already it's time to head back. On the return journey we retrace our steps – west, then north – and watch the highlands re-emerge along familiar contours. The Catskill nights are beginning to lengthen, with an early intimation of autumn in the cooler evening air. The expansiveness of the shoreline is something we internalize, a topography to be revisited in dreams and reverie. Having changed our view, our view is changed, and we see our home anew.

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Non-Profits Welcome County's Discretionary Contracts To Be Considered

MONTICELLO – The Sullivan County Legislature will be accepting applications for the 2022 Legislative Discretionary Contract Program, intended for not-for-profit agencies to apply for consideration of legislative funding. Resolution No. 327-16, unanimously passed on July 21, 2016, adopted Program Guidelines for analyzing annual requests for funding.

The purpose of the Legislative contract application process is to identify local entities, including community and not-for-profit organizations throughout Sullivan County, that have specific needs or



countywide significance by tying applications to identified County and municipal goals. The applicant must be a not-for-profit agency or civic organization operating within Sullivan County that is not part of County government.

The application deadline is October 1, 2021, and applications must be completed and submitted in one of the following ways:

· Complete the application on-line via the PDF form on the Sullivan County website, <https://www.sullivanvny.us/>.

· Submit the application and supporting documentation as email attachments to Michelle Huck at michelle.huck@sullivanvny.us.

· Mail or hand-deliver the printed application and supporting documentation to the Office of the Sullivan County Manager, c/o Michelle Huck, County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

Applications will be reviewed by the County Legislature during the budget process.

COVID BOOSTER SHOTS

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doors where you cannot be at least six feet away from another person, and you are in a large group for greater than 15 minutes.

"Our primary goal right now is to vaccinate individuals 12 and older in order to offer the best protection we can to our children before the school year begins," she said. "Vaccination and masks are the two most effective prevention tools we have, and they work."

reported by a summer camp in the county.

The Sullivan County Public Health Department says anyone who worked at or attended Camp Veritas at Lake Champlain in Glen Spey from August 14 through August 19 may have been exposed to COVID-19. Multiple cases of COVID-19 have resulted from exposures there during this timeframe.

Ms. McGraw recommends that if you or your child were there, monitor for symptoms of COVID-19, which may include (but are not limited to) fever, chills, shortness of breath

muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea. Anyone experiencing symptoms indicative of COVID-19 should contact their medical provider to discuss a plan of care.

Ms. McGraw advises residents to consider any public site in Sullivan County a potential site of COVID-19 exposure, due to a persistent increase in newly diagnosed COVID-19 cases throughout the County.

According to Ms. McGraw, the best way to prevent the

to be adhering to proper safety measures such as wearing your mask, vaccination, avoiding unnecessary contact with others, as well as practicing basic personal hygiene. This includes washing your hands frequently and thoroughly, refraining from touching your face and avoiding unnecessary contact with others.

"Should you feel ill, contact your healthcare provider," she advises. "These simple steps will help prevent the spread of the virus and protect you and your loved ones."

County Names Public Safety Commissioner

Legislature Unanimously Confirms Appointment

MONTICELLO-- Sullivan County Manager Joshua A. Potosek is pleased to welcome Thomas Farney as the new Commissioner of Public Safety, commencing September 13.

"Tom by far was the most qualified candidate I interviewed, with extensive experience in emergency management and counterterrorism efforts," Mr. Potosek said. "I welcome Tom to the team and look forward to working closely with him to protect and enhance the safety and security of the people of Sullivan County."

Mr. Farney possesses a master's in public administration from Marist College and has served as a NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services instructor; a policy, procedure and compliance officer; and an emergency management coordinator. For the past 22 years, he has worked for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Police Department, most recently as Detective Sergeant for its Interagency Counter Terrorism Task Force, which includes a close working relationship with the FBI and the NYS Intelligence Center.

The MTA network comprises the nation's largest bus fleet and more subway and commuter rail cars than all other U.S. transit systems combined. It serves a population of 15.3 million people across a 5,000-square-mile travel area surrounding New York City through Long Island, southeastern New York State, and Connecticut.

In his role with the MTA, Mr. Farney coordinated efforts between law enforcement and fire/EMS responders, including interagency meetings, emergency drills, and most recently the State response to the COVID-19 pandemic, for which the MTA played a vital role. He also responded to large-scale events throughout the City, including transports and escorts during 9/11 recovery efforts.

Overall, Mr. Farney brings more than 25 years of public service to his new County role, including over 20 in law enforcement.

"Serving as the Counter Terrorism Coordinator and developing relationships and working with leaders in the emergency services community – including Emergency Management, Law Enforcement and Fire Departments – I was privileged to play an integral part in the MTA PD's success in protecting and serving millions of commuters daily," Mr. Farney acknowledges. "I retired in May and thought it would be easy to transition into that life, but I quickly came to realize that I miss helping others and doing the kind of work that makes life better and safer



PHOTO PROVIDED
New County Public Safety Commissioner Thomas Farney

for all."

"I'm grateful for the support of the County Manager and Legislature and am excited to come to Sullivan County," he adds. "I look forward to getting to know and work with the very talented staff and a dedicated County leadership that places safety and quality of life for residents as a priority in government."

As Commissioner of Public Safety, Mr. Farney will oversee the County's Division of Public Safety, which includes the Office of Emergency Management/Homeland Security, the Bureau of Fire, the Bureau of EMS, and the 911 Center. He'll also be responsible for the County's Emergency Operations Center when activated (as it has been for pandemic and storm events).

"I welcome Mr. Farney to Sullivan County, and I look forward to working closely with him on behalf of the public," said District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone, chair of the Legislature's Public Safety Committee. "This is a position we cannot afford to have sit vacant for very long, and I expect he'll have plenty on his plate on day one."

Mr. Farney currently resides in Stormville in Dutchess County, but plans to relocate shortly to Sullivan. He enjoys outdoor activities such as ATV/snowmobile riding and hiking with his wife, 10-year-old son, and two dogs.

"His resume speaks for itself," Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty said. "I am very glad he chose to work and live here in Sullivan County."

CASA MIA COMING TO HURLEYVILLE

New Restaurant to Open



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY

by Brian Dennis

HURLEYVILLE – Hurleyville's Main Street was dealt a devastating blow last spring when the iconic Italian restaurant, Frankie's & Johnny's closed down after more than 40 years in the same location. But the building where the Nardi family spent decades building a following of friends and fans won't be empty much longer.

A new restaurant and pizzeria named Casa Mia will be opening soon at 205 Main Street.

At press time, there was still no indication of exactly when the new restaurant would open, but all indications point to sometime this

month. The new owners got approval for their sign, which made an appearance on the building last month. The Casa Mia Ristorante Corporation, with the 205 Main Street address was organized in May of this year by Antonio Marica Jimenez.

While nothing will ever truly replace Frankie & Johnny's, it is encouraging to see another new place to eat opening on Main Street. With the ongoing presence of The Pickled Owl, once the Tango Café finally opens for regular business hours there will again be a variety of options for those looking to eat out in the hamlet.

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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.

Things starting getting back to normal and we were able to have out Fire Department Family Picnic. I think we got it in at the right time, because who knows what the future is going to bring us with the Delta variant of the virus.

We stated out with lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage and peppers with all of the trimmings, fruit dishes, melons and raw clams. Dinner was steak and chicken and all of the trimmings to make it a great dinner.

At the picnic the awards and recognition of various members took place for the year 2020.

The Community Service Award went to Barry Hoo-vis of Hoovis Enterprise. This award goes to a person or business that goes above and beyond in service to the fire department. Sometimes it is for what they did that year or many small things over a period of years. Barry has kept our refrigeration in tip-top shape for years. For one picnic, our main cooler died the Tuesday before the picnic, and he got it back up and running in time for the picnic. Thank you Barry.

Firefighter of the Year went to Laurie Feldman. Laurie is always in the middle of whatever is going on in the firehouse: fighting fire, driving a truck to a fire, cleaning a truck for a parade, going to a parade, putting up and taking down a tent, working at the fishing contest. You get the pic-



PHOTO PROVIDED
President Jim Kaufman (left) presents Jack Halchak with the 2020 attendance award.



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President Jim Kaufman (left) presents the 2020 Firefighter of the Year award to Laurie Feldman. Chief Charles Payne is at right.



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Honored for 53 years of service to the Hurleyville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary were (left to right) Carol Turner, Ginger McCarthy, Pat Gibson, Lillian Turner.

ture. Congratulations for an award well deserved.

I was the recipient of the attendance award. When you are retired you can put

the extra time in to get done what needs to be done.

Years-of-service pins were given out. 15 years – Rosemarie Froehlich, John

Jaycox, Jim Sullivan, 25 years – Alan Price, 30 years – Chris Gibson, Pete Michelletti III, Jim Kaufman, 35 years – George Gibson, 40 years – Barry Herzbrun, 50 years – Jack Halchak, John O'Neil, Mark Carlson (posthumously) 55 years -- Steve Dainack, George Price, Porky Worden.

President of the Hurleyville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Mari Jane Conklin presented her ladies with years-of-service pins Mary Ann Geary-Halchak, 27 years; Mari Jane Conklin, 33years; Lois Herzbrun, 37years; Olga Price, 45years; Ada Cole, 50 years; Pat Gibson, Ginger McCarty, Carol Turner, Lillian Turner, 53 years each.

A good time was had by all, and it felt good to see everyone in person instead of on a computer screen,

If you are reading this it is September. NOW is the time to get you heating equipment serviced before the snow flies.

I have been on a few calls recently where leaves under a deck and a trailer caught fire. Skirting around the trailer can prevent leaves from accumulating under a trailer or bungalow. Be aware of leaves accumulating around and under your house this fall.

This September 11 will be the 20th Anniversary of the attack on America. There will a number of services of remembrance in the county. There will be one at the Smallwood Firehouse at 8 a.m., another in Wurtsboro at 7 p.m. at their park in town, and Monticello will have one at their firehouse at 7 p.m., all on Saturday, September 11. "Never Forget!"

Be safe out there.

A DAY AT THE MUSEUM Ghost Hunt Turns Up Surprises

by John Simon

HURLEYVILLE – I recently went to the Sullivan County Museum at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville with a small team in an attempt to see if we could find the ghosts that Lynda Lee Macken wrote about in her 2019 book, "Catskill Ghosts."

In her book, Ms. Macken writes that "On multiple occasions, the Sullivan Paranormal Society investigated the Museum due to feelings of unease experienced in the building."

Because of that point, we made sure to include in our group, Barbara O'Rourke, one of the founders of Sullivan Paranormal.

We were given a guided tour of the Museum by Sullivan County Historical Society volunteer Patricia Burns, who



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY
Included on the team looking for ghosts at the Sullivan County Museum were: Alexis and John (standing left to right) and Tommy and Craig (kneeling left to right).

was very thorough and entertaining. We toured most of the building, but did not encounter any spirits.

We did, however, see lots of other interesting exhibits, including an entire room dedicated to the polar explorer Dr. Frederick Cook. Dr. Cook, a

native of Sullivan County, was an American explorer, physician, and ethnographer who claimed to have reached the North Pole on April 21, 1908. That was nearly a year before explorer Robert Peary, who similarly claimed to have reached the North Pole

on April 6, 1909. Both men's accounts have been disputed ever since.

There were many different exhibits in the room, and some of us really found the "sledge" built by Dr. Cook for arctic exploring to be the most interesting.

Although Lynda Lee Macken reported in her book that the Dr. Cook room was one of the places Sullivan Paranormal experienced ghosts, which Barbara O'Rourke confirmed, we did not see, hear or feel anything unusual.

We also got to see quite a number of old Singer sewing machines in different parts of the Museum. These machines, which were several models from different years, may become part of a future project, so stay tuned.

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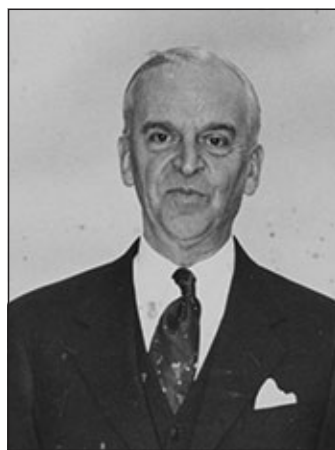
COMPILED BY **Sullivan County Historian John Conway**

September 13, 1916 News of the Week

George Calhoun, formerly superintendent of highways for the Town of Fallsburg and who supervised the building of the stone road from Fallsburg Station to the Thompson town line as well as the stone road from Centerville to Glen Wild, has been engaged by Superintendent Wm. Nelson to operate the steam roller on the macadam extension which will be constructed on the Sackett Lake Road this fall, work which will be begun in the near future.

Clarence Baker is preparing to open an electrical supply house in Hurleyville and is prepared to install Western Electric stationary lighting plants. Now that we have electricity, Hurleyville is in need of just such a man as Mr. Baker, who can always be found and can be relied upon to do the right thing and we trust that the people will give him the patronage that such a business needs for support.

Yesterday afternoon about two o'clock the barn of Charles Spitzer's farm near Divine Corners caught fire and was completely destroyed with about 40 tons of hay and farming implements, involving a total loss of \$2,000, there being but \$600 insurance on the building. It is not known how the fire started as there was no one in the building and Mr. Spitzer had just



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

Lewis K. Rockefeller

gone to Divine Corners and was on his return when he saw the smoke. It was with difficulty that the home was saved although there was plenty of water.

September 27, 1916 News of the Week

Centerville Station is to be the scene of the first Jewish newspaper to be published in this section if not this side of New York. We wish the new venture success.

The 1917 Chevrolet is now ready for delivery. Many improvements, among them being a heavier model cone clutch, full honeycomb radiator, electric lights and starter complete for \$525 delivered, including speedometer. The cheapest electrically equipped car in the world.

I. T. McNally, Hurleyville, agent.

Mr. Decker, who conduct-

ed a hardware store in Hurleyville several years ago but who moved to Poughkeepsie, selling his business to E G Pierson, was in town last week calling on friends.

We understand Asa Kortright and Mrs. Walter Lawrence were united in marriage this week and she has moved her family from Hurleyville and joined his family at Divine Corners.

September 10, 1937 Quietest Labor Day for Sullivan County

The quietest Labor Day holiday ever to occur since Sullivan County became famous as a summer resort was experienced over the past weekend. Although several opinions were heard as to the date of the last concurrence of the Jewish New Year and Labor Day, all were agreed that it was before the present century.

Stores took a three day holiday which started Sunday and extended until Tuesday night. Even restaurants open twenty-four hours daily were closed for the duration of the Jewish holiday. Somewhat similar conditions prevailed in Monticello, South Fallsburg, Liberty and Woodridge.

Some of the large hotels engaged cantors to conduct religious services while in almost every other resort laymen took charge. Sports and dancing were kept to a minimum, but even though these conditions

had been anticipated, all hotels were liberally patronized, though perhaps not quite so heavily as on other Labor Day weekends.

Annual G.O.P. Picnic Marks Opening of Election Campaign

Lewis K. Rockefeller of Hudson, Republican designee for Congress, William A. Chandler of Neversink, candidate for Assemblyman, District Attorney Henry Hirschberg of Newburgh, William R. Ryan, candidate for County Treasurer, Special Judge Henry F. Gardner of Callicoon, P.V.D. Gott of Goshen, and others will be among the speakers Saturday evening, September 11 at the annual Republican picnic and rally at the Sackett Lake House, three miles from Monticello. Republicans from all 15 towns are invited to attend, Chairman Howard Beecher said today. The picnic is under the auspices of the Town of Thompson Republican clubs.

Prominent Democrat Passes Away

Political friends and foes alike paid tribute on Wednesday to the memory of John K. Evans of Bloomingburg, former Assemblyman and leader of Sullivan County Democrats for more than 40 years, who died Saturday at Horton Memorial Hospital in Middletown.

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THE COLUMBIA COP CAPER

Part III

An Original Short Story by Jack Robbin

Fallsburg Constable Bronco Kelly is helping out his old boss, Ben Knapp, owner of the Columbia Farm Hotel, by serving as security for the weekend while more than a hundred New York City cops let their hair down. He has just consented to play a round of golf with the son of the only other guest at the hotel, wealthy socialite Louise Corning, which sounds harmless enough, but does a new adventure await?

Edwin Corning turned out to be a pleasant young fellow, extremely polite and inquisitive, but not very athletic or interested in learning how to play golf. Still, we took our time playing on the nifty little course, most of which was within sight of the main house.

It was a hilly course, but Edwin didn't complain, even when he appeared to be winded by the walk up some of the steeper slopes. Of course, I was carrying the bag of clubs, which we shared, so he had no additional burden to bear.

The time seemed to pass

quickly, and after completing the final hole, on which Edwin was actually able to sink a long putt to finish his round on a high note, we made our way back to the little shack adjacent to the first tee to return the clubs. I took them inside the little building, leaving Edwin waiting just outside, and spent a few minutes chatting with Shorty Ryerson, the guy who took care of the course and dispensed the clubs. He had been at the Columbia forever, it seemed, and we had worked together there years before, prior to the construction of the golf course.

When I emerged from the shack, Edwin was standing off to the side, talking with a young man about his own age, who had apparently arrived with a small group of others. There were three older men, who looked like they might have been cops, and one other younger man, perhaps a year or two younger than Edwin in addition to the young man Edwin was speaking to.

As soon as Edwin spotted

me coming out of the shack, he stopped his conversation and walked toward me, perhaps a bit more abruptly than I would have considered normal.

"Are we all set?" he asked as he approached. "It must be time for lunch."

"We're all set," I replied. "and I'm sure your mother is waiting for you to eat with her. I hope you had a good time."

"Thank you, Mr. Kelly, for your patience with me. I am not much of an athlete, I'm afraid, but I did enjoy myself today. I'm sure we'll see you again."

"Looks like you might have made a new friend," I said, motioning toward the young man with the group of golfers who were about ready to tee off.

"What do you mean?" he answered almost defensively. "I don't know him."

"Oh, my mistake," I said. "It just looked like you were deep in conversation when I came out."

"We barely spoke." I let it go at that, and we



Almost all of the nifty nine-hole golf course at the Columbia was within sight of the main building.

went our separate ways. He headed for the dining room to meet his mother, and I climbed the stairs to see if Irene was in our room. She was unpacking a few things when I walked in, and I don't give Edwin Corning another thought for the rest of the day.

Irene and I passed the afternoon leisurely walking the grounds of the hotel, which gave me a chance to keep an eye on the hundreds of New York City cops who were checking in throughout the day. Irene walked until she was exhausted, then went

up to take a short nap before dinner.

I walked her upstairs, and did a quick walk through the main building, eventually ending up in the lobby, where I spotted Ben Knapp. We spoke briefly, and he updated me on the guest count. He advised me that there was a musical trio performing in the dining room that night and staying on for dancing afterwards. He advised me to be on the alert, especially after the dancing ended, as

he expected the cops to be pretty rowdy by then.

Despite Ben's suspicions, the evening proceeded without incident, and the dancing was enjoyable and uneventful. Irene and I actually danced a couple of numbers before she had had enough and decided to retire to our room. I walked her upstairs and then returned to the dancing. As things were winding down shortly after midnight, I was standing by the door watching people exit when I spotted Mrs. Corning.

She had not been dancing, but was apparently coming in from outside. When she saw me, she walked over.

"Good evening, Mr. Kelly. How fortuitous that we should meet. I want to thank you again for spending time with my son this morning. I am grateful, and I think it meant a lot to Edwin, although he would probably never admit it. He does not have many friends and does not make friends readily."

FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Kelly Wells & Amanda Letohic

It's September which means back to school and Library Card Sign-Up month! Library Card Sign-Up month began 34 years ago as a national campaign to get every child to obtain a library card and to use that library card. So what can you get with your library card?

As we periodically remind you – your library card gives you access to hundreds of thousands of books, movies, magazines, audiobooks and more from the 47 Ramapo Catskill Library System member libraries. And remember – it's not just the physical collections that you have access to – you also have access to hundreds of thousands of electronic titles 24/7 through the OverDrive and Libby apps. We also recently added access to Kanopy for Fallsburg Library card holders, where you can stream hundreds of movies and documentaries for all ages.

Getting a library card is pretty simple. If you live within the Fallsburg Central School District, just come down to the Fallsburg Library (located

at 12 Railroad Plaza in South Fallsburg – directly across from the Town Hall and police station) with current photo ID and something with your physical address (lease agreement, NYSEG bill, etc.). We'll get you set up with a library card that you can start using immediately. If you have any questions, and to check our open hours, just give us a call at 845-436-6067 or send us an email fbr@rcls.org. We hope to see you soon!

Please note that while we have mostly returned to business as usual for regular library business (checking in/out materials, using computers, faxing, etc.), face masks are still required to be worn by all individuals over the age of 2 years – regardless of vaccination status – while in the 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 JSHS Completes Renaissance Grant

FALLSBURG – During the winter of 2020, Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School's Kristen Meyer applied for a Sullivan Renaissance Garden Grant for \$1500. When she was searching for volunteers to do the planting around the entrance to the school library, she heard that the school Ecology Club, under Advisor Goranka Rogg, was also looking to do some gardening at the school.

They joined forces cleaning out old mulch, replacing it and planting flowers and shrubs to spruce up the entire area. One of the requirements of the grant was receiving matching in-kind or cash donations from vendors in the area. Woodbourne Lawn & Garden made generous donations to the project with topsoil and mulch. Manza's Nursery in Montgomery, along with Liberty Agway provided discounts on trees and plants for the entrance beautification.

In late June on a Saturday morning, Ms. Meyer



Participants in the grant program included (left to right): Maritza Rivas Joya, Sharon Blake, Dayanara Olan, Lisa Pacheco, Samantha Medina, Neema Darboe, Aisha Darboe, Mike Aguilar Torres, Kristen Meyer, Goranka Rogg, Haddy Gai, Marcos Fuentes Hernandez, and Isaias Argueta Hernandez.

and Ms. Rogg brought their groups together to begin the preparation for the new plantings. Included among the students were Maritza Rivas Joya, Samantha Medina, Isaias Argueta Hernandez, Cian Meyer, Dayanara Olan, Mike Aguilar Torres, Marcos Fuentes Hernandez, Haddy Gai, Ai-

sha Darboe, Neema Darboe, Cyriah Russell, Ruth Murillo. They were joined by the following adult staff members Sharon Blake and Lisa Pacheco. Of great support for the operation were custodians Kyle Donnelly and Craig Cookingham.

In addition to the dona-

tions and grant funds, the Ecology Club raised money through the selling of discount cards. Ms. Meyer intends on applying for an additional grant from Sullivan Renaissance to improve other entrances to the building with perennial flowers and shrubs.

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM IN HURLEYVILLE

HPAC Welcomes SCCO for Monthly Concerts

HURLEYVILLE – The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre (HPAC) is thrilled to welcome the Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) on a recurring basis through the remaining months of 2021. SCCO will perform in Hurleyville five times between August 28 and December 4, 2021, with additional appearances scheduled for 2022.

The residency began with "Sounds of Jewish Culture," a two-part live event on Saturday, August 28th and Sunday, August 29th. The performances were a collaborative effort between Klezmer Band Big Galut(e) and the Sullivan

County Chamber Orchestra to celebrate Jewish culture and music.

Featured players from SCCO included violinists Akiko Hosoi, Alexander Margolis, and Chelsea Wimmer, as well as cellist Kirsten Jermé.

The September concert will be "Art of the String Quartet" and is scheduled for 6 p.m. on September 18.

"The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra is an ensemble of world-class musicians who are enhancing the cultural fabric of our region.

For more information on upcoming events, visit hurleyvilleartscentre.org and follow HPAC on Facebook and Instagram @hurleyvilleartscentre, and Twitter @hurleyvillearts.

We share a mission of bringing great performances to our local audiences and are so fortunate to have them performing in our ballroom, which has excellent acoustics and is a great fit for their sound," says Ellyane Hutchinson, Chief Operations Officer at HPAC.

Tickets, dates, times, and other details can be found on the HPAC website.



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She said she had been for a walk and then had spent the remainder of the evening on the porch, enjoying the peace and quiet as well as a night-cap.

"I allow myself one highball after dinner each night," she confided. "I wouldn't want you to get the wrong idea."

I ended up walking her upstairs to the rooms she was renting, and was just about to say good night when she let out a gasp.

We were just a few steps from her door, and she had her key in her hand when she stopped suddenly and stared

at the door. It was wide open, and even though it was dark inside there was enough light from the hallway to see that clothing was strewn across the floor.

"Someone has broken into my room!" she exclaimed.

Looks as if Bronco Kelly is in the middle of another mystery. Find out more in the next edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel. Our story is work of fiction, and although Ben Knapp, Louise Corning and Edwin Corning are real people, no representation is made as to the accuracy of their characterizations here.

The Art of Being

by Deborah Chandler, Ph.D.

Empathy

In relationships, what people want more than anything is to feel understood. Being right is not terribly satisfying unless power is your thing. If you really crave connection, then empathy is the royal road.

Empathy is using your mind and imagination to put yourself in the other person's shoes. You are positioning yourself to see the world through the other person's perspective. Once there, you have the power to affirm the other person for what they affirm.

Empathic affirmation is an acknowledgement of understanding. It is not an agreement. From an empathic stance we can always say, "I understand and appreciate where you're coming from." We never have to add, "and I agree." Because we may not agree. What we are offering is understanding. Usually, this brings a calming effect to dialogue and the opportunity for further mutuality.

Empathy is a great tool to have in a relational arsenal. Empathy creates connections without obligation. Obligation feels constricting. With obligation we feel coerced into an agreement or belief we may not truly endorse. We might take on an obligation to minimize conflict. We go along to get along.

This passive acquiescence to obligation often backfires. When we've had enough of feeling not understood, we

usually react negatively. We may quietly shut down or noisily protest. Either way we have created less connection.

Empathic understanding allows us to engage and affirm. We may ask the other person to also understand our position without the requirement of endorsing a position they might not affirm. We too want to feel understood.

Some people refer to themselves as "empaths." This assertion usually means they feel at the mercy of their own caring. They feel too much. This is not empathy. This is getting overly involved in the needs and feelings of other. Empathy implies a discipline with one's boundaries. With empathy, we know the difference between what is ours and what is the other person's. With empathy we do not collapse this distance.

Empathy implies respect for differences. From an empathic stance we can witness the multiplicity around us. We can understand the motivations that other people respond to. Again, we don't have to agree, but we can offer an acknowledgement of their individual perspectives.

From my experience, empathy allows me to sidestep my judgements and to connect with people who expand my understanding. I value the opportunity to have these connections. Empathy provides a royal road to mutuality.

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SENTINEL SPORTS



CARLSON CLASSIC COMPLETE HFD GOLF TOURNAMENT IN THE BOOKS

by Jack Halchak

The foursome of Nick Price, Ty Schmidt, Mike Rojas and Dom Martinez shot 14 under par to capture the 10th Annual Bill Carlson Golf Classic at Tarry Brae Golf Course on August 21. Their score was two strokes better than the group of Joe Flores, Jerry Williams, Mike Kurus and Howard Swett. Sixteen foursomes teed off in a shotgun start using the best ball format.

Bill Carlson was a Past Chief of the Hurleyville Fire Department, and was extremely active in the department right up until his passing. He was the first Hurleyville Fire Chief to win the Blue Ribbon Trophy at the County Parade. It was an example and goal he set

for all the Chiefs that followed him. Bill worked for Schmidt's Wholesales for many years and retired from there. He then went to work at the Tarry Brae Golf Course as a greenskeeper. Bill loved to mow. You could put him on a mower first thing in the morning and he would mow until quitting time, then go home and mow his own lawn.

Chairmen John Jaycox and I had finished getting setup on Friday evening in the firehouse when we decided to have a taste of Bill's favorite beverage, blackberry brandy. With a dismal weather forecast for Saturday we looked up to the heavens and said, "Bill, Fred, Charlie: DO NOT LET IT RAIN ON BILL'S TOURNAMENT."



PHOTO BY JACK HALCHAK

At the Carlson Golf Classic were (left to right) Dom Martinez closest to the pin winner, Tarry Brae Pro Jeff Walsh, and John Brewer, longest drive winner.

Saturday started out with an overcast sky in the morning and as tee time approached the clouds began to break up to reveal a blue sky with white fluffy clouds. As the day progressed, the sun made an

appearance.

After a great lunch of hot dogs and burgers with all the trimmings, it was tee time.

Tarry Brae pro Jeff Walsh had the course in tip-top shape. Because



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The winning foursome poses with Tarry Brae golf pro Jeff Walsh (left to right): Nick Price Ty Schmidt, Walsh, Dom Martinez, and Mike Rojas.

of recent rains the course was lush and green. The wet fairways did not allow much of a roll. The greens were a little soft, but true. Jeff gave the final instructions and rules for the tournament, and

then blew the air horn to start.

The results had John Brewer winning the Longest Drive contest on the 16th hole with a 275 yarder, and Dom Rodrigues was closest to the pin on

the par-3 7th hole, 9-feet-11-inches from the cup.

Nobody won any, but there were four prizes on four different holes for a hole-in-one. On the 7th hole, it was \$5,000 for the fire department and \$5,000 for the golfer, a \$500 VISA gift card on 11, Omaha Steaks for a year on number 17, and a

set of Callaway irons on 4.

Following the tournament, Jeff Walsh and his staff put on an awards steak dinner with all the trimmings fit for a king. The Hurleyville Fire Department wants to thank all of the Tee Sponsors and merchants that made donations of the raffle prizes. Most importantly, we thank Tarry Brae pro Jeff Walsh and his great staff for hosting us and setting up a fantastic day to honor Bill.

After the last raffle was called and cleanup began, I looked up over the course and there was a rainbow! I think it was Bill and the boys letting us know they did their part and thanked us for a job well done in honoring Bill. It quickly disappeared and I think that meant look out for Hurricane Henri the next day.

Fallsburg's Football Program Kicks Off

FALLSBURG – Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) first grade teacher Dominick Scanna is passionate about several things—teaching early childhood bi-lingual education, coaching sports and the game of football. He expressed the importance of football on his own life and on the lives of the young people that he has met during his years as modified and varsity football teams at Fallsburg Central School District when he hosted a BBQ on August 7, 2021 for parents and prospective football players at BCES Football Field.

"Football teaches us that we need each other," said Coach Scanna. There are two types of education. One teaches us how to make a living. The other teaches us how to live. In 20 minutes of encouraging the young kids and their parents to come out for the modified and varsity football programs, Mr. Scanna summoned forth his inner Vince Lombardi and Martin Luther King Jr. He confessed that he was not a focused student in high school, and he admitted that he had to repeat a school year before he reached high school. Once he found football or, rather,



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At the kick-off barbecue for Fallsburg football were (left to right): Assistant Coach Jake Scanna, Assistant Coach Jonathan Bruno, Head Coach Dominick Scanna, BBQ Chef and Speech Language Pathologist at FJSHS Jessica Scanna, and Assistant Coach David Mellan.

football found him, he turned his life around.

He detailed all the things football taught him about teamwork and effort: he learned to develop the ability to adjust and overcome adversity; to worry about only the things we can control; he established the will to succeed; and how to define who we are, where we are going, and how we are going to get there.

You could see that the young people and their fami-

lies were inspired by the Coach's words and spirit. He then introduced his coaching staff for the upcoming season: Assistant Coach David Mellan, in his second season; Modified Head Coach Patrick Sause, in his fifth year; Assistant Coach Johnathan Bruno; his son Jake Scanna, in his first season as Assistant Coach; and Coach Athan Zeno, in his first season.

FCSD Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz was present to sup-

port Coach Scanna and talk with parents. When he was a high school student, he discovered wrestling at Monticello High School. He learned many of the same lessons as Mr. Scanna, but from an individual and not a team sport.

The Comets will open the 2021 season either Friday, September 10 at Morningside Park or Saturday, September 11 at the school field. Details were not yet finalized at press time.

FIFTY YEARS AGO... SUNY Sullivan Booters Third in Tourney

by John Conway

CORNING – It was 50 years ago this month—on September 24 and 25 of 1971, that the SUNY Sullivan Generals soccer team traveled to upstate Corning, NY to compete in the Corning Invitational Soccer Tournament.

The Generals ended up taking home third place in the event, after dropping their opening game to the host Corning Community College by a 1-0 score. Corning's Mohammad Kasamall

drove home a penalty kick at the eight-minute mark of the second period for the only score in the game.

The loss placed Sullivan in the consolation game the following day against Tompkins-Cortland Community College, which had lost its opener against Alfred Tech. The Generals scored a pair of third period goals and played outstanding defense throughout the contest to record a 2-1 come-from-behind win and take home the third place trophy.

Sullivan goalie Herb Bar-

coa, who had recorded 29 saves in the opening day loss, stopped ten shots from Tompkins-Cortland, which had taken a 1-0 lead in the second period. Sullivan responded in the following stanza with scores from center halfback Kevin Larrick and lineman Jack McShane.

Larrick was named to the tournament's all-star team, as was Sullivan's fullback, Fred Davis.

Alfred Tech downed Corning in the title game by a 4-1 tally.

The Generals suffered

through a rough 1971 season, finishing last in the Mid-Hudson Conference, which was won by Westchester County Community College with a perfect 5-0 mark while Orange, Ulster, and Rockland County Community Colleges all tied for second place with identical 3-2 records. Dutchess County edged out Sullivan for fifth.

Only one General gained all-star recognition at the season's end, as Jack McShane was accorded honorable mention.

SUNY SULLIVAN OFFERS SEPTEMBER STRENGTH SERIES *Train Your Body and Your Mind*

by John Conway

LOCH SHLEDRAKE – Are you ready to train your body and your mind?

The September Strength Series at SUNY Sullivan will consist of a 45-minute metabolic resistance training workout followed by a 15-minute lesson on a fitness-related topic.

Metabolic resistance training is an efficient and effective way to get your strength training and cardio in one session. You'll leave feeling strong, confident, and full of energy. Top it off with a little bit of new knowledge and you'll be ready to take

charge of your health!

The course meets every Tuesday in September via Zoom from 6 -7 p.m. Register at: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLScI5Rnt.../viewform>.

Questions can be submitted by email to wellness@sunysullivan.edu.



**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!

Trivia:

1. What player scored the most touchdowns in the opening game of an NFL or AFL season?
2. What expansion team won their very first game in 2002 against the Dallas Cowboys?
3. What quarterback had the most passing yards in a pro football season opener?
4. What NFL team went winless for 26 games over two seasons?
5. In what year did the National Football League officially start play?

Last month's answers:

1. The only mother and son Olympians in USA history are from Sullivan County, NY. Who are they? **Alice Arden Hodge and Russ Hodge**
2. What 1964 Olympic gold medal winner later played wide receiver for the Dallas Cowboys? **Bob Hayes**
3. Who is the only person to win both an Olympic gold medal and a Super Bowl ring? **Bob Hayes**
4. What is Usain Bolt's middle name? **St. Leo**
5. Jim Ryun was a 3-time Olympian at 1,500 meters. What was his best showing in the Olympics? **Silver medal in 1968.**

There was no winner last month.

RAIL TRAIL MONEY

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the trail to create approximately 30 miles of continuous trail.

Mr. Doherty has said he would also like to see the historic Ferndale trestle reconstructed as a footbridge, making the trail even more of a lure for tourists. He sees a completed continuous trail as a major boost to the county, addressing two significant problems: poor health and a sluggish economy.

A National Park Service study compared people who lead sedentary lifestyles to those who exercise regularly. The exercisers filed 14% fewer healthcare claims, spent 30% fewer days in the hospital, and had 41% fewer claims greater than \$5,000. Another study, conducted by the National Rails to Trails Conservancy, indicated that health cost savings from increased

physical activity due to active transportation is currently \$20 billion annually and could grow to nearly \$92 billion annually nationwide.

In addition to improving health outcomes by encouraging exercise and other healthy outdoor activities, several studies over the years have documented the many substantial economic benefits generated by trails, including increasing the value of nearby properties and boosting spending at local businesses, which benefit from the influx of visitors going to restaurants, shops and other retail establishments. On longer trails, hotels, bed and breakfasts, and outdoor outfitters also benefit.

"The trail is good for the region, good for the community, good for the town. It brings people together," Mr. Doherty said. "That is why we are investing in this."

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