

THE WORLD WE PASS ON

Trading Short-Term Growth for Long-Term Liabilities

Editorial by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE — All across America, many areas are building in a way that squanders precious resources that should be used to make our communities more prosperous, but instead trades short-term growth for long-term liabilities.

In a nutshell, that's the message being conveyed by a growing grass-roots movement called "Strong Towns," which maintains there is a better way for communities to grow.

It might at first seem like this problem—and therefore the potential solution—is applicable only to big cities, but a closer look at what's happening here in Hurleyville right now suggests otherwise.

The proposed Gan Eden development, slated to be built on the old Columbia Hotel property, has all the earmarks of just such a project: It is much bigger than anything else in the community—too big for the location, it will use too much of the available natural resources, and it is a radical change that promises little upside to the existing community and its residents.

For example, the demand for potable water inherent in a development of that size is bound to stress the available supply, and negatively impact current residents and businesses. The runoff from the paved areas in the development is sure to create problems in an area that already suffers flooding during

heavy rains and snow melts. The traffic generated by the new residents of the proposed development will drastically alter the typically tranquil nature of the areas roadways.

The Gan Eden project as proposed would be the very definition of disruptive change.

The tremendous revival of the hamlet of Hurleyville over the past ten years has been achieved primarily through the adaptive reuse and repurposing of existing buildings, most often one at a time. That tried-and-true method of redevelopment helps ensure long-term resilience of the community.

The proposed Gan Eden development does not.

Because its scale is out of proportion to the existing community, because its design is inappropriate for the rural nature of its location, because the natural resources it will demand will negatively impact existing stakeholders, and because incremental growth—as opposed to massive development—leads to a more stable and prosperous community, The Hurleyville Sentinel cannot support the Gan Eden development as it is currently proposed. There is simply too little upside from the project to offset the potential risks.

We think Hurleyville—and the town of Thompson—would fare much better adhering to the "Strong Towns" model of paced, incremental development rather than recklessly trading short-term growth for long-term liabilities.

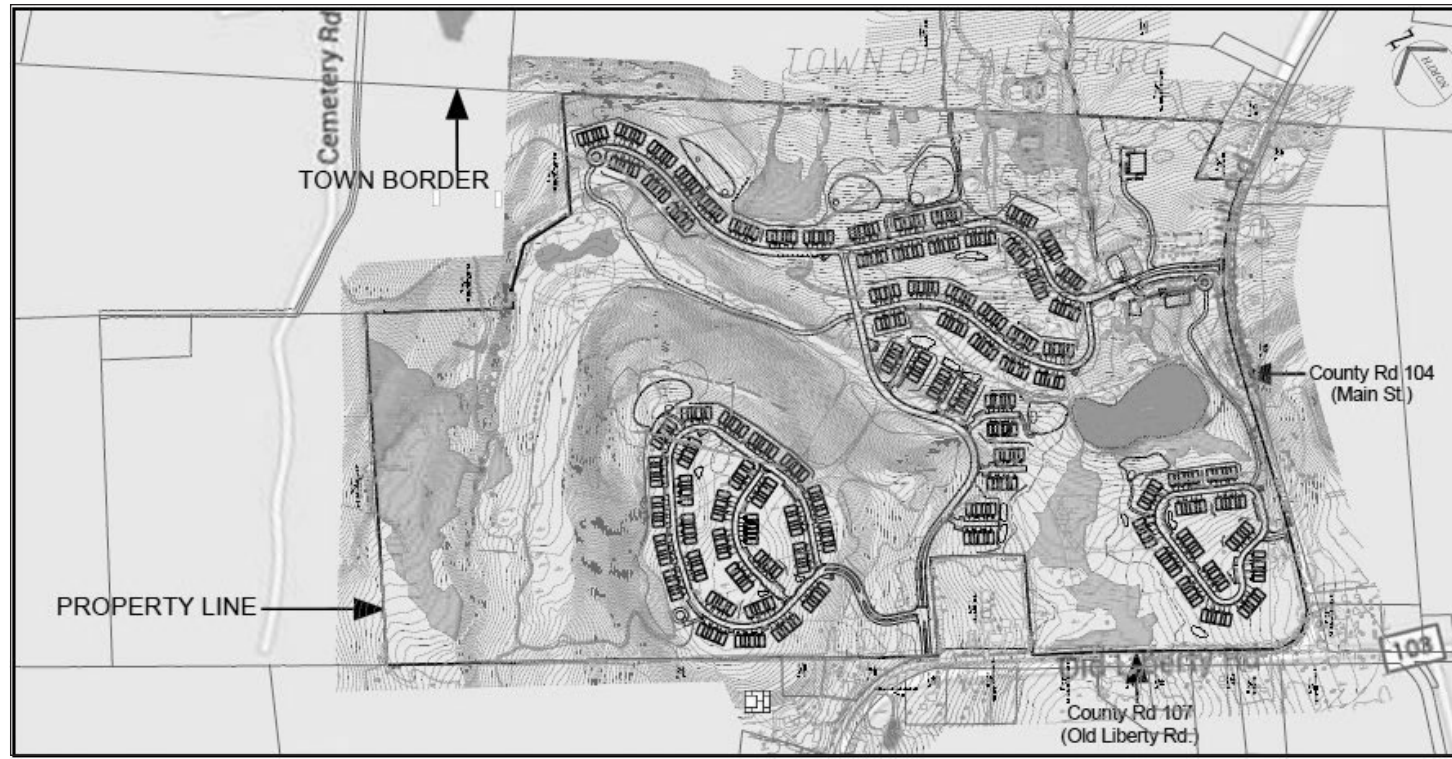


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The Gan Eden development being proposed for the intersection of County Roads 107 (Old Liberty Road) and 104 (Main Street).

GAN EDEN RETURNS Developer Presents New Environmental Impact Study

by John Conway

MONTICELLO — The town of Thompson Planning Board has received submission of a new Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) from the developers of the proposed Gan Eden Estates housing project slated for construction at the top of Columbia Hill in Hurleyville.

The new DEIS was part of the agenda when the Planning Board met in person and via ZOOM on Wednesday, January 26 at the Thompson Town Hall.

As it is currently conceived, the Gan Eden project calls for 534 rental units in 89 separate structures, and about 2.5 miles

of paved roadways on the 212-acre site that was once home to the Columbia Hotel. Water for the development would come from new or existing wells and a 41-foot tall, 400,000 gallon water tank. A packaged sewage treatment plant is proposed for the all-electric development.

Developers say the project will provide much needed affordable workforce housing for this section of Sullivan County, and fully complies with Thompson's zoning for the parcel on which it is proposed.

The Planning Board, which prior to receipt of the new DEIS, had last heard from the Gan Eden

developers approximately 18 months ago, has scheduled a work session for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, February 16 to go over the new DEIS. Unless the Planning Board asks for revisions or additions to the plan, it would then be made available for public inspection and comment for a specified length of time, after which a public hearing on the project would be held.

Although public comment was not permitted at the January 26 meeting, a number of members of the Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance (CHNA) attended, some in person and others via ZOOM. The group was organized in 2012 in response to two

developments with a total of more than 1000 units that had been proposed for Columbia Hill and vicinity at the time, and it has continued to monitor all proposed developments in the area. CHNA maintains that the Gan Eden project, even in the scaled-down version now being presented, "would deplete our water supply, greatly endanger our streams and wetlands, dramatically alter our rural environment, and undermine the safety of the roads for all drivers in the area."

The CHNA's concerns are more fully outlined in a separate piece in this edition of The Sentinel.

KEEPING A WATCHFUL EYE CHNA Monitoring Gan Eden Progress

by Kathleen Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE — The Gan Eden Estates project was back on the agenda for the Town of Thompson Planning Board meeting on January 26, after being dormant for a year and a half. The Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance (CHNA), a group that was organized in 2012 in response to proposed developments on and near the hill, was well-represented at the meeting, both in person and via ZOOM.

The developers' new Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), recently submitted to the Planning Board, was discussed at the meeting. The attorney for the development explained that the extensive scoping document has been followed, and that 24 exhibit reports were also submitted to the Board. He added that minor changes are being made to the site plan.

The members of CHNA have begun reviewing the new DEIS which is supposed to thoroughly and accurately address environmental factors and concerns.

- Major concerns the group thinks will have a detrimental impact on the community include:
- questionable calculations for water supply and demand
- questionable design and calculation for wastewater treatment plant
- environmental impact of wastewater discharge into an intermittently dry streambed that flows into the adjacent Hurleyville wetlands and then to the East Branch of the Mongaup River
- suspect demographic conclusions such as generating only 172 new students in the Monticello School District
- 534 rental units in 89 structures possibly leading to a transient population
- 2.5 miles of paved roads
- possibility of more than 3,000 residents rather than the 1,640 claimed by the developer at full build out
- 1,100 parking spaces
- storm water runoff mitigation
- traffic
- steep grade of Hurleyville Main Street by proposed entrances
- possible transformation of

the intersection of County Routes 103, 104 and 107

- noise pollution
- light pollution
- electric grid capacity for the all-electric project
- 41-foot 400,000-gallon on-site water tank
- unrealistic estimate of completion of construction by 2027

The Planning Board and the developer will participate in a work session via Zoom at 9 a.m. on February 16 to review the DEIS. The Planning Board and the Board's consultants will then determine if the DEIS is complete and in agreement with the scoping document within 45 days. If the DEIS is declared complete, in March the completed statement along with the exhibits will be available for public review on the town's website (www.townofthompson.com) under the Public Documents/Development Projects tabs. A public hearing will then be scheduled.

The approvals and permits that are required before acceptance of the project include:

- Town of Thompson Planning Board - SEQRA environmental review, site plan approval and special use permit
- Sullivan County – Section 239 review, access permit to County Routes 104 and 107
- Delaware River Basin Commission - water taking allocation permit

Permits and approvals must also be obtained from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Department of Health, New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

After approval the Planning Board will review the applicant's site plan application, which will require another public hearing before any approval to allow site work to commence.

The members of CHNA will continue to review the DEIS and to provide input on this ongoing process.

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

ABOUT OUR HEADLINE

The headline for this month's edition is derived from the philosophy of an organization called "Strong Towns" that is beginning to take hold in this country.

"Strong Towns" is an international movement dedicated to making communities across the United States and Canada financially strong and resilient.

"Everyone deserves the opportunity to live a good life in a prosperous place," according to the "Strong Towns" approach. "Future generations deserve that same opportunity, too. Yet we've given little thought to whether future generations can afford to maintain the world we're passing on to them—or how many of the things we build are making our communities worse places to live today. We're wasting time and squandering resources that should be used to make our communities more prosperous."

Find out more about the "Strong Towns" movement on their website: <https://www.strongtowns.org>

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND SULLIVAN COUNTY OPEN COVID-19 TESTING SITE AT SUNY SULLIVAN

Temporary Shutdown Short Lived; Testing Resumes

LOCH SHELDRAKE — In coordination with the Governor's Office and Quadrant Biosciences, SUNY Sullivan has opened a community COVID-19 testing site on campus. Located in The Paul Gerry Field House Upper Lobby, the testing site is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. The PCR test is an oral, saliva-based test. Appointments are strongly encouraged. Limited walk-in appointments are available.

Shortly after the announcement of the establishment of the new site, there was an announcement that it was shutting down due to staffing shortages. That shutdown was short lived, however, as testing resumed at Noon on Tuesday, February 1.

For more information, call 315-614-2325. SUNY Sullivan is located at 112 College Road, Loch Sheldrake NY 12579.

"SUNY Sullivan is so pleased to again play a role in getting out of this pandemic and back to normal here in Sullivan County by working with our state and local partners," said SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance. "We encourage residents to again take advantage of our central location and be tested. Getting vaccinated and boosted, while continuing to test and wear a mask in public, are the best ways to put the pandemic behind us."

"We are pleased that the Governor has chosen SUNY Sullivan as a free public testing site as an option for residents," said Sullivan County Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. "Testing resources have been limited in Sullivan County throughout the pandemic, and this provides a convenient option that will also take the testing burden off of the emergency room and local health care pro-

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SUNY Sullivan Campus
Paul Gerry Fieldhouse Upper Lobby
112 College Road
Loch Sheldrake, NY 12579

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- Staff on site can answer any questions
- Appointment required
- This is an oral, saliva-based lab confirmed test.
- Results may take several days to receive.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit:
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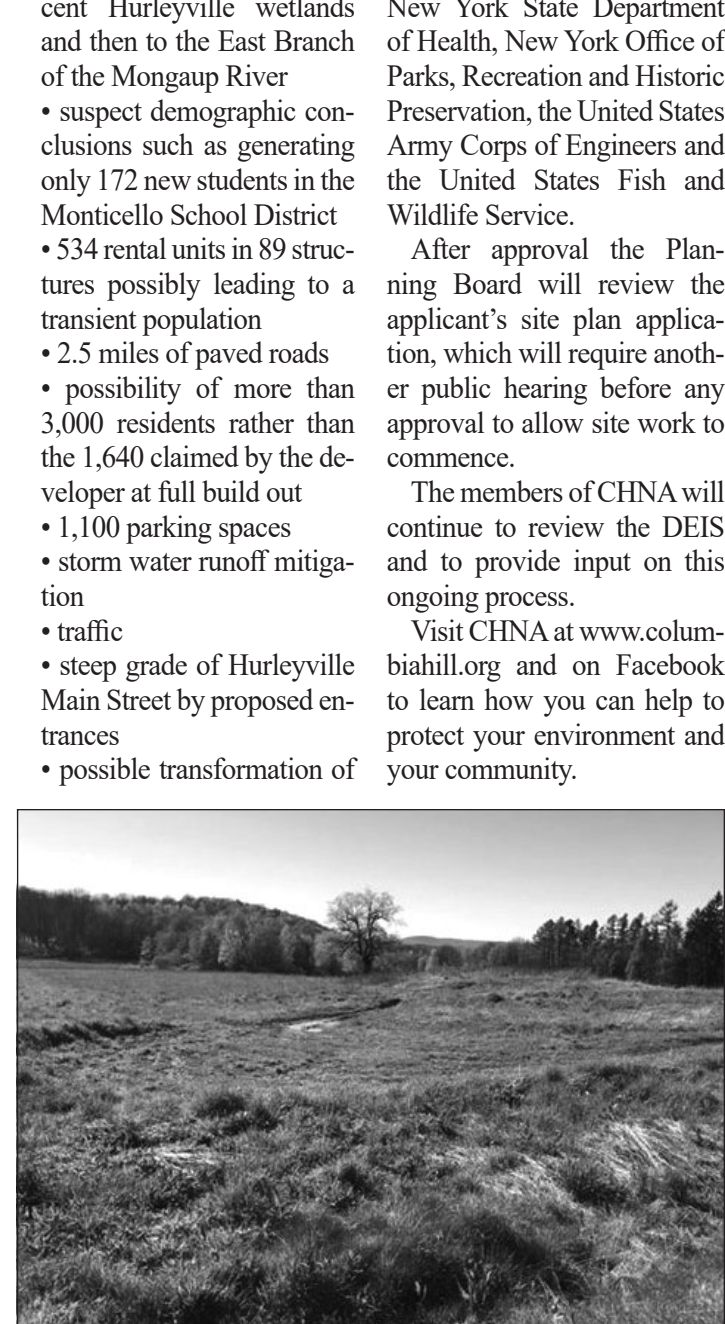
vider offices, so they can get back to caring for those with urgent medical needs."

In 2021, SUNY Sullivan's Gerry Field House served

as a Point-of-Distribution (POD) vaccine clinic for Sullivan County. Over 4,000 people received the vaccine at the College's POD. The

SUNY Sullivan testing site is one of numerous testing sites open on SUNY and community college campuses across New York State.

"Through our winter surge plan, we are building on our ongoing efforts to make testing more widely available, and that includes utilizing our SUNY campus facilities that are equipped to distribute more tests to New Yorkers," New York governor Kathy Hochul said. "Expanded access to testing will ensure those who are positive with the virus can isolate to limit spread and keep others in their communities well. We're turning the corner on this winter surge but we're not through this yet, so let's continue to use the tools that will help stop the spread: Wear a mask, wash your hands, get your vaccine, your second dose, and your booster. Get tested and stay home if you are sick - we are not powerless."

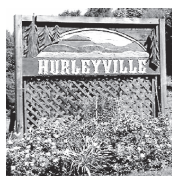


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The old Columbia Hotel property where the Gan Eden project would be built.

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



HURLEYVILLE-SULLIVAN FIRST

The members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First are applying for a Sullivan Renaissance Beautification grant again this year.

The grant will be used to continue maintenance of our projects:

- repairing, reinforcing and protecting the hamlet welcome signs/planters and the signs at the Rails to Trails entrance
- installation of new historical panels at the kiosk at the Hurleyville Firemen's Park
- installation of the new cabinets at the "Little Free Library" at the Hurleyville Firemen's Park
- adding annual and perennials to all the stone planters and to the barrels on Main Street

Please visit Hurleyville-Sullivan First at www.hurleyvilleny.com to find out how you can make a difference in Hurleyville. You can also visit Hurleyville-Sullivan First on Facebook.



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN SULLIVAN

Hurleyville-Sullivan First volunteers Joyce, MaryAnn, Patrick and Madelyne will be planting the barrels and planters again this year.



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The one-room schoolhouse is one of the exhibits on display at the Sullivan County Museum.

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" will start again soon. "Messy Church" allows children

to learn about the Bible in a fun way while enjoying arts & crafts, singing and other activities. All chil-

dren taking part in the fun must be accompanied by an adult.

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 Museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, is open on Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free. Donations to meet the growing cost of operating the Museum are always welcome.

Guided tours of the Museum...behind the scenes and regular exhibits...are available. There is no charge for the hour-long tours but registration is required. Please call 845-434-8044 to make a reservation.

The archives at the Museum are open on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment.

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

Go to www.scnyhistory.org to learn about the Sullivan County Historical Society and the Sullivan County Museum. You can also visit the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum on Facebook.

Please call the Museum at 845-434-8044 or email info@scnyhistory.org for more information.

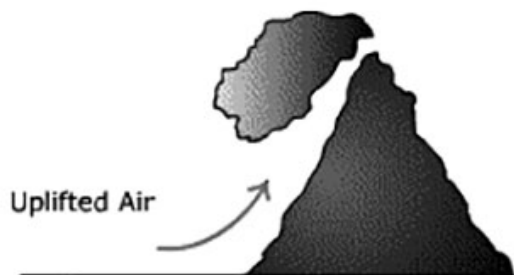
FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



UPLIFTS

Orographic Uplift



Those of us who make a study of the weather soon learn there are four different kinds of what are referred to as uplifts: convective, convergent, orographic, and frontal.

Convective Uplift occurs when air near the ground is warmed by the sun and begins to rise. The air cools as it rises, and forms clouds and precipitation.

Convergent Uplift occurs when air enters a center of low pressure. As the air converges into the center of a cyclone, it is forced to rise off the surface. As the air rises, it expands, cools, and water vapor condenses.

Orographic Uplift is the forced ascent of air when it collides with a mountain. As air strikes the windward side, it is uplifted and cooled. Wind-

ward slopes of mountains tend to be the rainy sides while the leeward side is dry.

Frontal Uplift occurs when two different air masses interact. The cold air forces the warm air up, where it cools, forming clouds and precipitation.

Uplifts can cause extensive cloudiness and increased amounts of precipitation in higher terrain. On a clear day, uplift can produce stratus clouds over their tops of mountains, but the clouds dissipate on the other side of the mountain.

On December 10 and 11, 2021, in Kentucky, a tornado uplifted five of the seven chicken houses on a farm. The foundations of the chicken houses were swept clean.

The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

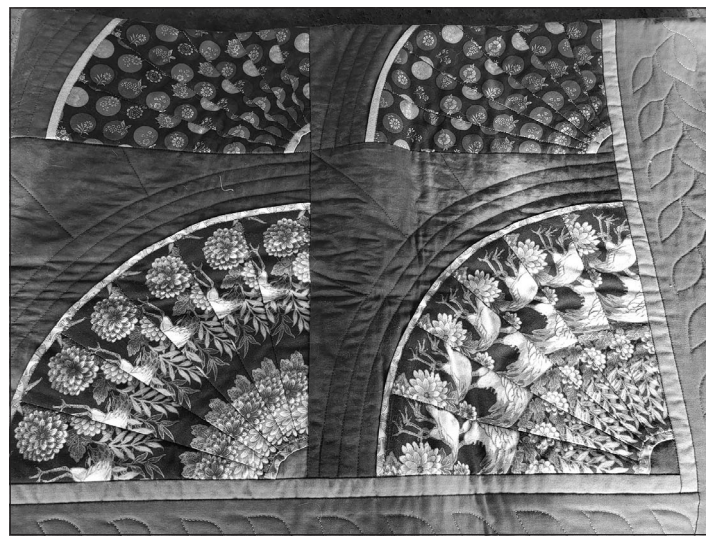


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A picture doesn't begin to do this quilting masterpiece justice.

made by people who don't depend on being in public to create.

My friend JESSE POL-LACK in New Jersey, wrote a true crime book released in 2019 called THE ACID KING, picked up and published by Simon and Schuster. (You may remember me telling you about this at the

time.) As time progressed, several TV true crime programs approached him to turn his book into an hour long drama, as did a few film producers. He turned them all down, because the truth is not what they were after.

The truth was secondary to sensationalizing the Long Island case which had been front page news all over the country. Jesse is a relentless truth seeker. In the book, he lays out the foundation of the crime by a troubled teen using almost a slice-of-life from the 1980s on Long Island at the time. When Jesse told me of his decision, I applauded it. Not many stick to their principles. And he decided to do his own documentary film. And do it he did.

You can catch THE ACID KING on the VUDU Channel, the ROKU channel, and, if you stay through the credits, you will see my name as "Associate Producer." I am extremely proud to be associated with the production

and with Jesse. Next will be a podcast of his first book ON DEVILS TEETH, an unsolved death in New Jersey where most of the evidence and police files seemingly vanished. Both books are available on Amazon.com.

Closer to home, I have been helping a lovely woman with her knitting over the past year. What made this truly interesting for me is that she is Swiss, and all her pattern books were written in German, Italian and French! It was kind of fun, really, and resulted in her completing two wonderful sweaters. She is an artist in her own right, being a most marvelous and well known quilter here in the states and abroad. She surprised me at Christmas, gifting me one of her fabulous pieces. A picture doesn't do it justice and all these weeks later, I'm still speechless every time I look at it. I have no patience for quilting or sewing in general, and even if I did, I doubt if I could ever achieve this level of artistry. That's the beauty of the arts, though. Whether potters, musicians or the soft arts, true appreciation of other's talents is a given and can only inspire in one's chosen field.

And I hope things calm down enough for LITTLE SPARROW to continue hosting "First Sunday" afternoons of music at the SULLIVAN COUNTY MUSEUM. We are all getting a little music starved! *Stay well, stay safe and mask up! Until next time...*

Don't Forget to Recertify Handgun permit

County Clerk Puts Reminder on New Licenses

MONTICELLO – Sullivan County Clerk Russell Reeves is reminding handgun owners that they may need to recertify their permits soon.

"The New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013, commonly known as the NY SAFE Act, requires the holders of handgun permits to be recertified every five years," Mr. Reeves explains. "If your permit was issued on or after January 15, 2013, the deadline to recertify is five years after the date the permit was issued. If your permit was issued before January 15, 2013 your recertification will be coming due again within the next year."

Don't rely on being notified by the State, he adds.

"As a permit holder, it is your responsibility to recertify your permit whether you receive a

notification letter or not," Mr. Reeves says. "Check your recertification status at <https://firearms.troopers.ny.gov>."

Recertification can be done online – at no cost – at <https://firearms.troopers.ny.gov>, or by mail. The form is available for download and printout at www.troopers.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/12/ppb-2.pdf. The form is also available at the County Clerk's Office in the Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello.

As a helpful reminder, the County Clerk's Office has begun putting recertification due dates on the back of newly issued handgun licenses. For a nominal fee, existing permit holders can apply for an amendment change to get a new license card with the recertification date listed.



by Mimi

A SHOW OF KINDNESS

Is your cart chock full of groceries
But a man who's on the line
Has a six-pack of his favorite
Beer, an avocado and a lime

Do you keep your back turned toward him
Truly paying him no mind
Or do you let him go ahead of you
That's an act of being kind

When you're entering a bank or store
And the person just ahead
Takes the time to hold the door for you
He could have let it close instead

You remember to express your thanks
But he says he didn't mind
And that it was simply nothing
Just an act of being kind

It's the month for giving Valentines
Showing feelings from the heart
And the beginning of a new year
Let's give this one a good start

In this era of behavior that
Is far from being refined
Let's make ourselves feel better
Doing acts that show we're kind

Help a senior with a heavy load
Or aid someone who is blind
Enjoy the feeling of good will
Performing acts of being kind

- Mimi
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PIVOTING AND PERSEVERING

Pickled Owl Approaching Seven Years in Business

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE – It’s no secret that starting a restaurant and keeping the doors open is fraught with complications.

Reaching the five-year anniversary is a very big deal in the food service business, regardless of where you are located. For Evan and Brynn Allees at the Pickled Owl on Main Street in Hurleyville, their big milestone was approaching in August of 2020 when the disruption of the pandemic began in March. They were close to paying off loans, and their gastro pub-style eatery had steady customers, good staff and delicious food.

Then the world around them changed.

Spring of 2020 brought lockdowns that forced many venues to close up shop for good, but the Pickled Owl kept flying, retaining core staff members and pivoting in the kitchen. They served

take-out with family sized specials, and called customers to stay connected and to survey them for feedback.

By the time August 2020 finally arrived, they were serving food under tents beside their back deck, and following the ever-changing NY state regulations. To add to the chaos of that milestone summer, the Allees family of six sold their house and moved into a large apartment above the restaurant, a move they had planned pre-pandemic and made easier while business was slow.

Busy summers generally outpace slower winters in our local restaurants.

“You expect to make more money in the summer to get through the winter months,” Mr. Allees, who is also the head chef, said.

Being a restaurant owner is a demanding job, but also working as the head chef allows very little time off. Acquiring and keeping

a second chef has been a challenge for them - a large venue like the casino can offer higher pay plus benefits. Small businesses are hard pressed to compete with that, so a number of promising chefs have moved on to more lucrative kitchens. Mr. Allees stays in touch with other local food purveyors, and says they are all in the same boat.

In their first three years of existence, the Pickled Owl was open for business while it seemed like all of Hurleyville was under construction - a traffic light was installed just outside their doors and new Main Street sidewalks were built, causing lots of dust and mayhem. The Rail Trail and municipal parking lot next door were paved, and the Performing Arts Centre, playground, and basketball courts had been erected nearby.

Location is key for any enterprise, so Evan and

Brynn are grateful to have established their business on the ground floor level of the hamlet revitalization. They have enjoyed watching the growth of Hurleyville since they opened. Ms. Allees, now a middle-school teacher who grew up in Hurleyville, says it has been amazing to see the positive changes in town.

Summer of 2021 provided a bit of a rebound for the eatery, a much better season than their milestone summer of the year before. Plus, more new businesses have opened in town since then.

Right now, in the slower winter season, customers at the Owl run the gamut from locals who desire curbside takeout, to comfortable indoor diners who are happy to be back. Whatever the future brings for the Allees clan and the Pickled Owl, they will undoubtedly pivot and persevere like they always have.

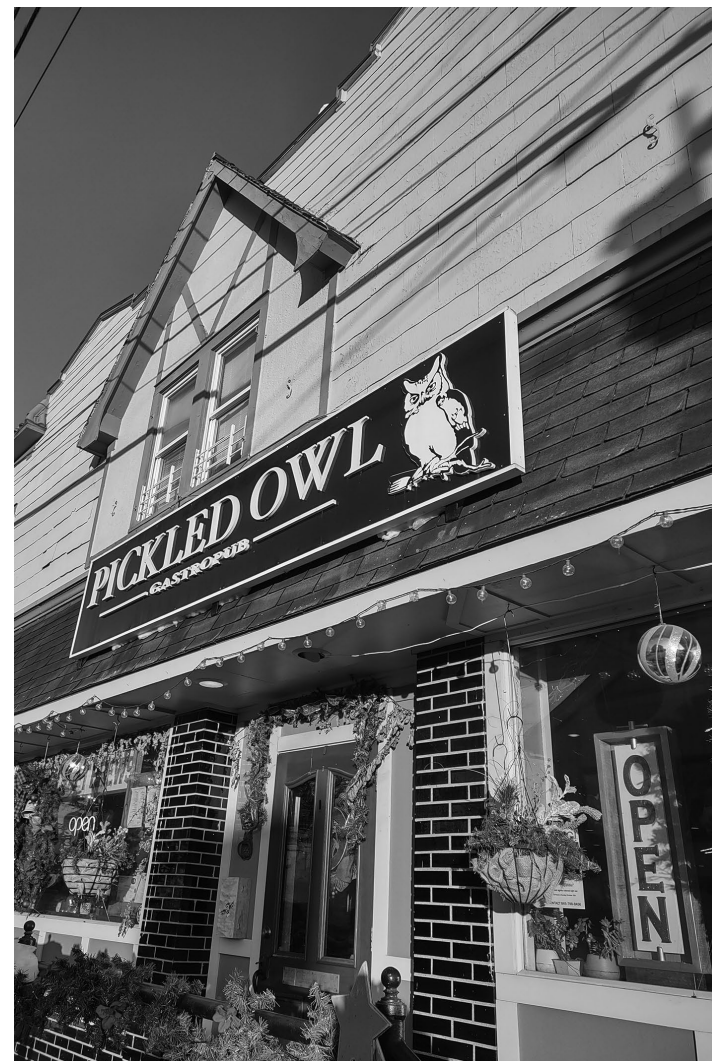


PHOTO BY DENISE SULLIVAN

The Pickled Owl, on Main Street in Hurleyville, opened for business in August of 2015.



Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

The big storm blew through Sunday night into Monday morning – Martin Luther King Day – roaring with such intensity it woke us several times. It was like being in a wind tunnel, as, in some sense, we were: situated on high ground, with a natural windbreak of woods to the west, which helped to channel the wind around our cottage and down the slope of bare fields and lawns extending to the north – more of a wind corridor than tunnel. The trees and houses that stood directly on the open slope acted like the reeds in a woodwind instrument, adding their distinctive creaks and trills to the general cacophony. A set of wind chimes on our porch tinkled like mad until it was blown off its post. We found it in the morning, on the ground, covered in snow.

In this way, we were privy to “the sound of the wind... blowing in the same bare place” that Wallace Stevens’s snow man once heard. The sound announced the full force of winter’s arrival and let us know that it was time to cultivate a mind of winter to meet it.

The snow that fell was heavy, wet, and eight or nine inches deep. It gave all the plow guys pause, the type of snow that defies hydraulics and damages equipment. Late on Monday, a stalwart neighbor showed up with a small plow and managed to carve out enough space for us to move vehicles around in piecemeal fashion, like tokens on a checkerboard. By mid-afternoon a light rain had started falling and we were grateful to gain some leeway before the tall drifts and plowed heaps froze overnight.

This wasn’t the kind of snow you want to go out and frolic in; it weighed everything down. Last summer our garden had put forth collard greens of such stature – the size of small trees – that we left them standing at end of season; now the fan-like leaves were wilted and the stalks drooped like the stretchy vegetation in an early Disney cartoon. The collards looked comically doleful in the snow, while the fir trees bristled with glee in the frigid air. We surveyed the reduced palette of winter: the vegetation and grasses ran the gamut from dun to rust and back again, with bands of green between; the nude branches of the trees etched against the grey sky in the finest degree of lineation, making intricate designs that repaid the attention one gave them, with interest.

The wind moderated itself during the course of the Monday, to bouts of gusts and bluster; whatever wasn’t so weighed down that it couldn’t sway, swayed. Atop a nearby silo, an American flag flew with a horizontal tear across its middle, right at the lower edge of the blue canton. The wind set the flag’s two halves fluttering independently, in erratic fashion, and it looked like some sort of medieval pennant, asserting its sovereignty over the world below.

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PAPER CLIPS...
by Elaine Corrington



Donationtimes Day, February 14

There are a lot of people throughout our lives whom we love spending time with, having families with, want to thank or inspire, only remember once or twice a year, and still like, but just move away from and start sending important holiday greetings and gifts.

The true stories of how Valentines’ Day started include a rather surprisingly horrifying set of circumstances having little to do with love and romance, and a lot of different resulting ideals. If you check your computer, you can study that history as deeply as you want to identify celebrations of giving you only do from wrong-thinking habits...or you can decide is a really good way of directing your efforts, energies, coins, love and joy to causes that are important to you or to your heart day recipients. Donationtime Day recipients- who are probably happy to get XXXXX’s and OOOOO’s AND notification that you have made a donation in their name to a cause of their choice, a favorite cause you share, a person in need may just think, “WOW!”

The typical cost of a true Valentine card, which often hits the garbage can in just a few days (except for those REALLY personalized, loving words you have not been able to say out loud) is very expensive these days. The candy (which doesn’t even last that long) is also far more pricey than it used to be. With a computer, you can create a unique one-of-a-kind-page, and include everybody you want to on the “In Honor Of” list for one donation or several different donations to causes that they enthusiastically support.

You will be happy, they will be happy, the causes or people you aid will be happy. In your loving computer “Donations in Honor Of” letter, you do not have to say how much money if you don’t want to, because every donation helps, and some years are better than others for the amounts people can give.

The money that was saved by not purchasing cards will be well used elsewhere. The LOVE AND JOY will be felt, and the pride of the donation will be felt by all, whether the money was given to a family or person in great personal need at this moment, or to a worldwide organization that is committed to planet repair objectives or medical breakthroughs and follow-throughs.

Is this just a one-time idea, or can it be a forever right way to celebrate Donation Times Day?

Why don’t you try it, and see what all of your former Valentine card receivers have to say! Either way, Happy February 14. Next year you may go back to the old or on to the new!



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RSVP Recruiting Members Who Want to Make A difference

MONTICELLO – “There’s no better time than NOW to make a difference in your community by volunteering your time,” says Martha Tully, Sullivan County’s RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) Coordinator. “With RSVP you can use and share your skills, talents and life experiences or develop new ones while serving in a variety of volunteer activities in your community!”

The RSVP of Sullivan County Americorps Seniors program is entering its 49th year of helping local communities, and it’s constantly looking for adults aged 55 and over to volunteer a few hours each week to help neighbors throughout Sullivan County.

“Volunteers choose how, where, and when they want to serve, with commitments ranging from a few hours to 40 hours per week,” Ms. Tully explains. “We can definitely find an opportunity that fits you with one of our 60 participating not-for-profit partners.”

RSVP volunteers enjoy



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many benefits, including:

- Opportunities to meet new people in the community while making a significant difference in the lives of others
- Sharing talents and experiences with one or more of the participating non-profit partners
- Special recognition events
- Flexible placements with regard to time commitments
- The satisfaction of making a difference in the community
- Help to transition into retirement
- Partial mileage reimbursement (full mileage

reimbursement for medical transportation and home delivered meals)

- Supplemental excess accident medical coverage for medical treatment and hospitalization, excess volunteer liability insurance and excess automobile liability insurance.

Current RSVP opportunities include distributing home-delivered meals to homebound seniors in the community; preparing taxes for senior citizens and low-income families; providing telephone reassurance to isolated seniors to ensure their wellbeing; providing medical transportation to important doctor’s appointments and specialty services throughout Sullivan and Orange Counties; hospice care; helping out at local museums and historical societies; and much more.

“Our volunteers themselves report better health and longevity having served in their community,” Ms. Tully says with a smile. “There is research that demonstrates the mental and physical health benefits associated with volunteering, including lower mortality rates, increased strength and energy, decreased rates of depression and fewer physical limitations. We even have two 100-year-young active volunteers!”

If you are interested in joining RSVP of Sullivan County Americorps, please contact RSVP Coordinator Martha Tully at (845) 807-0255 or Martha.Tully@sullivanny.us.

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WALK-THRU MONDAYS A HUGE SUCCESS

Sullivan 180 Motivates community to Walk More Than 2000 Miles

FERNDALÉ – Sullivan 180 challenged county residents to walk a collective 500 miles over the course of the six nights during Sullivan 180 Walk-Thru Mondays as part of Peace, Love & Lights at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. This goal was achieved on the third night, and by the end of the light show, 1,048 community members came out to walk. Because the lights display covers a two-mile route, that’s 2,096 miles walked and over four million steps taken towards a healthier Sullivan County!

Since the goal was reached, local organizations including Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Liberty Rotary Club, Mullally Tractor Sales, and Yellow Cab of Monticello will each donate \$500 to Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless (SCFH).

In addition to the challenge, participants had the option to bring a toy on Monday nights in exchange for free

admission. These toys were donated to SCFH to help the children of families in need during the holidays. Thanks to the generosity of community members, more than 100 children received gifts for the holidays, along with over \$200 in cash donations collected.

“We are thrilled to have once again partnered with Sullivan 180 to bring the walk-thru element to our light show experience,” said Eric Frances, CEO, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. “It has always been a goal of Bethel Woods to expand our programming reach into the quieter winter months, and this gives people a unique way to experience the light show, while also staying active.”

Sullivan 180’s mission is to build a healthy, vibrant Sullivan County where everyone has a sense of purpose, connection to family and community and access to fresh foods and an active lifestyle.



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From the Firehouse

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



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

The year 2021 in review for the Hurleyville Fire Department:

We lost five members last year: Phil Featherbay Sr., Mark Carlson, Gary Char-now, Honorary Member Joe Gracia, and Lee Berger.

Unfortunately, we did not gain any new members in 2021.

We responded to 136 calls in 2021. That is up from 96 in 2020, but not as high as 143 in 2019. Activated alarms continue to be the most common call.

For the start of 2022, we gained a new member, Ron Besimer. Welcome aboard, Ron.

County wide fire departments have already responded to 29 structure fires as of 01/24/2022.

At one of those working structure fires, we lost Forestburgh Assistant Chief William “Billy” J. Steinberg. Billy responded to the fire as mutual aid to Monticello Fire Department with the Forestburgh Fire Department. At the scene he had a medical issue and was transported to the hospital where he passed away.

In the fire service, this is considered a LODD (Line of Duty Death). Billy was buried with full Firematic



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Honors as hundreds of his brother and sister firefighters lined Broadway Monticello in what we call in the fire service a “Sea of Blue” as Billy made his final journey from the funeral home to the church. In addition to the “Sea of Blue,” Broadway was filled with 65-plus fire trucks and ambulances from all over Sullivan County and our neighboring counties. As the funeral procession traveled down Broadway the sun was bright with a clear blue sky over head as a helicopter flew up Broadway and hovered over Billy in an aerial salute. Rest in peace, Billy.

In a recent fire in the Bronx, 17 people lost their lives in an apartment complex fire. Residents stated that they commonly heard the fire alarms going off and nobody reacted to them. This time it was real, and it is believed that residents did

not react right away to the alarm. I have also preached to **CLOSE THE DOOR** on your way out of a fire. Doors have a fire rating on how long they should last before they are breached by fire. By closing the door, you contain the fire and cut off its oxygen. This is why you see self-closing doors in schools, hospitals etc. Again, it is believed that doors were left open which helped the spread of fire and deadly smoke.

This brings me to activated alarms. Fire Departments are responding to many, many activated alarms, and when they arrive on scene it turns out to be burnt food, the steam from a shower, spray deodorant, air freshener, dust, dead battery, bad sensor etc. Proper maintenance can help prevent some of these false activated alarms. In some cases, fire department

are going to the same place a couple of times a week. If an alarm keeps going off for the same reason, fix it. You cannot have a sensor right outside of the shower and not expect it to go off from the steam of the shower. Move it. If you keep burning food, take a cooking lesson (only joking). Maybe the sensor is too close to the stove, move it. Above all, treat every single alarm as the real thing, we do in the fire service.

As I have preached throughout the years in writing this column, you NEED to have working smoke and CO detectors in your home. Tmay save your life.

Winter has finally arrived. We had our first big snowstorm, and I see many fire hydrants dug out and some in town buried by the private snow plowers hired to do driveways. A fire hydrant in front of your house can be your best friend, but not if the fire department cannot access it.

Do not forget the fire department’s 34th Annual Ice Fishing Contest is Saturday, February 12 at Morningside Lake in Hurleyville from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. See the ad elsewhere in this edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel. You can contact me for more information. (845) 796-8598, or go on Facebook (J.W.Halchak) for the flyer and up to date information.

FROM THE FILES OF...

THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

The Only Newspaper Published in the Town of Fallsburgh

COMPILED BY **Sullivan County Historian John Conway**

February 19, 1937

Airport for Sullivan is Otto Hillig’s Plea

Assemblyman Otto Hillig appeared before the Sullivan County board of Supervisors to urge progress on the proposed Sullivan County Airport. Pointing out that there is now no field in the county large enough any but small planes, Mr. Hillig said he thought a large port would benefit the territory in many ways and probably would be the means of increasing its visitors.

He said he, as a member of the aviation committee of the Assembly, would aid the county in any way possible. The landing field, however, is purely a county project under WPA. The federal government has approved the field, and WPA funds were reportedly set aside for it some time ago. Up to now, board members have complained that there is not enough labor available in the county to produce with the project. It is understood that about 100 laborers would be required. A recent report on unemployment figures indicated there were between 150 and 200 men unemployed.

Hurleyville School Notes

The Senior operetta, entitled “Hansel and Gretel” is ready to be resented tonight, Friday, February 19, This affair is to be a very successful one as a large crowd is expected. The scenery for the play was cleverly constructed and painted by our very com-



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

Assemblyman Otto Hillig

petent artist, Mrs. LaBagh. Mrs. Wood, who is in charge of the costumes, has done a remarkable job in this line. The musical selections, under the direction of Miss Horne, are beautifully sung, with the sweet voices of the children blending with the mature voices of the older children.

The story of Hansel and Gretel is illustrated perfectly and beautifully in this operetta, as it was produced at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City, only in miniature style.

Last Wednesday, the Hurleyville basketball team beat the Fallsburg team with a final score of 16-15. At the end of the first half, the score was 11-3 in favor of the Fallsburg boys, but the second half showed speed and rapid progress on the part of our team. Thursday evening, Hurleyville will meet Woodridge at the Woodridge school. The boys are making preparations and have been practicing hard for

the Jeffersonville game this Tuesday evening at the Hurleyville school.

News and Personal Notes About Town

Shirley Todras returned home this week after a visit with relatives in New York. Her small nephew, Harold Halsby, returned with her for a vacation.

Misses Gail and Pearl Jacobson and brother Perk spent Sunday with relatives in New York.

Burton Knapp, after a month’s sojourn in Miami, Fla. With his parents, has returned to Hurleyville.

Mrs. Maxwell Pierce, principal of a school at Glenhead, L.I., visited relatives in Liberty over the weekend, and spent Wednesday here with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Durland. Mrs. Pierce, the former Grace Evans DeKay, is well known in this region.

February 26, 1937

Week-end Business Good, Hotel Managers Report

Hotels and boarding houses throughout the County reported unusually goo patronage for the Washington’s Birthday week-end. In spite of bad weather, hundreds came into the County by rail, bus and private car. Sunday’s heavy rains ruined skating and kept a majority of the visitors indoors during the entire stay. Hotelmen reported there had not been a comparable mid-winter week-end crowd during the recovery period.

Rain Damages Roads

Supervisors who visited the Courthouse Tuesday reported damage to town and county roads from mud-slides and washouts as a result of the heavy rains over the week-end was almost as extensive as the usual spring damage.

Hurleyville School Notes

On Tuesday evening, the Jeffersonville basketball team met our varsity to play a very interesting and very close game. At the end of the first half, Hurleyville was in a five point lead and still were in that position at the close of the third quarter. The final quarter saw some well-directed long distance shots on the Jeffersonville team and with the aid of a few free throws, tied the score at 14-all. The game ended in a draw, so an overtime period was played. In this last heat, the Jeffersonians won the game by three points. Fine playing and good sportsmanship was displayed by both teams.

County Seat’s Checker Team is Victorious

The checker players of the County Seat are jubilant over the twenty-one point victory last Tuesday night by a ten man team of Monticello players over the best players of White Lake. Captained by Foster Little, the Monticello team piled up a total of seventy-six points to White Lake’s fifty-five after a session of several hours at Steve Harris’ roadstand in White Lake.

RAILS TO TRAILS CONSERVANCY FEATURES LOCAL BUSINESS

Fortress Bikes Subject of Magazine Article

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – Fortress Bikes, one of Hurleyville’s newest business ventures, has caught the eye of the Rails to Trails Conservancy. The business and its owner, Hal Simon, were featured in a January article in “Rails to Trails” magazine and on the organization’s website: railstotrails.org.

The article was written by Laura Stark, a lead writer and editor for Rails to Trails magazine, “responsible for highlighting trails and the people working hard to support them across America.”

“Nestled in the mountains of Upstate New York, Hurleyville was one of several rural hamlets along what was nicknamed the “Milk Train” that, beginning in the late 19th century, ferried dairy products (as well as coal and passengers) on a route stretching from the New York metropolitan area to Oswego on the Lake Ontario shoreline,” Ms. Stark writes. “Today, this former corridor of the New York, Ontario & Western Railway—the centerpiece of life here for decades until its demise in the 1950s—has been transformed into the O&W Rail Trail, a project spearheaded by Sullivan County and heartily supported by local municipalities and organizations.”

Mr. Simon is quoted



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The entrance to Fortress Bikes on Main Street in Hurleyville.



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An interior photo of Fortress Bikes as it appeared in the Rails to Trails Conservancy article.

throughout the article, and spoke about the Milk Train Trail in particularly glowing terms.

“It’s seven miles of beautiful, flat pavement,” he said. “You’ll see bodies of water, farmland and forest. And the colors are gorgeous in the fall—you have foliage, history and wildlife.”

In fact, Mr. Simon has said the idea for opening the bike business came to him while he was on the Milk Train Trail one day.

“I love that Rail Trails have been converted from old unused train tracks to

provide opportunities for people to get out in nature,” he told the magazine. “It’s a great thing for the communities they run through, bringing in tourism and commerce. I especially love what our little section of the O&W Rail Trail does. It re-connects towns and people the way the railroad did originally.”

Mr. Simon told the magazine the business, which opened last summer, enjoyed “a tremendous first season.”

Fortress Bikes, located on Main Street in front of PartyMaster, is open all year-around, and in addition to bicycles, the business also rents snowshoes.

The Rails to Trails conservancy is a non-profit based in Washington, DC, whose mission is to build a nation connected by trails. The organization’s mission statement further reads, “we reimagine public spaces to create safe ways for everyone to walk, bike and be active outdoors.”



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LIBERTY – Sullivan Renaissance is recruiting interns for the 2022 season! In partnership with The Center for Workforce Development, Sullivan Renaissance will hire several young adults (ages 16-20) to work alongside volunteers to help communities, organizations, churches and schools turn their ideas into a reality. Interns also participate in a series of meetings and a “Day of Service” project. Salaries are competitive, presenting a great opportunity for a paid summer job where you can also dig in and learn new skills. Join neighbors and businesses to brighten the community while building experience that can be used to enhance your resume and your neighborhood.

“My internship with Sullivan Renaissance was nothing short of amazing,” shared Liza Mitchell, Town of Thompson 2021 Intern. “Prior to my internship, I was unaware of all of the amazing things that Sullivan Renaissance did. I thought it was just an organization of people who liked to garden. However, now I know of the countless community volunteers and



stakeholders who are involved in much more than just gardening and care of public spaces. I enjoyed every minute of my time with The Gerry Foundation and am forever grateful for this opportunity.”

Internship Applications are available online at SullivanRenaissance.org. They may be completed electronically or mailed to: Sullivan Renaissance, c/o The Gerry Foundation, PO Box 311, Liberty, NY 12754. **The deadline for applying is March 1, 2022.**

Grants for beautification, healthy communities, community development, business assistance and neighborhood revitalization are available. Information about all grant categories, applications and contact information can be found at SullivanRenaissance.org or by calling 845-295-2445.

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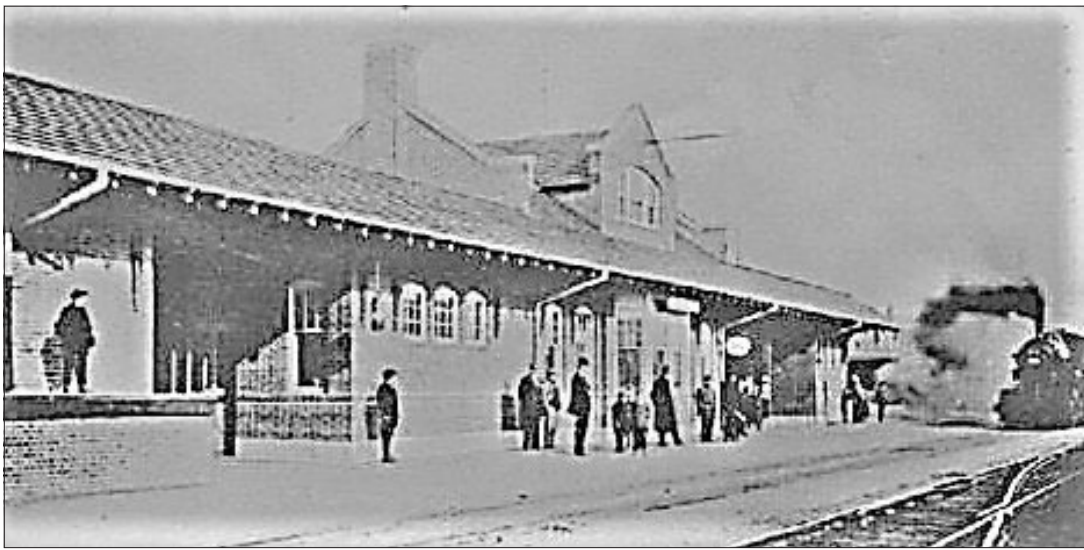
An Original Short Story by Jack Robbin

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 the hotel entertains a few hundred New York City cops. Bronco has discovered that the room of wealthy socialite Louise Corning has been broken into, and that her son, Edwin, helped another boy, Jeremy Cruckhorn, steal some valuable jewelry. When we last left him, Bronco was with Edwin as he told his story to Sgt. Tom Mangan of the NY State Police...

I took Edwin Corning by the arm and led him over to where Troopers Tom Mangan and Bill Elliott were standing. Edwin was still sobbing softly after the encounter with his mother, during which he had confessed to helping, although he claimed inadvertently, Jeremy Cruckhorn make off with Mrs. Corning's jewelry. "Son, I'm sure Constable Kelly has told you that you are in a lot of trouble," Mangan said as we approached. "All you can do now is to

help yourself by helping us." "I never meant for any of this to happen," Edwin said, shaking his head. He told Mangan and Elliott essentially the same story he had told his mother just moments before, and added that he was ready to take whatever punishment was coming his way as the result of his actions. "And you have no idea where Jeremy Cruckhorn might have gone after he took the jewelry?" Managan asked. "None," Edwin answered. "What did you two talk about when you were together?" I asked him. "Besides the jewelry, that is." "Nothing really. Jeremy is really hung up on this girl he had met at camp last summer, and he talks a lot about trying to impress her. I kept telling him it's a lost cause. She is from a different world. That's about all we discussed." "Maybe he was trying to impress her by showing her your mother's jewelry?" I suggested. "Or the money he might get from fencing them?" "Where is this girl from?"

Mangan asked. Edwin explained that the girl was from Kingston, and she was from a wealthy family and had spent time at the girls' camp across the lake from where he and Jeremy had been last summer. Jeremy had repeatedly snuck off to visit her, but Edwin's impression was that although she was somewhat taken with the idea of the bad boy image Jeremy liked to project, she was much too sophisticated and well-to-do to ever really associate with him outside of the camp. Mangan and I looked at each other, and I was sure we were thinking the exact same thing. Could Jeremy Cruckhorn have taken the jewels in an attempt to impress this girl? And if so, could he possibly be on his way to see her now? "Are you thinking what I'm thinking?" Mangan spoke first. "The train station, you think?" I asked in reply. We decided to chance it. Mangan sent Elliott to find Jeremy's parents, while he and I headed for his car, Edwin in tow. The youngster would be needed, Mangan



Mangan, Bronco and Edwin arrived at the Luzon Station just as the train from Middletown was approaching.

reasoned, to point Jeremy out if we did come across him. I told Mangan there was a morning train coming in from Middletown in a few minutes, but the train east—the one Jeremy would likely be trying to board—wasn't due for another hour. Mangan got the car started and we headed for the Luzon Station, just a few minutes away. We arrived at the station just as the Middletown train was approaching, and we saw a small group of people gathering on the apron waiting for it to come to a stop.

We asked Edwin if he saw Jeremy anywhere, but he said he did not. Mangan parked the car, and the three of us got out and headed for the station. Although I was in plain clothes, Mangan's uniform was sure to give us away if Jeremy was paying attention, so he walked behind me, holding onto Edwin the entire time. Although the two of them nearly disappeared behind my considerable girth, it didn't matter. We were still fifty feet or so from the station when a young man darted out the door and headed toward town. "That's him!" Edwin said loudly. "That's Jeremy."

I reacted quickly, and my long strides made up the distance between us in a matter of seconds. Jeremy was across the street and headed toward Prince Brothers store as I approached the intersection, and I saw him disappear behind the building. There wasn't much traffic

on the street that time of morning, so I was able to get across without stopping, and cleared the corner of the building just a few seconds behind him. He was nowhere to be seen. I slowed up, and began to look through the sheds behind the store. I was peering into the second one, which was filled with sacks of feed, when I caught a movement out of the corner of my eye. Instinctively, I raised my right arm up, just in time to intercept a crashing blow from a piece of lumber, which splintered in half as a result of the collision with my forearm. The boy on the other end of the lumber let out an expletive and swung the shorter piece that remained in his hands back to take another swipe at me. I was able to dodge the second swing, and used the fact that it left him off balance to grab hold of his shirt, yanking him forward toward me, and tripping him with my leg. He fell heavily to

the ground. "Hello, Jeremy," I said calmly. "How about you be smart and stay down?" I put my foot on his back just to make sure. He attempted to rise, but found it impossible. He slumped back to the ground, and then Mangan appeared with his handcuffs already out. Together, we lifted Jeremy to his feet and Mangan patted him down. There was a brown paper sack stuffed inside his shirt that contained a few pieces of Mrs. Corning's jewelry. Mangan handed the bag to me, and roughly clamped the cuffs on the boy's wrists. Mangan put Jeremy in the back seat of his car and we drove back to the hotel, where his parents were informed about his arrest. The boy's father looked for a split second as if he was going to take a swing at somebody—I couldn't tell if Mangan or Jeremy was the contemplated target—but I

took a step toward him and he seemed to think better of it. Next, Mangan and Elliott and I went to speak with Mrs. Corning, and after she had identified the jewelry as the pieces that had been taken from her room, Mangan told her he would have to hold onto it until it could all be cataloged and photographed. He wasn't sure how to handle Edwin, he said, but he would leave that up to the District Attorney. While Mangan and Elliott were talking with Mrs. Corning, I eased myself out of the room and slipped upstairs to find Irene. After all, we still had a piece of the weekend left, and I felt as if I had earned a little rest and relaxation. **That concludes The Columbia Cop Caper, but Bronco Kelly is sure to get involved in further adventures, so watch for them in future editions of The Hurleyville Sentinel.**

The Art of Being

by Deborah Chandler, Ph.D.

TIME AND THE VALLEY HOSTS PROGRAM ON TANNING

The Palens: A Sullivan County Tanning Dynasty

Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamville has announced that it will host a program by David S. Rotenstein, PhD on Sunday, February 27 at 2 p.m. The presentation will be both live and via ZOOM.

This presentation explores the Palen family's story and its contributions to Sullivan County history. Between the end of the 18th century and the turn of the twentieth century, several dozen Palens and their extended kin owned, built, and operated leather tanneries in New



Time and The Valleys Museum in Grahamville.

and sawmill. Over the next generation, Rufus and his family built and bought additional Sullivan County tanneries, including ones at Neversink and Rockland. This complicated family tale that is punctuated by great wealth and remarkable tragedy has its roots in Sullivan County. The program is free to Museum members and costs \$5 for non-members.

York and Pennsylvania. In 1832, Rufus Palen bought land along the Neversink River in Fallsburgh and began building a tannery

TANGO CAFÉ TO HOST OPEN MICS



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HURLEYVILLE—The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre has announced that its affiliated venue, the Tango Café located at 221 Main Street, will be hosting Open Mic and other events beginning in March. "We are excited to announce that The Tango Cafe will launch fun and exciting monthly programs including First Monday Open Mics, and Second Sunday Drag Brunches, beginning in March," an HPAC press release reported. "Details coming soon!" The release also noted

that although the cinema is currently closed, residents and visitors can still enjoy winter in Hurleyville, as there is plenty to do. "Come to town, rent snowshoes from Fortress Bikes, snowshoe on the Rail Trail, warm up with a bite or a coffee from one of the local restaurants in town, Pickled Owl, Casa Mia, La Salumina, or the Hurleyville General Store, and then: rent the HPAC Cinema, visit the Thrift Shop, take a class in Ballroom, Tai Chi, kids dance or Yoga," the release advises. "It's all happening at HPAC."

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FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Amanda Letohic

It's February and love is in the air... because it's Library Lover's Month! Take advantage of all the things your library has to offer; in person or virtually! Hop on to our website to see all the e-content offerings we have including Rosetta Stone, Kanopy, and Overdrive. If you're virtually burnt out, feel free to come in and browse our titles in person or pick up a craft kit for the month to take home. This month we have some amazing Take & Make Crafts for you! For the kids, we will have Shrinky Film kits. Bring the fun of shrink film keychains or pins into 2022! We will provide the film, accessories to make keychains and pins, and some fun images to trace too. For the adults this month, we will be making Terrarium magnets. Add a fun, little, easy to care for, terrarium to your fridge for a cute new decoration. All materials, including a small succulent, will be provided. These kits (available beginning February 7) are very limited and will go quick so be sure to call, Facebook message, or email aletohic@rcls.org to reserve yours! We are still open for in person use. A face covering is required over mouth and nose for anyone over the age of 2 – regardless of vaccination status - for your entire visit to the library. If you'd prefer, we are still also offering curbside service! Be sure to stay up to date with closings and any changes via our website - www.fallsburglibrary.com – or through our Facebook Page. As always we thank you all so much for the support and understanding as we continue to figure our way through this trying time. We couldn't do what we do without you!

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LADY GENERALS DROP ONE AFTER 38 STRAIGHT WINS

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE – The Lady Generals of SUNY Sullivan reeled off 14 straight wins to start the 2021-22 season under new head coach Ben Newberg, increasing their win streak to 38 games total, but dropped a close one to host Monroe College at the MLK Classic in New Rochelle on January 16 for the first blemish on the season's slate.

Sullivan lost little time in starting another streak,

however, slamming home-standing Raritan Valley Community College 63-48 in North Branch, New Jersey on January 20. Then the Lady Generals eked one out in Newark, NJ, besting Essex County 79-77 to improve to 16-1 on the year.

The Lady Generals had started the month of January off with an overtime 78-71 road win over Herkimer County Community College. The win improved Sullivan's record to 13-0. The trip to New Rochelle

followed on January 15 and 16, and the Lady Generals opened the MLK Classic with a convincing 68-41 victory over Monroe College-Bronx, which had come into the game as the number four ranked women's team in Division III. The Lady Generals, of course, are in their second year as a Division II school.

Sullivan's 6'2" freshman center Deivejon Harris recorded a double-double in the win, scoring a game-high 24 points while cor-

ralling 17 rebounds. Freshman guard Kelsey Morgans contributed 11 points and four assists, while forward Barbara Bruno, another frosh, added eight points and seven assists.

The contest against the Division I Mustangs of Monroe College came next, and after staying close for most of the first half, Sullivan was unable to keep pace in the third quarter, and Monroe pulled ahead 51-40 entering the final stanza. A late rally by the

Lady Generals—they outscored the Mustangs 18-12 in the final quarter—fell short, with Monroe holding on for the five-point win.

Interestingly, Sullivan's previous loss—way back in November of 2019—also came to a Division I school, Harcum College.

Against Raritan Valley, the Lady Generals started out slowly, and trailed at halftime 30-23. They erupted in the third quarter, however, while holding the Lions to just 16 second-half points. Harris com-

piled another double-double in the game, scoring 27 points and pulling down 24 rebounds. Anisa Perry contributed 12 points.

Through the first half of the season, Harris leads this year's squad in both scoring and rebounding, with averages of 16.5 points and 13.3 rebounds per contest.

The Lady Generals are next in action at home against Orange County Community College on Tuesday, February 8. Game time is 5 p.m.



SUNY Sullivan freshman center Deivejon Harris

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FCSD Honors Scholar Athletes



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Scholar Athletes from the girls' varsity volleyball team are (left to right) Ashley Ingrassia, Maya Ballard, Jordyn Wall-Carty, Sierra Kaplan, and Coach Amy Johnson

FALLSBURG – At the Board of Education meeting on January 12, Fallsburg Central School District Superintendent Ivan Katz introduced members from three fall sports teams as recipients of special honors from New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA).

Team awards went to girls' varsity volleyball, boys' cross country, and girls' cross country. Also honored was Oldelms Pavon Garcia as the girls' tennis Division Champion.

Honorees that were present at the BOE meeting were

four volleyball players: Ashley Ingrassia, Maya Ballard, Jordyn Wall-Carty, and Sierra Kaplan with their coach Amy Johnson. Tennis coach Janet Carey accompanied Ms. Garcia as she received the commemorative patch for her victory on the tennis courts. The boys' cross country team Individual Scholar Athletes were Josie Galeas and Adam Mednick; girls' cross country recipients were Ceci Mancia, Angelina Levner, Arianna Gonzalez, and Isabelle Batis-ta. Danielle Halikias, cross country teams coach, was present to support the team.

FIFTY YEARS AGO...

Fallsburg Comets Finish Spectacular Year

by John Conway

FALLSBURG – The month of February in 1972—50 years ago this month—proved to be much like the previous two months for the boys' varsity basketball team at Fallsburg High School. With one big exception.

The Comets entered the month with an 11-0 record, and on February 2 entertained the Ellenville Blue Devils in a non-league encounter. Previously, both schools had competed in the DUSO Village League along with Monticello, Liberty, and Port Jervis, but with the demise of that conference, Ellenville had joined the Ulster County Athletic league and Fallsburg played an independent schedule in 1972.

The Comets cruised to their 12th straight win, crushing Ellenville by a 94-52 score. After racing out to leads of 11-5 after one period and 37-15 at halftime, Fallsburg scored 30 points in the third quarter of the game to remove any doubt before outscoring the Devils 27-16 in the final quarter despite playing mostly second- and third-stringers.

Stanley Gilmore led the Comets with 18 points, while five of his teammates also reached double figures. Ellenville fell to 8-4 with the loss.

A week later, Fallsburg swamped Florida of the Orange County League, 78-48,

with Gilmore scoring 12 of his 13 points in the first quarter. He sat out much of the rest of the game.

Then came a February 15 contest in Callicoon against Delaware Valley High School of the Western Sullivan League, a team the Comets had cruised past in December by a 75-36 score. The Eagles had lost four of their first six games that season, before reeling off a nine game winning streak, and entered the contest with an 11-4 record.

“Fallsburg, ranked 13 in the state among small high schools, opened a 10-2 first period lead and was up 41-37 at intermission,” the Times Herald-Record newspaper reported the next day. But the Eagles came storming back, taking the lead by four points in the third quarter, but still trailed 59-57 entering the fourth. They then outscored the Comets 16-12 in the final quarter, to capture an improbable 73-71 victory.

It would be the only blemish on Fallsburg's slate that season.

The Comets closed out their schedule with a fairly routine 67-61 win over another former DUSO rival, Monticello, although the Monties did outscore Fallsburg 20-14 in the final stanza to make the game close after two of Fallsburg's starters fouled out. Chris Cummings led Monticello (5-8) with 25 points.

Fallsburg finished its 1971-72 season with a 16-1 slate, and ranked 13th in the state.

GENERALS RANKED SEVENTH IN NATION

Men Stand at 15-3 on the Year

by John Conway

LOCH SHELDRAKE – The SUNY Sullivan men's basketball team continues to climb in the national rankings, moving from ninth in the country among Division II junior colleges to seventh by the end of January.

The Generals stand 15-3 on the season, and have now won four games in a row.

The latest Sullivan win came on January 27 in Newark, New Jersey, when they dominated Essex County Community College by a 101-81 score. Kareem Welch paced the Generals with 28 points, while Sam



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Kareem Welch leads the Generals in scoring on the year.

DeSouza pumped in 25.

That victory came on the heels of a 99-54 win over Dutchess County Community College two nights earlier at Paul Gerry Fieldhouse. The Generals were led by Sam DeSouza in

that contest, as he scored a game high 22 points. Kareem Welch chipped in with 21 points, and Jay Alvarez contributed 16 and Jalen Reneau 12.

Kareem Welch is the Generals' leading scorer on the year thus far, averaging just over 21 ppg.

Sullivan was scheduled to play Westchester County Community College in Valhalla, NY on Thursday night, February 3, just as the Sentinel was going to press. The Generals had bested the Vikings in November at Paul Gerry fieldhouse by a 92-64 score. On Tuesday, February 8, Sullivan hosts arch-rival Orange, and will be looking to avenge an 87-79 upset loss to the Colts in Middletown in November. Two days later, the Generals are in Suffern to take on Rockland County, a team they handled at home in December by 88-62-.

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If you are interested in applying for this position, please send a letter of interest and resume to:

Fallsburg Central School District
Sarah Satz, School District Clerk
115 Brickman Rd
PO Box 124
Fallsburg NY 12733

Letters of interest and resumes must be submitted by February 11, 2022; interviews will be conducted at a special meeting of the Board of Education on February 24, 2022. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Satz at the District Office. (845) 434-6800 x 1215.

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!

February Questions:

- Only one person has ever won a gold medal in both the Winter and Summer Olympics. Who was it?
- In what year(s) did the USA win a gold medal in men's hockey at the Winter Olympics?
- What year(s) did Lake Placid, NY play host to the Winter Olympics?
- Who was the youngest person ever to win an individual gold medal in the Winter Olympics?
- What Winter Olympic sport is made up of skiing and target shooting?

Last month's answers:

- What year was the very first Rose Bowl game played? (1902)
- Which NHL team has played the most Winter Classic games? (**Chicago Blackhawks – 4 games**)
- The 1992 AFC Wild Card game on January 3, 1993, featured the biggest comeback in NFL playoff history. What two teams were involved? (**Bills, Oilers**)
- What Year did Yankee Stadium host two NHL Games? (**2014**)
- Which NFL teams have won the most combined league championships and Super Bowls? (**Green Bay Packers**)

There was no winner last month.