

THE MEWS AS MUSE

Chosen Entrepreneur Will Reap Benefits

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – The winner of an entrepreneurial challenge set up by the owner of the Main Street Mews stands to benefit greatly from an innovative challenge conceived by building owner Jeffrey T. Stevenson.

The challenge, which runs until March 15, invites prospective business owners to submit their business proposals to Mr. Stevenson's agent Charles Brodsky, with a chance to receive a number of incentives, including free rent in one of the Main Street Mews storefronts for up to a year.

In addition to the free rent, the winner of the contest can receive a new business loan of up to \$50,000 and mentorship for their new venture.

It was all Mr. Stevenson's idea.

He financed the building of the Main Street Mews after having a cup of coffee at the Hurleyville General Store with Patrick H. Dollard, the C.E.O. of The Center for Discovery.

"Patrick outlined his vision for Hurleyville, and I wanted to be part of that," Mr. Stevenson said recently. "That cup of coffee is what launched the building next door."

Once the building—which comprises four storefronts on the ground floor and eight luxury apartments on the two upper stories—was completed, the residential spaces rented fairly quickly.

"The retail spaces were more of a challenge to rent," Mr. Stevenson related. "In thinking about how to accomplish that, the idea for the competition just came to me one day while I was driv-



ing. It was just one of those spontaneous things. I don't really know what the spark was."

Mr. Stevenson, who has a real estate background and is the Managing Partner of VSS in Manhattan, a private investment firm that invests in the information, business services, healthcare and education industries, decided to create a challenge around the best idea for filling the storefronts in the building in hopes of inspiring entrepreneurs with sound business ideas but without the necessary start-up financing.

"I thought it would be productive to incentivize it with capital," he says, and apparently the challenge is proving effective, as there have already been a number of entrants. Those hoping to have a chance at capturing

the prize have until March 15 to get their business plans emailed to Mr. Brodsky at ctbrodsky@yahoo.com.

The winner of the challenge is expected to be announced on Saturday, April 2.

The first commercial tenant to occupy space in the building is Morgan Outdoors, which is moving in this month and plans to open in April.

Lisa Lyons, the store's owner, had become a fixture at 46 Main Street in Livingston Manor over the 17 years she was in business there. She sold that store this winter and rented the space in the Mews with the intention to open there in the spring.

Watch the April edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel for a complete story on the Morgan Outdoors relocation.

ROLLING V ADDRESSES BUS DRIVER SHORTAGE

Meeting Driver Shortage Head-On

SOUTH FALLSBURG – Rolling V Bus Corporation has announced a multi-step plan to proactively address the urgent need for CDL drivers in Sullivan County and beyond.

"Rolling V has always been, and continues to be, problem-solvers," said Executive Vice President Nicholas Vallone, who also serves as President of the New York School Bus Contractors Association (NYSBCA). "It hasn't been the easiest time with the driver shortage we're facing. But we're focused on solutions rather than problems, and we're confident we're going to get through this and continue to reliably serve students and families here in New York State."

At the local level, Rolling V has implemented several

initiatives to help alleviate the CDL driver shortage, including re-vitalizing its CDL training program available to current and prospective employees. Those looking to obtain their CDL must be fingerprinted, receive a CDL physical, and undergo pre-employment drug screening. Rolling V has partnered with fingerprinting and medical outfits to make these services available in-house and to the public. Previously, anyone looking to obtain their CDL would likely have to travel to Orange County for these services.

"We are focused on bringing these services right here to Sullivan County, not only to serve our current staff's needs, but also to offer them to local residents as well," said Val-

lone.

At the state level, in his role of NYSBCA president, Vallone led the charge on New York's adoption of 3rd party CDL testing. In January, New York Governor Kathy Hochul announced the state is considering a plan that, if passed, would allow private entities like Rolling V to administer CDL road tests. Vallone brought together CDL stakeholders from across the state, which ultimately resulted in his testimony to the Joint Legislative Budget Hearing on Education. As a result, Rolling V is pro-actively identifying partners to implement the third-party testing option in Sullivan County.

"Rolling V is proactively in discussions with other community stakeholders to pre-

pare for this potential new regulation," Vallone said. "It is our top priority, as it always has been, to continue fulfilling the transportation needs of our community."

As it stands right now, the Department of Motor Vehicles is evaluating public input they have gathered over the past month and developing a potential implementation plan for third-party CDL testing.

Rolling V is a family-owned and managed full-service transportation company based in South Fallsburg. It is known for exceptional school-bus services, and also provides regional charter coach services. Rolling V has provided safe and dependable transportation for more than 50 years. Learn more at RollingV.com.

NEW CONGRESSMAN-TO-BE VISITS HURLEYVILLE

Redistricting Brings Change

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – The area's new U.S. Representative-to-be, Congressman Mondaire Jones, visited Hurleyville last week, and his stops included the office of The Hurleyville Sentinel.

If re-elected in November, Mr. Jones will succeed a fellow Democrat, Congressman Antonio Delgado, in representing the area following the redistricting done as a result of the 2020 Census. Sullivan County will now be part of the 17th Congressional District instead of the 19th. The current 17th District encompasses all of Rockland County and parts of central and northern Westchester County, but that will change, with parts of Westchester coming off and chunks of Orange and Sullivan being tacked on.

The 19th District as currently represented by Mr. Delgado comprises 11 counties, including all of Sullivan and neighboring Ulster County. Mr. Delgado's new district will lose all of Sullivan and part of Ulster in favor of additional territory to the north, and will be more than 160 miles wide at one point.



Congressman Jones, 34, was raised in Spring Valley by a single mother, and attended East Ramapo schools. He then graduated Stanford University. He worked for a time in the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Legal Policy, where he vetted candidates for federal judgeships and worked to reform the criminal legal system "to make it more fair and equitable." He later graduated from Harvard Law School.

Prior to running for Congress, Mr. Jones worked as a litigator in private practice, and was recognized by The Legal Aid Society of New York for his pro bono service investigating claims of em-

ployment discrimination and helping families defrauded during the Great Recession recover funds. Subsequently, he served as a litigator in the Westchester County Law Department.

He was first elected to Congress in 2020, defeating Republican Maureen McArdle Schulman by more than 24 percentage points in the race to succeed longtime representative Nita Lowey, a Democrat who retired after 32 years in the House.

Congressman Jones' stop at The Sentinel office was just a small part of his swing through Sullivan County, as local Democrats escorted him

to many stops from one end of the County to the other. His many meet-and-greets included leadership from The Center for Discovery, which is what brought him to Hurleyville.

Although his visit was brief, he promised to become a frequent visitor to the area, even though his new district will be quite large in a geographic sense, ranging from White Plains in Westchester County westward through Nanuet and Spring Valley in Rockland County, then northwesterly through nine towns and one city in Orange County and all of Sullivan County. The Orange County section of the district runs from Tuxedo and Monroe in the east to the city of Port Jervis and the town of Deepark in the west.

The new map of New York congressional districts was drawn by Democratic state lawmakers despite vocal opposition from their Republican counterparts. By law, congressional districts are redrawn after each census. New York state lost one of its seats in Congress as the result of a loss in population and will have 26 instead of 27 seats beginning in 2023.

DEVELOPING A SYNERGY

Fiber On Main Refurbishes Vintage Sewing Machine

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE—There is a real synergy developing between Main Street establishments in Hurleyville these days.

A good example is the recent interaction between Fiber On Main, which shares the building at 227 Main Street with The Hurleyville Sentinel, and the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum at 265 Main Street.

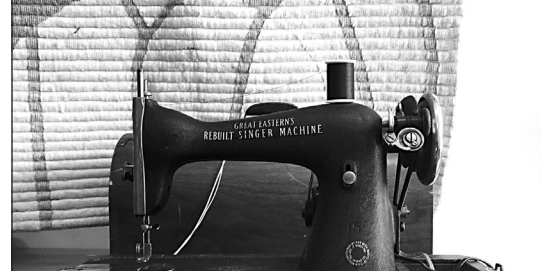
It started last summer when, as outlined in a story in the September edition of The Sentinel, the Museum hosted a small group of ghost hunters headed up by John Simon, who splits his time between working at Fiber On Main and writing a weather column for the paper. And now Mr. Simon and Rachel Carrigan, who manages the fiber store, have returned the favor by refurb-

ishing a vintage Singer Sewing Machine that had been on display at the Museum and had seen better days.

"This is just the first one we are going to do," Mr. Simon said after completing the project. "The Historical Society has others we hope to be able to get working, too."

The portable Singer machine Mr. Simon worked on, which he discovered was originally manufactured in January of 1910, had previously been refurbished decades ago by a Singer-affiliated service center, but it was in serious need of some TLC, lubrication, and a few new parts, all of which were addressed.

"It now works just like it did when it was new," Mr. Simon said.



PHOTOS BY JOHN CONWAY John (left) and Rachel refurbished the old Singer Sewing Machine belonging to the Sullivan County Historical Society.

The sewing machine was originally manufactured in 1910 and previously refurbished by an authorized Singer service center.

IN MEMORIAM

Former Hurleyville resident Robert "Bob" McCarthy passed away on February 20, 2022. He was 81.

Mr. McCarthy was the son of Mac and Millie McCarthy. He graduated from Fallsburg High School and Penn State University, after which he joined the McCarthy family business, Catskill Amusements here in Hurleyville.

He later founded his own businesses in Unadilla, NY, McCarthy Enterprises and

McCarthy Services.

An avid golfer, Mr. McCarthy invented a new style putter from a block of aluminum, and the innovative club was successfully launched at a P.G.A. show in Orlando, FL. He also wrote a book on golf, entitled, "The Physics of Putting."

Mr. McCarthy also served as Supervisor for the Town of Sydney, NY.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Beverly McCarthy, his son, Michael McCarthy

and his wife Sue, brother Vic McCarthy and his wife Ginger, sisters Kathleen Markham and Nancy McCarthy, Beverly's children, Eric (Marcia) Wilson, Craig (Brenda) Wilson, Amy (Dr. Mike) Farrell, and Heather (Dan) Coleman; as well as 12 cousins, several nieces and nephews, and Beverly's 31 grandchildren.

On March 5, family and friends are invited to calling hours at the First Baptist Church of River Street in Sidney between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The memorial service

at 1 p.m. will be followed by a luncheon for everyone.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Bob's name may be sent to the Sidney EMS, which was of great importance to him, or to the First Baptist Church, River St, Sidney, NY.

Condolences may be shared with family at bev@beverlymccarthy.com.

The staff of The Hurleyville Sentinel extends its condolences to our neighbors Vic and Ginger, and all the McCarthy family in Hurleyville and beyond.

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



HURLEYVILLE -SULLIVAN FIRST

Hurleyville-Sullivan First has applied for a Sullivan Renaissance Beautification Grant again this year. The grant will be used to continue the repair and maintenance of completed projects:

- the signs and stone planters at the entrances to Hurleyville
- the stone planter at the Hurleyville Firehouse
- the historical kiosk at the Hurleyville Firemen's Park
- the Little Free Library at the Hurleyville Firemen's Park

And, of course, annuals and perennials will be added to the stone planters and to the barrels on Main Street.

Everyone is welcome to come out and help the members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First plant the planters and barrels. The first planting day is Saturday, June 4. The group will meet at 9 a.m. at the Hurleyville Firemen's Park.

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

HURLEYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday services at the church begin at 9 a.m. Children of all ages are invited to attend Sunday school at the church during services.

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

The Bible study group meets in the sanctuary at the church every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the church will be open on Thursday, March 17 and on Thursday, March 24 from 3 until 5 p.m.

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

"Messy Church" began again in February. Children attending this monthly event enjoy arts & crafts, games, music, singing and other activities that teach the Bible in a fun way. Children taking part in the fun must be accompanied by an adult. The next "Messy Church" will be on Saturday, March 26 at 5 p.m. The theme in March will be **HEROES OF THE BIBLE**.

Youngsters can also sign up for the children's choir at the church. Please call Cookie...845-428-5871... or Jena...845-866-0499...for more information.

Youth Group meetings and the women's group meetings are still cancelled for now.

Please call Katrina at 845-436-7942 for more information on the church. You



PHOTO PROVIDED

Youngsters enjoyed pizza and cookies after painting the snow when "Messy Church" began in February.

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 escalating 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 extremely interesting exhibits at the museum include the Sullivan County Time Line Room, the Country Store, the Frederick A. Cook Room, the Lawrence Cooke Room and the Stephen Crane Civil War Gallery.

Volunteers are available to help visitors explore the historical and genealogical resources at the Historical Society's archives at the museum. The archives are open on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment.

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.

COLUMBIA HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE (CHNA)

*Written jointly
with Roger Betters*

The new DEIS (Draft Environmental Impact Statement) for Gan Eden Estates was the subject of the work session held by the Town of Thompson Planning Board on February 16, 2022.

Three Planning Board members, other Town of Thompson officials and attorney Paula Kay were present along with town consul-

stants representing Delaware Engineering and McGoe, Hauser and Edsall. They reviewed the voluminous documents comprising the DEIS. The purpose of the work session review between the developer and the town was to determine if the statement and documents therein were complete, were accurate and met the requirements of the scoping document generated in 2020. The statement must thoroughly and accurately address environmental elements and concerns. The town is still waiting to hear back from their traffic and hydro geologic consultants as well. A technical review memo will be forwarded to the developer shortly to address the shortcomings in the DEIS.

Those present at the work session indicated that the DEIS is incomplete in its current form. Concerns with the DEIS submitted by Gan Eden Estates in January 2022 include:

- questionable calculation for water supply and demand
- questionable design and calculation for wastewater treatment plant
- environmental impact of wastewater discharge
- the structural integrity of the on-site dam
- potential impact to wetlands
- support of the habitat of the long-eared bat
- suspect demographic conclusions

Monticello Kiwanis and Aktion Clubs send Valentine greetings to care center residents



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Care Center Activity Director Miranda Page accepted the Valentine cards and chocolate pops from Monticello Kiwanis Public Relations Chairperson Sheila Lashinsky .

MONTICELLO – The Monticello Kiwanis and Sullivan County Aktion Clubs joined together to present Valentine Cards and chocolate rose pops to the residents at the Care Center at Sunset Lake in Liberty to let them know that they are thought of and hopefully make their day a little more special.

The Aktion Club is co-sponsored by Monticello and

- storm water runoff mitigation
- traffic
- community character
- cost community services
- fiscal impact

It's expected that Gan Eden Estates will be on the agenda for the Planning Board's meeting on March 9. The Planning Board and the board's consultants will then determine if the DEIS is complete and in agreement with the scoping document. If the DEIS is declared complete the completed statement along with all exhibits will be available for public review at www.townofthompson.com under the Public Documents/Development Projects tabs. A public hearing will then be scheduled.

There are approvals and permits required before acceptance of the project:

- 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.columbiacountyalliance.org and on Facebook to learn how you can help to protect your environment and your community.

The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

I finally got myself out of my sweats and actually went out to see some live music Friday, February 18. As you all know, I haven't been out since December. Partially, that's weather related but more because it seemed every time I did leave the house...even just to run into a convenience store, I'd run into a mask-less someone and I would be informed within days that they had tested positive. Four times! I'm happy my mask is glued to my face!

Friday was a very special night at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville as it was the kick off date for FAITH KELLY & CASWYN MOON SOUTH-EARN TOUR 2022! I've always enjoyed CASWYN MOON'S music but other than a video, I'd never seen FAITH KELLY live and I was interested in exploring the dynamics of these two power houses together.

Her video of WE DREAM (available on YouTube) was sent to me back in November and I have to say it was quite intriguing. But with most things, seeing her live was so much more. Her vocal style is an interesting blend of a bit Pat Benatar, a bit Joan Jett and a bit Alanis Morissette creating a fresh and provocative sound. Her



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Bobby D and his Dobro.

music is all original and if you listen closely to both the music and the lyrics, you get that emotion projected as still raw but not unappealing.

CASWYN'S music, also all original, has that same raw appeal in a more soulful approach. With both on stage, FAITH'S understated underpinnings on the MOOG synthesizer during his performance served to heighten those depths. I can see how this will become a formidable performance alliance.

Then Sunday, February 20, I was back out at CABERNET FRANK'S in a special afternoon performance of THE JOHNNY JULES BAND and to celebrate the duel birthdays of

their Dobro master BOBBY D. and band friend BILLY who lives in Parksville. As Johnny told the gathering celebrants their first song would be by RAY PRICE, a woman who had just walked in exclaimed "OH I LOVE RAY PRICE!!" and that pretty much set the tone for the afternoon. I hope she wasn't disappointed as their version is a bit more sophisticated. But then I can't see anyone being disappointed by the renditions of this band. JOHNNY JULES (guitar and lead vocals), DAVE D'ARCY (Bass and vocals), BOBBY D. (Dobro), MANGO MIKE (banjo), PAUL STARK (mandolin), and JOHN CORDON (drums) wend their way flawlessly through selec-

tions from their vast repertoire of classics from Dylan, The Grateful Dead, Country and Bluegrass all of which make them one of the most popular groups in the area.

Still, among this celebratory day, many of us were there with heavy hearts as we had just learned Saturday afternoon of the passing of our beloved good friend and musical brother known as 'NICKY REDD'. Nicky was the type of drummer and could lay the foundation beats for any type of music. I don't know where I initially met Nicky but I know our fast-friendship was immediate and before I started writing. He was a character in the best sense. He once grumbled at me that 'RED' was with one 'D' and I told him I would always use two. He grumbled some more, then we laughed. Nicky never let his heart problems stop him. If he was able, he would spend his afternoons at THE HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE practicing alone with his drums. Recently, he had joined WADE and RJ at CABERNET FRANK'S for the football playoffs. He was with JOHNNY JULES for Super Bowl Sunday. And then he was gone.

Until next time...

FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



ZOMBIE FIRES



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Greenpeace Russia team has documented forest fires in the Krasnoyarsk region.

According to the BBC, zombie fires usually happen as the aftermath of wildfires. They're called zombie fires because they seem to come back from the dead, and refuse to die.

Often, after a wildfire has been extinguished on the surface, some of it can still burn below the ground in secret, fueled by peat and methane. Zombie fires are common in Russia.

The Science News for Students website reports that "zombie fires hibernate underground. Blanketed by snow, they smolder through the cold. Fueled by carbon-rich peat and Northwoods soils, most of these hidden fires creep less than 500 meters (1,640 feet) during the

winter. Come spring, the fires reemerge near sites they had charred the season before. Now they turn to burning fresh fuel. And this may happen well before the traditional fire season would have begun."

In Russia, recent zombie fires engulfed more than 170 forests, destroying more than 20,000 square kilometers of woodlands. That exceeded the damage from the "Dixie Fire" in California by ten times!

A 2008 zombie fire in Alaska burned nearly 34,000 acres, amounting to 38 per cent of the annual burned area in the state that year.

Zombie fires can also emit large amounts of carbon dioxide and methane, which contributes to global warming.

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Poetry by Mimi

IRELAND, THEN AND NOW

The days of famine, just memories now
Leaving the homeland, they grieved
A new continent greeted them
Not with arms opened wide
But they remained proud and believed
That they would move forward and make
A future for them and their kin
No matter what it would take!

So, it's time to get ready to say
"Kiss me, I'm Irish" today
Whether County Cork or old New York
You're allowed to have fun
Come what may

While watching an ocean of green
Shamrocks on lapels can be seen
Irish eyes are smiling bright
As the day moves to night
One can see what this day really means

There are meals that most families fix
Like shepherd's pies or fried fish and chips
But there's so much delight
When you know that Mom might
Prepare corned beef and cabbage...delish!

Some might enter a church for a prayer
Or go into a pub for a beer
But no March 17th goes without
Everybody thinking about
Irish soda bread baked with much care

Now the day is truly complete
Even if there's been rain, wind or sleet
It's a wonderful way to end saying "Hooray"
And "Kiss me, I'm Irish" and "Sweet"

- Mimi
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HE MAILED HIMSELF TO FREEDOM

Book Club Learns About the Underground Railroad

MONTICELLO — For many young children, a simple three-hour car ride en route to a family vacation can feel like a constraining, never-ending ordeal. That's why the second-grade students in the Junior Panthers Book Club at the George L. Cooke Elementary School were incredulous to learn that one man spent 27 hours stuffed into a small box in a bid to win his freedom.

The Junior Panthers Book Club is a group of second-grade students who meet weekly after school to read and discuss books. The first book, and the book that the club is currently exploring, is Henry's Freedom Box, a picture book that tells the story of Henry Brown. Henry Brown was an enslaved Black man who hid in a box in 1849 and shipped himself to Philadelphia, thus escaping slavery.

The club, which operates under the umbrella of the district's after-school program as well as the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) program, is an example of how the district is striving to build cultural awareness, and develop social-emotional skills in its students, while also improving read-

ing skills.

Before opening a single page of "Henry's Freedom Box," Shannon Daniel, who works with the MBK program, establishes a sense of camaraderie and autonomy with the students. She asks their input on the name of the club, encourages them to personalize their name tag with artwork that represents their interests and hobbies and leads them in "getting-to-know-you" activities.

"What kind of foods do you all like to eat?" she asks.

The students shout out their answers: burgers, chicken, fries.

One girl holds back, remaining silent.

"What about you? What's your favorite food?" Ms. Daniel presses.

"You probably wouldn't know what they are — the names of my favorite recipes are all in Spanish," the girl responds.

"Well, actually, I do speak Spanish," Ms. Daniel says.

The girls face goes from hesitant to ebullient as she begins excitedly rattling off the names of various dishes in Spanish.

"Students who feel a



PHOTO PROVIDED
Shannon Daniel and the members of the Junior Panther Book Club.

sense of belonging are students who are highly engaged in learning," MCS D Director of Student Equity Tiffany Hall explained. "That's what's at the crux of the concept of "cultural relevance" — it's asking ourselves if all of our students feel as if they are seen and affirmed in the interactions they have, the books they read and the spaces they occupy. We're striving to build

a culture where each and every one of our students feels valued and empowered."

After the students have finished their ice-breakers, Ms. Daniel holds up the book and asks students if they've ever heard of the Underground Railroad, or if they know what a slave is.

"A slave is a person who works but they don't want to," one student offers.

"I think I saw a movie

about the Underground Railroad," another student says. "There was a woman named Ha...Harry?"

"Harriet Tubman," Ms. Daniel affirms. "That's correct. Harriet Tubman helped a lot of slaves escape on the Underground Railroad. Today we're going to start a book about a slave who escaped, but he didn't use the Underground Railroad. He found a different way."

And with that, Ms. Daniel begins to read the story to the group, pausing to clarify vocabulary words or to ask students to imagine and identify what emotions Henry might be feeling as he encounters various challenges and situations. The key takeaways of this particular book for the students is to demonstrate the values of courage and perseverance. The students will continue reading and discussing "Henry's Freedom Box" over a number of weeks before moving on to other books and materials, that highlight themes such as the difference between wants and needs, celebra-

tion of different abilities, self-esteem and relationship building.

Ms. Daniel hopes to develop enthusiasm about reading in the students with the goal of each child reading an additional book of their choice weekly. She also hopes to expand the club into the summer months and collaborate with the local libraries to offer community service learning projects.

"Due to my strong passion for working, educating and connecting with students, I'm very excited to be leading the book club," Ms. Daniel said. "The elementary level is a crucial age for reading fundamentals. I also hold a high regard for the goals and milestones of the MBK program — one of which aligns with the book club: ensuring that all children are able to read by third grade. Finally, it's fulfilling and rewarding to watch the students be so excited to learn about culturally responsive and relevant stories that expand their understanding of the world."

LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORT THE WORK OF VOLUNTEERS

Sullivan Renaissance Merchant Discount Program

LIBERTY — Calling all Sullivan County businesses! Sullivan Renaissance and the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce are inviting you to join the 2022 Merchant Discount Program. This is a unique opportunity to impact and support volunteer driven beautification and community development projects throughout Sullivan County.

The Merchant Discount Program connects local businesses and services to community volunteers who are involved with a 2022 Sullivan Renaissance grant funded project. By making discounted resources and services available to volunteers businesses keep dollars local, increase their exposure, and support community grassroots efforts.

"In 2021, Sullivan Renaissance volunteers spent over \$600,000 on their projects," stated Kathleen Capozzoli, Sullivan Renaissance Fiscal Manager. "This funding was further leveraged with the support of our area businesses."

How it works: You, the business, set the savings amount — typically 10% to 20% or more — then are provided a list of grant participants. Volunteer group leaders are given cards to identify themselves to the businesses, validating that the items being purchased will be used for Renaissance projects. Sullivan Renais-



sance promotes the Merchant Discount Program participants through a directory supplied to all groups, publication in flyers, news releases, through social media, and on the Sullivan Renaissance website www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

Sullivan Renaissance offers grants to community groups for beautification, community development, neighborhood revitalization, and healthy community initiatives. Grant amounts range depending on the program and project. Sullivan Renaissance invites businesses to help these funds go farther; while at the same time, encouraging local spending.

To register for the program, contact Kathleen Capozzoli at Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2452 or kathleen@sullivanrenaissance.org. Businesses need not be Chamber members to participate. Anyone interested in joining the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce can contact them 845-791-4200 or office@catskills.com.



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HURLEYVILLE GENERAL STORE HOSTS BOOK SIGNING

Anniversary Edition of "To The Mountains by Rail" Featured

HURLEYVILLE — Another great program is coming up this month at The Hurleyville General Store.

Store owner Denise Lombardi has scheduled a program featuring the reprinted edition of "To The Mountains by Rail," the classic book about the O&W Railway and the Sullivan County resort industry it helped create.

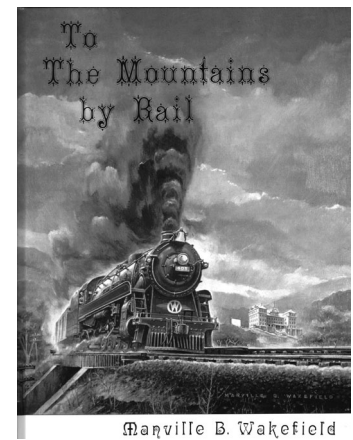
The program will include a discussion of the newly released edition by Myron Gittell, whose Load 'n Go Press published the book, and a presentation on the significance of the book as a local history resource by longtime Sullivan County Historian, John Conway.

The book, which is sold at the store, will be available for purchase and for signing.

Ms. Lombardi says the store will be decorated in a railroad theme in conjunction with the event, and a working vintage train layout will be on display.

The program is scheduled for Saturday, March 26 at 2 p.m.

"Between the fact that this will be an educational experience, a nostalgic journey down memory lane, and a beautiful, artistic display, we're sure everyone will find reasons to 'grab a ticket' and attend,"



Manville B. Wakefield
SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

Ms. Lombardi said.

"To the Mountains by Rail" was originally published in 1970 by then-Sullivan County Historian, Manville B. Wakefield. A second printing was issued in 1973, and a reprint in 1989, but the book had been out of print for decades before Load 'n Go decided to publish it again. Following a nearly ten-year process, which eventually included the O&W Railway Historical Society digitally scanning virtually every photograph in the original volume, the new edition was released in December, 2021.

Those interested in attending the presentation should email Ms. Lombardi at Denise@hurleyvillegeneral.com so she can be sure there are enough books on hand for those wanting to purchase.

The program is free, and everyone is invited, whether or not they plan to buy a book. And for those unable to attend, the book can also be purchased online at <https://hurleyvillegeneral.com>.

The Hurleyville General Store is located at 238 Main Street in Hurleyville.



Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

For a few days after a fresh snowfall, we can trace the lines of animal tracks emerging from the woods and meandering around the grounds surrounding our cottage. In the absence of the animals themselves (far fewer sightings this year, it seems to me, than in seasons past), their prints remind us that we are neighbors to wild things, who are out and about on wintry nights: deer and rabbits; squirrels and feral cats; other prints of unknown provenance. My neighbor calls the tracks "a timestamp of the wildlife activity of the night before," a retrospective gloss on activity we never witness. We know of the animals' presence by these signs of their absence.

The tracks move in unique patterns, not a straight line among them. They zig and zag, circle and swoop, turn back on themselves by some unfathomable logic. Straight lines, it seems, are the province of humans, who impress geometric grids upon the land: square lots connected by lattices of right-angled roads. The animals move in lines that remind me more of the linear stylings of Aboriginal art — animated, not static; unpredictable, not calculated.

Aboriginal artists receive inspiration from their experience of *dreamtime*, that visionary realm where lines of creative power trace across the entirety of continental Australia. The lines are mapped in songs, and are known as *songlines*, or dreaming tracks. The songs aren't composed so much as discovered, dictated by the contours and geographical features of the land itself. The swirling lines I observe in the snow might be the Divine Corners version of Aboriginal songlines. If each individual divot could be transcribed as a note, and those notes played, who knows what music might be heard, what knowledge released into the air?

Much of the activity in our

yard looks like mere territorial wandering, but one corner shows signs of great intent: the convergence of multiple tracks from every direction upon the compost pile. All creatures, great and small, go there. Whatever green and leafy matter — rind, root, or peel — gets added to the pile one day is likely to be gone the next. Left over are some old sprout-riddled spuds; the animals apparently found them as unappealing as we did, and left them to freeze. They remain, rock hard, and will make their contribution to the health of the soil when they thaw.

The snow-tracks remain visible until wind or rain or sun render them illegible, or until the next snowfall comes to fill each indent, topping them all off and stretching taut the blanket of snow again. The eroding snow-prints are like memory traces gradually vanishing under the accumulation of experience. We all leave tracks and traces as we go, some recoverable, some not; writing is one attempt to retrieve and preserve our traces, but time will eventually erase the fragile imprint of tracks on paper. One way or another, the white board of the world is wiped clean and made ready for fresh impressions.

Early one morning I see, through our kitchen window, a flash of brown fur: a rabbit bounding over the grass, across the driveway, disappearing behind the house toward the field beyond. It's the first rabbit I've seen all winter. I was happy to greet it in person. It was one of those sub-zero mornings; the snow on the ground was frozen hard; the rabbit skittered over its surface like a skipping stone on water, leaving no trace.

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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.

The numbers are in for fire calls for 2021. In 2021, Sullivan County responded to 6,407 calls as compared to 5,445 in 2020, structure fires in 2021 were 375 as compared to 300 in 2020, activated alarms in 2021 were 1,487 compared to 1,298 in 2020, and brush fires in 2021, there were 83 as compared to 112 in 2020. In 2021, there were 25 calls for drownings and 31 rescue calls; in 2020, there were 17 drowning calls and 38 rescue calls.

One would guess that because of the pandemic there are more people staying in the county at their summer homes, so the more people, the more calls there will be. (That's my guess as to why the call volume is way up.) For the structure fires, there was no one main cause for the increase. It was across the board for the causes: arson, accidental, unknown, chimney, electrical, extension from a brush fire. etc.

This is the March column, so I need to rant and rave about the "Burn Ban." The Burn Ban dates are March 16 thru May 14. **NO OPEN BURNING.** Looking outside as I type this column, there is almost no snow on the ground, with temperatures in the 50-degree range. Toward the end of the week, we may get some snow. This is what happens every spring: we go from snow to mud and dry conditions. How quick this happens is anyone's guess. But rest assured, the brush fire season will be here soon.

Spring rains can and will help melt the snow. So, when you get on your lawn to take care of spring clean-up **DO NOT BURN** your debris piles. All it takes is a gust of wind in dry conditions when the terrain has not yet greened up, and we have a brush fire. So please: no burning of anything af-



Austin Halchak (left) with a nice crappie and Woodridge Fire Chief Nolan Akerley with a nice bullhead.



Braiden DeGraw of Hurleyville with the winning crappie.



Bob DeGraw of Hurleyville with a nice perch.

ter you clean up your lawn!

The lower part of our county has far less snow than we do, and they already had three brush fires. With these snowless conditions, it could be a long brush fire season.

Unfortunately, today many people do not get a newspaper, or are not on social media, and do not know about the burn ban. Many of the brush fires that I have been at the last few years the homeowner did not know about the burn ban. If you see your neighbor burning, please tell him about the Burn Ban.

The 34th Annual Hurleyville Fire Department-Town of Fallsburg Youth Commission Ice Fishing Contest is now in the books.

of five fish. For all other categories, it was the length of the fish plus the weight for the total points.

Winners in the Fire Department Contest were as follows:

1st place Tappan Fire Department with 5.47 lbs.

2nd place Loch Sheldrake Fire Department with 1.47 lbs.

3rd place Woodridge Fire Department with 1.37 lbs.

In the youth division there were no bullheads brought to the scale.

Panfish

1st place Kayla Carney 12.63 points

2nd place Travis Carney 12.62 points

3rd place Sebastian Towne 11.98 points

Perch

1st place Alana Salonich 12.13 points

2nd place Xzavier Yeneic 11.04 points

3rd place Kaylee Curry 10.18 points

Pickereel

1st place Madiso Laman-tia 2.78 lbs. 21.75 inches 24.53 points

2nd place Alana Salonich 2.44 lbs. 21.25 inches 23.69 points

3rd place Ryleigh Laman-tia 1.94 lbs. 20.00 inches 21.94 points

Adult division

Bullhead

1st place Tom Post 16.12 points

2nd place Samantha Alvarado 15.90 points

3rd place Nolan Akerley 15.87 points

Panfish

1st place Braiden DeGraw 14.79 points

2nd place Josh DeGraw 14.70 points

3rd place Eric Ivan 13.47 points

Perch

1st place Murf 12.45 points

2nd place Cheyenne Torres 12.42 points

3rd place Kevin Janiak 11.72 points

Pickereel

1st place Michael Conklin 2.40 lbs. 20.50 inches 22.90 points

2nd place Lester Milk 1.98 lbs. 19.75 inches 21.73 points

3rd place Ann Curry 1.94 lbs. 19.25 inches 21.19 points

There were many raf-fles to be won at the end of weigh-in. Thanks to Sports Nuts in Rock Hill and the Liberty Trading Post for their donations to the raffle.

See you June 18 for the Morningside Fishing Classic

Be Safe Out There!

Some nice crappies were brought to the scale, and somewhat unusual, but not unheard of, there were a number of big bullheads caught.

For the firemen's contest, it was the total weight

FROM THE FILES OF...

THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

The Only Newspaper Published in the Town of Fallsburgh

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The original Hurleyville Sentinel ceased publication in 1942 and became part of the Bulletin-Sentinel, a weekly newspaper published in Monticello. The following items appeared in that publication:

March 3, 1959

Fallsburg Plans New Town Hall

Fallsburg will have a new Town Hall to relieve overcrowding at the present town office which has been used for 22 years.

Monday night the Town Board approved a proposition which will allow the Fallsburg Parking District to renovate the former O&W railroad station into a town hall.

The proposal includes provisions for the township to lease the building at a cost of \$2,000 annually plus interest. Total cost of the renovation is not to exceed \$40,000.

Fallsburg officials point out that the one room presently used by the township is far too small for the various departments. Everything must be kept in the one room and there is no privacy for those coming to see officials.

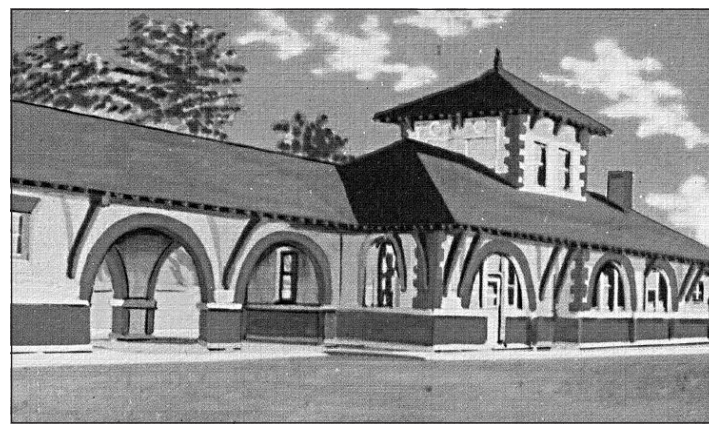
The new building will have supervisor's office, utility office, water department office, room for the town clerk, a 24 by 24-foot courtroom for trials and public meetings and a jury room. Also there will be a room for the police and an assessors' room.

Plans call for advertising for bids next week. Officials hope to receive bids by the end of the month and start of the project this spring.

March 10, 1959

School Addition Work Delayed

The 387-foot addition to the Grahamsville School will not be completed by the



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

The O&W Railway station in South Fallsburg.

September first deadline, it was learned today from W. Eugene Ross, Tri-valley Central School principal.

Reason for the delay was the extremely cold weather this winter, the school head stated. The contracts were awarded October 23 but contractors were unable to do any ground-moving work since. Thus it will be nearly a year before the work can be completed the school head indicated

The new construction will be on the back of the present building which is along Route 55 east of Grahamsville. At the far end of the wing will be 14 elementary classrooms and between the new rooms and the old building will be a new cafeteria and gymnasium.

According to the principal, there is a total enrollment of 618, which is expected to jump to at least 650 next year. The capacity of 825 for the new building is expected to be reached by 1965, the principal noted. There are now 65 pupils in the kindergarten. The faculty has 29 members, including Mr. Ross.

Tri-Valley started out as a consolidated district, with 13 school districts, in 1945. Total number of students was 142. In July, 1946, it became a union free school and in 1960 three district, Bradley, Hasbrouck and Thunder Hill, were taken in.

This was reduced to a total of 15 when Tri-Valley lost the Lackawack District

to Ellenville Central after a court battle. However, Divine Corners was added in 1951, In February, 1957, three Claryville districts were added, and in May, 1957, the state allowed the district to centralize. There now are 22 former districts in the Central School.

March 17, 1959

Corporation Buying Morningside Hotel

Sale of the modernized Morningside Hotel property between Hurleyville and South Fallsburg was disclosed by a deed filed at the county clerk's office last Wednesday.

Earlier that day it had been learned from Mack Weiner, formerly comptroller at Monticello Raceway and former operator of a hotel at Livingston Manor, that he was president of New Morningside Associates, Inc., owner and operator of the hotel.

The deed gave purchasers of the resort property as Hen-Ro-Lil Realty Corp. of South Fallsburg.

Mr. Weiner said several others were associated with him in the purchase. No names were given, however. Seller was the Morningside Hotel Corp. of Hurleyville and the deed was signed by Louis Zuch, as president.

The deed also notes that the transfer is made of the rights and privileges of the seller to use of the golf course located on the prem-

ises of Morningside Park Development Corp.

The hotel, which is undergoing a million dollar renovation and rebuilding program, has to be seen to be appreciated. Last year a 60-room luxury unit was constructed by Farber. Each room is heated and has individual air conditioning control. Directing the construction for Farber is Henry Farber of South Fallsburg, president.

The main building on the premises was renovated with such things as a juggler's lounge, with circular bar and striking color scheme. There is an orchid room adjoining which has the intimate touch so sought after for small parties and gatherings.

The resort has all the other features in a modern resort, such as night club, a rebuilt swimming pool, beautiful lobby and auxiliary rooms. The buildings are on the east side of the lake which has some of the area's best bass fishing.

Being torn down is the original 65-room main house of the resort, which is across the highway from the new buildings. Like most big resorts in the region, the new owners are looking toward the future and are thinking of such things as an indoor pool, ski runs and winter operation. 18-hole golf course north of the lake will be completed this spring.

Mr. Weiner, who brings to the resort several years of hotel operating knowledge, is planning a program to make the resort one of the best in the mountains.

There are accommodations for 400 and everything will be ready for the opening just prior to Decoration Day. Mr. Weiner said that the resort will cater to local banquets and gatherings. Its resort menus will be built around an international cuisine which will feature shrimp and lobster.

LEARNING POETRY IN A DIFFERENT WAY

Poet Laureate Visits CCHS



PHOTO BY PAUL KURA

Sullivan County's Poet Laureate, Eric Baylin addresses a class at CCHS.

"black-out poem" by choosing words out of a text and crossing the rest out with a sharpie. After that, some of the students presented their black-out poems to the class. The second lesson in the one-hour time period was about writing poetic odes. Ode poetry is used to ceremoniously celebrate a person, place, thing, or idea. Finally, many people shared their odes with the class and Lia Guillerme who is an 8th grader at CCHS said, "It was fun to learn about poetry in a dif-

ferent way than we usually learn in school."

In Mr. Baylin's reflection about his experience at CCHS he wrote that he was impressed with the students' "level of creativity and willingness to just jump

FCSD Appreciates Rolling V Bus Company

FALLSBURG — When you drive up the road into Garnet Health Medical Center—Catskills or New Hope Community in Loch Sheldrake, you are greeted by huge signs that say, "Heroes Work Here."

These signs would be ap-

propriate at the entrances to so many places in Sullivan County, especially at Rolling V Bus Company and all the school buildings. Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) honored Rolling V for their year-round service to bring the school children safely to and from school on February 22—School Bus Driver Appreciation Day.

Throughout the week prior to the date, children at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES), were making cards and signing them for the drivers and monitors on every school bus route. Principal Mary Kate Stinehour collected them and added little goody bags for each driver. She placed them in a large decorated box filled with folders for each bus route and delivered them to the Rolling V bus garage in South Fallsburg in the early afternoon on February 22.

Receiving the 275 cards of



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Rolling V Bus Company Terminal Manager at South Fallsburg Garage, Edgar Espinoza and bus driver Anita Young with BCES Principal Mary Kate Stinehour.

appreciation were Terminal Manager Edgar Espinoza and bus driver Anita Young, a veteran of twenty years' service to the Fallsburg community and most recently in charge of the Turtle Route. Edgar is married to Jeanette Espinoza, first grade teacher and mother of three

boys in the FCSD.

Appropriately, the photo of the presentation of the children's cards was taken in the lobby of the Rolling V offices surrounded by many plaques of appreciation and awards for the company's devoted service to the FCSD since the early 1990s.



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SPRINGTIME À LA CARTE PART I

by O. Henry

This is Part I of a short story by the American author, O. Henry, who was born William Sydney Porter (September 11, 1862 – June 5, 1910). The story was first published in 1906. It is in the public domain.

It was a day in March. Never, never begin a story this way when you write one. No opening could possibly be worse. It is unimaginative, flat, dry and likely to consist of mere wind. But in this instance it is allowable. For the following paragraph, which should have inaugurated the narrative, is too wildly extravagant and preposterous to be flaunted in the face of the reader without preparation.

Sarah was crying over her bill of fare.

Think of a New York girl shedding tears on the menu card!

To account for this you will be allowed to guess that the lobsters were all out, or that she had sworn ice-cream off during Lent, or that she had ordered onions, or that she had just come from a Hackett matinee. And then, all these theories being wrong, you will please let the story proceed.

Hudson Valley Honor Flights Resume From Stewart and Westchester

WALDEN – Hudson Valley Honor Flight (HVHF) will resume flights to Washington, D.C. this spring. Flights are scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2022 and Saturday, May 21, 2022.

The April 9 flight will depart from New York Stewart International Airport and the May 21 flight will depart from Westchester County Airport. Applications can be found at hvhonorflight.com/show-to-participate. Priority is given to World War II and Korean War veterans; however, all veterans who have not yet participated in an Honor Flight are encouraged to apply. HVHF is currently operating under the protocols established in 2020 that all flight participants must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. These parameters are subject to change upon further guidance.

“We are closing in on a major milestone. We’re about to fly our 2,000th veteran, so we are eager to get our flights booked and take off for D.C.,” said HVHF Chairman Frank Kimler. “Not only are we excited to get back to flying our Hudson Valley veterans, we’re also planning something special to celebrate our 10-year anniversary. More details will be available soon!”

“We would like to thank our many veterans who have been waiting patiently for their opportunity to take part in the Honor Flight experience,” said Jennifer DeFrancesco, HVHF Executive Director. “We are anxiously preparing for these two upcoming flights and couldn’t be

The gentleman who announced that the world was an oyster which he with his sword would open made a larger hit than he deserved. It is not difficult to open an oyster with a sword. But did you ever notice any one try to open the terrestrial bivalve with a typewriter? Like to wait for a dozen raw opened that way?

Sarah had managed to pry apart the shells with her handy weapon far enough to nibble a wee bit at the cold and clammy world within. She knew no more shorthand than if she had been a graduate in stenography just let slip upon the world by a business college. So, not being able to stenog, she could not enter that bright galaxy of office talent. She was a free-lance typewriter and canvassed for odd jobs of copying.

The most brilliant and crowning feat of Sarah’s battle with the world was the deal she made with Schulenberg’s Home Restaurant. The restaurant was next door to the old red brick in which she had just come from a Hackett matinee. And then, all these theories being wrong, you will please let the story proceed.

colored gentleman’s head) Sarah took away with her the bill of fare. It was written in an almost unreadable script neither English nor German, and so arranged that if you were not careful you began with a toothpick and rice pudding and ended with soup and the day of the week.

The next day Sarah showed Schulenberg a neat card on which the menu was beautifully typewritten with the viands temptingly marshalled under their right and proper heads from “hors d’oeuvre” to “not responsible for overcoats and umbrellas.”

Schulenberg became a naturalized citizen on the spot. Before Sarah left him she had him willingly committed to an agreement. She was to furnish typewritten bills of fare for the twenty-one tables in the restaurant—a new bill for each day’s dinner, and new ones for breakfast and lunch as often as changes occurred in the food or as neatness required.

In return for this Schulenberg was to send three meals



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per diem to Sarah’s hall room by a waiter—an obsequious one if possible—and furnish her each afternoon with a pencil draft of what Fate had in store for Schulenberg’s customers on the morrow.

Mutual satisfaction resulted from the agreement. Schulenberg’s patrons now knew what the food they ate was called even if its nature sometimes puzzled them.

And Sarah had food during a cold, dull winter, which was the main thing with her.

And then the almanac lied, and said that spring had come. Spring comes when it comes. The frozen snows of January still lay like adamant in the crosstown streets. The hand-organs still played “In

the Good Old Summertime,” with their December vivacity and expression. Men began to make thirty-day notes to buy Easter dresses. Janitors shut off steam. And when these things happen one may know that the city is still in the clutches of winter.

One afternoon Sarah shiv-



The Art of Being

by Deborah Chandler, Ph.D.

Positivity

I’ve noticed that my mind dwells on the negative. I could explain this as being prepared, being alert to contingencies. Perhaps this alertness is actually an affirmation of my earth-bound solidity. I am affirming myself as mass. What I desire is to be free and to soar in the lightness of creativity and joy.

As I drift into meditation, I go through a list of problems that draw my attention away from the inner realms of light. I sort through my options and only reluctantly put these pressing demands aside to attend to my inner sphere. I take security knowing that I have neatly dispatched my worldly concerns. But what if I took security and confidence from my inner realm?

Hyper-alertness is actually a reaction to trauma. I’ve had enough of these small traumatic pains to become a vigilant person. I scan for problems. This adaptive response rewards me with keeping my earth-bound obligations neatly managed.

But, I profess a desire to soar among the poets and lovers. Yet, my identity with negativity keeps me earth bound. I’ve underestimated the profound differences between living in the negative and flying in the affirmative.

I’ve been cultivating a relationship with my inner realm

for many years. What would change if I were to make my affirmation of the inner realm my first principal, not an after-thought? This feels risky and delicious.

In the inner realm I have the potential to affirm my self as a participant in the pulsation of being, throbbing through what seems so concrete. At every level I exist as an energetic field of fluctuating energy. The energy I experience as me is not different from the energy in everything I think of as other.

This otherness is my construction, a way to identify my individuality. If I dissolve this artificial boundary, I fold into the inner realm of light and peacefulness. I’ve learned that I come from and participate in a unified ground of being. Everything is of the same stuff. I can observe my self as a participant in this cosmos of cohesive existence. My breath is the same pulsation of being, present in everything.

Why be anxious about my being? If everything is my self, what is there to fear? Dare I relinquish my identity as the problem solver, always preparing for the worst?

Tonight when I turn out the light, I will surrender to the inner realm and drift to heaven into the glow of being.

FCSD Superintendent’s Conference Day Sessions on Wellness



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FALLSBURG – Thanks to the FCSD Administration Team, the Wellness Committee and the Physical Education Department, the staff attendees at the February 18 Superintendent’s Day had three classes dedicated to well-being on the day-long schedule, two sections of Chair Yoga and one section of Creative Arts Therapy.

Susan Mendoza of The Chi Hive and Candace Rivela of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts were the two instructors of the workshops. Ms. Mendoza led a dozen FCSD staff in many different poses while seated in chairs in the Fallsburg High School Gym. All the work was

careful and involved stretching and movement to loosen muscles and to relax the mind. One could see that this kind of yoga is designed to keep the mind, body and soul fit.

Ms. Rivela offers workshops at Bethel Woods and is trained as a creative arts therapist. She had a slide show presentation on the benefits of the work for children and adults. In her words, “expressing ourselves through art is for our physical, mental and emotional well-being.”

Observing the focus of all the participants, one could see the importance of having activities like these to alleviate stress in the daily lives of teachers and students.

FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Amanda Letohic



Fallsburg Library is hosting a Tiny Art Show and we want to see your art! We will have 3x3 canvases to give to anyone of any age that wants to participate. Take home your canvas and paint whatever you want, then bring it back to us starting March 14 to display. Art will be displayed through the month of March and will be available for you to pick up and take home starting April 4. Let’s show off all the talent in our community!

We will also have an all-new Take Home Murder Mystery available for pickup starting March 2. Come get the “Murder After Dark” Mystery Pack. No matter the town, your neighbors aren’t always what they seem. In this picturesque town, they seem to be turning on each other. Can you figure out which of your

neighbors is a cold-blooded killer? Pick up your kit and give it a try! Call 845-436-6067 ext. 102 or email aletohic@rcls.org to reserve your mystery kit and your canvas!

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It’s time to plant our barrels and planters.

Please join Hurleyville-Sullivan First in making Hurleyville more beautiful!

First Planting Day

Saturday, June 4th at 9:00am

We’ll meet at the Hurleyville Firemen’s Park on Main Street.

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ered in her elegant hall bedroom; “house heated; scrupulously clean; conveniences; seen to be appreciated.” She had no work to do except Schulenberg’s menu cards. Sarah sat in her squeaky willow rocker, and looked out the window. The calendar on the wall kept crying to her: “Springtime is here, Sarah—springtime is here, I tell you. Look at me, Sarah, my figures show it. You’ve got a neat figure yourself, Sarah—a—nice springtime figure—why do you look out the window so sadly?”

Sarah’s room was at the back of the house. Looking out the window she could see the windowless rear brick wall of the box factory on the next street. But the wall was clearest crystal; and Sarah was looking down a grassy lane shaded with cherry trees and elms and bordered with raspberry bushes and Cherokee roses.

Spring’s real harbingers are too subtle for the eye and ear. Some must have the flowering crocus, the wood-starring dogwood, the voice of bluebird—even so gross a reminder as the farewell handshake of the retiring buckwheat and oyster before they can welcome the Lady in Green to their dull bosoms. But to old earth’s choicest kin there come straight, sweet messages from his newest bride, telling them they shall be no stepchildren unless they choose to be.

On the previous summer Sarah had gone into the country and loved a farmer.

(In writing your story never hark back thus. It is bad art, and cripples interest. Let it march, march.)

Sarah stayed two weeks at Sunnybrook Farm. There she learned to love old Farmer Franklin’s son Walter. Farmers have been loved and wedded and turned out to grass in less time. But young Walter Franklin was a modern agriculturist. He had a telephone in his cow house, and he could figure up exactly what effect next year’s Canadian wheat crop would have on potatoes planted in the darkness of the moon.

It was in this shaded and raspberry lane that Walter had wooed and won her. And together they had sat and woven a crown of dandelions for her hair. He had immoderately praised the effect of the yellow blossoms against her brown tresses; and she had left the chaplet there, and walked back to the house swinging her straw sailor in her hands.

They were to marry in the spring—at the very first signs of spring, Walter said. And Sarah came back to the city to pound her typewriter.

What’s next for Sarah, Walter, et al? Find out in the conclusion to our story in the April edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel!

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REGION XV CHAMPS!

SULLIVAN MEN AND WOMEN CAPTURE CONFERENCE AND REGIONAL CROWNS

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE – Both the men's and women's basketball teams at SUNY Sullivan captured Mid-Hudson Conference and Region XV championships last month to advance on to the District East A/B tournaments.

The teams also each garnered a number of individual awards as their respective regular seasons ended.

The Sullivan men's team was ranked number three in the nation heading into the District tournament, to be held on March 5 and 6. The Generals stand at 24-3 on the season, including a 7-1 record in the Mid-Hudson Conference. They have won 13 games in a row.

The men won the Region XV crown with an 83-66 win over SUNY Orange at Westchester Community

College on February 27. It was a sweet win for the Generals, who had dropped an 87-79 game to the Colts in Middletown in November.

Kareem Welch keyed the Generals championship win by pouring in 31 points, while Jay Alvarez added 23.

The Generals success was reflected in individual honors, as well, as they dominated the Region XV awards announced on February 21.

Six Generals received All-Region XV honors, led by Player of the Year Kareem Welch, a 6' sophomore guard from Brooklyn, who is averaging 21.5 points per game, 7.3 rebounds per game, and 5.2 assists per game. Welch, Jalen Reneau and Jarell White were all named to the All-Region first team.

Reneau, a 5'10" soph-



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Kareem Welch (10) is Region XV men's basketball Player of the Year.

omore guard from St. Raymond High School in Harlem, is averaging

13.9 points and 6.3 assists per game. White, a 6'5" freshman swingman from



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

Deivejon Harris (in the dark uniform) is the Region XV women's basketball Player of the Year.

Bellport, NY, is averaging 15.7 points and 9 rebounds per game, while shooting an impressive 61.7 per cent from the field.

Jay Alvarez was named to the second All-Region team, while Sam DeSouza

was selected to the All-Sportsmanship team.

Sullivan men's coach Brent Wilson won his third consecutive Region XV Coach of the Year award, although this year he shared the honor with SUNY Or-

ange head coach Tom Rickard.

Meanwhile, the Lady Generals, who had a 38-game winning streak snapped in January, have a 20-3 record on the year, including a perfect 3-0 conference slate.

The women captured the Region XV championship by virtue of an 88-70 win over Westchester Community College on February 27. Deivejon Harris led Sullivan in the game with 18 points and 18 rebounds. Barbara Bruno added 15 points for the Lady Generals.

Four Lady General student-athletes received All-Region honors for the season, as Deivejon Harris, Anisa Perry, Gabrielle Jeridore, and Keyani Sidberry were recognized.

Deivejon Harris was named the Region's Play-

er of the Year, and was named to the All-Region first team. She is averaging a double-double with 16.6 points per game and 13.3 rebounds per game on the year. Harris is currently fourth in the country in rebounds per game, and has shot 56.8% from the field, which is 13th best in the country.

Anisa Perry and Gabrielle Jeridore were also both named to the All-Region first team. Perry is averaging 11.7 points and 5.2 rebounds per game, while Jeridore is averaging 6.5 points and 9.5 rebounds per game.

Keyani Sidberry was selected to the All-Region Sportsmanship Team.

The women's District East A/B tournament is also scheduled for March 5 and 6 at a site that was yet to be determined as of press time.

FIFTY YEARS AGO... Monticello Wrestler Records a First

by John Conway

MONTICELLO – It was Saturday, March 4, 1972—50 years ago this month—that Monticello High School wrestler William “Chuck” Conway made school history.

Conway, a senior from Rock Hill wrestling in the heavyweight division, became the first Monticello High School wrestler ever to win a Section IX wrestling championship.

He didn't have an easy path to the crown, either. In fact, despite being the number one seed in the District I qualifying tournament the

week before Sectionals, Conway had been pinned in the finals, and qualified by virtue of his runner-up status. His resulting low seeding in the Sectionals made his path to the championship that much more difficult.

In the preliminary round of the Section IX tourney, Conway pinned Kim Rossner of Washingtonville in 3:20 to advance to the semi-finals, where he faced the #2 seed, Jim Johnson of Monroe-Woodbury, who had already beaten him earlier that year. Conway pinned Johnson in 3:55. He would later acknowledge that Johnson “was the strongest kid I ever

wrestled.”

The unexpected win over Johnson propelled Conway into the finals against another surprise wrestler, eighth-seeded Larry O'Neill of Clarkstown North, who had upset the #1 seed in the preliminary round and then had a rather easy 14-5 win in his semi-final match.

The two wrestlers finished the regulation six minutes tied at seven, but the Monticello wrestler thoroughly dominated the overtime and ended up with an historic 9-0

win, and the championship.

Only a handful of Monticello wrestlers had ever advanced to the Sectional tournament before, and none had ever won a match, let alone a championship.

It was perhaps fitting that Conway's championship win came against a Rockland County wrestler too, in that it culminated an unprecedented showing by Tri-County schools, which had typically been also-rans at the hands of the Rockland County powerhouses.



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!

March Questions:

1. In what year did all professional and college sports get suspended in March due to the COVID pandemic?
2. Where has the end-of-season Big East basketball tournament been played annually since 1983?
3. Who is the only team to win five games in five days at the Big East men's basketball tournament?
4. What is the highest scoring game in NCAA basketball tournament history?
5. What college compiled the longest winning streak in women's basketball history?

Last month's answers:

1. Only one person has ever won an individual gold medal in both the Winter and Summer Olympics. Who was it? (**Figure skater Gillis Grafstrom of Sweden. Eddie Eagan of the USA won a boxing gold in 1920 and was a member of the gold medal winning bobsled team in 1932.**)
2. In what year(s) did the USA win a gold medal in men's hockey at the Winter Olympics? (**1960, 1980**)
3. What year(s) did Lake Placid, NY play host to the Winter Olympics? (**1932, 1980**)
4. Who was the youngest person ever to win an individual gold medal in the Winter Olympics? (**Tara Lipinski, USA, figure skating, 15 years, 255 days**)
5. What Winter Olympic sport is made up of skiing and target shooting? (**The biathlon**)

Ruth Huggler of Youngsville was last month's winner.

FCSD Recognizes Senior Athletes

FALLSBURG – On Friday, January 28, Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) honored senior members of the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team and Cheerleading Team before the Boys' Basketball game with James O'Neill High School.

After Athletic Director Suzanne Lendzian welcomed the fans at the game, she introduced Boys' Varsity Basketball Team Coach Lionel White. He acknowledged three seniors for their contributions on and off the court over the past several years. He presented each with a single rose that is a customary gift to recognize senior scholar athletes. The seniors were Akinde Bryan, JonCarlos Reyes and Clayton Doolittle.

Next, A.D. Lendzian introduced Kiffanie Rodgers-Sanchez, Cheerleader Team Coach. She had one senior on the squad. Emily Collura had been on the team since Junior High School. She followed in the footsteps of her older sister Rachel. So, it would be the end of an era of Colluras. Dad, Joe, is a member of the FCSD Board of Education and mom, Karen, is a teacher at Monticello High School. The whole family was present to celebrate the evening.



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FCSD basketball coach Lionel White (left) with seniors (left to right) Akinde Bryan, JonCarlos Reyes and Clayton Doolittle.



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Mom Karen Collura, cheerleading team coach Kiffanie Rodgers-Sanchez, senior Emily Collura, sister, Rachel Collura, and dad Joe Collura (left to right) were on hand to accept Emily's honor.

FCSD Acknowledges Graduating Seniors on Fallsburg/Tri-Valley Wrestling Team

FALLSBURG – Before the final home meet of the season, Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) honored two graduating seniors, Allie Weiner (FHS) and Cody Bound (Tri-Valley), from the Fallsburg/Tri-Valley Wrestling Team.

Cody's grandmother and Allie's parents were presented bouquets of flowers. FCSD Athletic Director Su-

zanne Lendzian welcomed everyone to the event. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz, a former high school and college wrestler himself, celebrated the seniors and the wrestling team.

Coach David Mellan thanked each senior for the contributions they made to the team both off the wrestling mat. They will be missed.



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Seniors Allie Weiner (left) and Cody Bound.