

GO FAR, GO TOGETHER

TEAMS Challenge Teaches Collaboration

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE — On Saturday, May 20, the Sullivan West, Roscoe and Livingston Manor school districts sent teams of young thinkers, builders and tinkerers to the Hurleyville Performing Arts Center to showcase their 2023 projects and designs at the TEAMS Challenge final meet-up.

TEAMS Challenge (think technology, engineering, art, math and science), a program offered by Sullivan County BOCES, focuses on the development of project management, design thinking, collaboration and presentation. Coached by teachers and teaching assistants from their schools, TEAMS Challenge groups also collaborate with staff at The Center for Discovery's Innovation Labs and assistive technology department, known for their support of

innovation and their design and development of thousands of assistive technology interventions.

TEAMS groups at this year's final meet-up ranged from a young duo of middle school boys to seasoned high school seniors with a variety of interests and experience in the program. The young, two-member team from Livingston Manor, Shane and Jameson, got their feet wet by playing STEAM improv games and designing marble runs which helped them build creativity, problem solving and flexibility.

Their presentation was humorous, and they seemed to enjoy entertaining from the stage at HPAC, their new friendship solidified. The duo will soon be assisting a local beautification group by building painted rock borders for flower-



PHOTO BY DENISE SULLIVAN

The Roscoe, Livingston Manor and Sullivan West school districts were represented by participants in this year's TEAMS Challenge at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre.

beds.

The larger, and older, team from Sullivan West designed and 3D-printed personalized hall passes for high school teachers,

attempting to solve the persistent problem of lost hall passes. One Sullivan West senior, Wynter Sager, has participated in TEAMS Challenge since the pro-

gram's inception, six years ago. Ms. Sager, who will attend Rochester Institute of Technology on a scholarship in the Fall, developed skills in electronics, cod-

ing and microcontrollers, and will join a fast-growing number of women currently majoring in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

Other Sullivan West projects included using breadboards, which are construction bases used to build semi-permanent prototypes of electronic circuits. Used for design and investigation, breadboards require soldering, an important skill students learned in the process. A middle school team from Sullivan West used their TEAMS time to explore resources and projects, and maintained an outdoor solar powered charging station on their campus, a project completed last year.

The Roscoe team designed a sign that will be installed outside their school after being cut on a CNC router at TCFD's Makers Off Main facility. Team member Greg P. presented the project at a Roscoe school board meeting with much success, and repeated the presentation at HPAC

with his teammate Gabby.

It was truly inspiring to watch proud and excited local students demonstrating and reflecting on the important life and job skills that they have learned - innovation, creativity, critical thinking, problem solving, communication and collaboration. Kudos go to the parents who supported them, and the dedicated school staff members who coached them during a challenging post-pandemic school year. Support and leadership from BOCES and The Center for Discovery truly matter in developing these problem solvers of the future. The top notch HPAC and Tango staff made the TEAMS Challenge event sparkle in a beautiful facility with delicious food - another great event in the happening hamlet of Hurleyville!

SEPARATED AT BIRTH; REUNITED AT HPAC

In addition to providing great musical entertainment, the second annual Sullivan County Music Festival at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre in May served as the backdrop for a heartfelt canine reunion. Mixed breeds Ajax (left) and Kirby (right), both now 1-1/2 years old, were litter mates, but shortly after their birth, a circuitous route brought them to the

SPCA in Rock Hill, where they were adopted separately. Through Heather Ackerman at Aspen's Corner, a dog boarding and daycare facility in Cohecton, who knew both dogs and noticed a number of similarities between them, owners Eva and Carmine were put in touch with one another and arranged for the siblings to meet at the Music Fest.



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Museum to Host Major Symposium on Exploration

HURLEYVILLE — In 1993, the Ohio State University (OSU) Byrd Polar Center, in partnership with the Hurleyville-based Frederick Cook Society, hosted a two-day symposium at the OSU campus, with lectures by some of the world's foremost Arctic scholars and historians. "Cook Reconsidered - Discovering the Man and His Explorations" presented ten professional papers on the life and work of Hortonville native Frederick Albert Cook (1865-1940), which remains available online: <https://kb.osu.edu/handle/1811/44488>

On the 30th anniversary of the symposium, the Frederick Cook Society will host its own version, titled "FA Cook, Reimagined." Three speakers will present: author Darrell Hartman, curator Laura Kissel from the Byrd Polar Center at the Ohio State University, and Carol Smith, Executive Director of the Cook Society.

Distinguishing the Hurleyville symposium will be an exhibition of over 60 photographs taken by Dr. Cook between 1891 and 1909, during his expeditions to Greenland, Antarctica, Alaska, and the North Pole. The photographs, which have been mounted alongside quotes and excerpts from Cook's own extensive collection of writings, present an authentic and comprehensive portrait of the man.

Dr. Cook wrote several important books about his expeditions and many articles on



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Polar Explorer Frederick Cook

a vast array of topics, from Inuit health, to world hunger and climate change. A quiet, reflective man, Cook's literary works were not just about his life, but about life itself.

"Frederick Cook's papers and archives held at the Ohio State University Byrd Polar Center tell one part of the story," noted Smith. "Darrell Hartman's extensively researched book tells another part. The photographs, exhibited together with excerpts from Cook's writings, we hope will offer a new perspective. Frederick Cook was a visionary artist, whose mythical accomplishments distinguish him as one of the most unique figures in the history of exploration."

The symposium will take place from 4 - 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville.

The project is made possible with funds from the State-

wide Community Regrant Program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support from the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

About Darrell Hartman
Darrell Hartman was born in Brunswick, Maine, has lived in Brooklyn for many years, and recently purchased a home in Livingston Manor in Sullivan County. He has written for The Wall Street Journal, The Financial Times, The Paris Review, Travel + Leisure, Condé Nast Traveler, and Granta. He holds a B.A. in literature from Yale University and is a member of The Explorers Club in New York. "Battle of Ink and Ice" is his debut book, and it was recently given a highly prestigious starred review by Kirkus.

Douglas Preston, author of the #1 New York Times best-seller "The Lost City of the Monkey God," provided this review of Hartman's book: "The Battle of Ink and Ice" tells the absolutely gripping story of the greatest disputation in the history of exploration: the battle between Cook and Peary over the discovery of the North Pole. But what takes this story to another level is the role that two big newspapers played in the controversy, taking opposite sides. The book paints unforgettable portraits of the outrageous, incendiary and drunken James Gordon Bennett Jr.,

publisher of the New York Herald, versus the upstanding and capable Adolph Ochs, founder of the modern New York Times. Beautifully written and researched, this book is a perfectly splendid read. I highly, highly recommend it."

About Laura Kissel
Laura Kissel is the Polar Curator for the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center Archival Program (Polar Archives), a position that she has held since 1996. Laura's primary responsibilities involve assisting students, scholars and other researchers in using the many collections held by the Polar Archives that document the history of polar exploration. Laura holds a bachelor's Degree from The Ohio State University, and a Master's in Library and Information Science from Kent State University. Her talk will focus on the Frederick Cook Society Archive collection, which was donated to the Byrd Polar Research Center in 1996 by the Cook Society.

About Carol Smith
Carol Smith holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from Florida State University, and has worked in non-profit arts and education organizations for over 20 years. Her talk will focus on the role of photography in Dr. Cook's career.

For more information, visit www.frederickcookpolar.org or call 845-434-8044. The Society also maintains a Facebook page.

LEGENDS AND LIFE

Main Street Dance Presents Recital



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE — After three years of innovatively dealing with COVID and post-pandemic restrictions, Hurleyville's Main Street Dance will be back on stage this month for its annual recital.

The event, this year entitled, "Legends and Life: A Musical Celebration," is scheduled for Sunday, June 25 at Liberty High School. Tickets for the event are available at the Main Street Dance studio, located in the lower level of the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre, and at the door. Ticket prices are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis.

Main Street Dance founder and director, Sherma Williams, says this is the 26th consecutive year the studio will present a recital. Ms.

Williams said the dancers and instructors are all very excited to be back on stage after three years of scaled down or otherwise specially tailored events, including one year that the recital was recorded without spectators and then played for ticket holders on a drive-in movie screen.

"Everyone is beyond thrilled to be back at Liberty High School," she said.

In explaining the theme for this year's event, Ms. Williams said that it all started with desire to "honor noted artists who have passed away, like Michael Jackson," and from there the theme emerged "to honor life in general."

Ms. Williams said that more than 100 dancers in a wide range of ages are expected to participate in 35 different dance numbers. The event gets underway at 4:30 p.m.

ABOUT OUR HEADLINE

The headline for this month's edition, "go far, go together," refers to the collaboration that is fostered by participation in the TEAMS challenge that took place at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre in May, sponsored by Sullivan County BOCES. As outlined in Denise Sullivan's front page story this month, the TEAMS program focuses on "the development of project management, design thinking, collaboration and presentation."

The saying itself, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together," is usually identified as an old African proverb, but that attribution is not universally accepted as accurate. Similar sentiments are expressed in many languages and cultures, and perhaps the most popular of those comes from the Rudyard Kipling poem, "The Winners," which includes the line, "He travels the fastest who travels alone."

FALLSBURG SENIOR EARNS 2023 SALON SCHOLARSHIP

FALLSBURG — Najwa Ladan, a graduating senior at Fallsburg High School, has been named the 2023 recipient of the Marion and Philip Salon Memorial Scholarship Award.

Najwa, daughter of Rahinatu Ibrahim and Abdul Ladan of Woodridge, N.Y., will receive \$1,000 toward

her first year of post-secondary studies. She intends to matriculate at SUNY Sullivan this fall.

She was selected as the scholarship recipient for her commitment to volunteer service at Garnet Health, Cosor Elementary School and several other school and communi-

ty-based groups. Najwa ranks fourth in her graduating class of 99 seniors.

"Through these experiences, I have gained a greater understanding of the importance of advocating for human rights and ensuring that all individuals feel valued and included," she wrote in

her personal essay for the scholarship.

The scholarship, which is named in memory of two lifelong Hurleyville residents, is designated annually for at least one graduating senior at Fallsburg Central School who has made a serious commitment to service in ways

that benefit the community and its citizens or have overcome a significant personal challenge.

The annual Salon scholarship is funded by the children and relatives of Marion and Philip Salon, whose two children, Shep and Rebecca, graduated from Fallsburg Central

High School in the 1960s.

Marion and Phil Salon were the owners and operators of a bungalow colony and Salon's Corners, a convenience store, over a 40-year period. Mr. Salon served for 24 years on the board of education of the Fallsburg Central Schools.

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan

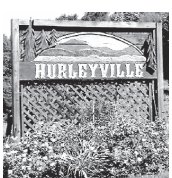


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Youngsters from “Messy Church” have begun working with church members to clean up the garden at the Hurleyville United Methodist Church. The garden will be freshened up with new plants and new edging thanks to a 2023 Sullivan 180 Beautification Grant.

HURLEYVILLE SULLIVAN-FIRST (HSF)

The group is creating a wayfinding sign that will be installed at the Community Gateway/Entrance to the Rails to Trail. The sign will direct visitors to shops, restaurants and services in Hurleyville. Additionally, solar powered strip lights will be added to the historical kiosks in the Hurleyville Firemen’s Park.

Annuals and perennials will be added to the stone planters at the entrances to Hurleyville, to the stone planter at the firehouse and to the barrels on Main Street. The planters and barrels will have to be weeded and watered regularly. Please send an email if you’d like to help ...lizzysaunt@verizon.net.

The group’s projects are partly funded by a 2023 Beautification Grant from Sullivan 180.

The Hurleyville Hub and Hurleyville-Sullivan First are planning fun festivals again this year:

- 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

Youngsters from “Messy Church” have begun working with church members on the garden at the church. The church received a 2023 Sullivan 180 Beautification Grant that 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, June 22 and on Thursday, June 29 from 3 until 5 p.m.

Youngsters are invited to attend the next “Messy Church” on Saturday, June 10 at 5 p.m. An adult must accompany children taking part in the fun and creative activities.

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

attend Sunday school at the church during services.

Pastor Jorge 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 to 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. Volunteers at the church are also gathering socks, underwear and t-shirts for local veterans. 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 Frederick Cook Society will host its own version of a symposium presented in 1993 at the Ohio State University Byrd Polar Center that included a presentation on the life and work of Dr. Cook. The event at the Sullivan County Museum will begin at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 17.

The symposium, titled “FA Cook, Reimagined”, will include presentations by Darrell Hartman, author of “Battle of Ink and Ice”, Laura Kissel, curator of the Ohio State University Byrd Polar Center, Julian Sancton, author of “Madhouse at the End of the Earth” and Carol Smith, Executive Director of the Cook Society. The event will also feature an exhibition of photographs taken by Dr. Cook during his expeditions to Greenland, Antarctica, Alaska and the North.

Sullivan County memorabilia and books describing the history of Sullivan County are available at the museum



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Office for the Aging Expands Quarters

Appointments Still Recommended, But Walk-Ins Welcome

MONTICELLO – Sullivan County’s Office for the Aging is back to welcoming walk-ins!

A significant renovation and expansion of our offices is largely complete,” Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul said recently.

“So we’re glad to invite everyone to stop by between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. We’re on the first floor of the Government Center at 100 North Street in Monticello.”

The Office closed to walk-ins in February this year in order to undertake a major reconfiguration of the space, including expanding into the area previously occupied by the Veterans Service Agency (which it-

self is in expanded quarters across the Government Center’s lobby). The new, more spacious facilities better accommodate anyone with disabilities, and also provide privacy in fully enclosed offices rather than cubicles.

Appointments are still preferred, so that staff are available to assist as quickly and efficiently as possible.

“Call ahead to 845-807-0241 – we may be able to help right over the phone!”

says Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley, whose Division oversees the Office. “Emails are welcome anytime, including to the general mailbox of sullivanofa@sullivanny.us.”



UNNECESSARY LOSSES OF LIFE

A teen went to pick up his brothers
And mistakenly rang the wrong bell
Then, face down on the ground like a felon with a bullet wound
Must have felt like he was in hell

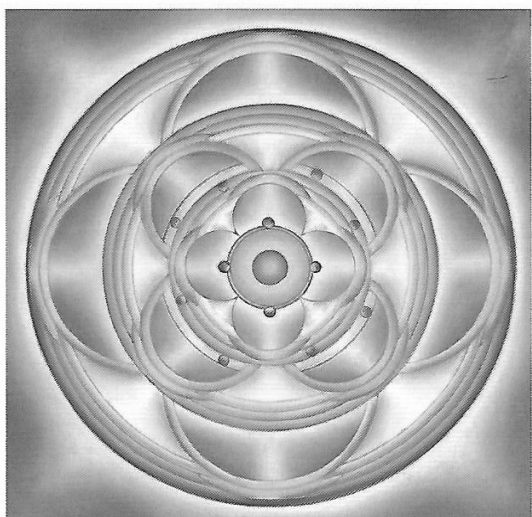
The car was leaving a driveway
Entering it was an honest mistake
Yet a young girl was killed for that reason
This tragedy also makes my heart ache

A cheerleader’s friends drove her to her car lot
She opened a car door she imagined was hers
But soon realized it was not
As she walked to her car, something happened
It was the most ungodly thing
She didn’t survive the gunshot that day
Her family and friends’ loss must sting

Within days of these horrible cases
More losses of lives have occurred
By the time this poem is published
There’ll be more gunshot tales – take my word!

- Mimi
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The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

I deviated a bit from my norm this last month by driving out to Narrowsburg and Lander’s Campground for FROGGY DAZE 15. This is the longest running and most successful music festival in Sullivan County, the ‘15’ referring to the number of years it has been held at the campground. From now on, I’m going to set aside the other locations FROGGY DAZE pops up, and just concentrate on this one.

And why? Because this one IS successful. Year after year. I know the music is always top notch, a fact that was echoed by many attendees I spoke to. But the producer/PR person in me says that is not enough.

This is a four day, PAID festival. You can pay to camp for all four days, or if there is a day with a band or bands you wish to see or are adverse to camping like me, there are day passes. My sincerest thanks to THE JOHNNY JULES BAND for adding me to their guest list.

I chose to walk in, mainly to get the lay of the land. To my right, there were tents, and one large Teepee, and campers/ RVs as far as I could see. The music was audible as far away as the outside parking lot. On the other side of the shelter, where the stage was set up, was another whole line of campers and RVs.

The sound people really knew how to set up for a large open space. Even though I heard the music long before reaching the shelter, I was able to sit right in front of the stage without being blasted or even saying it was too loud. And, there was always somewhere to sit throughout the site.

They post their music schedule around the site and on their social media, the day and time or times bands are scheduled, so there is no guessing. In addition to THE JOHNNY JULES BAND, I recognized two other bands from this area, CAPTAIN MAGIC, and STRANGE BREW. Performing here is a real star on their resumes.

‘Family Fun’ is taken literally. Moms and Dads don’t have to find somewhere to leave the kids to

attend. There are many activities specifically for them, and I saw little ones in strollers all the way through teens with their parents. Part of this is the theme of each festival. This year, it was the CIRCUS COSTUME PARTY, which brought out the kid in everyone. Plus, everything from fire twirlers to stilt walkers, to an awesome laser show in quintessential circus colors to the sounds of performing bands.

I was there the last day, a Sunday. This is traditionally when the most noted and popular bands are booked.

I saw NOAH LEMHRMAN, excellent style with a strong story telling in his songs.

DRIVE BREAK is a mesmerizing, high energy trio with a real JIMI HENDRIX feel to their original music. They are booked at the STITCH BLUES BAR, 247 W 37th in New York City, July 29 for the pre-show to PHISH at Madison

Square Garden, so you can catch them, then walk to the show.

Then THE JOHNNY JULES BAND closed the music part of the festival, with a stunning ten-piece band, including TRISH MURPHY on fiddle, and HOPE on flute....and a crowd so large in the stage area that one had to stand in order to see!

My takeaway from this is that this Festival has built a niche of attendees, a huge family if you wish, of generations who gather together as a reunion year after year. That’s what has made this successful.

The music around this area is exploding even more so than before COVID, so throughout the summer, this column may have to be more schedule than my long windedness. Wherever you go to hear live music, you will not be disappointed....so get out there!

Until next time...

FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



CLOUDS



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Cumulonimbus are dense, towering, vertical clouds.

A cloud is a mass of liquid droplets of water or ice particles visible high above the ground. There are four categories of clouds described by the level of elevation where they form; low clouds, middle clouds, high clouds, and towering clouds. Meteorologists use cloud levels and characteristics to get the ten main cloud types.

“When clouds appear like rocks and towers, the earth’s refreshed with frequent showers.” This proverb references the characteristics of thunder storm clouds. These are known as cumulonimbus clouds.

They first appear as towers of rocks being stacked upon each other, then turn anvil like. So when rocks and towers appear in the sky, expect storms. These clouds can reach up to 75,000 feet in the sky. Towering storm clouds bring rain, sleet, hail, thunder, lightning, and tornados.

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MEET ARTHUR AULISI

An actor creating an artistic home here.

by Lily Barrish

HURLEYVILLE-- For the past six years, Arthur Aulisi has called Sullivan County home. Already familiar with upstate living, he was raised in Gloversville, about twenty miles west of Saratoga. He grew up in the foothills of the Adirondacks and then settled in the foothills of the Catskills.

Gloversville was once home to a thriving glove industry with tanneries and manufacturing plants crowning it the glove capital of the world. In its heyday the population was around 50,000; now it's about 15,000.

Both of Mr. Aulisi's grandfathers were judges in Gloversville. His father followed on the same path and was a New York State Supreme Court judge. Mr. Aulisi credits his paternal grandmother, an Italian immigrant, as being one of his biggest artistic inspirations in life. He fondly remembers she was a great lover of opera.

Mr. Aulisi is the only member of his family involved in acting, although his father's cousin is a very accomplished costume designer for Broadway, movies, and television.

Mr. Aulisi's acting career began in high school, and continued when he attended Northwestern University, where he majored in theater. After graduating, he stayed in Chicago to pursue acting,

then he did an apprenticeship at the Actors Theatre of Louisville, KY. Finally, he moved to New York City and stayed for 25 years, ultimately owning an apartment in Chelsea for 15 of those years.

"I pioneered Williamsburg before it became Williamsburg, and I pioneered Washington Heights," he says.

Currently he commutes to the city three days a week to work as a paralegal. He's been employed by the same attorney for 30 years.

"It was supposed to be a five-week gig. He had a big trial coming up, and said I could come work for him while I was in between jobs as a young actor in the city. I learned on the job and stayed, but I still consider acting my real career."

Mr. Aulisi's residence in Sullivan County wasn't completely planned.

"We were looking along the NY Route 17 corridor, not hoping to be so far out of the city, but the further up we came, the more we could find. Our dream house just so happened to be in my husband's hometown."

With easily 100 featured roles and a few independent films under his belt for acting, last November, Mr. Aulisi made his Sullivan County directorial debut at the Delaware Valley Opera center in Lake Huntington. He directed the one-woman show, "Every Brilliant Thing." On the horizon is



PHOTO BY LILY BARRISH

Arthur Aulisi

his acting debut in Sullivan County. He doesn't have anything lined up in the city right now; all of his artistic talent will be on display in the Catskills this summer. His most recent work in the city was participating in the Will-a-thon festival that is held on Shakespeare's birthday, every April 23.

In March, he auditioned for "A Lovely Day to Kill Your Spouse" by Lindsey Brown, a four-person, dark comedy, directed by Sally Gladden. He was offered the role of Graham on the spot. It'll be his first time performing as

a member of the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg. You can catch the show on June 9, 10, 16, 17 at 8 p.m., and on June 11 and 18 at 2 p.m.

He will be returning to DVO in July to act in the dystopian futuristic novel "We" by Yevgeny Zamiatin; adapted and directed by Christopher Peditto and co-produced by River Rep Theatre. Coincidentally, Mr. Peditto and Mr. Aulisi know all the same people from the New York City theater scene in the early '90s, but

it wasn't until a year ago that they connected in the mountains and Mr. Peditto asked Mr. Aulisi to direct "Every Brilliant Thing."

Always a lover of trivia, Mr. Aulisi and his husband, Aaron Rein, were members of a team in the city that once had a sixteen-week winning streak. When Arthur moved to Sullivan County, he attended various trivia nights around the county.

"A lot of the places had fancy gimmicks such as buzzers and TV screens, which I didn't care for, because generally that means they bought their questions. I don't begrudge those guys because they do it once a week, but I sit down, and hand write all my content, so I can't possibly do it once a week."

Last year, Mr. Aulisi knew the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre was looking for content, so he approached them with a few ideas: a reading series, an acting class, and a trivia night. They jumped on trivia night—now it's a regular occurrence on the third Thursday of every month at the Tango Café. Each month he picks a theme and tries to pepper the theme throughout the rounds to create continuity. The rounds always consist of music, picture, current events, movies & TV. Various other rounds are added into the mix at times. He pulls questions from all different genres,

about things he likes the most.

He also leads trivia night at the Sullivan House Bar & Grill in Wurtsboro on the second Wednesday of every month. There, he dresses in character to make it more theatrical.

"It's fun, and gives me a chance to do a little acting and more creative writing by writing for each character," he said.

At the Tango Café, Mr. Aulisi tells a story leading to the questions, so it's more than just questions and answers. People get background, and learn an interesting fact. Listen closely and he might give a clue for a future round.

"Tango is more traditional, but I am playing in character as a singular nerdy character," he said.

Most teams at both establishments are repeated from month to month, even though he encourages everyone to attend.

Besides acting, Mr. Aulisi enjoys water skiing, playing soccer, and spending time with his two cats, Michele and Timothee.

"I do love Sullivan County. I'm really interested in creating an artistic home here," he said.



Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

I'm sitting by Cattail Brook in Livingston Manor on a warm May morning, sipping coffee, reading the paper, waiting for the produce store to open. The brook babbles, as brooks do. Light and shade play upon its surface, bestowing a delight that mingles with the smell of the coffee and the gradual dilation of my mind as I consider the singular propositions contained in this morsel of newsprint. The article is about time, reminding the reader that the universe comes with an expiration date. In roughly 100 billion years there will be little left except a swirl of sub-atomic particles in a sea of blackness, without sufficient proximity (the universe being centrifugal) or energy (all the suns long spent) to cohere — a kind of quark soup. And furthermore, the article states, things will continue in that state for the "trillions upon trillions of years after there [is] any light or life in the universe."

Now, there's all the news that's fit to print — and on such a fine spring day! "100 billion years" barely registers. We've domesticated "billions" as far as money goes (billionaires are familiar figures), but try applying the number to time and it reverts to the wild. "Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in," Thoreau wrote in "Walden" — and how long would Cattail Brook have to be to represent 100 billion years, and how diverse its currents to contain the layers of historical and geological and

cosmological time, which move at such incomparable rates and on such incommensurable scales?

The Big Bang, from whence everything arose, occurred some 14 billion years ago; the end of time (as such) is 100 billion years hence. The figures themselves make less of an impression than the blunt fact that the universe was born and will die, just as we do, that there's an end point in the far distance: game, set, match! The brief moment in which life on Earth (and perhaps elsewhere, who knows?) flared up into consciousness will pass, and consciousness, with all its lovely and unseemly products, will be neither remembered nor inscribed in any archive or registry; it will leave no trace and no legacy.

Sitting by Cattail Brook, this thought induces a kind of pendular swing-state, moving between destabilization and exaltation. The uses of immensity are many. When Keats had fears that he might cease to be, he stood on the shore of the wide world and took thought till the immensity dissolved his anxious self-concern. This is the province of the sublime, that category of experience inducing an inextricable mix of awe, terror, and beauty. The sublime can be comforting and disquieting at the same time. Edmund Burke, who analyzed the sublime in "A Philosophical Enquiry," identified two of its triggers as vastness and infinity; contemplating the vast and the in-

finite has the power to reset the framework of things.

Perhaps one night, on a camping trip, or at a beach (the wide world's shore), we spent a few hours gazing up at the stars and felt the expanding context, an intimation of cosmological time, and knew the awe of knowing ourselves to be a phenomenon as transient as flickering light on the surface of a brook.

Whether the prospect of the demise of the universe in 100 billion years deflates or valorizes our experience in time depends on mood and perspective. On the one hand, our immediate concerns, considered sub specie aeternitatis, tend to shrivel into insignificance; on the other, what a miracle it turns out to be that we're here at all, entertaining these thoughts, pondering these questions; a miracle that I can sit here and relish all the granularity of embodied experience: the living sun alight on the water, warming my face; Cattail Brook sluicing by; the taste of the coffee and its fragrance in the air; the sound and sense of the words that flow through my mind, the very ability of language to enshrine and expand and share awareness... All of that is valorizing enough for now, come what may downstream, along the currents of futurity.

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GRAND OPENING!

Decant Wine & Spirit Shop

HURLEYVILLE — Decant Wine & Spirits, located in the Main Street Mews Building at 234 Main Street, will be hosting a grand opening celebration on Saturday, June 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. Featuring free wine tastings, gift giveaways, and a live acoustic performance by Greg Castro of the Electric Chords. Delicious cheese and charcuterie from La Salumina to be served alongside wines from around the world.

Hurleyville is no longer a quiet little hamlet. Already home to a performing arts center, gourmet Italian market, outdoor store, and more — it can now add wine & spirits to its offerings.

"Our focus is on quality, with something for everyone on any budget. We want to expand people's understanding of wine without being intimidating. You don't have to pay a lot of money for a great bottle. Unless you want to, because we do have a good selection of high-end options for special occasions," says Cat Wilson, the store manager.

Decant was designed by Samantha Leeds from Creatures of Place, who worked with local carpenters, ceramists, signmakers and more to create a truly unique and beautiful shop.

"I was thrilled to be given the opportunity to work with Decant. I hope the space serves as a warm and inviting place to be enjoyed for years to come. Big shout out to all of the incredible local artisans who helped me create a magical environment full of life."



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO
Cat Wilson

With 50 bottles under \$20, there are a lot of options for every budget. The shop features low-intervention and organic wines as well as ciders, mead, and a broad range of spirits from local Vodka to rare Mezcal.

Ms. Wilson plans to offer free weekly tastings, event consultation services, classes, and more.

Decant is open 5 days a week Wednesday — Sunday. Their entire selection is available to peruse online at www.DecantHurleyville.com.

Follow them on social media to learn more, and keep up with events and tastings @Decant.Hurleyville

AKTION CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS AND DONATES TO SPCA



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(Left to Right) Woodridge Kiwanian/Advisor Sue Kasofsky, Aktion Club Advisor Brina Cohen, new members Nathan Birenbaum and Latisha Moore, Monticello Kiwanians/Advisors Kathy Garlick and Sheila Lashinsky, and Aktion Club Advisor Kim Loucks.

MONTICELLO — The Aktion Club of Sullivan County was kept busy at its May meeting. First, they warmly welcomed two new members. Woodridge Kiwanis Member/Aktion Club Advisor, Sue Kasofsky installed Latisha Moore and Nathan Birenbaum. They were delighted to join the club, since they both like to be around people and help out in the community. They are anxious to participate in all the events the club gets involved in.

After the installation ceremony, the Aktion Club members got busy displaying the items they have collected and will be donating to the Sullivan County

SPCA, located in Rock Hill. They will be delivering dog and cat food, cat litter, toys for the animals, cleaning products, and cash donations.

The Aktion Club is a service leadership group comprising adults with various degrees of developmental disabilities who are affiliated with Arc Greater Hudson Valley, New Hope Community, and The Center for Discovery. It is sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Monticello and Woodridge. Its mission is to provide these individuals with the opportunity to develop leadership skills and self-esteem, while participating in events and serving the community.

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Veterans Van Makes Its Debut

MONTICELLO — Thanks to State funding and the approval of the Sullivan County Legislature, the County's veterans now have access to a brand new van.

"Our Veterans Van began transporting vets to local medical appointments on May 8," said Veterans Service Agency (VSA) Director Stephen Walsh. "Owned and maintained by the County's Transportation Department, this vehicle replaces an aging van previously operated by the Sullivan County Veterans Coalition — who still remain a key partner."

The 2023 Chrysler Pacifica was purchased through a \$50,000 grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, secured by former NYS Senator Jen Metzger.

"The Legislature seeks to ensure every veteran is properly served in Sullivan County, and this van is another step toward that goal," noted District 6 Legislator

Luis Alvarez, who chairs the Legislature's Veterans Committee. "No vet should miss a healthcare appointment for lack of transportation. This van and this County will make sure of that."

"We're privileged to make the lives of our veterans easier, considering how much they sacrificed for us," said Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley, whose Division encompasses both the VSA and the Transportation Department. "Director of Transportation Ruthann Hayden is intent on making this a smooth process for all veterans, and we look forward to providing a safe, reliable, no-cost way for them to get where they need to be. I also encourage them to explore the many other ways their County can assist both them and their loved ones."

To schedule a trip, please call the VSA at 845-807-0233.

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.

In the beginning of the month of May, the Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighter's Association held their annual Memorial service for those firefighters who answered their last alarm in 2022. For the first time in many years the Hurleyville Fire Department did not have any firefighter answer their last alarm. The service takes place at the Sullivan County Government Center. Family members are led down the walkway, flanked by firefighters on either side, with two ladder trucks holding a large American Flag overhead. Once inside during the service, each name of a departed firefighter is read, and a family member is escorted up front by a department officer and given a red rose. At the conclusion of the service, a wreath in the shape of a maltase cross is laid at the foot of the firefighters monument.

On the same weekend at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial weekend is held in which those firefighters who died in the Line of Duty (LODD) are honored. One hundred-seventy-three names were etched into the monument representing the 173 LODDs in the United States for 2022. William "Billy" Steinburg, posthumously promoted to Chief of the Forestburgh Fire Department, was honored at the three-day service. The family was presented with an American Flag and a Red Rose. Billy's family, members of the Forestburgh Fire Department and Sullivan County Fire Coordina-

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tor John Hauschild were in attendance for the service.

I was told by those at the service that it was quite heart-breaking to see a four-year-old being escorted up to the front to receive the flag and rose in honor of his dad.

When you see a firefighter, thank them for their service and for keeping your community safe.

The Burn Ban expired on May 14. The trouble was, it was very dry and windy that week. There were several brush fires because of people burning brush that got away from them. Use some common sense when you burn a brush pile. Clear at least a six-foot radius around the pile and have a hose handy. Do not burn when it is windy.

Summer is not yet here, and already there was a drowning on the Delaware. Life jackets save lives.

In downtown Hurleyville, we had a car vs. bike accident. There are a lot of bicyclists and trail walkers out and about now that the weather is nice, so be care-

ful when walking and riding. Vehicle drivers should be aware of trail walkers and bicyclists, especially in the middle of town.

Since the last column there have been a number of major structure fires that involved many fire departments.

Summer is not yet here, and the Emergency Services are extremely busy.

The 22nd Annual Morningside Fishing Classic, sponsored by the Town of Fallsburg Parks and Recreation Program, the Hurleyville Fire Department, and the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department, will be held Saturday, June 17, at the Morningside Lake at 614 Brickman Road in Hurleyville. It will start at 5 a.m. and end at 1 p.m.

There will be trophies for first, second and third in three different categories: Bass, Walleye and Pickerel. In addition, there will be a Lunker prize of \$50.00 for the largest single bass, pickerel or walleye caught by weight at the contest.

Registration will take place at the lake, and will be \$10.00 per person.

Fishing can be from boats with trolling motors only, and everyone in the boat must be registered, or you can fish from shore.

To see pictures of winners from previous years, visit us at www.hurlevillenyny.com.

You can find more information on Facebook, user J.W.Halchak

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Be Safe Out There!

PAPER CLIPS...

by Elaine Corrington



HEAT?

DO WE REALLY WANT WEATHER CHANGES?

Hurleyville has always been the target for different seasonal weathers, and along with each, a whole new set of activities. Some of the weather changes we appreciate – at least for awhile. Some of the activities we appreciate- at least for awhile. Otherwise, why would we stay here? Why not go to a place that always provides the weather and activities we enjoy? And what happens over time as we change, people change, families need or want to move, or new jobs or friends come into our lives? A winter like we just had brings these questions to mind whenever your mind is wandering.

A mild winter like this past one gives the people of Hurleyville some wintertime fun, and spring (or even summer) hints of those other seasons. If you like winter-- snow, ice, heavy coats, wild hats-- why would you want those hints in the middle of winter, when you have already moved winter clothes for easy access, and you put cooler choices away until cool clothes make sense. Out of sight, out of mind, wrinkling up until they are needed for real, true, hot days and you have to wash the darn things! And unexpected winter-like weather in the summer? You can make some really nice layers of 4-5 warm weather clothes to get through those unexpected cold days. Pretty? Unh-hunh. Not going to happen!

Fortunately, Hurleyville usually allows us to have true seasons with cold winters and hot summers, duly separated for skiing or swimming!

This year, what will we see and feel? We had some mix-ups that forced us not to go on the Rail Trail when it turned out to be just warm, sunny and right. There were other days when the ice never disappeared. Does this mean that a cold day in July may force us to go up the Rail Trail on what looks like a bright sunny day and want to turn around and stay warm inside?

The weather in Hurleyville is trying to confuse us, and apparently it has been quite some time since it has been like this here. Will summer join up to this hint? Of course, then we might have to think about NEXT winter!

Climate change-- a hint for the rest of the planet coming from little Hurleyville? We shall see!

Monticello Kiwanis Supports Children's Programs

MONTICELLO-- For the first time since the coronavirus pandemic changed our life style, the Kiwanis Club of Monticello held an in-person – as well via zoom – meeting on Monday, May 8 at Albella's Restaurant in Monticello. Members and guests enjoyed the camaraderie at the live and remotely attended meeting. The food was delicious and the guest speakers were very interesting and informative.

Sullivan County Health & Human Services Case Supervisor Diana Herrera, and Sr. Account Clerk/Data base Clerk Marlene Muthig reported on the recent influx of children coming into the foster care program, and thanked the Monticello Kiwanians for their continual support and contributions through their Sweet Dreams Project.

The program provides children who are removed from their homes and transitioned into new surroundings with duffle bags filled with comforting items such as a blanket, pillow, stuffed animal, socks, personal toi-



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Kiwanis Club president, Marvin Rappaport, Youth Poetry Ambassador Mykenzi Williams, Poet Laureate Dr. Sharon Kennedy-Nolle and Kiwanis Club vice president, Karen Ellsweig.

leties, toothbrush, and hats, depending on the needs and age of each child. The club recently donated eight more duffle bags and \$500 in Gift Cards to be used to supplement the inventory of needed items. Kiwanis Club President, Marvin Rappaport stated that they are so happy to do something to ease the anxiety and reduce the trauma of the children.

Additional guest speakers were Sullivan County Poet Laureate, Dr. Sharon Kennedy-Nolle, and Liberty High School Sophomore/Youth Poetry Ambassador, Mykenzi Williams. They spoke about the recent Youth Poetry Festival held

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June 21, 1916 POST OFFICE ENLIGHTENED

The post office is now equipped with electric lights which makes a great improvement.

June 28, 1916 NEW CONSTRUCTION

Jos. Brenner & Son have broken ground for a new building and we understand they contemplate putting in a mill with electric power.

The stone road between Hurleyville and Loch Sheldrake had been repaired and now the town road machinery goes to Mountindale.

A LONG DAY'S JOURNEY

John Knapp came down from the Columbia Monday in his car and boarded the nine o'clock train for Liberty telling those here he would be back on the 10:17 in time to take them to the house. Well, he came on the 10:17 all right and when it went through here about 50 miles an hour he sung out the window, "I'll be back on No. 1." Well, No. 1 now goes through faster than that, but that wasn't



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO
Sophie and George Fedun

the worst of it – the train he was on never stopped until it reached Middletown, so he had quite some excursion, reaching home on the 7:43 that evening.

June 11, 1937 ROSS ADMITS MURDER GUILT, HALTS TRIAL

Mischa Ross, formerly of Sullivan County, pleaded guilty Monday to second degree murder in connection with the death of Tania Lubova, night club violinist, killed with a hammer in a Times Square studio April eighteenth. He will be sentenced June twenty-first.

The thirty-one-year old Broadway booking agent, who kept a Sunday afternoon tryst with the twenty-four-year old violinist and beat her to death when she resisted his advances, faces a sentence of twenty years to life.

Ross had been arrested at the Mountindale home of his estranged wife the day after the murder.

LOCAL GIRLS WIN PRIZE

The Hurleyville Girls Sextette, reduced to a quintet by the illness of their soprano, Mollie Wood, on Sunday night was awarded second prize in the fourth annual Sullivan County Amateur Contest held at the Young's Gap Hotel in Parksville.

A large group of performers competed for honors before an audience of nearly five hundred people. The Young Folk's League of Sullivan County sponsored the show, which was followed by a dance.

David Leider of Monticello, a singer, was awarded first prize; the Hurleyville girls second; and Edward Hones, Roscoe cornet player, was third. Prizes were \$10, \$5, and \$3.

BETROTHED COUPLE FETED BY FRIENDS

Miss Sarah Hillman and Herbert Billowitz, both of Hurleyville, who plan to be married next Saturday, June 19, were honored by their friends on Wednesday evening when Miss Hillman was tendered a surprise shower at the Shady Nook Country Club and Mr. Billowitz was given a stag party in his honor at the Morn-

ingside Hotel.

About sixty attended the shower; about fifty attended the stag party.

June 18, 1937 NEWS AND PERSONAL NOTES

Mrs. George Lounsberry has returned to her home here after spending the past four weeks in the Robert packer Hospital at Sayre, PA, where she submitted to a serious operation. Her present condition is said to be favorable.

Max Tennanbaum has opened a grocery and appetizer shop in the Kurland store for the summer months.

Miss Marjorie Prince has returned to Hurleyville for the summer where she plans to conduct a beauty shop at one of the local hotels.

FEDUN – BAGAILUK

Miss Sophie Bagailuk and Harry Fedun, both of Hurleyville, were united in marriage in a beautiful wedding ceremony performed at the Thompsonville Ukrainian Church on Sunday, June 13 at noon. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Theo. Yaworsky in the presence of nearly 200 friends and relatives.

A reception was held at the Garden House in Hurleyville. The newlyweds are spending a honeymoon at Niagara Falls.

June 25, 1937

STUDENTS GRADUATED FROM LOCAL SCHOOL WITH HIGH HONORS

Thirteen graduates of the Hurleyville High School received diplomas at the Commencement exercises held at the school auditorium on Saturday evening while on the previous evening fifteen diplomas were distributed to graduates of the grade school.

Leo Salon, salutatorian of the high school, enjoyed the distinction of winning four awards, the first for 100% excellence in Intermediate Algebra, a five dollar cash prize donated by Lazurus I. Levine for the highest mark in American History, another for being chosen the outstanding boy in the class, and the fourth, a prize donated by Philip Krukin, Monticello jeweler, for the highest Regents average.

Miss Dorothy Osdoby delivered the valedictory address.

William G. Birmingham, Liberty attorney and president of the Sullivan County Bar Association, was guest speaker. He stressed the value of the Constitution, and urged the graduates and the audience to cherish the freedom which they now possess.

SIGN UP FOR POP-UP FOOD PANTRY

Sponsored by Town of Fallsburg

SOUTH FALLSBURG-- The Town of Fallsburg would like to remind everyone about the launch of a new pop-up food pantry program. The program will be a six (6) month test, aimed at addressing food insecurity in the community. This program is part of the town's ongoing commitment to supporting its residents during difficult times.

The program is open to all residents of the Town of Fallsburg, and will provide access to fresh, nutritious food. The pop-up food pantry will be located at River Valley Estates (Foxcroft Village) during this pilot

phase of the program. The pop-up food pantry pilot program began on Tuesday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to Noon, and will be held at 3 Piccadilly East in Loch Sheldrake. The pop-up will occur the last Tuesday of every month for the next six months. The program will be evaluated at the end of the six-month period, and the town will make any necessary adjustments based on feedback from par-



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Fallsburg Supervisor Kathy Rappaport

ticipants.

"We are excited to launch this program and provide a much-needed resource to our community. I strongly urge everyone to sign up so we can account for the amount of food that should come," Fallsburg supervisor Kathy Rappaport said. "We hope that the program will not only address food insecurity, but also bring our community together in support of one another."

Residents of the Town of Fallsburg who are interested in participating in the pop-up food pantry pilot program can find more information on the town's website, social media pages, or by contacting the Town Hall.



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FRENCHY PART II

As we join our story, it is May, 1939, and New York City Police Detective Jimmy O'Toole has asked Fallsburg Constable Bronco Kelly, along with a few other Sullivan County law enforcement officials, to be on the lookout for wanted criminal Maurice "Frenchy" Carillot, also known as Marty Carroll. O'Toole thinks Carillot, on the lam after being indicted on narcotics charges, may make an appearance in the Mountains over the approaching Decoration Day weekend. Bronco has just left a morning meeting at Sheriff Harry Borden's home in Monticello...

I committed to memory the photo of Maurice Carillot that O'Toole had provided, which wasn't too difficult given my eidetic memory, and drove back to Hurleyville, thinking about how to best approach the situation. As Sheriff Borden had said, it promised to be a difficult weekend ahead, with throngs of people expected at the local resorts, and there might not be a lot of time to spend looking for a man who had been able to evade arrest for months.

By the time I had reached Hurleyville, I had decided that I would just go about my normal activities, which, if seven years on the job were any indication, would be non-stop for the next few

days, and just try to be alert for any strangers who might bear a resemblance to the photo.

I became completely sidetracked dealing with a couple of fender benders, a fist fight, and a missing child on Friday evening and Saturday, and Sunday passed by without too much excitement, other than traffic snarls virtually everywhere I turned. Monday was a busier day than most Mondays, due to the Decoration Day holiday many were celebrating the next day. My day mainly involved directing traffic in and out of the hotels in Hurleyville and Loch Sheldrake. Four days since our meeting with NYPD detective O'Toole, and hundreds—perhaps thousands—of faces scrutinized, but no sign of anyone who looked even remotely like Maurice Carillot. Well, we knew all along that it was a long shot.

Around mid-morning on Tuesday, May 30, I received a phone call summoning me to Loch Sheldrake. Two youngsters from Brooklyn, staying at a nearby hotel, had discovered a body floating in the lake. I first called Jay Lass, and was on the scene in less than ten minutes.

The boys, who identified themselves as Melvin Holt and George Dubner, told me they had been out on the lake with a rented boat, hoping to do some fishing. They had



ILLUSTRATION BY JACK ROBBIN

There was quite a crowd of onlookers when we finally got the body back to shore.

not even baited their hooks, they said, when they became distracted by something bobbing up and down on the surface some distance from where they had decided to try their luck. Putting the idea of fishing aside for the time being, they had rowed over to the object, and tried to get hold of it.

Talking almost in unison, their voices rising with excitement as the story progressed, the boys were nearly unintelligible. Finally, I got one of them to remain silent while the other finished tell-

ing me about their adventure.

Using the oars from the boat, and working together, they were able to drag the still unidentified object closer to them, at which point it flipped over, revealing the partially disfigured face of a man. Terrified by this unanticipated discovery, the boys left the object where it was and highailed it back to shore. They ran to the nearby drugstore and implored the owner to call the police. That's the call I had received.

I was able to procure a rowboat from Jiggs McClure, the

same guy who had rented the boys their boat, and when Jay Lass arrived a few minutes later was set to head out on the lake to the spot the boys had pointed me to. Jay said he had been directed by his boss, Sheriff Harry Borden, to wait for the State Police before taking any action. Sgt. Tom Mangan showed up a few minutes later.

We decided to row out in two boats and to try to tow the body to shore rather than attempt to haul it into one of the boats, thinking that would be a safer alternative,

and less likely to damage any evidence that might remain. I was able to maneuver my boat close enough to the body that I could reach it with my longer than average-length arm. I did my best to steady it while Jay and Mangan positioned their boat is such a way that Mangan could loop some rope around the legs. We both then slowly and cautiously headed back to shore with the corpse floating behind us.

There was quite a crowd of onlookers when we finally got back to shore, and with a

bit of a struggle we were able to get the body up on dry land. Although it was much the worse for wear from its time submerged, we were able to make a few significant observations while we waited for Dr. Harry Jacobs, the town health officer, to show up.

The body was that of a middle-aged man of average height. It was hard to determine his natural weight since the body was so bloated from its time underwater. The face was mostly unrecognizable. The man was dressed in a light topcoat, and there appeared to be multiple bullet holes in the coat.

Mangan carefully undid the topcoat, revealing what appeared to be an expensive suit underneath. Going through the dead man's pockets, he found nine slot machine tokens, along with \$15 in cash, a pair of eyeglasses, and a pen and pencil. There was also a soggy but readable claim check from a dry cleaning shop located at 204 Audubon Avenue in New York City. Mangan decided that might be a good way to identify the body, and he asked Jay to follow up on that lead.

By the time Dr. Jacobs arrived, the crowd had largely dispersed, and only a few observers remained. While the doctor looked over the body, Mangan, Jay and I huddled a short distance away.

"Well, this definitely looks like a mob hit," Mangan said. "And not that recent, judging from how he is dressed."

"My initial impression was that this is that Carillot guy the city cops are looking for," I ventured. "But from what O'Toole was saying, wasn't he seen in Bridgeport not too long ago? That doesn't seem to fit."

Jay and Mangan nodded. "I don't think we can assume it is Carillot, but we'll know better once we talk to that dry cleaner," Mangan said. "We'll get a picture taken of the corpse, and Jay, you can take a ride to the city."

There is never a dull moment for Fallsburg Constable Bronco Kelly, who seems to always be in the middle of the excitement in 1930s-era Sullivan County. Don't miss the thrilling conclusion to our story in the July edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel. This story is a work of fiction, although it is based on an actual incident that took place in 1939. Bronco Kelly, NYPD detective Jimmy O'Toole, and Jiggs McClure are fictional characters. Melvin Holt, George Dubner, Maurice Carillot, Sgt. Tom Mangan, Sheriff Harry Borden, Deputy Sheriff Jay Lass, and Dr. Harry Jacobs are real people, although no representation is made as to the accuracy of their characterizations in this story.

FUN FOR SENIORS IN HURLEYVILLE

By Elaine Corrington

HURLEYVILLE--We have all had that experience of looking forward and planning ahead, both in joyful possibilities and anticipation. It starts in the crib and grows as we do. Expectations, experiences, plans that may or may not work, all take a turn. New realities jump in. Old realities leave, but we keep on going. It is the process of life.

We get older, we become seniors, and sometimes, this happens to us in Hurleyville, and a new—or old-- reality can take us forward and backward at the same time. That is what is happening right now at The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre Theatre in a new program called Senior Cinema Social.

HPAC has partnered with the Sullivan County Human Rights Commission and the Sullivan County Senior Alliance to provide affordable and fully accessible opportunities for senior citizens who may be isolated from social possibilities and comfortable and flexible gatherings that become impossible over time. And they are offering it all at a price that is manageable for a senior (or can be complimentary if not manageable): \$5.00.

The program is supported by a Regrowth and Capacity Enhancement Grant from the New York State Council on the Arts.

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pants an opportunity to talk and laugh, see old friends, or meet new people.

Perhaps we might even find ourselves remembering what happened in those early days when the classic mov-

ies being shown were actually made, and how life has changed since those days.

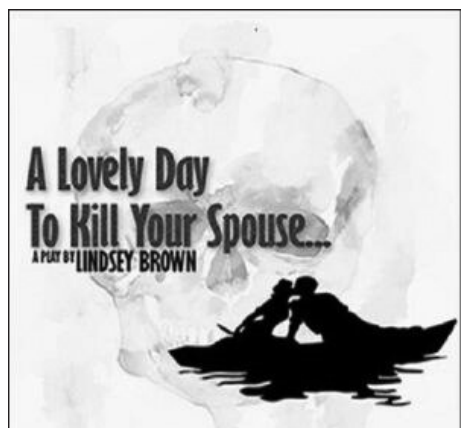
Not all seniors drive, or always have access to a driver. Mail may not be delivered all the time, so seniors in your neighborhood may not have heard of the Senior Cinema. You might want to print out or take a computer for them to see the future possibilities. You may want to give them a new possibility for fun in Hurleyville! You may not have a ride! The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre will try to make transportation possible if family or friend are not available. The local Bus makes a stop at a time that may match your need.

The Hurleyville Arts Centre is located at 219 Main Street, and is fully accessible and comfortable. Phone number is (845)985-4722. Tickets may be ordered ahead of time! It might be a good idea to order one that captures your attention!! Order up if there is a special movie on the list you don't want to miss! In our first visit in May we saw Moonstruck (1987), and had a hard time remembering Cher at that age! On June 8, the choice is The Italian Job starring Michael Caine (1969). Come and try it out-and the burps, laughter, and memories after the movie! You will be glad and looking toward the future of Senior Cinema!

A LOVELY DAY TO KILL YOUR SPOUSE

SOUTH FALLS-BURG – The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is honored to present the World Premiere of "A Lovely Day to Kill Your Spouse", by Lindsey Brown. Live, on the Rivoli Theatre stage, the talents of Arthur Aulisi, Cindibeth Gelbwaks, Keith Prince and Carol MacAdam will bring this comedy to life. Sally Gladden is the Director, Julianne Porter is the Stage Manager, Set Design & construction by Anna Puleo and Harold Tighe with Technical Direction by Grace Summa, you will be sure to enjoy the antics.

The open water, a small row- boat and a marriage on the brink. Just how far would you trust your spouse? Or their family? Wealthy couple Graham and Gloria embark on a seemingly romantic getaway but instead plan to kill each other, ever so politely.



A love quadrangle is created when his brother and her sister arrive to save them—or murder the pair themselves.

Written by New Zealand's Lindsay Brown ("The Last Deck Chair in the Resort" from the 2022 10-Minute Play Festival), this award-winning playwright's work will have you falling out of the rowboat with laughter.

Performances are at the Rivoli Theatre, in South Fallsburg on June 9, 10, 16 & 17 at 8 p.m. and June 11 & 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15/\$12 and are available at MYRIVERTICKETS.com. More information: (845) 796-8184.

APPLE PIE BAKERS WANTED!

WOODRIDGE – Everyone is invited to bake an apple pie for the Fallsburg Fall Festival Apple Pie Baking Contest coming up this fall. The contest is open to all Sullivan County residents; it is sponsored by the Kiwanis of Woodridge, New York Foundation, Inc.

Contest entries will be judged in two divisions: junior, ages seven to 16, and adult, age 17 and up.

The contest is open to amateur bakers only. No professional bakers may enter this competition. (A professional baker is defined as someone who works for a

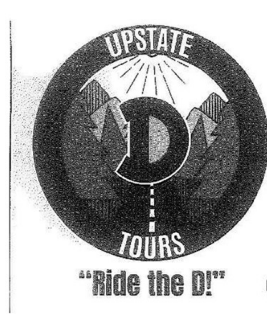
bakery, works for, or owns a catering company, or sells pies.)

The contest will take place at the Fallsburg Fall Festival on Saturday, September 30, at Morningside Park in Hurleyville. Pies are to be delivered to the judging area between the hours of 11:15 a.m. and noon on that date.

For official rules and an entry form, please email Diane at dsenn10151@aol.com or call 845-866-3204.

For more information about the Fallsburg Fall Festival, please check out the Facebook page, Woodridge-NYKiwanisClub.

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BATTER UP!

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE IN 49TH YEAR

by Lily Barrish

HURLEYVILLE – The 49th season of the Sullivan County Women's Softball League has begun, with two Hurleyville teams participating: the Bat Girls, sponsored by Hurleyville General Store owners Denise and Rob Lombardi, and Fortress Bikes, sponsored by the team's eponymous shop, owned by Hal and Lori Simon.

This is the inaugural season of the Hurleyville General Store being a sponsor. Last year Kels on the Lake sponsored the Bat Girls. It's the second season that the Simons are sponsoring the Fortress Bikes team. Mr. Simon is a big New York Mets fan, and he and Ms. Simon come to the field to

cheer whenever they can. The Lombardis are also excited to attend games.

Every team in the league is its own entity. There are over 200 players and 11 teams, consisting of six in the "A" division and five in the "B" division. The season opener was mid-May and games are played Monday through Thursday until playoffs start the second week of August.

Last season, the Bat Girls and Fortress Bikes finished second in their regular season and each earned a spot in the playoffs. Both teams had eerily similar seasons—winning their three-game series and taking home the championship trophies.

There are 14 players on the Fortress Bikes ros-

ter. Michael Whipple and Cliff Manning share the co-coaching job. There are 20 players on the self-coached Bat Girl roster.

Tialisa Whipple, Sponsorships & Special Events Coordinator at Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre, and also married to the coach, is playing in her ninth season in the league as a member of Fortress Bikes. She entered the league without any experience playing softball. Previously, she played three seasons for the Warriors, one season with Second to



PHOTO BY LILY BARRISH
Amanda Feeney at the bat.

None, and three seasons with the now disbanded

Discovery Diamonds. Ms. Whipple is on the

league's Board of Directors, along with three other

REGIONAL CHAMPIONS Sullivan Baseball Captures Region XV Tourney



by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE—After an up and down regular season that ended with a four game winning streak that left them with an 18-17 won loss record, the Sullivan Generals won the NJCAA DII Region XV Baseball Championship in May. The Generals entered the regional tournament as the #3 seed, but managed victories over second-seeded Rockland Community College and #1 Westchester CC on their way to the Championship.

The tournament opened on Thursday, May 11 with the Generals playing Rockland on the Hawks home diamond in Suffern. Sullivan upset Rockland by a 14-10 score to advance to the second round

the next day, where they faced the top seeded Vikings of Westchester County Community College. The Generals won 8-4 to advance to the Region XV championship game.

On Saturday, May 13, Sullivan found itself in a rematch against Rockland, which had beaten both Dutchess County Community College and Westchester on Friday to stave off elimination. The Generals once again emerged victorious, beating the Hawks 7-5 to earn the regional championship.

Sullivan, with a 21-17 record and a seven-game winning streak, then advanced to the NJCAA DII Northeast District Tournament hosted by Lackawanna College in Scranton, PA.

The Generals dropped the first game of the District tourney on Friday morning, falling to Delaware Technical & Community College by a 14-9 score, despite out-hitting the Athletics 15-14. Shortstop Cameron Mann was one of four players with three hits in the game for Sullivan, and drove in three runs in the losing effort.

Next up for the Generals that day was the University of Connecticut at Avery Point in a losers bracket game, and Sullivan came away with a 7-4 win. Leftfielder Nicolas Nunez was three-for-four with three runs batted in for the Generals. The win propelled Sullivan into a rematch with Delaware Technical & Community College the next day.

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Sullivan took the Saturday morning contest by 6-3, with freshman pitcher Robby Caeners going the distance, scattering seven hits and yielding just one earned run. That victory put Sullivan into an afternoon game with the Falcons of Lackawanna College, and the Scranton club pushed across two runs in the top of the first inning and held on to squeak out a 4-2 victory, eliminating Sullivan and giving the Falcons the District crown.

As the winner of the four-team tournament, Lackawanna earned a bid to the 2023 NJCAA DII Baseball World Series in Enid, OK beginning on Saturday, May 27. Sullivan finished the season with a 23-19 record.

FIFTY YEARS AGO...

FALLSBURG BUILDS CLUBHOUSE AT TARRY BRAE

by John Conway

It was June of 1973—50 years ago this month—and the town of Fallsburg was putting the finishing touches on a new clubhouse being built at the municipally owned Tarry Brae golf course in South Fallsburg.

When completed, the new clubhouse would house a golf pro shop, a restaurant, and lounges, according to Fallsburg town manager Raymond Howland. The Times Herald-Record newspaper reported in its June 26, 1973 edition that the clubhouse was expected to be open by July 15.

The cost of the new facility was estimated at \$60,000. The picturesque Tarry Brae course had opened for play in 1960. Although owned by the town of Fallsburg, the costs of operation and maintenance were born by a special tax district that

had been set up by the municipality when construction of the course was approved in 1958. At that time, there were 44 resorts in the special tax district.

In April of 1966, the town had constructed a "comfort station" complete with telephones and water fountains at the 14th hole on the course. In August of that year, Tarry Brae had played host to 50 professional and 150 amateur golfers when it hosted the Ballantine Pro-Celebrity Tournament, and the course was awarded high marks by such seasoned PGA tour members as Ray Botts and Cliff Brown, as well as future tour regular Lee Elder.

Tarry Brae is still owned and operated by the town of Fallsburg today, and is generally considered among the most beautiful and challenging public courses in the region.

Current and Former Athletes Honored at Fallsburg CSD Senior Night



FCSD's seniors from the baseball team.

FALLSBURG – Senior Night for the baseball and track & field teams took place on May 12 at Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School.

Seniors were accompanied by family, coaches and teammates as they commemorated their final season as Fallsburg Comets. Baseball head

coach, Dylan Gaucher, and track & field coaches, Danielle Halikias and Loren Rapaport, congratulated the seniors on their milestone achievement and wished them the best of luck in their futures.

This year's Senior Night also marked a special occasion for the district. Fallsburg graduate

and standout athlete, Albert White, was invited to speak with students about his experience as a former Fallsburg athlete. In 1997, Mr. White was a state champion in the 100-meter race and runner-up in the 200-meter race. He was state champion again in 1998; coming in first in the 200-me-



FCSD's seniors who participated in track & field.

ter race and runner-up in the 100-meter race. Upon graduation, he earned a full track & field scholarship to the University of Rhode Island.

"I'm glad to see that Fallsburg track has come a long way because when I ran track here, we did not have a track," said

Mr. White. "We used to practice on the soccer field, in the cafeteria, on the front lawn, and on the hard concrete."

President of the Fallsburg Central School Board of Education, Michael Weiner, also gave remarks about Mr. White. He stated, "I've had the

honor of coaching at Fallsburg for nearly 40 years, and Albert was one of the best athletes we've ever had in this district."

Fallsburg Central School congratulates its seniors and is honored to welcome back Albert White.

Fallsburg Seniors Named OCIAA Scholar Athletes

FALLSBURG – The annual OCIAA Senior Scholar Athlete ceremony took place on June 1, 2023, at the Country Club at Otterkill in Campbell Hall, NY.

Two seniors from each school were invited to be recognized for their academic and athletic achievements. This year, Cyriah Russell and Andrew Rein Jr, represented the Fallsburg Central School District.

Cyriah Russell finished 16th in her class with a GPA of 90. She participated in cross-country, cheerleading, and indoor and outdoor track & field. She was the throwing captain for both the indoor and outdoor track & field teams. In the shot put, she placed second in the division championship and took third place in the

Sullivan County Community College Championship. Upon graduation, she intends to major in Art Teacher Education at Nazareth College.

Andrew Rein Jr. is ranked fourth in his class, and will finish his high school career with a GPA of 96. He was captain of the football, basketball, and baseball teams. In football, he was named Section IX All-Star and school MVP for the 2021-2022 season and All-League for the 2022-2023 season. He plans to study Pre-Med at St. Thomas Aquinas College and play for their sprint football team.

The Fallsburg Central School District is proud of their student athletes and wishes the very best in their futures.

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!

June Questions:

1. What was the first relocated National Hockey League team to win the Stanley Cup?
2. In what year was the Stanley Cup playoffs cancelled due to the NHL lockout?
3. In what year was the first National Basketball Association playoffs held?
4. Who won the first N.B.A. championship in 1950?
5. Who was the first European born player to win an N.B.A. Finals MVP Award?

May Answers:

1. In what year was the very first Kentucky Derby run? (1875)
2. What was the name of the horse that won the first Kentucky Derby? (Aristides)
3. What horse recorded the fastest time ever in a Kentucky Derby race? (Secretariat in 1973)
4. What is the traditional drink of the Kentucky Derby? (Mint Julep)
5. The founder of the Kentucky Derby was the grandson of which famous explorer? (William Clark of the Lewis & Clark Expedition)

There was no winner last month.