

PEOPLE WHO LIFT

Utility Workers Give Back to Community

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE-- They came in large trucks pulling trailers full of equipment — ATVs, chainsaws, weed-wackers, and leaf blowers. Utility bucket trucks joined the convoy to the western parking lot of Hurleyville's Milk Train Trail before 8 a.m. on April 27, where two gigantic dumpsters sat at the trailhead. A crew of 21 men and women showed up ready for work, and after assembling for a quick photo, they hit the trails. Both trailheads were closed for most of the day so they could have access to the dumped debris and trees in need of trimming.

Who were these no-nonsense warriors in work boots, ball caps and sunglasses? Our local linemen, meter readers and other workers from the Liberty office of New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG),

that's who.

I reached out to the kind, competent people in community relations at Avangrid, NYSEG's parent company, to find out how Hurleyville got so lucky, and they were quick to respond:

"We chose the rail trail clean-up as one of our community projects because it is enjoyed by people from all over the area and is important to the community," a spokesperson told me.

"Our employees in divisions all over the state work with local organizations to identify volunteer projects where they can be of service to the communities in which they live and work. In this case, we worked with the Town of Fallsburg, The Center for Discovery, and Hurleyville-Sullivan First to set up this project. It's our second year con-



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NYSEG workers pose in the west side municipal parking lot in Hurleyville before beginning work on the Rail Trail.

ducting a clean-up along the rail trail."

Not only does the cleanup benefit all trail hikers and the larger Hurleyville community, but volunteer work

by many companies like Avangrid translates to dollars for local not-for-profit groups. Avangrid / NYSEG employees use the Benevity software platform to log

time spent volunteering at company events, local events, or personal events, enabling them to earn volunteer rewards (dollars) that are donated directly to the

recipient organization by the Avangrid Foundation. In this case, the lucky organization is Hurleyville-Sullivan First (HSF), a volunteer group dedicated to beau-

tification and community development in Hurleyville for more than 20 years.

The Town of Fallsburg was contacted by NYSEG after the rail trail was chosen as this year's local NYSEG cleanup project, and officials were looking for a Hurleyville group that qualified to receive the volunteer reward funds. By chance, HSF member MaryAnn Halchak was working with the town's building department on an upcoming beautification effort with Code Enforcement Officer Mollie Messenger, and the pieces fell into place. HSF has focused several beautification efforts around the rail trail and its entrance in the past, building signs and gardens, among other projects.

"We as Hurleyville-Sullivan First have worked many years to make Hurleyville and the trail an attractive,

inviting destination," Ms. Halchak said. "Having the help of the NYSEG work crew is much appreciated and aids our efforts. When we collaborate, much can be accomplished."

Cody Parks, a Lineman 1/c for NYSEG, lives locally, and was part of the rail trail work crew. He appreciates and sees the value in volunteering for projects such as this.

"It was a good opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and help the community. It's nice to see everyone get together to make the rail trail a cleaner place for everyone to enjoy," he said.

It doesn't get much better than this - collaboration, volunteering, donating needed funds and sprucing up the rail trail in the happening hamlet of Hurleyville!

THE RAIL TRAIL AS LINCHPIN *Lessons From a Florida Town*

by Ben Abramson

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WINTER GARDEN, FL-- It's a balmy Saturday evening in Winter Garden, Florida. Smiling couples hold hands on swinging benches beneath a wisteria-covered gazebo.

Throng of residents and visitors line up for ice cream from a storefront window along a historic main street. Young families congregate in a splash park teeming with squealing children. Downtown is positively humming.

Flash back 30 years. Plant Street (the city's main commercial street) was "boarded up, filled with industrial uses and used car lots," says Tanja Gerhartz, Winter Garden's economic development director. An old train track sprouted grass in the center median.

At one time, it was one of the busiest shipping hubs in Florida for citrus heading north, with two train stations (both still intact and open to visitors) to accommodate all the demand. But like many of the citrus towns of central Florida, Winter Garden lost its primary industry in the 1970s and '80s, when a series of freezes drove citrus growers farther south. Compounding the decline, this era also corresponded to the growth of malls and regional shopping centers, which led to downtown disinvestment across North America.

Elected officials (local and county), community leaders, and local stakeholders knew they needed to take action to revive their declining city. They decided to make two important bets: on the prospects of connecting Winter Garden with a new regional



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rail trail, and on the historic character of the town being an important part of its revival. To this, they added a seemingly straightforward goal, but one that would prove transformational: bring people back downtown.

Winter Garden received Main Street Designation from the state of Florida in 1991, which provided grants and expertise to help revitalize downtown. It established its own Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) in 1992 for access to funding for infrastructure improvements. In the intervening time, it also fought off a state-led plan to make Plant Street a five-lane road.

Few towns at the time gave prime real estate to bicycling infrastructure, but Winter Garden made the locally controversial decision to route the West Orange Trail directly through the middle of downtown. Plant Street was reconfigured with the trail running through a large center median (which would become the base for several civic projects to come).

That decision "provided the one thing that the city needed at that time, which was people and foot traffic and life," says Kelly Carson, Winter Garden's planning director. The West Orange Trail through downtown "was the story of how the city came alive again," says

Ms. Carson. Ms. Gerhartz concurs, calling it "a trail of life for our downtown."

Jason King, a principal at Dover, Kohl & Partners, who has worked on several projects in Winter Garden, casts the decision about placing the trail in economic terms: "Cyclists buy more stuff because they're moving more slowly through a place... They're better customers."

That certainly proved the case in Winter Garden. By 2010, the West Orange Trail had reached one million riders a year, and the segment through the heart of Plant Street is one of its main hubs and rallying points. In 2020, Winter Garden was awarded official Trail Town status from the state, given to communities with trails that provide "accessibility, amenities, safety, signage, and proximity to businesses."

The West Orange Trail is a 22.26-mile multi-use trail built along an old Florida railroad corridor. It was constructed and is managed by Orange County and goes through the neighboring towns of Apopka and Oakland, ending at the county line where it connects to the South Lake Trail for another 10 miles of paved trail. The stretch around Winter Garden is particularly appealing, with shade-covered stretches going through historic neighborhoods and regional parks,

while new construction is cropping up adjacent to the trail.

But the segment smack-dab in the middle of town is where the magic happens. The median on Plant Street is a parade of human power, with serious cyclists, slower-moving family groups, inline skaters, and casual walkers all sharing the trail. Leave your bike at one of several city-installed racks and you'll find dozens of dining and shopping options just steps away.

Post-trail, CRA records document a slate of new construction in Winter Garden that would make any city its size jealous. At the civic level, a striking Art Deco City Hall opened in 2008, a well-integrated downtown parking garage came in 2016, and a series of beautification projects added a pavilion, an interactive fountain, and a landscape of linear parks that transformed downtown into what Ms. Carson calls a collection of "outdoor living rooms."

Major commercial projects include the Plant Street Market and Can Street Brewery, a food hall styled like a vintage mercantile warehouse that "looks like it's been there 100 years," says Mr. King; the restoration of the historic Boyd Theater; plus several new housing projects adjacent to downtown. As a result of all these changes, the CRA calculates the increase in property value at a whopping 187% between 2012 and 2022, while adding one million square feet to downtown.

There's also a historic preservation success story in Winter Garden. The most immediate goal when the city's Heritage Foundation was formed was to save the historic Edgewater Hotel as

THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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- Self-guided tours of the Museum
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- There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person
- All donations benefit the museum

Additional Cornhole Mixers will hold on a monthly basis through the summer months.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville. For more information and to register, please call 845-434-8044 or visit www.facebook.com/snyhistory.

Your support of the museum and its activities are greatly appreciated.

SCHS TRIES SOMETHING NEW

"A Cornhole Mixer with a Bite of History" at Museum

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE—All things corn will be represented at the Sullivan County Historical Society's special event on Sunday, May 7 at the County Museum, 265 Main Street in Hurleyville.

The SCHS is hosting an innovative "Cornhole Mixer with a Bite of History" from 1 to 4 p.m. that afternoon, with cornhole tossing competition commencing at 1:45 p.m.

Refreshments will include popcorn, corn chips, and corn bread along with the more typical cookies, brownies, cake and coffee.

The event is open to the public; a \$5 donation per person is suggested. In addition to the cornhole competition, for which prizes will be awarded,

the afternoon will include self-guided tours of the Museum, music by Little Sparrow, and a 50-50 raffle.

"My goal with this event is to begin paving the way to widening the demographics of the community who come to the Museum to take advantage of all it has to offer about the history of Sullivan County," said SCHS Board member, Elsie Kopcha, who came up with the idea for the event. "I thought as a starting point a fun-filled event like cornhole would have the perfect family appeal with an opportunity to do self-guided tours of the museum."

Ms. Kopcha says there are plans to make the cornhole event a regular monthly offering at the Museum.

NO SCHOOL TAX INCREASE IN FALLSBURG

Five Consecutive Years Now

FALLSBURG-- Residents of Fallsburg Central School District will be delighted to learn that there will be no tax levy increase for the newly proposed budget. On April 18, the FCSD Board of Education adopted a budget of \$59,260,373.00 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, which will lead to a 0% increase in the tax levy. This will now mark the fifth consecutive year the school has not seen an increase to the tax levy.

The unique financial situation has presented an opportunity for the district to also address the school's needs without adding onto the tax burden. The Board of Education is also asking the school community to approve a capital reserve fund, which func-

tions as a savings account for potential building projects. A capital reserve fund will allow the district to set aside money, with little to no additional cost to the taxpayers, over several years to fund certain building projects, such as renovating the school's parking lots. Money will only be allocated to the capital reserve fund if there is a surplus at the end of the year. The funds cannot be established and spent without voter approval and will be capped at \$10,000,000.

The budget vote will take place on May 16 in the Board of Education meeting room at the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

ABOUT OUR HEADLINE

The headline for this month's edition comes from the poem, "The Two Kinds of People" by the American author, Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Ms. Wilcox was born on a farm in Wisconsin in 1850, and began writing poetry at the age of eight. Her most famous poem is entitled, "Solitude" which memorialized the lines, "Laugh, and the world laughs with you; Weep, and you weep alone."

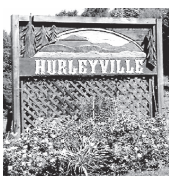
Her poem, "The Two Kinds of People" was first published in 1896. The opening stanza begins: "There are two kinds of people on earth to-day; Just two kinds of people, no more, I say."

And she goes on to write: "No, the two kinds of people on earth I mean, Are the people who lift and the people who lean." The people who lift are people who help out in their community, lifting it up. The people who lean are those who do not give back, preferring instead to rely on the people who lift.

Clearly, by devoting their time to cleaning up Hurleyville's Milk Train Trail, the NYSEG workers who participated have chosen to be "people who lift."

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



HURLEYVILLE SULLIVAN-FIRST (HSF)

Everyone is invited to come out and help the members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First plant our barrels and planters. Work dates will be announced soon.

April was Child Abuse Prevention Month. Healthy Families, part of Sullivan County Public Health, added blue pinwheels to the stone planters in April. Blue pinwheels are the national symbol for child abuse prevention. The observance is dedicated to raising awareness in the community. The creation of a wayfinding sign at the Community Gateway and the addition of solar powered strip lights to the historical kiosk in the Hurleyville Firemen's Park are new projects for Hurleyville-Sullivan First this year.

Completed projects will continue to be preserved and improved by the group:

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

Hurleyville-Sullivan First is collaborating with the Hurleyville Hub again this year on festivals:

- Summer Festivals on Thursday, July 20 and on Thursday, August 17
 - The Scarecrow Festival on Sunday, October 8
 - Holiday in Hurleyville on Saturday, December 2
- Please visit www.hurleyville.com for more information about Hurleyville-Sullivan First. You can also visit Hurleyville-Sullivan First on Facebook.

HURLEYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The church received a 2023 Sullivan 180 Beautification Grant. The grant will be used to clean up and revitalize the garden at the church. New plants and new edging will be added to the garden.

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

Youngsters are invited to at-



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It will soon be time for Hurleyville-Sullivan First to plant the barrels and planters. Work dates to be announced shortly.

tend the next "Messy Church" on Saturday, May 13 at 5 p.m. They'll enjoy learning about the Bible through creative and fun activities. An adult must accompany children taking part in the fun.

Sunday services at the church begin at 9:00am. Children of all ages are invited to attend Sunday school at the church during services.

Pastor Jorge delivers 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.

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

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

Socks, underwear and diapers are being collected for children in foster care. Paper goods are being gathered for Preventive Services. This county program supports parents in their efforts to keep their children safe and healthy in their own homes. Please contact Cookie at 845-428-5871 or Goldie at 845-467-1641 for more information.

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 Sullivan County Historical Society will host the first "Cornhole Mixer with a Bite of History" at the museum on Sunday, May 7 from 1 until 4 p.m. Bags will fly at

1:45 p.m. All skill levels can join in the fun. There will be prizes for teams placing first and second. 50/50 raffle tickets will also be available.

The afternoon of fun and gamesmanship will feature a musical performance by Little Sparrow and self-guided tours of three floors of Sullivan County history.

Refreshments will include all things corn...popcorn, corn bread, corn chips... and chocolate chip cookies, brownies and beverages.

A suggested donation for admission is \$5.00 per person. Donations help meet the increasing cost of operating the museum and are always greatly appreciated.

Plans are underway to host more "Meet and Greet" get-togethers for Sullivan County historians at locations throughout the county.

Sullivan County memorabilia and books recounting the history of Sullivan County are available at the museum gift shop.

Visitors to the museum can explore the historical and genealogical 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 are available at no charge. Please call 845-434-8044 to make a reservation.

Anyone interested in genealogy and the history of life in Sullivan County can send an email to info@scnyhistory.org to find out about volunteering at the museum.

The museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, is open from Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

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

COLUMBIA HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE (CHNA)

The proposed Gan Eden Estates project on Columbia Hill continues to be on the agenda at monthly CHNA meetings along with sustainable and responsible development throughout the community.

The proposed Gan Eden project will have harmful and frightening effects on our community. The project will deplete our water supply, jeopardize our streams and wetlands, alter our rural environment, endanger wildlife and threaten the safety of drivers on our roads.

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



THE DOG SHOW

Have you ever watched the Westminster Dog Show?
Where there are dogs of every kind
And only the best of their class
Ends up in the Best in Show line

There are fans of each dog that's presented
They cheer when their favorite appears
That dog seems to sense that those cheers are for him
So his tail wags and he perks up his ears

Some dogs' names are hard to remember
But the hosts can pronounce them down pat
The owners or trainers take care of the grooming
They brush their coats fluffy or flat

The littlest entries are in the toy group
They're ever so cute and petite
The Mastiffs and Wolfhounds are some of the large ones
And their owners also think they are sweet

When the judge for the Best in Show selection
Has the dogs strut their stuff one last time
Each dog prances 'round the arena
Perhaps thinking, "This award could really be mine!"

- Mimi
May, 2023

PRIME TIMERS PLAN SUMMER TRIPS AND EVENTS

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

Wed., June 21 – Day on Your Own Round Trip Bus to NYC. With tip: \$45 per person.

Wed., June 28 – Guided Tour of Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum in Livingston Manor, followed by lunch on your own, and then a tour of DeBruce Fish Hatchery. \$25 per person.

Wed., July 12 – Bus Trip to New Paltz – guided tour of Huguenot St. & other places

of interest - \$55 per person.

Thurs., July 27 – Shadowland Theater Night – "Always Patsy Cline"- \$40 per person.

Monday, July 31 – Temple Shalom Card and Mah Jongg Luncheon - \$30 per person.

Wed., Aug. 16 – Day on Your Own Round Trip Bus to NYC - With tip: \$45 per person.

Thurs., Aug. 31 – Bus Trip to Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem, PA. with many outlet stores and \$25 free slot play. Only \$50 per person.

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The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

A few Saturdays ago, I met RACHEL CORRIGAN and we went to see THE JOHNNY JULES BAND at THE DALE in Mountain-dale. Rachel is heading up FIBER ON MAIN in Hurleyville, where I spend my Wednesday evenings with others knitting, crocheting and other fiber crafting. And if you don't know Rachel, you should, whether you are into the fiber arts or not. She is one of those people with the best laugh and quick to use it, which is, of course, infectious. Who doesn't need more laughter in their lives!

And I got to meet her kitty, TIMMY. Timmy is a girl. Formerly a barn kitty, she has this strong attitude of self-understanding to match her beautiful dark tortoise shell and white coloring.

Johnny's band was pared down to a trio (JOHNNY JULES on guitar and lead vocals; BOBBY D on Dobro; and guest guitarist JOHN BOTTIN) to accommodate the cozy interior of the venue but did not shortchange on the quality. Within the bluesy, bluegrass and country-ish genre the band is

noted for, there was a whole host of songs that I don't remember hearing before....and some I didn't recognize at all! Maybe that was because they were geared to a trio, or maybe these were the new additions he had been telling me about.

I spent last Wednesday at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville with my friends DAVID and MITZI MILLER. I have seen David solo (and that Canadian guy is very talented!) and I remember when Mitzi was gingerly dipping her toes in the vocalist waters. And now, they have formed a duo for stage under the unique name CON QUESO. Why they picked "With Cheese" as a name is so simply clever it made me laugh out loud. They've built their sets with 'cheesy' songs from the '70's and '80's! Love or hate these songs, you'll love this duo. Mitzi sang the heck out of BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN'S "Can't Start a Fire," giving it new life from a woman's perspective. Then, Dave did the same spin with the disco classic "Ring My Bell," originally by ANITA WARD. Catch them when you can!

Some of you already know that I joined the Pilates class taught by AUDRA LANG at THE NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE several months after my "heart thing." It was more of a quest to regain my strength than the "change my life for the better" idealistic quest. Pilates has many components, and when Audra added two classes here at the HURLEYVILLE ARTS CENTER in THE YOGA SPACE, I knew I had to check them out. PRE-PILATES focuses on the breathing enhancing each movement, and I use it to lower my stress level when I want a cigarette (I HAVE stopped!). Abdominal strength is great to be able to do some of the movements AND who can't



PHOTO BY JANE HARRISON

Timmy, the resident cat at Fiber on Main.

use some flattening of those babies! MOBILITY AND FLEXIBILITY: That name says it all. Gentle stretching with an understanding of things like arthritis or other joint problems makes this a class for all ages.

There are, of course, regular Pilates classes for early-birds and those who are more advanced, but if you're a newbie like myself, the two classes I've outlined are for you.

More fun things to do: DUTCH'S in Rock Hill is reviving their Open Mic once a month on a Monday night. The dates are to be announced.

THE HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE is back for the season with their Wednesday night Open Mic.

Saturday, May 6: The

SUNY SULLIVAN KITE FESTIVAL from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 7: HORSE TACK SWAP AND COUNTRY FAIR at the ARROWHEAD RANCH AND SANCTUARY on Cooley Road in Parksville. Music by THE JOHNNY JULES BAND, vendors and farmers market; 12 – 4 p.m.

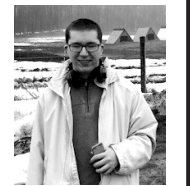
Sunday, May 7: CORNHOLE FESTIVAL at the SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM on Main Street in Hurleyville. Music by LITTLE SPARROW, games for the family, vendors; 1pm-4.

And mark June 4 on your calendar for the 2nd annual MUSIC FESTIVAL in Hurleyville!!

Until next time.....

FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



TORNADO



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Apple Pond Farm near Callicoon Center sustained serious damage from the F2 tornado in April.

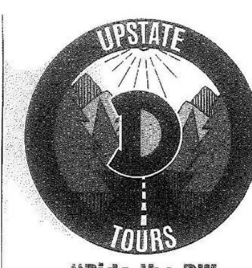
The late April tornado that struck northern Sullivan County has been classified as an F2, or "strong tornado" by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA. The F2 classification means the tornado has winds measured at between 113 and 157 miles per hour, and the Sullivan County tornado had winds estimated at 115 miles per hour, destroying signs, trees, power lines and several buildings. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries to people or animals from the tornado.

The tornado struck around Callicoon Center at about 6:38 p.m. on a Saturday eve-

ning, and cut a path from southwest to northeast, dissipating by around 7 p.m. People in the vicinity of the tornado reported that it "sounded like a freight train."

Tornadoes can occur at any time of the year in the United States. Danger signs of a tornado often include large hail, a sudden calm within a storm, clouds of debris, a sky with a greenish tint, a roaring noise, and a visible funnel cloud. Tornadoes often strike with little or no advanced warning. They can have winds up to 318 miles per hour, and are classified by wind speed from F0 to F5.

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MEET DARA MANZI

Ride the D with Upstate D-Tours

by Lily Barrish

HURLEYVILLE-- Dara Manzi has a rich family history rooted in Sullivan County. Her paternal side of the family was very involved with the Monticello Raceway. Her grandfather, John Manzi Sr., raced trotters there, and her uncle, John Manzi Jr., was the publicity director for many years. The family also owned a creamery on Creamery Road in Mongaup Valley from the 1930s to the '50s. John Manzi, Jr. was the DJ for the Bop Shop radio show on WSUL and WVOS for 38 years.

Dara's grandmother, Caroline Manzi, was an O.R. nurse at Community General Hospital in Harris.

Ms. Manzi's maternal grandfather, Sam Rosen-shein, was twice supervisor of the town of Fallsburg, and a member of the Sullivan County Board of Supervisors. He was also the fire chief. He was responsible for building the Strand theatre in Loch Sheldrake. He was known for being a man of his word; a big man in stature and presence. Her grandmother, Rose Rosen-shein, ran the Rivoli Theatre and played the piano for silent movies there. Rose's father, Israel Kaplan, built the Rivoli.

Mr. Rosenshein wore many hats. He opened Pop-Ins, the legendary restaurant located on the corner of Main and Lake Streets in Fallsburg during the '60s and '70s. Both of Ms. Manzi's parents, Alice and Gerard, took over Pop-Ins from the '70s - '90s, and treated the establishment as their baby. Ms. Manzi remembers when the line was out the



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Dara Manzi with her co-pilot, 3-year old Winston.

door until two in the morning. Her Grandma Rose collected money at the counter and her dad cooked in the kitchen. Once Pop-Ins shuttered, Gerard Manzi cooked at Gitano's restaurant, and later opened Gerard's River Grill in Narrowsburg. Alice worked in the Town of Fallsburg Accessor's Office for nearly twenty years and eventually became the town accessor.

Dara Manzi is a home-grown Hurleyville kid. When her older brother, David, was born, her parents built a house on Westwood Drive. Dara remembers riding her bike on the Rail Trail before it was paved.

"That was my trail forever, and then I'd play ball all day," said Dara. The old basketball courts were located where the Tango Café is now. Dara still walks the

trail today with her dog.

It was only during the pandemic that she returned home. For twelve years she'd lived in New Orleans, bartending on Bourbon Street during college, and eventually opening two bars of her own. Dara is a self-proclaimed extrovert who enjoys partying.

"I like to have a good time," she said.

The Big Easy lifestyle eventually took a toll on her, and she wanted to move back to New York. She lived in New York City for almost ten years, working in both the wine brokering and high-pressure mortgage industry. In 2021, settled back in the Catskills, where she'd purchased a home, an aneurism rupture caused her to undergo emergency brain surgery. After spending 22 days recuperating in the hos-

pital, Dara had a new feeling about life. She no longer wanted to be in a stressed-out work environment.

Contemplating what she was going to do next, she toyed with the idea of starting a car service.

"Transportation is hit and miss around here," she said. So, she began talking to people in the area and received encouraging responses, telling her how much a business like the one she envisioned was needed. After writing a comprehensive business plan, Upstate D-Tours was launched.

"I have supportive, local investors that backed me. That's how I created my small fleet," said Dara.

The first vehicle Dara purchased was a small school bus from a local business. Now Upstate D-Tours consists of multiple luxury

SUVs, along with multiple buses, and employs several drivers. All the vehicles are livery; registered and ensured legally.

Booking is by the hour, with a one hour minimum. The time block is used at the riders' discretion. Upstate D-tours is a premier concierge transportation service, curated to parties' specific wants and needs. Tours and excursions of all kinds are welcome: wineries, distilleries, breweries, Bethel Woods, bachelorette parties, covered bridged, waterfalls, etc.

Upstate D-Tours has several partnerships with bus companies, too, including one in the Bronx and one locally, to provide buses of all sizes.

Upstate D-Tours is not a transport service like a taxi, Uber or Lyft. At D-Tours the driver waits at each location, allowing you at any moment to leave and head somewhere else in a luxury SUV. Ride the D is not just transportation, it's an experience.

"Point A to Point B service is possible at the hourly rate. You can start in the morning with a river tube and then go to lunch, and then to a late outdoor movie, if a tour that doesn't involve alcohol is your thing. Let us know if you want rosé, beer, bubbly or the like, depending on the occasion, and we will make it happen. You won't have to worry about driving at all," said Dara.

Last November, she won the Emerging Business Award of 2022 at the Sullivan County Visitors Association annual event. SCVA has been a big cheerleader

for her success.

"I'm looking to create and build economic development for Sullivan County. There's lots of potential up here," she said.

Upstate D-Tours is the preferred vendor for many businesses in and around the county. Her largest account is Foster Supply Hospitality. D-tours provides all the transportation needs for their guests.

Some other affiliated accounts are the Tango Café, HVAC, Callicoon Hills, Villa Roma, the Eldred Preserve, Antrim Streamside, the Outlier Inn, Du Good Spirits, Catskill Provisions, Rock Valley Spirits, Catskill Brewery, Roscoe Brewery, Upward Brewery and local Airbnbs.

"At the end, we receive hugs and kisses, and people don't want us to leave.

They feel like I've been their friend for years," said Dara.

A company that she formed just for fun, to help the community, is tapped into a niche market and growing with demand. Upstate D-Tours vehicles are quickly starting to get booked for all summer months. The busy season is now. Contact 845-280-5350 to book a ride on the D.



Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

The forest holds the cold air for a few days longer than the adjacent fields. At the end of March, I can trace a dividing line along the ridge west of our cottage. On one side, the fields are shades of brown and tan, earthy colors; on the other, the forest floor is still white with snow. Brown and white: the landscape looks like a quilt.

Spring arrives piecemeal, in this checkered fashion. Nature may be one, but it's not uniform; its diverse parts turn into the new season at variable rates of speed, epicycles a-spin within larger cycles. You can smell the defrosting earth before there's much evidence of new growth on the ground.

Our lawn is streaked with islands of muddy earth, a result of an excess of enthusiasm by the plow-guy over the winter. In April, the robins show up, piebald and hopping around the upturned sod in such numbers the lawn appears to be in motion. Those clods of earth must have food in store for them. The robins are in the lead of returning birds, each creature reading the signs of seasonal change in its own way, and appearing on schedule, as if summoned.

A week after the robins, we hear the house sparrow's "cheep! cheep!" — two harsh notes sounded over and over again. The sparrow, one of nature's musical minimalists, has moved back into the nest directly outside the upper floor window. That nest has been here longer than we have.

On the first of April, a rafter of turkeys trails across the back field, shadowy figures on a misty day, distinguishable by their gait. When a neighbor mows down remnants of last fall's corn crop, the turkeys gather in the shorn field like pilgrims at a shrine. I saw over 20 of them foraging there one morning, the toms flaunting their iridescent plumage in some rite-of-spring bout of courtship. I was heartened by their return.

The light is the first and most pronounced agent of change. The saturated colors of the wintry sunrises and sunsets soften to lighter hues in the warming air. Even in that gentler light, the trees in the woods still have the cast-iron look of winter about them. It's hard to imagine them ever budding.

When the sun sets in these early days of April, the light sifts through the trees like rays through

a prism; colored shafts glimmer and play down the corridors of trunks. Shift your gaze and the rays are revealed or obscured, in peek-a-boo fashion. Eventually, when the trees do leaf out, sunsets will be visible only in the air above them, fringing the treetops, the horizon line obscured by the mass of greenery. As for the sunrises, they come up clearly as ever, over the mountains to the north, in unobstructed currents of color, streaky and plush.

This is the dappled world celebrated in Hopkins's "Pied Beauty." The poem praises nature's variability, its mingling in counterpoint of color, form, and process. Hopkins lauds "whatever is fickle, freckled," and I love his choice of "fickle," which finds more virtue in the mercurial and inconstant than in the ploddingly consistent and uniform. Watching, day by day, the arrival of spring — "swift, slow; adazzle, dim" — I take his point, as I take his poem. It rings true.

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SARI FELDMAN INDUCTED FCSD Hall of Fame



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Sari Feldman

FALLSBURG — Fallsburg Central School District is excited to announce its newest inductee to the school's Hall of Fame: Sari Feldman.

Sari Feldman is considered one of the most important figures in the American library system. After graduating from Fallsburg Central School in 1970, she earned her B.A. in English from Binghamton University and an M.S. in Library Science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Her career as a public librarian spanned over 40 years. She has worked for the Cleveland Public Library in Ohio, Onondaga County Public Library in New York, and Cook Memorial Library in Illinois. But most importantly, she served as the Director of the Cuyahoga County Public Library in Ohio for 16 years. During her tenure as director, her library was considered one of the most well-run in the country. It even earned the prestigious Library Journal 5-Star recognition for ten consecutive years.

Ms. Feldman carried her passion for the written word beyond the bookshelves. She served as president of both the American Library Association from 2009 to 2010 and the Public Library Association from 2015 to 2016. As president, she represented America's libraries on a national and global scale. She was even a guest of honor during trips overseas with the U.S. State Department and various international organizations. Currently, she is a board member for Overdrive and RB Media, a policy fellow for the Washington Office of the American Library Association, and a columnist for Publishers Weekly.

Ms. Feldman has been described by many as thoughtful, intelligent, and optimistic. But most of all, she will carry a legacy that will be exceedingly difficult to match. Public libraries around the country will be forever grateful for her relentless devotion to protecting our right to free and accessible books.

PROGRAMS MARK MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH Sullivan 180

SULLIVAN COUNTY — This is a time to raise awareness and reduce the stigma surrounding behavioral health issues; as well as highlight the ways that mental health illness and substance abuse affects all of us. The observation began in 1949 to increase awareness of mental health and wellness, and to celebrate recovery from mental illness. "Mental health is essential for a person's overall health. Prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can recover from mental disorders and live full, productive lives," [youth.gov]

Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that as many as 1 in 5 children and adolescents in the United States have a mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder, but only about 20% of this population ever receives care from a specialized mental health provider.

Sullivan County has the highest rate of disconnected youth and additional mental health related issues in the region. The statistics are as alarming as they are staggering.

Sullivan 180 is using May to promote several trainings to help our community in supporting our neighbors, family and friends; and our youth who may be struggling. These workshops can be brought to your neighborhood, church, school, business or civic group. Connect with us about:

Naloxone "Narcen" Training: This training teaches participants how to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose and administer the

opioid overdose reversal Naloxone. Anyone can be trained in this program.

QPR: Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. Anyone can be trained in QPR.

Resilience Film Screening: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope. This film provides a deeper understanding of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and dives into cutting edge research on toxic stress. Host a screen with Q&A.

Youth Mental Health First Aid: This program was created to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including ADHD), and eating disorders.

To learn more about training opportunities click the button below or connect with us at info@sullivan180.org or call 845.295.2680.

THE RAIL TRAIL AS LINCHPIN: LESSONS

FROM FRONT PAGE

an anchor of Plant Street. Originally opened in 1927, the Edgewater is a classic American brick model from an era when hotels were integrated in cities and not clustered around highway exits. Winter Garden's economic revival allowed the owners to renovate and reopen in 2003 after 37 moribund years. Today, the Historic Edgewater Hotel operates B&B style, with rooms decorated in period furniture and historical architectural features intact, including a vintage hand-operated elevator. (Disclosure: I've stayed there twice, and it's a gem.) Ground-floor retail includes two restaurants and an ice cream shop.

In 2010, the city adopted a downtown design overlay to ensure new construction would fit with the historic character of Winter Garden. It had previously conducted a survey of historic buildings and established an architectural review and historic preservation board to enforce the new guidelines. Rather than impeding prospective development, Ms. Carson has found that "when new developers come in, they like Winter Garden, they like what we're doing and where we're heading as a city," and

are willing to work with city planners to accommodate its standards. As a visitor, you'd be hard pressed to pick out much of the newer construction integrated with downtown's historic fabric.

Winter Garden is set to expand its pedestrian- and cycling-friendly standards from its core, overhauling a one-mile stretch that connects downtown to a major arterial. Dillard Street is currently two lanes each way with a center turn lane, and will be reconfigured to include one lane of traffic each way, an adjacent multi-use trail, wider sidewalks, and reengineered intersections.

It is also extending the trail to connect to East Winter Garden, a neighborhood that has historically seen less investment, in the hopes of replicating some of the economic success of the trail segments downtown.

Building an economic plan around rail trails has "become a proven strategy to revive places and make towns stronger," says Mr. King.

Lessons from the West Orange Trail have informed his firm's work elsewhere in the U.S. He's currently working on rail-trail projects in Abita Springs, Louisiana (Tammany Trace Trail), and Bristol, Rhode Island (East

Bay Trail), using economic projections based partially on Winter Garden's success.

Mr. King describes the process, "We look at these bike trails the same way we would look at any road segment. We look at the number of trips on the trail, the average daily trips, and from that you can get an idea of how much retail or restaurants the place will support."

Meanwhile, Winter Garden has experienced a complete pendulum swing. As its original CRA sunsets in 2023, the city is grappling not with promoting growth, but managing it. Winter Garden's population more than tripled from the 2000 census (14,351) to 2020 (46,964), and with increased interest from metropolitan Orlando buyers, plus the out-of-state migration that all Florida communities are grappling with, it's working to accommodate many new residents.

"We're trying our best to balance all these pressures," says Ms. Carson. She says the city will continue to put development requests through a simple filter: "Does this project help establish and maintain Winter Garden as a beautiful, vibrant, and charming city that is beloved by its residents?"

From the Firehouse

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



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THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BUREAU OF FIRE WANTS YOU TO KEEP OUR HIGHWAY WORK ZONES SAFE



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Bureau of Fire held a Chief's Conference and again one of the topics was Lithium-ion batteries. The message in both cases was loud and clear. As stated in a previous column, make sure your devices are all Underwriter Laboratories (UL) approved, use the original charger and charge cord, and DO NOT tamper with the batteries. Do not charge a transport device in your hallway, especially if it is between you and the way out should it catch fire.

Another topic covered in both conferences was using social media in the fire service, presented by Sullivan County Judge, James Farrell. His program was entitled, "Social Media in the Fire Service: Blessing or Curse." At the Chief's Conference, Amy Barkley-Carey, a Loch Sheldrake firefighter and owner of Maple Woods Farm, talked about animal rescues in emergencies. And, wouldn't you know it, Loch Sheldrake fire department had a structure fire the very next day, and there were numerous animals on the property. Amy was there to help.

At the Chief's Conference, one of the most powerful messages came from keynote speaker John Liddle, Sullivan County's Commissioner of Health and Human Services. "Training Saves Lives," "Mission first: Protect life and property," and the powerful

"the volunteer fire service is the soul of our communities, and some people are leaders by title, some are leaders because they run toward danger."

John used his experience from the Navy to intertwine with the fire service to deliver his message.

If you have traveled outside of Hurleyville in any direction, there is road construction. The new interchange construction in Monticello is ongoing, and will be for some time. All these construction sites have one thing in common: A traffic headache. To help you through the traffic mess, there are flaggers. They are there to protect the construction workers, and to help you navigate the detours. You know where the construction sites are, and if you cannot avoid them, you have to go through them. LISTEN to the flagger, SLOW down in construction sites, HAVE some patience, WATCH for sudden stops in front of you, and BE prepared to stop suddenly. Help keep the flagger and construction sites safe.

Remember the **Burn Ban** is in effect until May 14.

Upcoming in June is the 22nd Annual Morningside Fishing Classic on Saturday, June 17 from 5 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Be Safe Out There.



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Selfie on a lake excursion with cousin Leela, Fresh Air Fund Kiddo Paige, Sullivan County hosts Gray and Lisa.

ROOM FOR ONE MORE? *Host a Fresh Air Kid This Summer*

by Lisa Weiss

SULLIVAN COUNTY – I don't have to tell you, it's been a crazy few pandemically-tinged years, but with a sigh of relief, the worst seems to be behind us. One thing I'm looking forward to is re-growing a summer program I've been part of for many years, and hoping to inspire other families to join in.

My husband and I plan to welcome a young New York City child for a summer visit through the non-profit group Fresh Air Fund.

I am the volunteer co-chair for Sullivan County, and before the pandemic we had grown to more than a dozen local families hosting city kids and sharing summer vacations in our beautiful area.

Many low-income city kids have struggled mightily through the pandemic, and missed out on so many things, including the chance to experience summer breaks full of fresh air, swimming every day, playing outside until dark, and stargazing. Local families can open their homes and hearts through volunteer hosting. It's as simple as doing what you and your family already plan to do – just with one more person.

In the "before pandemic" days, my husband and I hosted Paige, a Bronx girl, for four summers. She learned to swim and nailed the deep-water swimming test at the community pool. She - and we - made new friends

through other host families and local activities. She's graduating High School this year, so we're starting over with a new child and looking forward to a week of swimming, board games, s'mores, and laughter.

The city kids are between the ages of 8-14 and hosts can select the gender and age of the child. Hosts can be singles or couples, with or without children. Visits are one week long, and occur this year from June 28 to July 5, or August 7 to 14. Fresh Air Fund covers transportation by charter bus to and from Monticello, as well as liability coverage for approved activities. Fresh Air Fund and local volunteers provide for 24/7 support (for medical needs, homesickness, etc.).

Here's what visiting children get: more comfortable, confident, connected and excited about learning, stronger support network, new ideas for their futures. And here's what host families get: deeper understanding of the world and their own community, more comfortable with new people, family togetherness and memories, a cultural exchange.

If your family has room for one more this summer, register at <https://freshair.org/volunteer-to-host/>; or contact a Sullivan County volunteer: Lisa Weiss, lisa.weiss@friendlytown.org, or Vikki Siciliano, Victoria.siciliano@friendlytown.org.

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The Only Newspaper Published in the Town of Fallsburg

COMPILED BY **Sullivan County Historian John Conway**

May 6, 1933

County Seat Crowd Starts Riot When Red Speaker Uses U.S. Flag for Handkerchief Throng Shouting for Lynching Pursues Offender

Isadore Katzowitz, a Woodridge grocer who came to Monticello Monday night to be one of the speakers at a May day mass meeting in front of Village Hall, caused turmoil on Broadway by rather ostentatious use of the American flag as a handkerchief.

Katzowitz was a target for a shower of eggs. He used the flag to wipe the results from his face and an assemblage which previously had been good-naturedly heckling the group of radical speakers at once gave way to wrath. The speakers' stand collapsed. Katzowitz fled amid cries of "Lynch him!"

Hurleyville Teachers Sign Contracts for Next Year

At the regular meeting of the Board of Education April 24, the question of hiring teachers for next year at Hurleyville was presented for consideration, and contracts were awarded. In awarding contracts, the Board set up a minimum salary below which no cuts were made and above which reductions of one hundred dollars per teacher become effective. This cut with other reductions will result in a total saving to the school district of nearly \$900.00 in salaries next year. This saving was made necessary by reductions in state aid to public schools during the current year.

Fireman's Dance a Wow!!!

The dance given by the Hurleyville and Loch Sheldrake firemen last Wednesday night at the Morningside Casino proved to be one of the largest affairs of the season. Music by the Honesdale Bachelors orchestra was all that could be desired.

Moe Kove, in his usual breezy manner, was master of ceremonies. The street singer has nothing on our singing garage man Irving Cohen, who entertained the crowd with a number of songs. "Stretch Rubin displayed unusual talent in the rendition of "I Got a Right to Sing the Blues." The silver loving cup, offered to the fire company best represented at the dance was awarded to Chief Ed Glickman and his firemen of South Fallsburg. Judge Fox, of Monticello was awarded the lucky number prize.

May 27, 1933

Waxy Gordon, Racketeer and Bootlegger, Captured at White Lake by State Troopers

White Lake, Sullivan County, again comes into the spotlight with the capture of the notorious "Waxy" Gordon, racketeer rated by Uncle Sam as Public Enemy No. 1. Federal agents have been searching the county for him since April

May 2017

TCFD Expands Green Initiatives



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**NY Governor
Herbert H. Lehman**

27, and he felt much chagrined, as he expressed it, "to be taken by a couple of hick cops." He will probably have a better opinion of Sergeant Thomas Mangan and Sergeant Jack Hopkins of the State Police in the future. Gordon was held on \$100,000 bail in New York City for appearance June 5.

Largest Crowd Ever at Jefferson Dinner

More than 900 guests, including many Democratic leaders from southern New York, constituted Thursday night of last week the largest Jeffersonian dinner party ever in this part of the state. The capacity of the Flagler Hotel dining room was taxed to the limit by the crowd, which enthusiastically paid tribute not only to Thomas Jefferson, founder of the Democratic party, but also to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Governor Herbert H. Lehman.

Vincent Dailey, state director of the Democratic Union, paid tribute to the Democratic county chairman, James M. Kelly, who, he said, had built the greatest Democratic organization in any upstate county. Dr. Victor Bourke of Livingston Manor was toastmaster.

The Center for Discovery consumes more energy annually than the entire hamlet of Hurleyville. It's a fact that comes with size and 24-hour facilities. This year, for the first time, all that power will come from renewable sources.

The Center has been trying for years to make the switch to solely renewable power, Assistant Vice President for Environmental Policy and Development Tom Burnham said. The Center purchases its energy through bulk annual contracts, and every year, it seeks to obtain that energy from renewable sources, Mr. Burnham said. This January, it finally became cost effective to make the switch. The Center's energy this year will be fully wind-powered, and it even saved the nonprofit 2 percent in costs.

It is a testament to how far renewable energy has come, Mr. Burnham said, and it is a sustainability milestone. The Center for Discovery is pleased to have reached.

"It speaks to who we are," Mr. Burnham said. "We're trying to be good stewards of the environment. We know that impacts the people we serve [and] our staff."

The Center's underpinning environmental philosophy centers on taking care of the Earth, and providing people with an environment and food that is free from toxins, Mr. Burnham said. From toxin-free paint to organic food, The Center tries to provide a safe and healthy environment for its residents, staff and the surrounding community.

PAPER CLIPS...

by Elaine Corrington



World Laughter Day

Every once in a while in life, you are looking for one thing and unexpectedly find another.

While writing this month's article, I was unsuccessfully looking up "National Weirdos Day" to see if it had outlived its usefulness since it's inception in 2000, and found that it was actually newer than World Laughter Day, which this month marks its *25th anniversary*. WHAT? How is that possible?

So, weirdos were officially honored *after* laughter's debut as a wonderful holiday? How can that be? My mind kept being distracted by this revelation. I had to put my pen away and come back to honoring laughter with it the next day. One would think that weirdos would have been noticed by many people many years before, but not until a couple of years later than laughter? It took me a long time to get past this revelation.

Turns out that there are many ways laughter affects not only our mood-- wonderful when genuine, opposite if not—but laughter has now been studied and found to be a serious contributor to good physical health. Did you know that from 40–60 calories can be burned from just one good chuckle?

That good chuckle can boost your energy, too. So keep chuckling and you could lose weight or change the way your body moves and works. Look it up!

Now, here is a more serious issue that has come to light: As I am writing this, the exact date for National Laughter Day has not been put into the computer yet for May, 2023. Is this a joke, designed to make you think any day can be a day of healthy laughter...or is National Laughter Day already **OVER? Keep watching your computer and looking for it.**

Did the weirdos just explode in disgust? We can only hope to find our answer in September. Is the world ending? Have weirdos won? Will people wake up and fix this? There is a lot of laughter in Hurleyville. Can we save US, at least?

FALLSBURG POLICE IMPLEMENTS BODY CAMERAS

FALLSBURG - The Town of Fallsburg Police Department has announced that it will be implementing body cameras for all officers. The decision was made to increase transparency and accountability, and to improve public trust in the department.

Fallsburg Police Chief Simmie Williams commented on the decision, stating, "We believe that body cameras are an important tool for modern policing. They not only provide an objective record of interactions between police officers and the public, but they also help to protect our officers from false accusations. We are confident that the implementation of body cameras will be a positive step forward for our department and the community we serve."

Town Supervisor Kathy Rappaport also expressed her support for the decision, stating, "The safety and well-being of our residents and our officers are our top priority. We believe that the implementation of body cameras will help to ensure that both our officers and community are held accountable for their actions, and that everyone is treated with the respect and dignity they deserve. We are committed to working with the police department to ensure a smooth and successful implementation of this important technology."

The Town of Fallsburg Police Department plans to roll out the body cameras immediately, with all officers expected to be

equipped with the technology by the end of the month April. The department has also developed policies and procedures to govern the use of body cameras, including guidelines on when and how they should be used.

The implementation of body cameras in the Town of Fallsburg Police Department is part of a broader trend across the country, as more and more departments recognize the importance of trans-

parency and accountability in modern policing. The department hopes that this move will help to build trust with the community and improve the quality of policing in the Town of Fallsburg.

For more information on the Town of Fallsburg Police Department's implementation of body cameras, please contact: Police Chief Simmie Williams at 845-434-4422.



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FRENCHY

I had to duck my head slightly to enter the living room of Sheriff Harry Borden's residence across from the Sullivan County Jail on Bank Street in Monticello, and felt several pairs of eyes on me as I did so.

Mrs. Borden had directed me to "go right in" when I had knocked on the door of the residence and had led the way to the living room, but did not enter, stepping aside instead to allow me to do so. I was there at the invitation of Deputy Sheriff Jay Lass, an old friend, whose long slender face I spotted right away. Jay was in a small group that included Borden, New York State Police Sergeant Thomas Mangan, and a man I did not recognize. Borden spoke first.

"Good Morning, Kelly. I'm glad you could make it. I think you know most everyone here except for O'Toole."

Borden motioned toward the man I did not recognize. He was short and stout, dressed in a dark blue suit, white shirt, and blue and grey striped tie, and stepped toward me with his hand extended.

"Kelly? Jimmy O'Toole," he said. "NYPD Detective."

"Bronco Kelly," I replied, taking his hand. "I'm the

town constable in Fallsburg."

"Kelly is one of our best investigators," Borden said, directing his remarks to O'Toole. "And, he has his ear to the ground in one of our busiest resort areas. If anything is going on in any of the Fallsburg hotels or bungalows, he probably knows about it. That's why I asked him to join us."

Jay Lass had telephoned my home just after seven o'clock that late May morning to let me know that my presence had been requested at a meeting at Borden's house at nine o'clock about a "matter of some importance" without supplying any details. I had been curious then, but knew better than to question my friend, figuring that he had been instructed to tell me only so much. Now, the presence of Mangan and the New York City detective piqued my curiosity even more.

Mrs. Borden reappeared, bringing me a steaming hot cup of coffee, and asking if anyone needed a refill, before retreating from the room and sliding the pocket doors shut.

Almost as soon as the doors were closed, Borden stepped to the center of the room and spoke again.

"Gentlemen, you have all

now met Detective O'Toole, and he is here to ask for our help, so I am going to turn this little meeting over to him. Detective..."

O'Toole walked over to Borden's side and cleared his throat.

"As the Sheriff just said, I am here to ask for your help," he said. "We are searching for a suspect in a dope ring, and we have some reason to believe he might have made his way up here."

O'Toole reached into his suit jacket and withdrew some papers that had been folded lengthwise in his inside chest pocket. He straightened them out and began to hand one to each of us.

"This mug's name is Maurice Carillot. He sometimes goes by Frenchy, and other times uses the alias Martin or Marty Carroll. We want this guy bad, and the word on the street is that we aren't the only ones looking for him."

"What does that mean?" Borden asked.

"It means that we have reason to believe that some of his dope dealing pals are also looking for him. Except they have other plans besides collaring him."

O'Toole went on to explain that Carillot had been implicated last August when fed-



ILLUSTRATION BY JACK ROBBIN
O'Toole handed out a mugshot of Maurice Carillot, also known as Frenchy.

eral agents arrested four men in Philadelphia for trafficking narcotics. The four, and Carillot, who was believed to be their salesman in the New York area, were indicted in October, but Carillot had disappeared and had not been located despite having every cop in the city looking for

him.

"This guy has been pretty well known to us for a few years now, so there's a good description of him along with his picture on the paper I just gave you," O'Toole said. "He's about five-eight in height, and stocky, 200 or better. Typically well-

dressed, he prefers custom made suits. He's never been the violent type, but I'd advise caution if you do see him. You never know what he might do if he's cornered."

"What makes you think he might be here?" I asked. "And why now, after all these months?"

"We think he's moving around," O'Toole said. "We believe he was in the Bridgeport, Connecticut area for a time, and now, with Decoration Day coming up, and the Mountains filling up with people, we are betting he might think he can blend in with the holiday crowds up here, when locals are less likely to pay any attention to a stranger."

I nodded. "So what's the plan, Harry?" Mangan asked, turning his attention from O'Toole to the Sheriff.

"Well, we are going to have our hands full with the holiday crowds to begin with," Borden said, addressing the room. "So I have told Detective O'Toole that the best we can do is to be on the lookout for anything suspicious. The likelihood of any of us actually spotting this mug is pretty slim."

"Look, that's all I can ask," O'Toole said resignedly.

"We're not expecting any miracles, but the more eyes we've got on this the better."

"Seems like we might have a better chance spotting some of the other guys who are on his trail," Mangan said. "These are the pros, I assume?"

"Big time," O'Toole nodded. "These are probably Lepke Buchalter's boys."

"Buchalter?" Mangan asked. "You think he is tied up in this?"

"Well, he's the top guy in most of the smack that's sold on the east coast," O'Toole said. "So yeah, we think he wants to make sure Carillot doesn't talk to us. He's funny like that when it comes to possible witnesses."

"But then again, you haven't been able to locate him, either," Borden said. "He's been evading you guys for what, three years?"

"He's been evading the Feds," O'Toole said defensively. "We're just offering support."

Borden smirked. "Right," he finally said.

The Sheriff then turned his back on O'Toole and addressed me.

"Kelly, I'm hearing reports that the Fallsburg hotels are filling up fast and that record crowds are expected this

weekend. Can I count on you to be extra vigilant in watching for this guy?"

"Of course," I said, almost automatically. "But talk about finding a needle..."

"Just do the best you can, Constable," O'Toole said, stepping around Borden so he could see me. "That's all we are asking from each of you. We'd do the same for you."

Jay Lass had been quiet the entire time, but summed up what everyone was thinking when he finally spoke, barely loud enough to be heard.

"I have a feeling it's going to be some weekend."

Welcome to another of Fallsburg Constable Bronco Kelly's adventures, this one fictionalized from an actual event that took place in May of 1939. Bronco Kelly and Detective Jimmy O'Toole are fictional creations, and although Sheriff Harry Borden, Deputy Sheriff Jay Lass, Sgt. Thomas Mangan, Lepke Buchalter, and Maurice Carillot are actual people, no representation is made as to the accuracy of their characterizations here. Don't miss Part II of "Frenchy" in next month's edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel

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LIBERTY — Radio Catskill, public radio for The Catskills and Northeast Pennsylvania, is seeking new Board of Trustees members to guide its mission and development.

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WJFF radio General Manager Tim Bruno

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Inquiries may be sent to

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FCSD to Host Family Engagement Day

FALLSBURG — If you're looking for a fun and family-friendly activity this Spring, then save the date for Fallsburg Central School's Family Engagement Day.

All are welcome to enjoy delicious food, live music, arcade and table games, sports contests, and fun activities for children free of charge. There will also be a raffle, where attendees will have a chance to win a bicycle and several gifts offered by the school district. School clubs and community organizations will be tabling for this event, where they will provide activities, gifts, and promotional material.

Free transportation by Rolling V school buses will be provided for this event. Here are the following pick-

up times and locations:
Bus One
10:15 a.m.: Mountindale Post Office
10:30 a.m.: Woodridge Town Hall
10:45 a.m.: Woodbourne Fireman's Parking Lot
3:00 p.m.: Drop-Off — Return in opposite direction
Bus Two
10:00 a.m.: Loch Sheldrake Municipal Parking Lot
10:15 a.m.: Hurleyville Post Office
10:30 a.m.: Laurel Avenue by Apartments
10:40 a.m.: Griff Court
10:50 a.m.: Main Street Houses in South Fallsburg
3:00 p.m.: Drop-Off — Return in opposite direction

The event will be held on May 13, 2023 from 11am-3pm at Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School. For more information, please contact (845) 434-6800 ext. 1220 or visit the district's website at www.fallsburgcsd.net.

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HPAC CINEMA SCREENING IMPACTFUL FILM Last Weekend for "Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret"

HURLEYVILLE — There is just one more weekend in which to catch the latest impactful movie at the hurleyville Performing Arts Centre cinema.

"Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret" is based on the 1970 bestseller about a young girl coming of age without a religious affiliation because of her parents' inter-faith marriage. The movie stars Abby Ryder Fortson as Margaret, with Kathy Bates and Rachel McAdams. It will be shown at the cinema through May 7.

For over fifty years, Judy Blume's classic and

groundbreaking novel "Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret" has impacted generations with its timeless coming of age story, insightful humor, and candid exploration of life's biggest questions. In Lionsgate's big-screen adaptation, 11-year-old Margaret (Abby Ryder Fortson) is uprooted from her life in New York City for the suburbs of New Jersey, going through the messy and tumultuous throes of puberty with new friends in a new school.

Critics and audiences love the movie. For example, the film critic Leo Brady noted in his review that it is "the

type of movies we should be showing our children and a coming-of-age story that we can all empathize with. I absolutely adored 'Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.'"

Showtimes at the HPAC

cinema are Friday and Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Admission is \$14 for adults and \$12 for children, students, Veterans, and seniors. HPAC members get 20 per cent off those prices.

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ALL-AMERICA! TWO GENERALS HOOPSTER GET NATIONAL RECOGNITION

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE — Two players from SUNY Sullivan have been recognized by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) as 2022-2023 basketball All-Americans. The NJCAA released the men's and women's teams last month. The All-America teams highlight the top 30 basketball student-athletes in each sport (men's and women's) for the 2022-23 season. The All-Ameri-

ca teams consist of three teams: first, second, and third teams, and selections are made by the NJCAA Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Committees, respectively. Sophomore Generals guard Jay Alvarez, from Waynesboro Area High School in Waynesboro, PA, was named a first team All-American on the men's side. The Sullivan men's team, coached by Brent Wilson, finished 22-8 on the year and won the Region XV Championship. Alvarez was an

FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICANS			
PLAYER	COLLEGE	POS.	CLASS
Lamar Lovelace	Niagara County (NY)	G/F	So.
Nakyel Shelton	South Suburban (IL)	G	So.
Tymer Jackson	Johnson County (KS)	G	So.
Antewan Webber	Florida Gateway	G	Fr.
Trey Deveaux	Central (NE)	F	So.
Jeremiah Burke	Iowa Lakes	F	So.
D'Quarion Cole	Henry Ford (MI)	G	So.
Romeo Aquino	Orange County (NY)	G	So.
Jaidon Lipscomb	Lakeland (OH)	G	So.
Jay Alvarez	Sullivan County (NY)	G	So.

integral part of that team, as he played in all 30 of the Generals games, averaging 21.9 points, 8.6 rebounds, 1.9 assists, and 1.9 steals per game. Alvarez shot 53.0% from the field, 30.9% from three

point range, and 62.5% from the free throw line. Alvarez was also recently selected by the NJCAA coaches to take part in the 13th annual NJCAA Men's Basketball All-Star Game, which will take place at The Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, Nev. on Saturday, May 20. The game features the best players in the nation from Divisions I, II, and III as voted on by the national coaches from all three divisions. Deivejon Harris was named a third team All-American as a sophomore center for Sullivan's women's team. Harris hails from the Business of Sports School in the Bronx. Coach Ben Newberg's Sullivan women's team was 19-10 on the year, winning the Mid-Hudson Conference championship and the Region XV championship. Harris averaged 16.0 points, 14.3 rebounds, 1.0 assist, and 1.0 block per game, shooting 59.6% from the field and 52.6% from the free throw line.



PHOTO PROVIDED
Andrew Rein, Jr. signs his letter of intent.

Fallsburg Seniors Commit Scanna, Rein to Play College Football

FALLSBURG — On April 11, two Fallsburg High School seniors officially announced their commitment to play college football in 2023-'24. Mateo Scanna signed his letter of intent to play for Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY, where he will major in mathematics and hopes to play fullback. The Hawks play football in the Empire 8 Conference in the NCAA Division III. They struggled to a 2-8

record last season, and went 0-6 in conference play. Andrew Rein Jr. signed to play for St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, NY. He intends to major in Pre-Med and hopes to play quarterback or wide receiver. Head coach of Fallsburg's football team, Dominick Scanna, congratulated Mateo and Andrew for their outstanding achievement.



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Mateo Scanna signs his letter of intent to play for Hartwick College.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO... Controversy Brewed Over Deer Permits

by John Conway

In May of 1973-- 50 years ago this month—the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation inadvertently stirred up some controversy when it announced that Sullivan County would be included in a program that would issue 2,750 party permits for deer hunting in the region. The decision, the D.E.C. said, was designed to curb the growth of a weakened deer herd. Fred Ford, D.E.C. Region 3 game manager, told the Sullivan County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs that even with the mild preceding winter, "deer had been found with low bone marrow ratios." He added further that had it been a severe winter, "these deer would have starved to death." "He explained that because of these findings there are indications that the fawn crop will be large this spring, thus throwing an extra load on the winter food supply, setting up potential starvation should there be a serve winter in 1973-'74," wrote Charlie Crist in the

sports section of the May 11, 1973 Times Herald-Record. At least one of Sullivan County's leading sportsmen took exception to the D.E.C.'s announcement, however, and was quote vocal about his contrary position. G. Calvert Crary of Lew Beach said he "could not agree with the party permit system this year." We have cut our herd down by 40 per cent," Crary told the TH-Record. "And the department says our food supply is no better than it was before. There is going to be starvation every year no matter what happens. "It's an unfortunate situation where the Board of Supervisors votes unanimously and we vote 45-1 we don't want a season, and where I'm concerned we have it shoved down our throats." Despite the disagreement, Ford told the Sportsmen's Federation that the D.E.C. recommendations "were the best thing that could be arrived at this year," and that he thought eventually all the sportsmen would agree.

Professional Soccer Players Discuss Mental Health Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School

FALLSBURG — On March 29, former soccer players Brittany Taylor-Kolmel, Meghan Taylor, and Michael Parkhurst visited Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School via livestream to discuss mental health with students. The assembly was organized on behalf of Access: Supports for Living, an organization that provides resources for individuals with disabilities or mental illness. Brittany Taylor-Kolmel played soccer for the University of Connecticut, where she was named two-time All-American defender and two-time Big East Defender of the Year. She eventually earned a spot to play with several professional organizations and even represented the United States at the Pan American Games in Brazil. Despite her success, Brittany has dealt with her fair share of adversity. She talked about how there were doubts if she would continue to play at a high level after suffering a season-ending injury in college. But she stressed how important it was to avoid discouragement and that, with enough hard work and dedication, anyone can overcome setbacks. Meghan Taylor, who also happens to be Brittany's sister, played collegiate soccer for Binghamton University. She was named three-time all-conference

and two-time all-region and even played a pivotal role in leading her team to their first NCAA Division I tournament berth in school history. She emphasized the importance of having strong relationships as a key to success. Receiving the necessary emotional support from teammates, coaches and family helped Meghan overcome challenges throughout her soccer career. Michael Parkhurst, a native of Providence, RI, played soccer at Wake Forest University. He was named All-American and inducted in the school's Hall of Fame. After his collegiate career concluded, he played professional soccer for 15 years in both the United States and Europe. He also represented the U.S. Men's National Team and was a 2008 Olympian. Having a highly successful career came with a great deal of pressure for Michael. He stressed the importance of preparation and focus as a way to combat nerves before an important game. Interim Principal, Shana Bruestle, thanked Brittany, Meghan and Michael for sharing their stories with the students. She also thanked Access: Supports for Living and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Katz, for their help in organizing this assembly.

BALLGAME BAFFLERS

BY BRIAN

Here are five ballgame bafflers for your consideration. The first person to email the most correct answers to hurleysent@hotmail.com will win a prize. Have fun!

- May Questions:**
1. In what year was the very first Kentucky Derby run?
 2. What was the name of the horse that won the first Kentucky Derby?
 3. What horse recorded the fastest time ever in a Kentucky Derby race?
 4. What is the traditional drink of the Kentucky Derby?
 5. The founder of the Kentucky Derby was the grandson of which famous explorer?
- April Answers:**
1. What MLB pitcher has made more Opening Day starts than any other? (**Tom Seaver – 11**)
 2. Two players share the record for most career home runs hit on Opening Day. Who are they? (**Ken Griffey, Jr. and Frank Robinson – 8**)
 3. In what stadium did "streaking" fans disrupt the Opening Day game in 1974? (**Comiskey Park, Chicago**)
 4. Since William Howard Taft threw out the first pitch on Opening Day in 1910, every U.S. President except two has thrown out at least one Opening Day first pitch. Which two did not? (**Carter, Trump**)
 5. One U.S. president actually threw out two first pitches in the same game, one right-handed and one left-handed. Who was this ambidextrous president? (**Harry Truman**)

There was no winner last month.

SULLIVAN BASEBALL CONTINUES STREAKY PLAY Generals Now Stand at 13-16

by John Conway

LOCH SHELDRAKE— The Sullivan Generals baseball team continued to win—and lose—in bunches throughout the month of April, and as the Sentinel went to press, the team stood at 13-16 for the year. The record reflects winning streaks of five and four games, and losing streaks of seven and three games. The team started out the season plagued by bad weather, and two home games against Nassau County Community College had to be cancelled in April, as well. The month started on a high note for the Generals, as they captured five of their first six games in April, including four in a row. Four of the wins were convincing victories over archrival SUNY-Orange, with the Generals capturing games by 21-8, 12-5, 13-0, and 6-1 scores. Those victories were followed by three straight losses to Westchester

County Community College, although Sullivan was able to capture the fourth game in that series, by a 7-1 margin. Two losses to Bryant & Stratton College followed. The Generals bested Kingsborough Community College 13-12 on April 25, despite yielding 17 hits in the game, while collecting 15 of their own. A doubleheader split with Rockland County Community College followed on Thursday, April 27 in Loch Sheldrake, as the Generals dropped the first game 12-9 before taking the second by a 2-1 margin. Sullivan had two additional games scheduled against Rockland in Suffern on Friday afternoon, April 28. Their next action was a home and home series with Dutchess County Community College, with games in Poughkeepsie on May 4 and 5 and a doubleheader at Diamond Park on Sunday, May 6. Those games conclude the season for Sullivan.

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