

REACHING FOR THE STARS

“All that Glitters is Old” Wins Hurleyville Shark Tank

by Lily Barrish

HURLEYVILLE — The trendy thrift shop, “All That Glitters is Old” is the winner of the Hurleyville Entrepreneurial Program prize, and will fill an empty space at the Main Street Mews building at 234 Main Street.

Main Street Mews owner, Jeffrey T. Stevenson announced the winner.

“We were very pleased by the amount of interest in opening businesses in the downtown area of Hurleyville,” Mr. Stevenson said. “The diversity and number of applicants we had really showed the level of excitement in the larger community in a vibrant offering of services, in a new thriving Hurleyville.

We are thrilled to offer this unique opportunity to “All That Glitters is Old” and its owner, Samara Ritzler.”

Ms. Ritzler describes her store as a “curated thrift and consignment boutique of on-trend classic wardrobe staples offering accessible clothing for every day.” Custom denim rock jackets are one of the big draws. Shoppers can pick the denim, choose a band, and design their own studs and patches. Band tees and old vinyl records will also be a specialty. Stop by the store and there’s a good chance you’ll hear Moody Blues or Led Zeppelin music playing.

Ms. Ritzler sources all of her material from online and other thrift stores. She doesn’t shop at big box

stores or buy brand-new items—everything she sources is second hand. She’s a supporter of sustainability. Her merchandise is inclusive of all generations. She’s had everyone from a baby to 30-year-olds to a 60-year-old stop by her booth at the Farmers Market in Kauneonga Lake. She wants everyone to feel welcome and make the experience their own. Booking private events for occasions such as birthday parties where people can create jackets is a niche opportunity she is excited to bring to Hurleyville.

With the goal of supporting local women business-



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY

“All That Glitters is Old” has moved into Unit 100 at Main Street Mews, at 234 Main Street.

es and emerging artists, Ms. Ritzler currently has in stock Moroccan rugs and handmade gold-and-silver plated jewelry that she’s

sourced from women she knows. One day she’d like to be able to travel to South Africa to support the women there by bringing back

their products to sell at her store.

In regard to Main Street already having one thrift store just down the street, she said, “I like to support other thrift shops; I think it’s really important. It’s a benefit when a town has multiple thrift stores and a benefit to the actual thrifter because they can hit up two shops at one time. Our inventory is not the same at all so there is no competitiveness.”

Raised in Bergen County, New Jersey, she attended The Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) and lived in New York City for 15 years. During the COV-

ID pandemic, she relocated to White Lake with her mom to rehabilitate from the city. “I felt a real community up here and was able to breath,” she said.

One of her jobs while living in the city included being a celebrity stylist.

“I’m a sick style hunter and I want people to have what they want. Come into the store and ask about style advice anytime. Someone recently called and asked if I had anything from Green Day.”

The inspiration for naming her store came from the lyrics “All that Glitters is Gold” by Led Zeppelin. “Stairway to Heaven” is a very personal song to her because it’s her mom’s favorite.

Her mom was at the

original Woodstock Festival, and Ms. Ritzler thinks Woodstock was “the coolest thing”—it’s her favorite moment in time in terms of history and being a classic rock fan. She feels privileged and blessed to live right down the road from Bethel Woods. Always wishing to own a thrift store and watching many episodes of Shark Tank, winning the Hurleyville Entrepreneurial Program was a dream come true.

Eventually she wants to offer business opportunities for adults at The Center for Discovery.

The store’s official opening will be held on Saturday, August 6. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on Tuesday, August 9, at 11 a.m.

AT A CRITICAL POINT

Aging Infrastructure Causes Fallsburg Water Concerns

by John Conway

SOUTH FALLSBURG—Concerns about the possibility of water shortages this summer has led the Town of Fallsburg to ask residents to voluntarily reduce their consumption. The town issued a statement to that effect in the middle of July, but Councilman and Deputy Supervisor Sean Wall-Carty says the problem isn’t going away.

“This problem is not new,” Mr. Wall-Carty told the Sentinel, adding that it had been a concern for at least five years, but had now reached “a critical point.” “It is an ongoing issue that has never been addressed before, there has never been a conversation about it, and we decided we needed to let people

know that they should be mindful of the fact there is not an unlimited supply of water.”

“Due to a significant shortfall of precipitation and excessive consumption of potable water, we are asking district residents to substantially reduce their water consumption,” the town’s statement read in part.

“To this end, we urge all residents, businesses, and stakeholders to reduce your water consumption voluntarily. Please take note all operators and owners of swimming pools within the water district shall have their pools filled on or before June 20 of each summer season. Refrain from using the Town water system to water any lawn, ornamental

shrubs, plant, or tree except between 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. and only if watering is essential when watering would be appropriate.”

Mr. Wall-Carty noted that in the first 24 hours after the call for voluntary conservation, the town was able to add between three and four million gallons back into its system.

If consumption is not substantially reduced voluntarily, he says, the town will have no choice but to consider mandatory water use restrictions. He did not quantify the necessary reduction beyond that.

“We have an aging infrastructure that in some cases dates back to 1938,” Mr. Wall-Carty said. “There are

clay pipes that leak and the losses are substantial. There are no quick solutions.”

The leaky infrastructure is the main reason, he points out, that the answer is not as simple as enacting building moratoriums or putting a stop to future development. It is more complex than that, he said.

Referring to Fallsburg Supervisor Kathy Rappaport, he said “the Rappaport administration” is committed to addressing the town’s water system issues in hopes of developing a “planned approach” to arriving at a permanent solution.

“In the meantime, Mr. Wall-Carty said, “we have to continue to bring attention to the fact that there is a problem.”

SULLIVAN STRUGGLING BUT IMPROVING

Results of a Different Health Study Show

LIBERTY—The news magazine, “U.S. News and World Report” has released a set of nationwide county health rankings, similar to those released earlier this year by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Sullivan County fared better in these rankings than it has in previous studies.

The Ccounty’s Division of Health & Human Services Commissioner, John Liddle, noted several key takeaways from the data posted at www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/new-york/sullivan-county:

- Sullivan County ranks 58 out of NYS’ 62 counties, as

compared to RWJF’s 61 out of 62.

- Under the U.S. News ranking system, the strongest factor suppressing Sullivan County’s score is housing, which is measured in terms of affordability, capacity, and quality.

- Sullivan County sits in the top half of rural counties nationwide in terms of the quality of community health.

“Both sets of rankings tell us that we are correctly focused on the most urgent issues—easing access to health care, ending the opioid pandemic, enhancing community with better education, housing, childcare, and encouraging healthier

behaviors,” Mr. Liddle said. “What was most striking about “U.S. News and World Report’s” take on our situation is that our lack of quality, affordable housing is what really puts us behind other New York counties.

“We’ve been working very hard on this issue with partners across the government and in the community, and I encourage everyone to get involved in the solution by checking out www.sullivanhousing-study.org and offering your thoughts.”

Mr. Liddle said he appreciated the chance to get a “second opinion” on the County’s



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John Liddle

health rankings.

“We have a lot more work to do, but it’s also encouraging to know that it is not our destiny to be stuck at the very bottom of New York’s counties from a health perspective,” he said. “There are a lot of people focused on these issues right now, and with continued public support and advocacy, I’m optimistic we will, slowly but surely, continue to improve our community health.”

PUBLIC HEARING SET Redistricting Presentation to be Made

MONTICELLO — Sullivan County Legislators invite the public to join them on August 11 to share comments on the redistricting process now under way for the County. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Government Center, 100 North Street,

Monticello, with a presentation by County Manager Joshua Potossek and Real Property Tax Services Director Christopher Knapp. They will explain how redistricting works and what data gathering is involved. Legislators will then discuss the three proposed redistrict-

ing maps developed by independent consultant Main Street Communications. They will also take public comment.

A decision on which map to choose will not be made at the hearing, but may occur as early as the August 18 meeting of the full Legislature. Legislators

have to decide on the redrawn legislative district boundaries no later than the end of the year.

To view the maps and for more detailed information about redistricting, visit the county’s website, www.sullivan.us/Departments/Legislature/Redistricting.

INAUGURAL SUMMER FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

by Colin Kinney

HURLEYVILLE — Organizers says the first Hurleyville Summer Festival was a great success.

On Thursday, July 21, the first Hurleyville Summer Festival was held on Main Street in Hurleyville. Activities included live music, both in the municipal parking lot and in the Pickled Owl. Casa Mia had an outdoor seating area where diners could enjoy the summer sun.

Arthur Aulisi hosted trivia at the Tango Cafe. The Hurleyville Methodist Church offered some children’s crafts as part of its “Messy Church” program. The Yoga Space at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre stayed open later in the evening. Morgan Outdoors featured special discounted prices on all children’s books and maps in the store. Organizers hosted a scavenger hunt with prizes for



PHOTO BY COLIN KINNEY

The rides and games provided by PartyMaster were a big hit.

kids during the festival.

Thanks to the generosity of the businesses in Hurleyville, everyone who participated in the scavenger hunt won a prize. They included:

- Carsyn Hoefling – gift certificate from Casa Mia

- Payton Logothety – gift certificate from the Pickled Owl
- Pedro Macareno-Manuelian - gift certificate from Morgan Outdoors

- Abraham Beery - gift certificate from the Hurleyville General Store

- Carissa Ciorciari – free ride from Fortress Bikes

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- Abby Call and Kateri Smith completed the bonus clue and each won two tickets to Encanto at Bethel Woods courtesy of Bold Gold Media.

Of course, festivals are not complete without rides and games from PartyMaster, which were a big hit.

There were also numerous vendors on hand, including jewelers, bakers, florists,

artists, and more. These activities and vendors attracted hundreds of visitors to Hurleyville, in what organizers say is part of an ongoing effort to expand the horizons of the hamlet’s future.

The Festival was sponsored by the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, Bold Gold Media, Thompson Sanitation, and Partymaster. The impetus for the Festival came from the newly formed group called the Hurleyville Hub.

Denise Lombardi, the owner of the Hurleyville General Store and a member of the Hurleyville Hub, said it is “a group of all of the businesses and organizations based in Hurleyville, which is designed to create community connections and foster economic development.”

For those who missed the first Hurleyville Summer Festival, organizers are planning a second, even bigger event for Thursday, August 18.

TCFD MILESTONE

Phase One of Brain Institute Completed



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for brain and body health will conduct pioneering studies to advance the care and treatment of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders, medical frailties, and other complex conditions. The labs will be particularly focused on common co-occurring biomedical conditions that can significantly affect quality of life, such as sleep disorders,

gastrointestinal disorders, seizure disorders, obesity and Type 2 diabetes, immune and metabolic problems, and anxiety disorders.

When fully completed, The Center’s new Rock Hill site, located in the long abandoned and newly renovated Frontier Insurance building, will be a state-of-the-art bio-behavioral and

healthcare facility, including the Research Institute, and the soon-to-open Children’s Specialty Hospital for complex disabilities, such as autism.

The \$5 million Institute for Brain and Body Health is funded in part through a \$1 million grant from the Empire State Development Corporation, and a low-interest loan from the USDA

Hamlet Happenings

HURLEYVILLE -SULLIVAN FIRST

The volunteers in Hurleyville-Sullivan First are working hard this summer to make Hurleyville more beautiful.

The stone planters and barrels are weeded and watered regularly. A special thank you goes out to Jessica. She is helping to care for the barrels at the post office and the flowerers are blooming beautifully.

Protective materials were added to the signs at the entrances to Hurleyville and to the signs at the RailTrail entrance. The stone planters have been reset and reinforced. Fresh historical panels will be hung in the historical kiosk at the Hurleyville Firemen’s Park. New cabinets for books created by folks at The Center for Discovery will be installed at the Little Free Library at the Hurleyville Firemen’s Park.

Funding for the group’s projects was made possible in part by a Beautification Grant from Sullivan Renaissance.

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

HURLEYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the church will be open on Thursday, August 18 and on Thursday, August 25 from 3 until 5 p.m.

Sunday services are held at the church at 9 a.m. Children of all ages can attend Sunday school at the church during services.

Pastor Jorge delivers sermons on the church’s page on Facebook at 11 a.m. on Sundays.

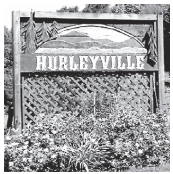
The Bible study group meets in the sanctuary at the church every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to pray with others over the phone on the church’s prayer line on Sundays from 7 to 8 p.m. The prayer line phone number is 605-472-5491 and the access code is 251678.

Youngsters are invited to participate in “Messy Church” held on the second Saturday of each month at 5 p.m. “Messy Church” allows children to learn about the Bible in a fun way while enjoying arts & crafts, singing and other activities. All children taking part in the fun must be accompanied by an adult.

Women in Faith, the women’s group at the church, is still collecting disposable diapers, new socks, new underwear, gently used clothing and gently used toys for infants and children from newborn to 12 years old for THE GRANDPARENTS PROGRAM. The program assists grandparents who are caring for their grandchildren who otherwise would be placed in

by Kathleen Sullivan



BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY



Thursday, August 18th
Thursday, August 25th

3:00pm – 5:00pm

Hurleyville United Methodist Church
263 Main Street
Hurleyville

foster care.

Please call Katrina at 845-436-7942 for more information on services and activities at the church. 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 increasing cost of operating the Museum are always welcome.

Two fascinating exhibits opened at the museum in July. The massive Neversink Hackledam Project, abandoned during World War I, would have altered the appearance of Sullivan County. The Town of Thompson One-Room Schoolhouse Project has erected twenty historic plaques throughout the town at the sites of one-room schoolhouses.

The Dr. Frederick Cook exhibit will be on display at the museum until December. The exhibit features photographs taken by Dr. Cook from 1891-1908 during expeditions to Greenland, Antarctica, Tierra del Fuego, Mount Denali and the North Pole.

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.

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.

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)

Homeowners have experienced well-related troubles due to well testing being done at the proposed Gan Eden Estates development project on Columbia Hill. Contact the building departments in the Town of Thompson (845-794-2500, extension 321) and the Town of Fallsburg (845-434-8811) if you’re experiencing well-related problems.

The adverse effects of the proposed project threaten our environment and the character of our community in many ways:

- The growing needs of our community’s water supply are already having an adverse

impact on both municipal wells and private wells.

- The impact on firefighting needs is dangerous to life and property.
- The harmful effects of storm water runoff include flooding on Main Street, Columbia Drive, Mongaup Road, Congregation Anschei Cemetery.
- Storm water runoff poses a danger to downhill wells.
- Irresponsible wastewater treatment plant discharge via a ditch, not a pipe, is a threat to residences, Fallsburg town wells, Congregation Anschei Cemetery.
- Wastewater treatment plant failure threatens residences, Fallsburg town wells, Congregation Anschei Cemetery.
- The structural integrity of on-site dam with 3-acre pond is questionable.
- Increased traffic and the planned entrances to the development are hazardous to the safety of our roadways.

Members of CHNA want to guarantee that the proposed project complies with environmental impact regulations. The group continues to examine environmental impact applications and reports submitted by the developer of the proposed project to ensure accuracy.

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

Prime Timers Plan Bus Trips

MONTICELLO-- The Prime Timers of Temple Shalom of Monticello are planning some fun-filled bus trips in the next few months, as follows:

Wed., Aug. 17 – “Day on your own” trip to New York City on a luxury bus. \$40 for members, \$45 for non-members. Round trip motor coach from Temple Shalom parking lot at 5 East Dillon Rd., Monticello, to New York City. Leaves 8 am and gets to the City in time for you to buy your matinee theater tickets. Day on your own for shopping, sightseeing, or visiting

friends. Returns by 6 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 7 - Walking Tour of Lower East Side with professional guide. Stops will include Bialystocker and Eldridge St. Synagogues, Pickle Man, Forward Newspaper Factory, Henry St. Settlement. Buy your own lunch and picnic on the waterfront facing Brooklyn. \$65/person including bus, guide and admissions.

Mon., Sept 12 - Fri, Sept. 16 - Trip to Williamsburg, Virginia Beach and Norfolk, VA.

Call Paula for further information and reservations at 845-794-2314.

Fallsburg School District to Hold Employment Fair

FALLSBURG-- The Fallsburg Central School District will be holding an employment fair in the Cafeteria at the Junior Senior High School from 9 to 11 a.m. on August 11.

The district currently has over twenty vacant positions across all departments, including substitute teachers and teacher aides, which do not require specific certifications. There are also various teaching positions and administrative positions, as well.

Building and district administrators will be on site during the event to talk to interested candidates about the various roles, any certifications required, and overall job duties.

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ALL THAT GLITTERS IS OLD
-Dagoberto-

The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville

Well, it finally hit me. That realization that “outside” means relative safety from COVID spurred by with “Winter is Coming” on one shoulder and prediction of a Fall surge on the other, sent me into a flurry of activity.

July 3, found me heading north to the town of Woodstock where my friend, bassist DON MILLER, was sitting in with the PETE LEVIN TRIO at a Jazz Brunch at the PEARL MOON. I had not seen Don since COVID hit and it was nice to catch up. If you think Jazz is out of the norm for me, you would be wrong. Instrumental only, and no American Songbook, and I’m there. Pete Levin is a Jazz keyboardist, composer, record producer and a legend, and of course, my friend Don on that same stage.

If you think the near 90-year-old Mr. Levin appears only occasionally, you would be sadly mistaken. His performance schedule in July alone was something that would have any musician/group salivating. It was a true privilege to meet him.

The following Saturday, July 9, found me heading in a totally different direction as I headed to Barryville and the much lauded BARRYVILLE FARMER’S MARKET. As one pulls up, it looks like every other Farmer’s Market, but don’t be fooled! There is another whole section where the music happens, additional vendors and where one can go down to the walkway on the Delaware River, drink in the beauty of the river with the music.

It is a bit of a hike from our part of Sullivan County but thanks to ERIN, one of the organizers, who kindly sent

the schedule of live music, I was able to schedule my trip to coincide with the POISON LOVE band.

I first saw them at the PICKLED OWL in Hurleyville pre COVID. Intrigued by the name, I wanted to see what they were all about. (Because who hasn’t been touched at least once by “poison love?”) The lyrics of their originals make you smile, sometimes sad, sometimes incredulous, sometimes snarky, but always relatable. Beyond that, their presentation of acoustic Americana is extremely enjoyable on so many levels. JOANN WASSERMAN BRINKERHOFF guitar, vocal harmonies and song writer, DAN BRINKERHOFF, lead fiddle and vocals, were joined by SAMMY ALEXANDER on percussion in this delightful outdoor gig.

In addition to lawn space for your own chair or blanket, there were a few Adirondack chairs supplied facing the performers (for those of us who stubbornly refuse to buy a “take with you” chair. And trust me, you don’t want to see me getting up from the ground! Pure comic relief!)

As far as vendors, well, what do you want? Fresh meat? It’s there. Seafood? It’s there. Bakery goods? It’s there. All along with an impressive array of farm to table fruits and vegetables. In addition to my full market bag, I indulged in a jar of peach almond jam. (I’m not going to tell you how much of this “in moderation” item for me is left...hahaha).

This market is totally worth the trip, and I truly understand why it is consistently voted the best Farmer’s Market in Sullivan County.

July 23 was very special, as it was the only performance of LAURA GARONE’S

SOUTHERN FRIED SOUL BAND on her own LIBERTY SOUL STAGE. Guitar master STEVE SCHWARTZ, BILLIE on drums, MIKE MINDEL from Newburg on keyboards and his son MAX on bass set the tone for Laura’s unique vocals and musical selections ala BETTY CARR.

But also special for another reason: LAURA GARONE and her long time boyfriend GREG CHERRY said their “I do(s)” in the break between sets with the entire audience as their witnesses.

And I, dear reader, have run on long enough! Until next time...



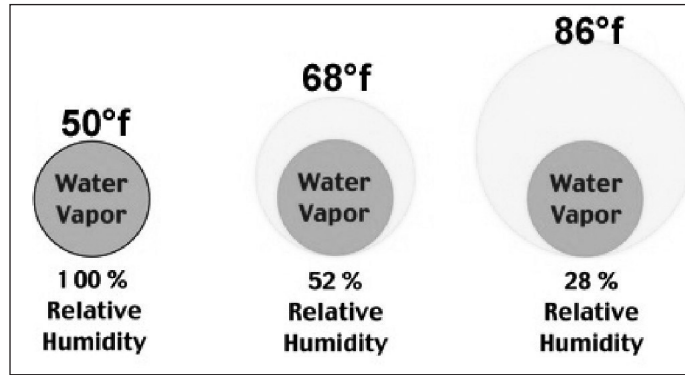
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FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



HUMIDITY



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Humidity is a dense layer of moisture that saturates the air and makes the days uncomfortable. It starts as water vapor in the atmosphere, and when it evaporates during a heatwave or after rainfall, it becomes a moist gas that enters the atmosphere and becomes part of the air that we breathe.

Relative humidity is the measure of how humid the air is, with a ranking system of from 0 to 100. When relative humidity is at 50%, the air is capable of holding one-half of the moisture that is condensing from water vapor. Air at 50% relative humidity can sometimes leave behind a visible layer of liquid water. Relative humidity is

what weather forecasters use when discussing meteorological conditions because it is an easy way to understand how humid the air is.

Humidity can be harmful. The dangers of humidity, whether it is too high or too low, include an increase in the number of colds and flu, or the drying out of mucous membranes. High humidity can lead to an increase in fungi and mold, which can affect our respiratory systems as well.

It is important to take proper precautions when spending time outdoors in conditions of very high or very low humidity, since both can cause health problems.



KEEPING THE TRAIL PRISTINE

THE RAIL TO THE TRAIL IS NOT A TRASH DUMP FOR WHATEVER YOU BRING ON YOUR WALK WE GET SO DISTRESSED WHEN WE ALSO SEE TIRES IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE ANYONE BALK!

THE PATH'S EVEN NICE IF YOU DON'T WANT TO WALK JUST SIT ON A ROCK, EAT A SNACK BUT NO MATTER THE NOSH, BE IT HERO OR CHIPS PLEASE TAKE ALL OF YOUR EMPTY THINGS BACK

THERE ARE FOLKS WHO COME TO TAKE PICTURES OF THE FLORA AND BIRDS OF ALL KINDS IT'S UPSETTING TO THEM TO SEE STUFF IN THE POND SO DON'T LEAVE ANY REFUSE BEHIND

IF YOU'RE ON THE TRAIL ON A SCOOTER OR YOU RENT ONE OF THE FORTRESS BIKES YOU'LL FEEL MOTHER NATURE SURROUND YOU THEN UP POPS RUBBISH THAT'LL MAKE YOU THINK "YIKES!"

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THE PLACE TO GO

For a Haircut and a shave

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE-- Need a haircut or a shave with a hot towel treatment? Main Street Barber and Beauty Shoppe is the place to go.

Le'Nard Williams has been in the barbering business for 35 years, the last five mostly at his Main Street Barber and Beauty Shoppe, located in the brightly painted Sullivan Dairy building at 206 Main Street in Hurleyville. The shop is open Tuesday through Saturday each week, and although appointments can be made by calling, walk-ins are welcome, an old barbershop tradition that Mr. Williams likes to keep.

Mr. Williams is friendly and compassionate, with a soothing voice and the patience that comes with being a good listener. These skills are the likely reason that he also cuts hair at many residences of The Center for Discovery (TCFD). He says TCFD residents like to visit the shop, with its colorful design and music playing. He was a mobile barber during the pandemic, doing pop-up barbering wherever people felt safe and comfortable. Now that COVID isolation has receded, many customers are back in the shop.

After graduating from Monticello High School, Mr. Williams learned the barbering trade on his own

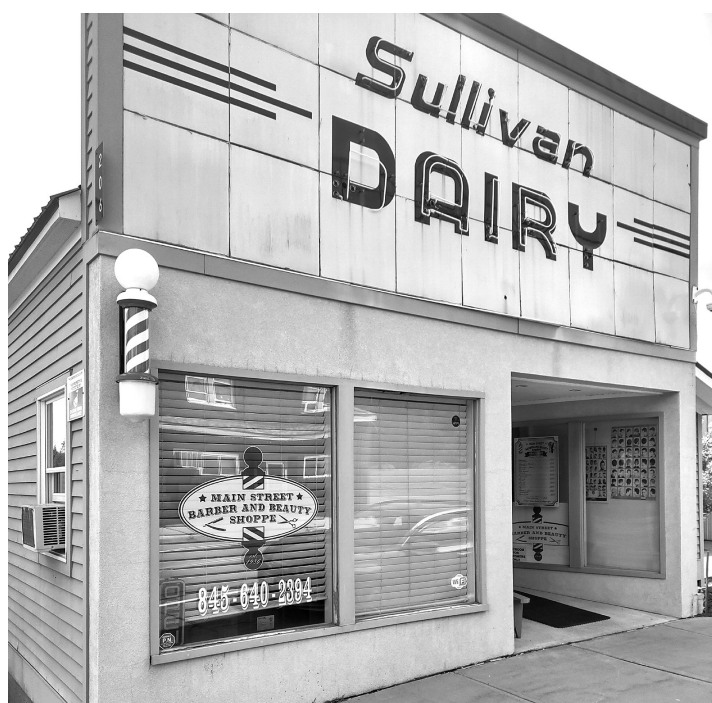


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The old Sullivan Dairy Building at 206 Main Street is home to Le'Nard Williams' Main Street Barber and Beauty Shoppe.

through experience and apprenticeship before taking the state board exam to become certified. In those days, you had to demonstrate skill and proficiency with a razor for hair in order to be licensed, he says. He worked in several Manhattan locations, and then had a shop on Main Street

in South Fallsburg before coming to Hurleyville. He even cut hair in the SUNY Sullivan Field House for a while.

Mr. Williams regularly gets training and certificates for new trends in men's services.

"The beard is back!" he says, and with so many

fashionable beards and moustaches making a comeback, learning about current techniques and products is essential. Pictures of trendy moustaches with names like "The Oz", and "Muscle Beach" appear on the cape his customers wear while getting a haircut or a shave.

Mr. Williams says his goal for the Main Street Barber and Beauty Shoppe is to find good reliable barbers and hair stylists. There is always an empty styling chair when he works, and more customers could be getting pampered and beautified if he had more help. Apprentices can work under his license, which provides for the kind of job training that he was able to benefit from back in his early barbering days.

With an eye toward the future, Mr. Williams has a dream to turn a shuttle bus into a mobile barber shop. He actually bought the vehicle from Rolling V, which already had the seats

removed. Having the right professionals to work with could make it happen. Another idea he thinks about is the finished basement at his renovated location on Main Street. He says it would be perfect for a pet grooming business. Imagine making pampering appointments for both you and your dog, together?

Aside from his business sense and mastery of the electric clippers, Mr. Williams is also a licensed tattoo artist, and an accomplished painter/airbrush artist. His free hand, non-computerized designs are created with acrylics on clothing and sneakers. He's a modern Renaissance man with a gentle nature.

The Main Street Barber and Beauty Shoppe, one more cool place in the happening hamlet of Hurleyville, is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The phone number for appointments is 845- 640 2394.

PAPER CLIPS...

by Elaine Corrington



Do We Still Know Who We Are?

It is hard for this native Californian to imagine that we change in ways we don't plan on, through seasons, years, aging, learning lessons and failing to learn them...

Summer temperatures and activities cause more body and hair color changes (both natural and unnatural), and as the result, you can clearly see yourself reflected in a mirror or pool of water. You are driven to choose colors and designs to wear that complement this seasonally affected "new you" and with face make-up making eye or skin changes more dramatic it can even affect your friends, activities, health choices, curiosity (who do they think I AM, anyway???- I'll show them).

If the response seems positive, you keep on going. If it seems bad, you want to leap forward or backward into the subtle or worse changes you might make to feel right, or at least better. It's a little difficult if you live in an area where changes in seasons don't propel you into only one way of looking and being. The Hurleyville Sentinel reader spends time in a place that can demand tossing and moving freely with fewer cover-ups and clothes (don't forget your sandals!) in the summer, but is able to hide more unwanted body changes in the heavy clothes of winter, when you don't want to get out and move all day... and cake is on sale, and cookies are a quick bake and you can eat them so fast nobody will know it, and ice cream still tastes great, and... oh, shoot.

Tomorrow may start a three-day hot streak where you have to take away some of the cover-ups, and the make-up you so artfully applied wants to slide down from the spots you so artistically highlighted and pool in areas never before observed in your skin.

One would think that autumn and spring would become the reasonable seasons to show who we are, but this year has been one of the most difficult in memory because of the many short changes in weather patterns.

And there is the never-to-be-forgotten two-year Pandemic, which forced us to think short and long term about the health repercussions of what we put on-- and in-- our bodies, what is visible, what we have to cover, and when.

We can't make poor choices with those ideas, because the consequences are too severe. Why disguise ourselves when only the back of our masks, clothes, gloves, scarves see what gorgeous features we have added that are the only things positioned to see them? And the breath and movement inside those covers push make-up all around, and nobody would ever consider that the time and money spent on it was a good investment toward the future.

Plastic surgery? HAH no. Hair cut? HAH no. Fancy? Nope. You just look like you never got to finish.

After two years of this, and no clear vision of things changing quickly, we find that not only are we not who we want people to see when they look at us, we don't recognize people any more, and we hate that. Even voice communication sounds different because of masks and social distancing. If a mask comes off and we can see a face, it is far more different than we expected. We also realize the huge communication gap from not adding facial expressions to our conversational interpretations.

Who is that person across the street with the less brilliant hair and make-up and wrinkles you think you never saw before?

Better to look at moving cellphone images that are held a distance away from the faces of the speakers. Who knew that all of these changes would make it harder to hear people talking, and that consonants disappeared more than vowels in the words that are heard?

Does all that we know of each other rely on these visions of our revised personal impressions? NO, NO, NO, Nooooo.

Our choices of who we really are, and what we do, what our family does, and what we and our community gains results more from our unhidden presence and deciding how we all integrate with and value each other. The small as well as the large acts of kindness can stay much longer and offer more health, humor, love, pride and joy than those faces and voices that have been taken away. Pick it up!

How can we start this right now?

That's Some Pig A Local Version of Charlotte's Web

by Hope Blecher, Ed.D.

Looking at this cast of characters, what comes to mind? There's Wilbur, Fern and Templeton. Ticking something, yet? Then there's Aranea, Homer and Charlotte. You may have guessed that this is "Charlotte's Web," a story written by E.B. White and illustrated by Garth Williams. What you may not know is that this classic book is based upon a real location and actual beings, both human and animal.

That farm was for sale. It was a real place, a farm with pigs and spiders, and home to so much more. Located in Maine, many readers learned about it being for sale and wished they had the funds to live there in the land of Charlotte, Wilbur, Fern and Templeton.

While that idyllic farm is not in Sullivan County, there is a close runner up here at Arthur's Acres Animal Sanctuary in Parksville. According to founder Todd Friedman, he has never read Charlotte's Web, but those familiar with the book or the



PHOTO BY JEAN RHODE

Todd Friedman with one of his pigs.

movie will be enamored with what Todd and the Pig Crew have and continue to accomplish each and every day and night.

At Arthur's Acres Animal Sanctuary, "Some Pig" isn't in the web of the barn spiders, yet visitors are free to mutter that phrase and others as they follow Todd for their tour. During the walking tour of AAAS, visitors will engage with Todd as he shares misconceptions and

myths about pigs and what the actual truth is. For example, the myth about pigs is that they're dirty when actually they're very clean animals and the mud they roll in is used as sunscreen and to keep their bodies cool.

Each pig has a unique personality with their own likes and dislikes, their special friends and their favorite things to do. When introducing the pigs, Todd also shared their different rescue stories—pigs have come from trucks on the way to a slaughterhouse, from cruelty cases, and from testing labs where they were burned with chemicals.

Along with opportunities to tour, people can

volunteer at AAAS. One can be a poop scooper, help in the store, post to Instagram and stop by to repair and build. Thanks to the work of Hans #2, Christina, Jean and Brett, among others, who make the magic happen that saves the chickens, geese, cats, dogs and of course the "radiant" pigs.

While it has been 70 years since the publication of "Charlotte's Web," you are in luck. New stories are now available to continue your journey. Similar to how White and Williams used real life to craft their writing and illustrations, Todd Friedman and Jean Rhode are publishing stories. This new venture will bring the rescue stories to life, via the pig's authorship. According to Jean, all proceeds go towards AAAS. She donates her time and talents as the writer, author and photographer of the forthcoming books, with more on the way. Always A Princess is available for order at arthursacresanimalsanctuary.org. The second one, Lonely No More, is coming soon.

What do curious minds want to know? Yes, there is a Wilbur at Arthur's Acres Animal Sanctuary. Come find Joy on Ahrens Road! Follow the white picket fence. You will feel "humbled" by the experience.

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Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

All the signs of summer are here: bales of perennial grass dot the shorn fields; tiny wild strawberries sprout from scruffy-looking herbage; a succession of blooms – daffodils, lilacs, rhododendrons, clematis – come and go with all the assured progress of the zodiac across its summer houses: Cancer to Leo to Virgo. Everything appears to be in working order around Divine Corners.

Elsewhere, the severity of disruptions to the planet's climate is felt more acutely: the hottest day ever recorded in England is succeeded by yet a hotter one; climate fires have arrived in Europe; in India, dehydrated birds drop from the sky. There are no more innocent heatwaves. When one hits the Catskills, at the end of July, it comes laced with an edge of apprehension: is this the tipping point into some more permanent condition? The evidence of an ailing planet presents itself with rude force. The long-term strategy of our government calls for net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by no later than 2050, a policy that deems itself "ambitious." Only thirty more years to go! Given all the forces and accelerants now at work, does anyone think we can sustain thirty more years of this?

Our Catskill region is fortunate in its abundance of water and its protective mountains, in what remains of its diminishing forests. But we're not exempt. That which is felt elsewhere will eventually make itself felt here. It's only a question of time. The cascade of purple clematis spilling over our porch takes on a poignant beauty in the light of our prospects. There's some comfort in knowing that our anthropogenic disruptions are confined to this planet, that we can't touch the constellations; Virgo will still succeed Leo. We look to the heavens for perspective and receive the heartening news relayed this summer by the Webb Space Telescope.

My favorite Webb image is called SMACS 0723 – not the most evocative name for a most evocative picture. By the measure of light years, this is an image of galaxies as they appeared some thirteen billion years ago. The Big Bang is currently dated to 13.8 billion years ago, so this is pretty close to where it all got started. SMACS 0723 resembles a field of wild phosphoresces, those streaky light particles you see behind the closed lids of your eyes. The mind tries to take in what it's looking at, the measure of space and time involved, and stalls. Shortly after the photos were released I heard an astrophysicist interviewed on the radio. He was asked to estimate, given the new data, the number of galaxies out there. He tried to answer and he, too, stalled. "Well, you could say – oh, a gazillion!" This was the numeric equivalent of throwing your arms out to convey an indescribable immensity.

So we're looking at gazillions of galactic events, over billions of years, in a universe that gets bigger with every increase in our ability to discern its contours. The area covered in the picture of SMACS 0723 is the size of a grain of sand held at arm's length against the sky. "To see a World in a Grain of Sand," William Blake wrote, and here are innumerable worlds in one grain of sky; imagine an entire beach arrayed against the sky, each particle opening onto a similar abundance – that would be a glimmer of the true order of things. Webb's "deep field" photo is an emblem of the inconceivable.

When Pascal contemplated "the infinite immensity of spaces," he became anxious: "The eternal silence of these infinite spaces frightens me." But, aside from the slight sensation of vertigo induced by the Webb images, I find them comforting. The scale of civilizational change needed to address the health of our planet, and our precarious position upon it, is immense, and immensely daunting. Yet we have models of a surpassing immensity at hand, and all around us: these infinite spaces appear full of a promise we're on the verge of squandering here on earth. Maybe such celestial images, like that 1968 photograph of the blue sphere of earth from space, will help engender a shift in consciousness and make us more amenable to change. As Virgo cycles towards Libra, and we journey once again towards autumn, it's a thought to hold on to.

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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 or get an application.

Well one such person did. Denise Lombardi did, and she is now a member of the Hurleyville Fire Co. #1. Welcome aboard Denise.

Fire calls continue to rise throughout the County. With an influx of second homeowners coming up for the weekend Fridays have become very busy for the emergency services. Thursday have also started to get quite busy.

Activated alarms are way up in number across Sullivan County. There are many reasons that these alarms are going off, lack of maintenance, burnt food, no reason, construction, repairs on the system, etc. Activated alarms are treated as the real thing, is that not why you have them. The amount of false activated alarms is getting out of hand. Some departments are going to the same address over and over. PLEASE maintain your alarm systems. On a Thursday and Friday in early July I was dispatched to nine (9) activated alarms in the Town of Fallsburg. Maybe you don't know that dust from contractors working can set off the alarm, aerosol sprays, burning incense are a few common causes that are setting them off in addition to burnt food.

It has been a few years since it has been this dry in the summer. We are getting a few brush fires. Please be careful with your campfires.

We had a short, fast-moving storm at the end of July and many people lost electricity. Were you prepared for the power outage? There were many trees and wires down all across Sullivan County and

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just about every fire department in the County was out. One of the tasks that we had was to block the roads when we encountered LIVE electric lines or trees blocking the road. I was on such a detail by an intersection. I had the BIG RED FIRETRUCK with flashing red lights on across the road blocking it because of the live wires on the road up ahead. I was amazed on the number of drivers trying to get around the BIG RED FIRETRUCK blocking the road with flashing red lights. I have also seen this happen when roads are blocked because of flooding. We are trying to make the situation safe for your and you ignore the roadblocks and put yourself and others in danger.

Coming up is the 11th Annual Bill Carlson Golf Classic. For those of you that never knew or met Bill you missed out. Bill is a Past Chief of the Hurleyville Fire Department and was well-respected in the Firematic community, and for that matter, throughout Sullivan County and beyond. As

Chief, Bill led us to a Blue-Ribbon Trophy in the County Parade. I am proud to say that I was a young lieutenant in the department at the time. Bill retired from Schmidt's Wholesale and went right to work as a greenskeeper at the Tarry Brae golf course. Put him on a mower and he was happy. For years, the fire department talked about hosting a golf tournament. Upon Bill's passing, we decided now is the time, what better way to honor a man, than to name a golf tournament after him? Join us Saturday, August 20 at the Terry Brae Golf Course. It is \$100 per person with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Entrance fee includes green fee, cart, lunch, awards dinner, and cold drinks all day. There is a hole-in-one contest and a longest drive contest. We are also looking for tee box sponsors and donations for the raffle. You can contact John Jaycox, the Chairman, at (845) 866-6431 to answer any question and/or to sign up.

Nature is the Best Healer

A Guided Walk and Meditation on the Rail Trail

by Lily Barrish

HURLEYVILLE – On July 6, Sullivan Renaissance and Leeanna Maniace teamed up to hold the first Mindfulness in Nature walk on the Hurleyville Rail Trail. Christy TerBush, the Sullivan Renaissance Healthy Community Initiatives Program Manager, spearheaded the program.

"I'm more aware of nature being alive now and it inspired me to create this event," Ms. TerBush said.

Familiar with Ms. Maniace's vast knowledge of all things wellness, regularly attending yoga classes at the Hurleyville Arts Centre, Ms. TerBush thought she'd be the perfect person to lead the walk. Ms. Maniace has been teaching yoga for ten years and has owned The Yoga Space inside HPAC for just over a year now. She's been managing it for approximately three years.

"Nature is our greatest teacher and organic farming is our best medicine," she said. "Any way of connecting with nature is a beautiful thing—nature is all around us. With all the consumerism and materialism in the world nature is free. So often we walk right by plants and trees. Nature can be the little grass you walk by in a city."

Ms. Maniace also co-owns Sprouting Dreams Farm in Liberty. The farm is all organic and produces vegetables, microgreens, herbs, edible flowers, and cut-flowers. Nature is what brought her to the Catskills from the Buffalo area.

She encouraged everyone to look at the beautiful trees as unique sculptures while listening to sounds without labeling what was making that sound. She also gave instructions to notice the sensation and feeling in the body while visualizing and noticing shapes and textures. Everyone walked at their own pace—some faster, and some slower.

"I'm usually committed to picking up litter and walking

PHOTO BY LILY BARRISH
Leeanna Maniace addresses the group along the Milk Train Trail.

my dog for exercise, so it's a different experience to look up," one hiker, Mary Paige Lang-Clouse, said.

"This trail reminds me of my yoga mat because when I get on my yoga mat, I don't think of anything else," said Lisa Lyons, owner of Morgan Outdoors, who was on the walk.

"My father would take my family on Sunday afternoon walks. The place where we walked was by a reservoir, and the path was filled with pine trees. The nature walk smelled like my childhood walk and reminded me of childhood memories," said Judy Lucyk, another hiker.

A portion of the stroll was completely silent from chitter chatter to allow for utilizing all senses and total observation of the environment. A mediation circle was formed on the trail where Leeanna instructed everyone to take deep breaths. Afterward she asked if anyone was able to connect with breath and feelings? The group talked about moving through uncomfortable feelings and the importance of getting away from the busy world to find peace and calmness by making a conscious effort to slow down. Nature is stillness we can all come too during the day for grounding and tranquility.

You can find Leeanna Maniace at the Narrowsburg, Callicoon and Liberty Farmers Markets, as well as inside the The Yoga Space studio in Hurleyville.

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August 12, 1938

Cloudburst Wipes Out Seven Bridges In Liberty Section

A cloudburst which lasted less than an hour Saturday night left the area around Liberty with seven fewer bridges – six of them had spanned the Neversink. One automobile was swept 400 feet down stream after its driver had waded to safety through water up to his chest. Guardposts saved another car which its occupants had abandoned in the flood. A seventh bridge was reported out at Ulster Heights.

The motorists escaped the peril of the swollen east branch of the Mongaup at the first Route Seventeen bridge south of Liberty.

A 1937 sedan, owned by Abraham Steckler, of the Bronx, and operated by his son, David, twenty-eight, was swept away as a section of the approach was washed out and was carried about 400 feet downstream. Sunday morning it was found bottom-side up in a depression about fifty feet from the normal riverbed.

Steckler had left his parents at the Hotel Grossinger at about nine o'clock. It had rained heavily between Ferndale and Parksville for about forty-five minutes, ending at eight o'clock. The rain had come too late, however, to prevent Sullivan hotels from having the best week end business thus far this season, and the younger Steckler, when he found accommodations lacking at the Grossinger, started toward Liberty. He drove the car through the rising water on the bridge but when the torrent reached the battery the motor stalled.

When he realized his position was unsafe, he got out of the car and waded, chest-high, to safety. The water soon afterward came within a foot of the top of the car and carried it off downstream over loosened highway posts. Four occupants of another car also abandoned theirs for safety and saw it about to be swept after the other auto until it caught on the dan-

SENTINEL FILE PHOTO
Woodbourne's new American LaFrance fire truck with Fire Chief William Walter at the wheel.

gling highway post. It was saved by a tow-truck when the water receded a few hours afterwards. Sergeant Thomas J Mangan and Trooper William Elliott of Harris substation patrolled highway traffic at this point until the State Highway Department crew had made the bridge passable early Sunday. The bridge itself was slightly damaged. Neversink roads were closed by highway workers for emergency repairs. Disrupted telephone service, caused by falling poles, was restored in some measure by noon on Sunday.

The Town of Neversink several days ago advertised a vote on a \$14,000 bond issue to repair damage of two weeks ago, but what the new loss will be has not been calculated yet.

Extensive damage to its roadbed was suffered by the O & W road along a two-mile reach between Young's Gap and Parksville, as a result of the cloudburst. Both main line tracks were washed out in several places. A northbound passenger train was halted near the Gap at midnight, Saturday, and a dozen passengers transferred to automobiles for continuation of their trips to vacation centers.

Railroad repair crews attacked the damage promptly, however, and early Sunday morning one track was restored through the flood belt. Until late in the afternoon all passenger trains used the single track and maintained schedules satisfactorily. Both tracks were restored during the afternoon. The damage was caused by surface water.

The train stopped Saturday night was northbound Number Five which proceeded slowly from Liberty

after having been warned of insecure trackage. A short distance north of Liberty the train was stopped by trackmen. Passengers continued by autos.

On Cold Spring Road, southeast of Liberty, 800 chickens belonging to Henry Horstman, employed by the State Highway Department, were drowned when a nearby brook rose. High waters were also reported in Ferndale, where part of an old mill was washed away. Although Monticello experienced some heavy rain earlier in the afternoon, there was no damage.

August 19, 1938

New Fire Truck Delivered to the Woodbourne Fire District

The huge new American LaFrance fire truck was delivered on Tuesday to the Woodbourne Fire District which had voted approval of the purchase at a special meeting last month. The truck, which is the largest and most modern of any fire company in Sullivan County, is fully equipped and delivers at a cost of about \$7,500. It has an eight cylinder, one hundred and forty horsepower motor. The truck will pump five hundred gallons per minute at one hundred and twenty pound pressure; has twelve hundred feet of hose and carries two hundred gallon booster tanks.

Commissioners of the Woodbourne Fire District are Alfred Prince, Charles Jones, Charles Stangel, Floyd Hill and John Hamilton; Fire Chief – William Walter; Secretary and Treasurer – John Eidel and Chief Engineer – Basil Evans.

MUSEUM UNVEILS NEW EXHIBIT

The Hackledam Dam Project

HURLEYVILLE— The Neversink-Hackledam project is a little-known and long forgotten proposal to build a hydroelectric dam on the Neversink River in Forestburgh. Proposed in 1913, it would have changed the face of Sullivan County, with a 9-mile-long reservoir stretching upstream from Forestburgh across the Town of Thompson into the Town of Fallsburg, with a 60-foot depth at Bridgeville.

The massive project would have included a two-and-a-half mile train line, a five-and-a-half mile long tunnel through the Shawangunk Mountains, and re-locating the hamlet of Bridgeville and three cemeteries. The project was abandoned when funding was diverted to the World War I effort, but its economic impact on the area was still substantial.

PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY
Gordon MacAdam, left, explains the history of the never-built Hackledam Dam project.

On Sunday, July 24, the Sullivan County Historical Society unveiled a new exhibit detailing the history of the aborted project, with the help of Gordon MacAdam, one of the driving forces behind the creation of the exhibit. Mr. MacAdam was quick to point out that literally dozens of people were involved in researching,

funding, and building the exhibit, including the late town of Thompson Historian Al Wolkoff, in whose memory it is dedicated. More than 50 people attended the unveiling.

The exhibit remains on display at the Sullivan County Museum, at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville.

SUNY Sullivan Launches New Construction Technology Program

LOCH SHELDRAKE – SUNY Sullivan, in partnership with the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters (NASRCC), is launching a new two-year Associate of Occupational Studies (AOS) in Construction Technology degree program this fall. The new pathway program is specifically designed to help meet the growing statewide need for a skilled labor force in construction.

Construction Technology AOS students will complete instruction and on-the-job training through the NASRCC's apprenticeship program in Rock Tavern followed by additional courses in green building, accounting, communications, computer literacy and other studies at SUNY Sullivan. Upon completion of the program, Construction Technology AOS graduates will have a mastery of the skills and knowledge required to find immediate employment or advancement in the residential construction industry. Graduates can also use 61 of their credit hours from SUNY Sullivan toward a Bachelor of Technology (BTech) in Construction Supervision at Alfred State

College.

"We are so excited to bring this program to students in this region. Partnerships between industry and higher education are proven to produce successful students," said SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance. "This innovative pathway that leads to high-wage employment combines the best of apprenticeships and traditional college programs. On-the-job-training combined with the academic knowledge to support it ensure that these students will be ready for the ever-evolving 21st century building trades environment."

"The Carpenters union leads the industry in teaching the trade skills and professionalism needed to sustain a good-paying career in construction," said Tom Fischer, Director of the North Atlantic States Carpenters Training Fund (NASCTF). "This new partnership with SUNY Sullivan will expand opportunities we make available starting with pre-apprentice exploration and training programs, formal apprenticeship, and lifetime skills upgrade training. Choosing a career in construction offers several opportunities from

job site, hands-on opportunities to management positions with established contractors. Through our training and our partnerships, like this one with SUNY, all kinds of options stay on the table."

Local representatives and economic development leaders voiced strong support for the new degree program and the impact the partnership will have on the regional economy and workforce.

"I could not be more excited to see this new associate degree offered at SUNY Sullivan," said Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther. "I want to thank the college and the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters for working with my office to get this done. All across our state we're seeing a shortage of workers in the trades. This education will help students get the training they need to fill these highly paid, skilled jobs."

"The resilience and growth of our economy depends upon the strength of our trade unions and the cultivation of the next generation of leaders in the workforce," said Senator Mike Martucci. "As the graduate of an associate degree program and a strong believer in appren-

ticeship and workforce development programs, I have seen the life-changing and lasting impact they have on the individual and our communities. I am thrilled by this partnership because I know, together, SUNY Sullivan and the Carpenters union will continue to propel generations of men and women to long, prosperous careers."

"SUNY Sullivan has long been a vital and valued partner with Sullivan County's Center for Workforce Development, and this new curriculum will offer yet another reason for students to seek higher education locally," said Sullivan County Division of Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley. "The program will increase a very much in-demand workforce in one of the fastest-growing regions of New York State, with competitive-wage jobs available as soon as participants graduate, right here in Sullivan County."

"With a need for skilled tradesmen growing and 89,000 openings for carpenters each year in the United States, [this] program is both welcoming and timely," said Marc Baez, President, and

THE SNAKE

Where the path wended across the ridge, the bushes of huckleberry and sweet fern swarmed at it in two curling waves until it was a mere winding line traced through a tangle. There was no interference by clouds, and as the rays of the sun fell full upon the ridge, they called into voice innumerable insects which chanted the heat of the summer day in steady, throbbing, unending chorus.

A man and a dog came from the laurel thickets of the valley where the white brook brawled with the rocks. They followed the deep line of the path across the ridges. The dog--a large lemon and white setter--walked, tranquilly meditative, at his master's heels.

Suddenly from some unknown and yet near place in advance there came a dry, shrill whistling rattle that smote motion instantly from the limbs of the man and the dog. Like the fingers of a sudden death, this sound seemed to touch the man at the nape of the neck, at the top of the spine, and change him, as swift as thought, to a statue of listening horror, surprise, rage. The dog, too--the same icy hand was laid upon him, and he stood crouched and quivering, his jaw dropping,

the froth of terror upon his lips, the light of hatred in his eyes.

Slowly the man moved his hands toward the bushes, but his glance did not turn from the place made sinister by the warning rattle. His fingers, unguided, sought for a stick of weight and strength. Presently they closed about one that seemed adequate, and holding this weapon poised before him the man moved slowly forward, glaring. The dog with his nervous nostrils fairly fluttering moved warily, one foot at a time, after his master.

But when the man came upon the snake, his body underwent a shock as if from a revelation, as if after all he had been ambushed. With a blanched face, he sprang forward and his breath came in strained gasps, his chest heaving as if he were in the performance of an extraordinary muscular trial. His arm with the stick made a spasmodic, defensive gesture.

The snake had apparently been crossing the path in some mystic travel when to his sense there came the knowledge of the coming of his foes.

The dull vibration perhaps informed him, and he flung his body to face the danger.

He had no knowledge of paths; he had no wit to tell him to slink noiselessly into the bushes. He knew that his implacable enemies were approaching; no doubt they were seeking him, hunting him. And so he cried his cry, an incredibly swift jangle of tiny bells, as burdened with pathos as the hammering upon quaint cymbals by the Chinese at war-- for, indeed, it was usually his death-music.

"Beware! Beware! Beware!"

The man and the snake confronted each other. In the man's eyes were hatred and fear. In the snake's eyes were hatred and fear. These enemies maneuvered, each preparing to kill. It was to be a battle without mercy.

Neither knew of mercy for such a situation. In the man was all the wild strength of the terror of his ancestors, of his race, of his kind. A deadly repulsion had been handed from man to man through long dim centuries. This was another detail of a war that had begun evidently when first there were men and snakes. Individuals who do not participate in this strife incur the investigations of scientists. Once there was

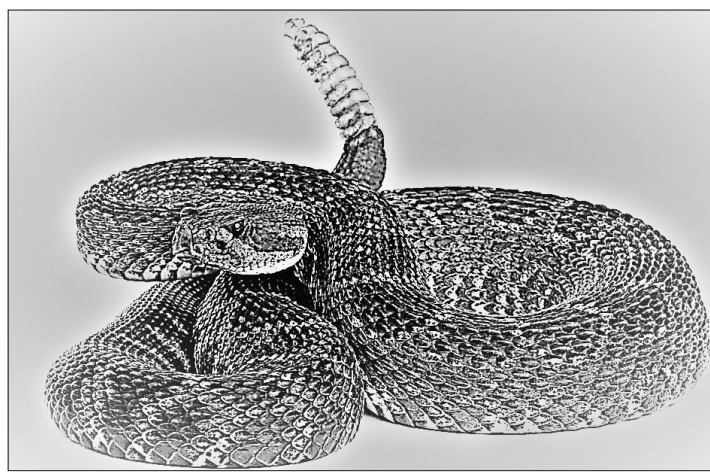


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a man and a snake who were friends, and at the end, the man lay dead with the marks of the snake's caress just over his East Indian heart. In the formation of devices, hideous and horrible, Nature reached her supreme point in the making of the snake, so that priests who really paint hell well fill it with snakes instead of fire. The curving forms, these scintillant coloring create at once, upon sight, more relentless animosities than do shake barbaric tribes. To be born a snake is to be thrust into a place a-swarm with formidable foes. To gain an appreciation of it, view hell as pictured by priests who are really skilful.

As for this snake in the pathway, there was a double curve some inches back of its head, which, merely by

the potency of its lines, made the man feel with tenfold eloquence the touch of the death-fingers at the nape of his neck. The reptile's head was waving slowly from side to side and its hot eyes flashed like little murder-lights. Always in the air was the dry, shrill whistling of the rattles.

"Beware! Beware! Beware!"

The man made a preliminary feint with his stick. Instantly the snake's heavy head and neck were bended back on the double curve and instantly the snake's body shot forward in a low, strait, hard spring. The man jumped with a convulsive chatter and swung his stick. The blind, sweeping blow fell upon the snake's head and hurled him so that steel-colored plates

were for a moment uppermost. But he rallied swiftly, agilely, and again the head and neck bended back to the double curve, and the steaming, wide-open mouth made its desperate effort to reach its enemy. This attack, it could be seen, was despairing, but it was nevertheless impetuous, gallant, ferocious, of the same quality as the charge of the lone chief when the walls of white faces close upon him in the mountains. The stick swung unerringly again, and the snake, mutilated, torn, whirled himself into the last coil.

And now the man went sheer raving mad from the emotions of his forefathers and from his own. He came to close quarters. He gripped the stick with his two hands and made it speed like a flail. The snake, tumbling in the anguish of final despair, fought, bit, flung itself upon this stick which was taking his life.

At the end, the man clutched his stick and stood watching in silence. The dog came slowly and with infinite caution stretched his nose forward, sniffing. The hair upon his neck and back moved and ruffled as if a sharp wind was blowing,

the last muscular quivers of the snake were causing the rattles to still sound their treble cry, the shrill, ringing war chant and hymn of the grave of the thing that faces foes at once countless, implacable, and superior.

"Well, Rover," said the man, turning to the dog with a grin of victory, "we'll carry Mr. Snake home to show the girls."

His hands still trembled from the strain of the encounter, but he pried with his

stick under the body of the snake and hoisted the limp thing upon it. He resumed his march along the path, and the dog walked tranquilly meditative, at his master's heels.

Stephen Crane is generally regarded as one of the great American writers. He spent much of his youth in Forestburgh, here in Sullivan County, and as a young boy was bitten by a rattlesnake near the Mongaup Falls. His short story, "The Snake," is in the public domain.

A Short Story by Stephen Crane



The Art of Being

by Deborah Chandler, Ph.D.

Humility

Humility is an aspiration. Humble behavior captures the truth of non-attachment. This non-attachment is a great escape hatch from self-doubt and fear.

For me, humility pits me against my ego, that part of me that claims my powers of control and my pride of accomplishment. Humility asks of me, do I really trust that we live in a loving Universe?

I find humility a skittish rabbit that skitters away from my attempts to tame it. When I back off and let humility find me, I can glimpse its powers, right before I reclaim ownership over my actions and their outcomes.

Humility defines a different way of being. Humility asks of me to stop running from my fears and doubts. It seems the harder I run, the more my world closes in around me, as I whip up a frenzy of panic and imminent disaster. What is this other world that humility derives from? What is this other world of inner peace and serenity that humility comes from?

What is this loving Universe? This version of reality contrasts with the news of environmental disasters and humanitarian crises. Where do I find this world of love,

joy, and inner peace?

One method of exploration into humility is to sit quietly. What a concept! How do I quiet my grand thoughts? Where is this inner quietness? I have learned through repeated and systematic attempts; moments of inner stillness can be experienced.

As I enter into this inner serenity, humility appears. I lose interest in my specialness. I find a new inner certainty and calmness. My accomplishments become distracting. I don't stop doing, but I focus on the calm within the doing. The outcomes become exhalations that leaves my body to find their own places in the universe.

Humility recasts my activities as passing moments in a sequence of events unfolding as I witness them. My accomplishments are released into the universe to find their places and meaning. It's not for me to know this.

As I let my actions and thoughts serve the moment, I become a hub of inner stillness. From this quiet, I am able to glimpse this universe of love, joy, and peace. I can't yet attest to its depth and substance, but I have touched the hem. This is enough to keep me going.

AKTION CLUB SEEKING MEMBERS



PHOTO PROVIDED

Aktion Club members participate in many activities, such as playing Santa Claus during the holidays.

by Tommy Abelson

HURLEYVILLE—AKTION CLUB meets on Tuesday of every month on ZOOM. Brian Connelly of Hurleyville is the current President and as the secretary, I read the minutes from the prior meeting. I also take attendance by calling out people's names and if they answer here I mark them present, and if they are not there I just leave it blank. AKTION CLUB members get involved in community projects such as singing in nursing homes, litter plucking, and even playing a singing Santa during the Christmas holiday.

Personally, I am very proud

to be a member of AKTION CLUB and I am working very hard to get new members to join.

If you want to make a difference in your life and community, check out AKTION CLUB. AKTION CLUB empowers members to be themselves, work together with friends and implement plans through action. As an extension of Kiwanis International, it shares the mission serving children around the world. Through AKTION CLUB, members become leaders in their community.

Anyone interested in learning more about AKTION CLUB should contact Sheila Lashinsky at shedlash@yahoo.com.

FALLSBURG—When the Fallsburg Central School District Alumni Association (FAA) gets together, the event is overflowing with good feelings and celebration of the Town as well as the schools. Saturday, July 16 seemed extra special. Every award presented truly honored good people that have made a difference in Fallsburg as graduating seniors and distinguished alumni.

With each presentation, the presenters spoke beautifully about the kindness, compassion and intention of participating in the school and in volunteer activities outside the school of the graduates honored. Three students received FAA Award Scholarships. Kaitlyn Cross, Musa Dumbuya, and Josie Galeas Iraheta expressed their gratitude to the teachers and staff, and, most emotionally for their parents in attendance. Jonathan Espinoza and Jennifer Santos were unable to attend, and they composed heartfelt appreciative letters of thanks that were read by

Jonathan's aunt, Theresa Trujillo and Sue Kasofsky, respectively.

The Sheryl Kalter Memorial Award went to two deserving seniors, who embodied the values of love, scholarship and commitment to the community that Ms. Kalter held throughout her life. Ana Dell'aquila accepted the award as a great honor and to devote her education to those same values. Isabel Cruz acknowledged the Sheryl Kalter Award in a moving letter read by Sue Kasofsky.

Arlene Hussey, retired teacher, long-time Board of Education member and mother of the late and beloved Robynne Anderman, presented the award in Ms. Anderman's name to Kyle Tremper. Ms. Hussey knew Kyle Tremper since he was a baby. So, it was very emotional for her to present him with the Robynne Anderman Award. Kyle remembered Ms. Anderman and the kindness she showed every day at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School. When Ms. Hussey and Kyle



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Fallsburg Alumni Association President Regina McKenny-Snead, left, presents an FAA Award to Kaitlyn Cross.

embraced, the love filled the space.

Kyle was not seated for very long after his acceptance speech because Eileen Kalter was introducing him to return and accept the FAA Award in Honor of Jack Leshner, another beloved teacher and member of the FHS Hall of Fame. The event was held in the Main Lobby right in front of the HOF display. Mr. Leshner's smiling face reflected the happiness at the choice of Kyle Tremper for this honor.

The three members of the Fallsburg Community that were honored are all outstanding contributors to the Town. The FAA Committee chose well when they presented the Retired FCSD Staff Award to Mike Weiner. His service to the school, to the Town of Fallsburg Planning Board and Town Board, and currently as

President of the Board of Education has been beyond exemplary. Fellow BOE member Renee Kates read the reasons for how deserving Mr. Weiner is of the award. FAA Recording Secretary Mona Bogan wrote the words. She had to miss the event because of illness.

The two additional Honorees among the Alumni were Robert Kaplan and Terence Duncan, who earned the Alumnus Award and Lawrence Kotin Award, respectively. Mr. Kaplan has served on numerous community-related governing and agency organizations since he graduated. Presently, he is Treasurer of the Fallsburg Lions Club.

The late Fallsburg alumnus Lawrence Kotin devoted his life to serving children with special needs and being their advocate. Terence Duncan embodied these ideals as he now serves as Assistant VP of Program Operations at Loch Sheldrake's New Hope Community. All three alumni recipients expressed humility, gratitude for the FAA and their Alma Mater, and the great support of their families.

What a perfect day of celebration and appreciation for selfless service and the values of devoted educators and learners! The future is bright for the seniors continuing their education and for the alumni that will continue to serve the special educational needs of the Town of Fallsburg and beyond.

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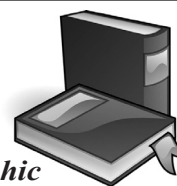
HURLEYVILLE — The Fallsburg Fall Festival, a family fun event with games, music, a scavenger hunt and more, to be held September 17 at Morningside Park in Hurleyville, (rain date is September 18), hosted by the Kiwanis of Woodridge, is accepting applications for vendors. Food, crafts, antiques, toys, clothing,

games, etc. are welcome. Non-food 10'x10' space - \$15.00; Food 15'x15' space - \$20.00; Food trucks - \$30.00.

Contact Diane at 845-866-3204 or dsenn10151@aol.com, or Jill at 845-798-6058 or jweiner66@gmail.com for an application and further information.

FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Amanda Letohic



We're wrapping up our Summer Reading Program here at the library!

Come in and pick up a "Sew-It!" Whale Shark Pencil Case to make for kids starting August 1. The week after kids can stop in and grab a kit to make Sand Play Dough. On Tuesday August 2, we're having a chalk night. Drop in and help us decorate our front sidewalk from 5 to 6 p.m.

August 9 you can bring in the family for Giant Game Night from 5 to 6 p.m. Come enjoy some classic board games... giant size.

Adults can stop by starting August 1 to pick up a Beach Sign Take & Make kit! Our Summer Reading Program ends Friday, August 12, so be sure to come turn in your reading logs to get your prize raffle tickets before then!

Don't forget about our "Books, Bikes, and Brew!" promotion in collaboration with Hurleyville General Store and Fortress Bikes, both local owned businesses in Hurleyville. Read one book from Fallsburg Library, and

receive one bike rental from Fortress Bikes and one beverage voucher from Hurleyville General Store. Contact Amanda at aletohic@rcls.org or 845-436-6067 ext. 102 with any questions.

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INDOOR SPORTS FACILITY APPROVED FOR SUNY SULLIVAN

by John Conway

MONTICELLO – Sullivan County Legislators have approved committing \$15 million toward a \$30 million indoor aquatic and recreation facility to be built at SUNY Sullivan in the next three years. The Legislature approved a resolution at its July meeting requesting that New York State contribute the other half of the project's \$30 million cost through the SUNY system. That application will be made for the 2023 New York State budget.

Although the exact details have to be ironed out, the state-of-the-art arena would be owned by the County and operated by the college. If the state funding is approved,

construction would ideally start sometime in 2023 and be completed in 2025.

Legislators say the proposed facility will include a 25-meter-long, 8-lane pool and a 200-meter oval track. There would also likely be provisions for volleyball, basketball, tennis, soccer and other sports, as well.

"This project is all about Sullivan County's future," Legislature Chairman Rob Doherty said last week. "It didn't escape me that almost all of the valedictorians of our high schools this year were on sports teams – teams that will be able to use this facility, along with the general public and SUNY Sullivan's students. It's a demonstration of this Legislature's commitment to

make a significant impact on this County's health, economy and youth."

"We are so glad that the County Legislature recognizes the central importance of SUNY Sullivan in the health and future of Sullivan County," SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance said. "This project will ensure not only increased enrollment moving forward, but provide a much-needed community hub for years to come. Having our students and community be able to access a state-of-the-art facility like this will transform both the college and the County."

The Legislature's Vice Chair, District 3 Legislator Michael Brooks, called the proposed project typical of



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO
Sullivan County Legislature
Chairman Robert Doherty

"the innovative thinking" that has marked this Legislature's tenure in office, and said the construction of such a facility would "only enhance" the college while "creating a positive ripple effect" in the county.

District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, in whose district



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO
SUNY Sullivan President
Jay Quaintance

the college sits, praised the proposed arena as "an amazing facility" that would be "very beneficial not only to the college but the community and the county as a whole."

"We plan to build it large enough to host special events, conferences, shows,

sports attractions and other public gatherings. It will also be available to rent, generating revenue year-round," he said.

As outlined in the May edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel, Sean Wall-Carty, Fallsburg Town Councilman and Deputy Supervisor, had previously proposed a similar project to the Town Board, but Mr. Wall-Carty now says he fully supports the county's plan, as does Fallsburg Supervisor, Kathy Rappaport.

"The Rappaport administration is pleased that a majority of the [County] Legislature saw the vision in a project like this. We believe this will add a much-needed economic driver to the area," Mr. Wall-Carty said. "The

Town of Fallsburg will be working to support and facilitate commerce as a result of this project. We welcome inquiries from businesspeople by calling 845-434-8810, ext. 5."

District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart of South Fallsburg was the lone dissenting vote on the resolution, although

he said he is not opposed to the project. Mr. Steingart said he wants to better understand the plan before giving his assent.

"I love the idea. It's a great project that promises to transform the county," he said. "I just want to be more certain of the details before we proceed further."

FIFTY YEARS AGO...

The First Annual Sullivan County Hunting and Fishing Day

by John Conway

MONTICELLO—In August of 1972—50 years ago this month—town of Fallsburg Supervisor Milton Levine, the Chairman of the Sullivan County Board of Supervisors, proclaimed the first annual Sullivan County Hunting and Fishing Day would be held on September 23 that year.

Furthermore, Mr. Levine announced, the fourth Monday in September would be designated Hunting and Fishing Day each year from that point forward.

Following the proclamation, Mr. Levine told the Times Herald-Record newspaper that plans were already well underway for the first annual observance of the new holiday later that year, and were being coordinated with the well-known Liberty sportsman, G. Calvert Crary.

"Crory has enlisted the aid of numerous persons in the county, and a full program is being set up for a day of activity at the Livingston Manor Airport," the Record reported in its August 1 edition.

"Floyd Emery of Roscoe has been named director of the full program, which is to include a parade, floats, rifle and bow and arrow exhibi-

tions, hunter safety courses, trap shooting exhibitions, instruction, and other activities."

In a follow up story in its August 23 edition, the Record noted that more than 20 events had been lined up for the inaugural celebration.

"The program is being geared to be of maximum benefit and appeal to children, but, according to Floyd Emery of Livingston Manor [sic], the coordinator, 'it will provide a memorable outing for the entire family,'" the paper reported.

"Among highlights will be a trout pond, where an angling contest will be held for school students, archery and rifle matches, field trials for hunting dogs, fly-tying and game cookery."

The event was held in conjunction with the national Hunting and Fishing Day as proclaimed by President Nixon. The Sullivan County event was co-sponsored by the Livingston Manor and Roscoe-Rockland Chambers of Commerce and the Sullivan County Tourism and Publicity Department.

When the event was finally held at the Livingston Manor airport in September that year, more than 3,500 people took part, and officials declared it a great success.

SUNY Sullivan Grad Reneau Signs

Heading to University of St. Francis



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO
Jalen Reneau

LOCH SHELDRAKE—Former SUNY Sullivan standout Jalen Reneau will be continuing his basketball career at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois.

The 5'10" guard from Harlem, who came to Loch Sheldrake by way of St. Raymond's High School, was the second leading

scorer on last year's outstanding Generals squad that ended the season with a 28-5 record and a fourth place finish in the NJCAA tournament.

Reneau averaged 14.6 points per game for the season. His career stats as a General included more than 750 points and 350 assists.

The University of St. Francis competes in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The Fighting Saints finished last season with a 14-14 record overall and 10-12 in the conference.

by Win Hadley

HURLEYVILLE—Sullivan County Historian John Conway has announced that he will be leading and narrating another Hurleyville History Hike on Saturday morning, October 1.

The hike will start at 11 a.m. and will travel to the west on the Milk Train Trail. The hike is sponsored by the Barryville-based non-profit history education group, The Delaware Company, and is free and open to the public.

Mr. Conway said participants will gather at the interpretive sign at the east end of the large municipal parking lot next to the old railroad station, and the narration will start there.

"That interpretive sign deals with the railroad and its impact on Hurleyville,

ANOTHER HURLEYVILLE HISTORY HIKE

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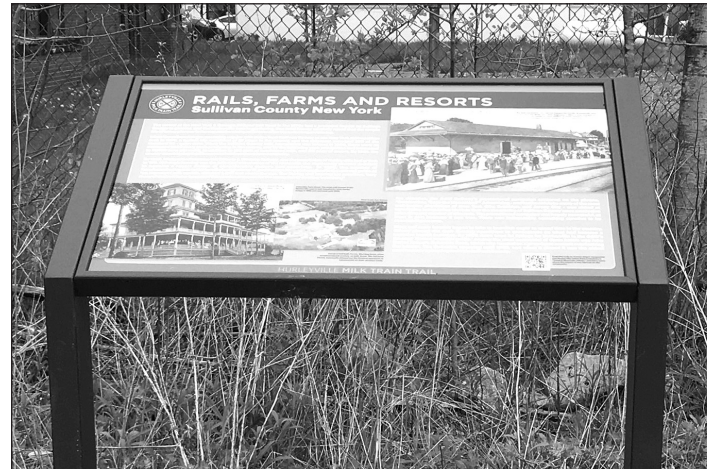


PHOTO BY WIN HADLEY

The Hurleyville History Hike on October 1 will start from the interpretive sign at the beginning of the municipal parking lot west of Main Street.

so it is appropriate that we start there," he said. "The development of the hamlet really started when the railroad arrived, so that was a beginning of sorts, and therefore a perfect place for the beginning of our saunter."

Topics to be covered on the hike will include the railroad and the resorts, the dairy industry, the Native American Lenape tribe, their language and their legacy, the activities of Murder, Inc. in the region in the 1930s, and much more.

"The organized crime connection to Hurleyville back then is always of great

interest to people," Mr. Conway said. "There were two bodies discovered here in the hamlet, and another in Loch Sheldrake, and there are fascinating stories attached to all of those incidents, so we will be covering those during a portion of our walk."

Hurleyville History Hikes typically last about 90 minutes. Although the portion of the trail on which the hike will take place is level and paved, participants are advised to wear appropriate footwear for walking and to dress according to the weather, whatever it may be that day.

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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!

August Questions:

- In what year was the first Little League World Series played?
- How many teams play in the LL World Series each year?
- What was the first town in New York state to win the LL World Series?
- What international city was the first to be represented in the LL World Series?
- What was the first foreign country to win the LL World Series?

Last month's answers:

- The first MLB All-Star game was played on July 6, 1933. Where was it played? **Comiskey Park in Chicago**
- What was unusual about the MLB All-Star games from 1959 to 1962? **There were two All-Star games each year.**
- In 1957, fans from one team elected seven of the team's starters to the All-Star game. What team was it? **Cincinnati Reds**
- When was the last year the All-Star game was played in the afternoon? **1969**
- What MLB player appeared in 25 All-Star games in his career, more than anyone else? **Hank Aaron**

No winner last month.