

FOR A COMMON CAUSE

Town Celebrates Success of Pop-Up Food Pantry

SOUTH FALLSBURG--Town of Fallsburg Supervisor Kathy Rappaport, in collaboration with the Hudson Valley Food Bank, The Greater ARC, River Valley Estates, and Fidelis Care, has announce the remarkable success of the inaugural monthly Pop-Up Food Pantry on Tuesday, June 27. This community-driven initiative has made a significant impact by providing essential food supplies to over 100 individuals, an increase of 30 individuals who needed help that are facing food insecurity in the town.

The Pop-Up Food Pantry, which was launched on May 30, aimed to address the pressing issue of food inse-

curity in Fallsburg and ensure that no member of our community goes hungry. Through the collaborative efforts of the town administration, The Hudson Valley Food Bank, The Greater ARC Hudson Valley, River Valley Estates, and Fidelis Care, this innovative program has surpassed all expectations, reaching, and serving a considerable number of individuals and families in need.

Ms. Rappaport expressed her gratitude for the overwhelming support received from the community.

"We are incredibly grateful to our partners, the Hudson Valley Food Bank, The Greater ARC,

River Valley Estates, and



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Fidelis Care, for their collaboration and unwavering commitment to fighting food insecurity," she said. "Together, we have made a significant difference in the lives of over 100 individuals and families who rely on our support. This initiative reflects the true spirit of community and compassion that exists within the Town of Fallsburg."

The success of the Pop-Up Food Pantry event highlights the importance of community collaboration and the positive impact that can be achieved when organizations and individuals come together for a common cause. By joining forces, Fallsburg has demonstrated its commitment to

addressing food insecurity, fostering inclusivity, and ensuring the well-being of all its residents.

The Town of Fallsburg looks forward to continuing this remarkable community-driven initiative and extending its support to even more individuals and families in need. The next Pop-Up Food Pantry event will be on Tuesday, July 27, from 10 a.m. until Noon, or as long as supplies last, at River Valley Estates (formerly Foxcroft Village).

It is the commitment of the Rappaport administration to expand the reach and impact of the program. Please be sure to register online or in person at the Town Clerk's office.

St. Andrew's Closes



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The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin, Vicar Diana Scheide and The Rev. Liz Groskoph along with members and friends of St. Andrew's Church.

SOUTH FALLSBURG -- Sunday, June 18 marked the last worship at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Main Street in South Fallsburg.

The Rt. Rev. Allen Shin of the Diocese of New York officiated at the solemn occasion. Bishop Shin had served the congregation of the church on many special events over the years. He was there in 2015 to celebrate St. Andrew's 100th Anniversary.

The gathering of about 50 parishioners began the day by celebrating with the family of Marfa Christie Jn Philippe on her Confirmation. Bishop Shin congratulated the young girl as he asked for blessings from the congregation. He then proceeded to the final Holy Eucharist at the altar of what became known as "The Little Church with the Big Heart."

Alongside Vicar Diana

Scheide and The Rev. Liz Groskoph, who had served the parish over the years, Bishop Shin expressed deep gratitude to the generations of faithful members and their families—Wilson, Stratton, Minarsky, Holmes, Clairmont, Washousky, Goldstein, Johnston, Mootz, Briggs, Fellers, Friedman and Van Wagner. He gave special thanks to the current members of the congregation for their dedication and hard work for God's mission and witness here in the house of prayer. He acknowledged the leadership of Linda Holmes Goldstein, president, Cynthia Holmes Johnston, treasurer, and Susan Washousky Mootz, clerk. The Bishop also thanked organist Fred Van Wagner for his beautiful music over many, many years.

After the service and the closing of the sanctuary,

the congregation assembled in the church basement. It was in this space that St. Andrew's Food Pantry began serving meals to needy families since 1999. Rural Migrant Ministry under Executive Director, The Rev. Richard Witt, will continue this service and other outreach programs at this location.

The basement was the setting for a delicious potluck lunch provided by church members. There were several tables with homemade cream puffs, assorted cookies and cupcakes as well as a largeiced cake with the words, "Blessings for St. Andrew's, Our Spiritual Home, 1915-2023." The church leadership made sure that everyone left the building this special day with the sweet remembrance of their church that served so many worshippers for so many wonderful years.

Leading up to the event,

A beauty bar. HPAC's Tango Café will be offering food and drink specials. The festivities will also include a DJ, carnival games, and a catwalk fashion show where participants can compete for exciting prizes. The winner of the fashion show will lead the Hurleyville Pride Procession along Main Street.

Leading up to the event,

Voice of Sullivan Returns

Catskills News Talk Radio Debuts

MONTICELLO -- Bold Gold Media Group has announced the debut of their new local radio station, Catskills News Talk on Sullivan County's first radio station, 1240 WVOS-AM. The news/talk format will also be heard on two new local FM frequencies, 92.5 FM and 94.9 FM. WVOS-AM, which celebrated its 75th anniversary last year, will be broadcasting again as the Voice of Sullivan and the Catskills.

The station will become the new home of the legacy morning show, Ciliberto & Friends, starring popular radio personality Paul Ciliberto, which will form the backbone of the station's programming, along with greatly expanded local news provided by legendary News Director Mike Sakell.

"Taking a legacy AM radio station, and re-imagining it into an additional radio format in a local market is an exciting expansion of Bold Gold's local broadcast portfolio, and is a testament to an incredible team of local broadcast professionals, a supportive community, and the importance that local radio continues to have to provide local news, talk and information," said Dawn Ciorciari, General Manager of Bold Gold Media NY.

"For close to 18 years, Ciliberto & Friends has



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Paul Ciliberto

become the morning show dedicated to the local community. I'm very excited for the move to Catskills News Talk. This move gives Ciliberto & Friends the opportunity to expand the focus on the local community with more time dedicated to guests and information," Paul Ciliberto, Bold Gold Media NY's Senior Advisor and host of the Ciliberto & Friends program, said. "I'm also thrilled for the expansion of the trusted local news product with Catskills News and Mike Sakell being even more a part of the show. This new project exemplifies Bold Gold Media's commitment to the local community and local radio."

"As both a radio person-

ality and News Director for the past 43 years, a large part associated with the "Voice of Sullivan," I am honored to be a part of this historic addition to the Sullivan County media landscape. I am also excited for the opportunity to expand on the information services available to the community including local news, interviews and unique features," added Mike Sakell, Catskills News Director for Bold Gold Media NY.

"The launch of Catskills News Talk marks another BOLD move in our New York market as we expand our programming offerings and bring back the heritage "Voice of Sullivan". Putting this station together required a lot of well-thought-out decisions and I'm honored to have had the opportunity to bring it all together," said Chase Daniels, Bold Gold Media NY's Director of Programming.

Additionally, popular radio shows covering a variety of topics including financial market updates, investing, lifestyle, health, politics, sports and others will round out the station's programming. You can begin listening on air to Catskills News Talk starting Monday, June 26 at: 92.5 FM, 94.9 FM, or 1240 AM, on the Free RadioBOLD App, and streaming live at catskillsnewstalk.com.



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The official ribbon cutting for Decant wine shop on Main Street in Hurleyville, sponsored by the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce drew town and county officials and spectators to the liveliest little hamlet in the Mountains.

TRIVIA AT CASA MIA

HURLEYVILLE -- The Kiwanis of Woodridge is excited to announce another fun Trivia Game at Casa Mia Restaurant, 205 Main St., Hurleyville, on Saturday, July 22 from 1 – 4 p.m.

Reservations in advance are required. Seating is limited, so please make your reservations as soon as possible by contacting Debbie at 845-798-8795 or Diane at 845-866-3204.

The last day to reserve a spot is July 10. Tickets are \$25 per person, including food and beverages as well as entry for a great Door Prize. Raffles and 50/50 tickets are extra.

Proceeds will go toward the purchase of winter outerwear, books, school supplies and other necessities needed by students in the Fallsburg

Central School District, as well as books for students attending Head Start in Woodbourne.

Once the Trivia game and raffle is completed, participants are invited to step out into Hurleyville and enjoy the festivities surrounding HPAC's Rainbow Fest, which is free to the public. There will be talented performers, dancers, roller skaters, hula hoopers, stilt walkers, an amazing vendors/crafters market, a fashion show and a procession along Main Street. Refreshments will be available to purchase from all the wonderful restaurants in Hurleyville.

These festivities go on until 7 p.m. so there is plenty of time to enjoy everything after the Trivia Game.

HPAC to Host Celebration of Love and Inclusion

HURLEYVILLE -- the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre is thrilled to announce its fourth annual pride celebration, HPAC's Rainbow Fest: Celebrating LGBTQIA+ Pride in the Catskills. This free outdoor family-friendly block party will take place on Saturday, July 22, from 2 to 7 p.m., right in front of the Hurleyville Performing

Arts Centre.

Rainbow Fest celebrates love, self-expression, and the magic of summer in the Catskills. The event will feature entertainment for all ages, showcasing the talents of diverse performers, dancers, roller skaters, hula hoopers, and stilt walkers. Attendees will be treated to a fabulous family-friendly drag show and

A beauty bar. HPAC's Tango Café will be offering food and drink specials. The festivities will also include a DJ, carnival games, and a catwalk fashion show where participants can compete for exciting prizes. The winner of the fashion show will lead the Hurleyville Pride Procession along Main Street.

Leading up to the event,

HPAC will also host a special screening of the groundbreaking 1970 film "Boys in the Band," a milestone in the history of queer cinema. The screening will be held on Thursday, July 20, at 6 p.m., followed by a talkback and audience discussion. Tickets for the screening will be available on HPAC's website.

Leading up to the event,

programs hold even greater significance in the context of ongoing discrimination faced by the LGBTQIA+ community. Events such as these play a crucial role in fostering an inclusive and accepting community that upholds the dignity and human rights of all.

Janet Carrus, President of HPAC, expressed her excitement, stating, "We

are proud to host Rainbow Fest to promote an inclusive and accepting community. HPAC strives to create a space where everyone feels valued and celebrated for who they are."

Ellyane Hutchinson, HPAC's Co-Executive Director, added: "Our team has been working tirelessly to make Rainbow Fest a clear expression of our

mission. We believe that events like this play a vital role in shaping a just society."

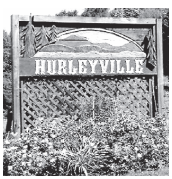
Generous sponsorship for HPAC's Rainbow Fest comes from WJFF, Bold Gold Media Group, The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association, Jeff Bank, Hurleyville General Store, High Standard Suites, Fortress Bikes, The Hurley,

and 17 West Brewery. The event is made possible in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

For more information about Rainbow Fest, please visit: <https://hurleyvilleartscentre.org/hurleyvillepride-2023/>

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



HURLEYVILLE-SULLIVAN FIRST (HSF)

The new wayfinding sign is almost ready to be installed at the Community Gateway/Entrance to the Rails to Trail. The sign points the way to shops, restaurants and services in Hurleyville.

New solar powered strip lights are in and will be added to the historical kiosk in the Hurleyville Firemen's Park.

Flowers have been added to the stone planters at the entrances to Hurleyville, to the stone planter at the firehouse and to the barrels on Main Street. Mulch will be added and then the planters and barrels will have to be weeded and watered regularly. Please send an email if you'd like to help...izzy-saunt@verizon.net.

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

Members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First are working with the Hurleyville Hub on plans for fun festivals in "the liveliest hamlet in the Catskills" again this year:

- Summer Festival on Thursday, August 17th
- The Scarecrow Festival on Sunday, October 8th
- Holiday in Hurleyville on Saturday, December 2nd

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 revitalization of the garden at the church is progressing. Youngsters from "Messy Church" are working with church members on the project. The church received a 2023 Sullivan 180 Beautification Grant that will help fund the addition of new plants and new edging at the garden.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the church will be open on Thursday, July 20 and on Thursday, July 27 from 3 until 5 p.m.

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.



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Hurleyville-Sullivan First volunteers added flowers to the planters and barrels in June.

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.

Youngsters are invited to attend the next "Messy Church" on Saturday, July 8 at 5 p.m. An adult must accompany children taking part in the fun and creative activities.

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

Big Sky Productions will present "FourPlay(s) with Bill Duncan" at the museum on Saturday, July 8 and on Sunday, July 9. The staged readings, sponsored by the Sullivan County Historical Society, will begin at 2 p.m.

Bill, a Sullivan County playwright, is the writer of full-length and one-act plays. His plays have been seen throughout New York and

Pennsylvania.

Local residents featured at the readings are Bill Moloney, Crystal Tweed, Mike Valentine, Mary Burkart, Paul Ciliberto and Laure Valentine. Carol Montana, Big Sky Productions' Artistic Director, will provide direction.

Admission is \$10.00. Refreshments will be served. Please call the museum,

845-434-8044, or Big Sky Productions, 845-985-7783, for more information.

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

The historical and genealogical archives at the museum are open for exploration 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 members of CHNA continue to meet regularly in preparation for the next time the developer of the proposed Gan Eden Estates project on Columbia Hill appears before the Town of Thompson Planning Board.

Sustainable development and responsible development in our community have been the goals of CHNA since the group was formed in 2012. Our water supply, streams and wetlands must be protected. Our bucolic environment must be preserved. Wildlife must be kept safe. The safety of drivers on our roads must be safeguarded.

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 IMAGE IN THE MIRROR

Look into the mirror
Do you see someone you like?
Or do you find some little fault?
Then walk out to take a hike

On that hike do you decide
How blessed you really are?
You've awakened every morning
And at night count the glistening stars

The deep blue sky's the background
For the burst of twinkling lights
Each star can be a beam of hope
Make a wish with all your might

We all have a positive talent
To offer to the world
It doesn't matter what it is
Be proud and let it unfurl

Look into the mirror
Who is that you see?
Make this promise to yourself
"I'll be the best me I can be."

- Mimi
July, 2023

CALL FOR NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIFACTS

LIBERTY - A new exhibition, entitled "Indigenous! A Brief History of Sullivan County as Experienced through Found Objects, Artifacts, Artists and Explorers," will open at the Liberty Museum on Saturday, July 22.

Sullivan County residents who own interesting artifacts and objects of historical significance found in the rivers, fields or woods of Sullivan County are invited to participate in the exhibition. An anthropology expert will be on hand during the opening of the show to identify your artifacts and objects.

There are two ways to participate. You can loan your objects to the museum for the duration of the exhibition, or you can bring them to the museum for the "pop-up"

exhibition during the opening reception. Please contact Carol Smith to make arrangements. You

can send an email to carolsmith2223@gmail.com or you can call 845-434-8044 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The exhibition will include a collection of Native American artifacts from the Sullivan County Historical Society, Inuit artifacts from the Frederick Cook Society and artifacts from the Basket Historical Society. A very special collection of Native American-inspired ceremonial objects created by Grahamsville artist Richard Rulli will be featured at the exhibition.

A rare collection of photographs of the indigenous tribes of Alaska, Greenland and Tierra del Fuego, taken by Dr. Frederick Cook, an explorer and Sullivan County native, will be on display at the exhibition.

The exhibition will run through August 26.

The Liberty Museum is located at 46 South Main Street, Liberty, NY 12754.



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The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



THE SECOND SULLIVAN COUNTY MUSIC FESTIVAL in Fireman's Park (in front of the TANGO CAFE in Hurleyville) was interestingly well put together, and featured many of the artists you've read about here....which was gratifying to see and hear. Last year it featured many NOT from the area, which was also interesting in that it broadened the musical listening horizons of most of the audience. This was great, but I know very few who would travel to, say, Poughkeepsie or Brooklyn to see an artist they enjoyed hearing. That is a bit of disservice to that artist. Even though most of the younger performers have online harbors for their music, I don't know of all that many that do that either. I do. Especially for friends far away, like RICHARD YOUNG in the UK, SUSAN DEVITA in PA (soon also to be in the UK... Congrats on your nuptials, my friend!), STURGIS (LOW SOCIETY) in Nashville, and Blues Society inductee PAUL FLIPOWITZ in Wisconsin.

So, this festival posted their schedule on line, which was great. After leaving THE ARROWHEAD RANCH AND RETREAT that Sunday, I knew I'd be back in time for ATM LATIN. RIGO is one of the most mesmerizing musicians around. His music is highly sophisticated, exciting, and immensely enjoyable. Would I spend an hour listening to this, with perhaps, a glass of wine? Yes, and I have. He's still playing around the area, and I'll try to keep you updated on where you can catch him.

In this same breath, I have to include THE ELECTRIC CHORDS. GREG CASTRO, NICK SHERMAN and SIMON EPHRAN consistently give their listeners that same electricity, that same highly sophisticated music that mesmerizes their audience, whether this is the first time you've seen them or the tenth. I've said this before, and I'll say it again...catch them now, catch them in a small venue (they are still playing around here). I've seen their growing schedule, and what I see is their expansion into New York City and various ticketed events. Give yourself the gift of being able to say "I saw them when..."

Changing pace, I was so happy to see FISHER AND KEAN on the bill for this. If you're going to have a festival featuring original music, it would be a real shame NOT to include them. Both DEBBIE FISHER and PAUL KEAN are prolific singer/songwriters in their own right, their first collaboration produced a very impressive two CD set titled PURE LOCAL HONEY, which I believe is still available. They are great storytellers bringing their listeners into the emotions, places, or situations of their songs.

And once again, in that same breath, I have to tell you about SHANE RENNISON. He too, has that same ability to draw one into his songs though that same sto-



PHOTO BY JANE HARRISON

Hurleyville-Sullivan First volunteers added flowers to the planters and barrels in June.

rytelling ability. I have heard about him from several musicians, that this is someone I need to see and hear, and how right they were. I'll be looking for him now because I'm looking forward to hearing more than just one set. Why have I not seen this young man before?

And I can't end today without the mention of another event held in FIREMAN'S PARK in Hurleyville. Might not excite

you, but I found it so much fun! WORLDWIDE KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY on Saturday, June 10. We were all hoping the weather would cooperate more, but no, the sun remained hidden and the air slightly cold. Still, there were almost ten of us, organized by RACHEL CORRIGAN of FIBER ON MAIN out there, joining the world!!

Stay well, stay safe.
Until next time...

FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



CONTRAILS



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According to Wikipedia, contrails, also sometimes called vapor trails, are line-shaped clouds produced by aircraft engine exhaust or by changes in air pressure.

Contrails are composed of water, in the form of ice crystals. The combination of the water vapor in aircraft engine exhaust and low temperatures allows the formation of the contrails. Contrails resulting from human activity are called homogenitus.

Contrails form in the sky at altitudes of 25,000 feet to 40,000 feet.

I have seen contrails while on car rides with my family. On many clear days, I can look up at the sky and see contrails in the wake of jets. But some people see contrails as something to be alarmed about.

In 2022, the BBC reported that "a growing number of people falsely believe

they are evidence of something sinister going on."

The BBC report went on to say that "some think malign forces are spraying the population with dangerous chemicals - so-called chemtrails - for purposes that are neither entirely clear nor consistent."

While admitting that the conspiracy theory regarding contrails "is international, with followers across UK, Europe, Australia and the Americas - in fact, anywhere under which commercial or military aircraft fly-- and it is backed by a few celebrities and popular social media influencers..." the BBC mostly debunked the idea, concluding that "there's nothing sinister about them."

John "the Weatherman" Simon writes a regular column on weather for The Sentinel. He lives in Hurleyville.

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MEET MYRON GITTELL

Founder of Loan 'n Go Press

by Lily Barrish

HURLEYVILLE – A few days a week, you'll find Myron Gittell spending his afternoons at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville. Mr. Gittell has been volunteering with the Sullivan County Historical Society for about a dozen years. The museum building is owned by Sullivan County and the SCHS has been headquartered there since the 1970s.

Mostly, Mr. Gittell focuses on Borscht Belt hotels and local medical history, but he doesn't like to pin himself down because he wants to remain open to things that interest him. Mr. Gittell gives behind-the-scenes tours, and enjoys showing people what it takes to put a museum together. Always willing to help research old hotels and different aspects of Sullivan County history, a stop in the museum is all it takes to connect with the history buff.

While working on his earliest republishing project, Mr. Gittell checked the internet to learn how to obtain a publisher and decided self-publishing was the best route to take. It was during the late '80s when Mr. Gittell created Load 'n Go Press, based locally in Kiamesha Lake. He is the sole proprietor. The first book on ambulances sold thousands of copies due to being listed in an EMS catalog.

To show the varieties of possibilities with self-publishing Mr. Gittell has given talks at local libraries. Keep an eye out for upcoming speaking engagements.

After spending a lot of time at the museum researching

his book, "Woodstock '69: Three Days of Peace, Music, and Medical Care," Mr. Gittell noticed a number of very important Sullivan County books that had been long out of print and thought it would be worthwhile projects to bring back in print.

In 2009, Mr. Gittell co-authored "Woodstock '69: Three Days of Peace, Music, and Medical Care" with Jack Kelly. The publishing date aligned with the 40th anniversary of the original Woodstock festival. Mr. Gittell plans to republish and enhance "Woodstock '69" by turning it into a multi-media platform with QR codes, video and sound.

Two years later, Load 'n Go reprinted "Condensed History of the 143rd Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War 1861 to 1865" edited by Wilfred Moses, which had been originally published in 1909.

In 2021, it was "Seeking Our Fortune in the North" a booklet by Dr. Myra Young Armstead. The academic study shows the relationship between the evolution of the resort industry here and the migration of African American people from the South into Sullivan County in the 1950s. The book was originally published in 1998. Dr. Armstead, who teaches at Bard College, grew up in Fallsburg.

"To The Mountains by Rail," written by noted rail historian and one-time Sullivan County Historian, Manville B. Wakefield, followed later in 2021. Chock full of Sullivan County history in over 400-pages, and accompanied by hundreds of pho-

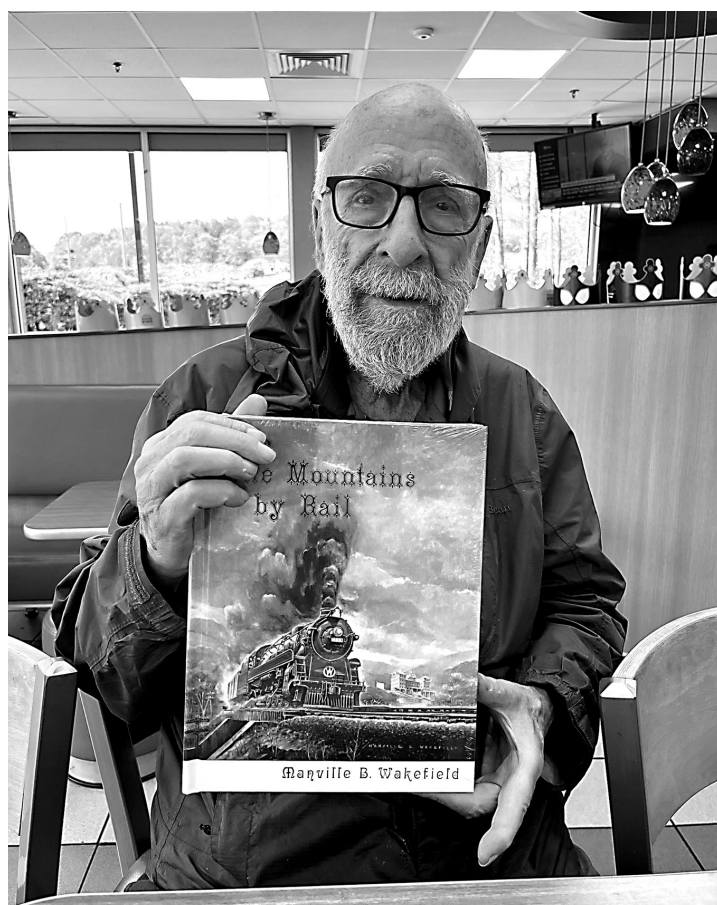


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Myron Gittell of Load 'n Go Press with a copy of the reprinted classic, "To The Mountains by Rail."

tographs, the Ontario and Western Railway's importance to the area is thoroughly explored. Out of print since 1989, the original copy of "The Mountains by Rail" was published in 1970 by the Wakefields themselves. The first publication sold out, and the Wakefields republished it in 1973 and then Purple Mountain Press did a reprint in 1989.

500 copies were republished in the first reprint by Load 'n Go Press. There is currently no inventory left, and regrettably Mr. Gittell has to tell the stores that are calling to ask to resupply that he is out of stock. COVID inflation hit the publishing industry harder than other industries and the cost is now prohibitive. It has become

uneconomical to republish again.

"It was THE book about Sullivan County and Wakefield was a well-respected man. I get told by people that they have an old tattered copy and they don't want to touch it because it was in such bad shape and they wanted to preserve it. Or a father only had one copy and he passed it down but not everyone one in the family got one. Some people have the original copy," Mr. Gittell said, explaining why the republishing of this book means so much to so many.

"The Mountains by Rail" was Load 'n Go's most labor-intensive project yet. The entire process took a lot of time, resources and community involvement. Mr.

Gittell stressed that he could never have completed this project without the O&W Railway Historical Society's help and inspiration.

"It was a great feat, and I'm glad I did it. There were problems with pictures because they weren't from the original photographs. Just text is easy. It met all my expectations and then some. It took ten years or so to republish—longer to reprint than Wakefield took to write it," said Mr. Gittell in his affable manner.

Manville Wakefield's widow, Barbara, is still alive, living in Grahamsville. She was delighted to receive the latest copy. It was a very rewarding experience for Mr. Gittell to present the book to her after a bunch of false starts.

Mr. Gittell credits Manville Wakefield himself for instigating his own sense of history when he moved from Crown Heights, Brooklyn to the mountains in 1964. A loyal newspaper reader who still reads several every day, Mr. Gittell would turn to Wakefield's columns right away in the local paper up here.

As a kid Mr. Gittell visited the Mountains every summer and sometimes for Passover. His family stayed everywhere in Monticello and Swan Lake, but never at the Concord or Grossinger's. "Those were the higher end hotels," said Mr. Gittell.

In 1964, Mr. Gittell started at the Concord as a busboy under Chic Kaiser and Irving Cohen. He remained at the Concord until 1971, and then relocated to the Raleigh for four years, working in the

dining room as a server. Mr. Gittell worked other hotels here and there until he became a Registered Nurse in 1984, and after working in many healthcare settings has worked the last 15 years in correctional facilities.

Next, Load 'n Go Press would like to republish "The Vegetarian Hotel Cookbook: Old-World, Unique Vegetarian Recipes from Fannie Shaffer's Kitchen" by Verb

Konviser. Mr. Gittell said, "there were over 500 hotels up here and only one that we know of that was vegetarian—it's fascinating. It opened in the 1920s. About ten years ago, I met Verb. His mom was Fannie, when he gave a talk at the Sullivan County Museum. In his late 80s, he cooked a lentil loaf for the audience. He was one of the most wonderful people I met up here; he's

deceased." Zinnia Konviser, Verb's sister, recently passed away on June 2, 2023. In her obit it says she was a lifelong vegetarian.

Mr. Gittell's isn't slowing down anytime soon. His unique ability to resurrect important pieces of literature is a treasured trait that preserves Sullivan County history and opens it up to newer generations.



Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

Summer has a unique soundtrack, composed of the songs that so dominate the airwaves in any given year they seem to take possession of the season. The contenders are tagged "the songs of the summer" by poll, by list, by Spotify. Back in 2012, "Call Me Maybe" was inescapable in this way; it broke free of the orbit of regular rotation and achieved ubiquity. Every time I turned on my car radio, there it was, over and over, until it was branded into my consciousness and into the fabric of the season.

The songs in this particular canon capture the carefree or drowsy or oppressive qualities of summer: languor ("Sunny Afternoon"), heat ("Summer in the City"), buoyancy ("I Get Around" and, for sure, "Call Me Maybe"). Vacation time, the promise of liberation from the constraints of school or job, percolates through their lyrics and rhythms.

The archetypal summer song, "Good Vibrations," was actually released in October, ascending through the autumn and cresting in December, but there is nothing comparable to "the song of the summer" for the other seasons; no one refers to "the song of the winter." Summer's brevity might have something to do with this. It's the swiftest of seasons. Its formal commencement, at the solstice, marks the waning of daylight; autumn is already in the wings, waiting for its entrance, even before July arrives.

Summer doesn't linger, and each "song of the summer" provides a kind of distillate of its brief span, capturing in a few minutes some essential

flavor, to be relished ever after. An anthology of Beach Boy songs has been aptly titled "Endless Summer," for it's that sense of endlessness – a perfected and extended moment – that is behind the allure of the summer song. Summer songs suspend time.

At least, some do. There's another type of song, less pop, more folk-inflected, that treats not summer's endlessness, but its evanescence. Among the finest of these is "Wild Mountain Thyme." "Oh, the summer time is coming / And the trees are sweetly blooming..." – so begins its modern iteration, as composed by Francis McPeake, of Ireland, in the late 1940s. It was recorded by the McPeake family in 1957, and most contemporary versions derive from that recording. But the song's roots can be traced back to the 18th century, to an older song called "The Braes of Balquhither," which itself can be traced back to an earlier song, "The Braes o' Bowdether," and on and on, back through time, the attributions disappearing into the mists and anonymity of the folk tradition.

"Wild Mountain Thyme" tells a simple tale: a man asks his lassie to go with him to pluck wild mountain thyme, all around the blooming heather. "Will you go, lassie, go?" – there's a pleading note there, he seems unsure whether his invitation will be accepted or not. The song hinges on the word "will," which swings between assertion ("I will build my love a tower...") and question ("Will you go, lassie, go?"). The sing-

er is poised between the fair idyll he envisions and an uncertainty that he'll attain it. The invitation to pluck thyme may be heard seductively, though the tone of the song is not bawdy, but rueful: time is short and the opportunity won't be there once summer passes.

The melody is gorgeous and has an undertow that clings to the lyrics, pulling them away from breeziness, towards lament. The logic of the words is prospective; the pull of the melody is retrospective; the song's emotional charge is generated by the tension between the two. Like summer itself, the song seems aware of its own transience, even as it fills to the trembling brim a moment of harvest and repletion: "And we'll all go together / To pluck wild mountain thyme / From around the purple heather..."

The McPeake Family, singing as an ensemble, give "Wild Mountain Thyme" a robust air, haunted by the sound of the Uilleann pipes. Then there's the way Kate Rusby sings it, at the Cambridge Folk Festival 2007 (you can find this on YouTube). By slowing down the tempo and ornamenting the melody, she steers the song further in the direction of elegy. It seems to put the audience in a rapt state, as if they were having a collective moment of reckoning with an irrecoverable past. Summer isn't endless, the song says, but longing is.

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A SETTLEMENT DIVIDED Patriots and Loyalists Weekend at Fort Delaware Museum

NARROWSBURG— The divided loyalties of the residents of the Cushetunk settlement will be on display during the upcoming Patriots and Loyalists Weekend at Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History in Narrowsburg, NY on Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9.

At 12 noon on Saturday, July 8, a visitor from Philadelphia will arrive in the Cushetunk settlement to announce the Declaration of Independence. And, since there were a significant number of Loyalists in the Upper Delaware at the time, a passionate Tory response will follow, and the subject of indepen-

A Settlement Divided

Welcome to Fort Delaware, where you will learn about life in the Delaware Valley in the 1700s. The men and women who lived in this area in the 1750s called it Cushetunk and built their homes in places we later named after them, like Tyler Hill, Skinner's Falls, and Calkin's Creek. Only a few decades after those men and women settled here, the American Revolution forced them to pick sides against their neighbors, friends, and sometimes even their families.

We welcome you to explore how the settlement looked in the 1770s and learn a bit about those who chose to fight for American Independence and those who remained loyal to the British Empire. Welcome, to A Settlement Divided.

Touch the start button to begin.

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This exhibit is made possible through the generous contributions of American Dorian, Transatlantic Foundation and by The Delaware Company. Research and text by Cassa Muehl.

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The launching page for Fort Delaware's soon-to-be-unveiled exhibit, "A Divided Settlement"

dence from England will be

hotly debated among the settlers.

Music for the afternoon will be provided by Linda Russell, formerly the balladeer at Federal Hall in New York City, who is scheduled to perform at 3 p.m.

On Sunday, July 9, begin-

ning at 1 p.m., The Delaware Company will present its two annual awards to recipients who have made significant contributions to local history. The James W. Burbank Memorial Award is voted on by the Delaware Company Board of Directors and hon-

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"Four Plays About Q&As"

HURLEYVILLE – Local Sullivan County playwright Bill Duncan of Woodbourne has penned a number of full-length plays seen locally, in Pennsylvania, and throughout New York State, including in New York City.

Big Sky Productions of Grahamsville, believing the country and the county could use a little cheering up these days, will present two staged readings of four of Bill's earlier, lighter one acts at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville, sponsored by the Sullivan County Historical Society.

The two afternoons of merriment entitled "Four Plays About Q&As" will be presented on Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9 at 2 p.m., and will feature

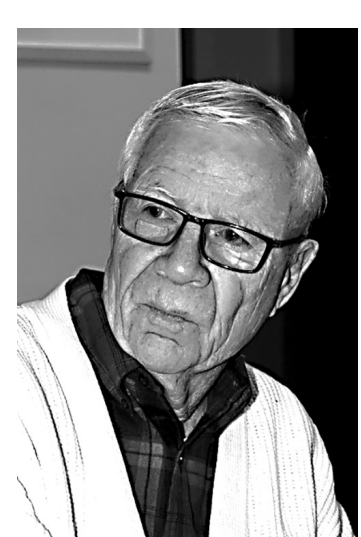


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Playwright Bill Duncan

Sullivan and Ulster County residents: Albee Bockman, Mary Burkart, Paul Ciliberto, Crystal Tweed, Mike Valentine and Laure Valentine. Direction will be provided by Big Sky Produc-

tions' Artistic Director Carol Montana.

"Hail to Stale" spoofs humanity's passion for clichés; "Egyptian Mosaic" resurrects a Biblical character who waded into a major discovery down by the riverside; "America Speaking" satirizes the darker side of product sales; and in "The Mediator," a new go-between runs comically afoul of an unyielding couple.

Admission to "Four Plays About Q&As" is \$10 and refreshments will be served. The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street Hurleyville, NY.

For additional information, call the Museum at 845-434-8044 or Big Sky Productions at 845-985-7783.

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.

One such person did get an application and joined. Avraham Burstein did. Welcome aboard Avraham Burstein.

And speaking about training, Rob Lombardi just completed (BEFO) Basic Exterior Fire Operations. This is a 38-hour class that includes Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations and teaches you the basics of firefighting. Next Denise Lombardi and Tom Becerril took (TIMS) Traffic Incident Management Systems and then took Highway Safety For Emergency Responders. Both classes are eight hours long and teach about being on the road at a fire scene.

In addition, Ron Besimer, Ernest Benjamin and Rob Lombardi took (EVOC) Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, this class was 21 hours.

All of these classes are taught by State Fire Instructors and teach to the NFPA standards.

Congratulations to all these Hurleyville Fire Department members that took the most recent classes. Remember "A Trained Firefighter Is A Safe Firefighter". Good job. I was recently in Yellow-

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stone National Park and while wearing my Hurleyville Fire Department hat I met many people that thanked me for my service. Many were surprised to learn that Sullivan County is manned by volunteers. So, if you see a firefighter thank them for what they do.

The month of June started out pretty calm until the middle of the month. The old Pines Hotel had a number of buildings burn and the Fallsburg fire department was assisted by over 32 fire departments. They had numerous rekindles. Narrowsburg also had a major fire that required multiple fire departments. Liberty also had a large structure fire. Lumberland had a structure fire where they made a great save. Fallsburg also had a scare at the Raleigh hotel where they made a great save. To date there have been two drownings. Throw in the MVAs and activated alarms and it

was an extremely busy week. Remember we are all volunteers.

I would also like to bring to your attention that volunteer firefighters use a blue light when they respond to a call. If you see one when it is SAFE pull over to the side of the road so that they can get to the incident.

Summer fun is upon us.

Wear a life jacket in the water.

When hiking, tell someone where you are going and when you will be back.

Wear a helmet when biking.

Hydrate, hydrate and hydrate when working outside or doing strenuous outdoor activities.

Fourth of July is coming up, and that means fireworks. Let the pros set them off. Morningside Park in Hurleyville has a fireworks show on Sunday July 2 at dusk.

Be safe out there.

PAPER CLIPS...

by Elaine Corrington



INDEPENDENCE DAY OR THE FIRST DAY OF THE SECOND HALF OF 2023 – WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT?

It's a fact that July 1 marks the official start of the second half of 2023.

No big surprise- it has marked that transition for a very long time. No big deal...or is it? Daylight savings time has added some confusion into the equation. How many milliseconds matches the exact half-year moment? What happens if you sneeze at that moment and miss the opportunity to shout "Hooray" or groan? Will the next half-year be better or worse, or at least perceived as better or worse, for any number of reasons?

What if it is a Leap Year? Will we find out years later that Hurleyville's greatest (or worst) day in history was not marked by that until... when?

Sometimes does your mind just wander? You forget a name, lose a car key, can't find a rain boot (in July?). or have you just forgotten about all of this, and given the 4th of July all of the glory?

We all remember the distinctions of this day, the moments of contemplation, the flags, the marches, the barbecues, the songs. It is a HOLIDAY- not just a millisecond that can be lost in a sneeze.

Is there anything else that marks the half-year of July?

As a matter of fact, yes there is. Speaking from the perspective of those of us who live on this part of the globe, there are a number of noticeable differences that have been remarked upon throughout the years! Do you know that there are differences between people born at this time of the true half-year; maybe among your Hurleyville /Sullivan County acquaintances?

HERE ARE A FEW:

- July babies have a higher rate of sunny dispositions and a lower rate of mood disorders.
- July babies have a tendency for an extremely "bright" side of life.
- Many July babies are special in their own way.
- Many July babies are super optimistic.
- Many July babies are in a league of famous people.
- Many July babies are calm and composed- and choose actions to be in control.
- Higher average birth rate in July.
- Many grow taller than their counterparts.
- More of them tend to be left-handed.
- Many of them are the youngest in their classes - and less likely to pursue higher education.

Well, the somewhat true and supposedly half-moment of 2023 could be here if you don't sneeze. This second half of 2023 ends December 31. You can sneeze then!

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July 1, 1938 Truck Runs Wild, Damages 7 Cars; 3 Persons Hurt

Three persons were injured and seven cars badly damaged on Main Street in Liberty about three-thirty Wednesday afternoon when a truck driven by Irving Moses of New Egypt, N.J., ran wild through the street. The truck, which was owned by L. & H. Inc. of Robinsville, N.J., jumped out of gear near the white bridge north of the village, according to the driver, who was unable to stop the speeding truck with the brakes. He was arrested by Police Chief Victor LeRoy of Liberty on charges of assault in the third degree. He was taken to the Monticello jail and will be arraigned on Friday before Police Justice Frederick Sprague.

As the wildly careening truck came speeding down the street it crashed into the back of a Pontiac coupe driven by Irving Friedberg of New York City who was taken to the Maimonides Hospital suffering from a fracture of the skull. His companion, Miss Anna Wood sustained a possible fracture of ribs on the left side. The truck continued and hit a car owned by Mrs. Raymond Sumeach which was parked at the right curb, then crossed to the left and hit a northbound car driven by John H Hill of Freeville, N.Y. Zigzagging further down the street the runaway crashed into four cars parked at the curb and forced then down the street with one of the cars pushed on the sidewalk in



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO
Longtime Sullivan County Sheriff Harry Borden

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front of Keller's Department Store. Miss Ruth Warhaftig was treated at the Maimonides Hospital for bruises but was able to return to her home.

Petty thieves were discovered at ten o'clock on Wednesday evening stripping the Friedman car which had been towed into a nearby garage shortly after the crash. They were Arthur Eorofsky, 25, and Philip Schneider, 19, both of New York City. Taken to the county jail in Monticello by Liberty police, they were arraigned on Thursday afternoon on charges of petty larceny.

July 15, 1938 Sheriff's New Radio Car Patrols County Roads

As part of a highway safety campaign sponsored by the N.Y.S. Sheriff's Association, Sheriff Harry Borden, Undersheriff Walter Flynn and a staff of deputies have been patrolling the highways of Sullivan County with a white sedan equipped with a two-way radio set. The car, which was used here the first three days of the week, is to be tested by all the sheriffs of the state. The Dutchess County sheriff was the first to use it, Sheriff Borden, the second, and at the present time, Ulster County is testing it.

If the car meets with the approval of the sheriffs throughout the state, each county will undoubtedly purchase one. Motorists will be cautioned to obey traffic regulations and with constant battle against accidents, it is hoped that the annual number of highway tragedies each year will be cut to the minimum.

July 15, 1938 Rain and Wind Storm Sweeps Area

A thunder storm on Monday afternoon, during which torrents of rain fell and a strong wind swept the region, resulted in considerable damage. A tree was blown across the road in Hurleyville and held up traffic for a short time. A branch fell across a high tension wire and disrupted electric and telephone service and another branch across the wire started to burn resulting in a call to the Hurleyville Fire Co.

Lightning struck a barn on the Frank King farm near Woodbourne shortly after three o'clock in the afternoon. Although fire companies from Loch Sheldrake, Woodbourne and Fallsburg responded to the alarm, they arrived too late to save the building which was filled with hay and machinery.

Hail stones fell for three or four minutes and streets in villages throughout the county was flooded. Traffic was virtually at a standstill.

July 22, 1938 News And Personal Notes About Town

Al Walter has completed moving his establishment formerly located in the Wood building, to the new location in the Hillman block where he will conduct a lunch room and beer garden. He obtained a beer license the early part of this week.

NEW EXHIBIT OPENS AT THE TIME AND THE VALLEYS MUSEUM

"As the Wheel Turns: Waterpower Industry in the Catskills"

GRAHAMSVILLE – The exhibition "As the Wheel Turns: Waterpower Industry in the Catskills," a new exhibition in the working water wheel building of the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, opens to the public on Sunday, July 9 from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville.

Exploring the Catskills many water-powered industries of the 19th century, including grist mills, tanneries, carding and fulling mills, this interactive and engaging exhibit is a collaborative project between the Museum, Rondout-Neversink Stream Management Program and the Gillette Family. Videos, audio, games and activities along with photos, visuals and an actual working waterwheel tell the story of the vital importance of water power in building towns and communities throughout the Catskills.

The Museum's three floors of exhibitions (including the new augmented reality exhibition "Bittersweet Memories: Lost Towns of the Catskill Watersheds") and the six buildings on the 1930s Catskill Farm (farm house, barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and the working waterwheel building) along with the new exhibition will be open on Sunday, with activities, tours, refreshments and more. Admission is free for members and their families, \$5 for non-members and \$2 for children, which includes all activities, exhibitions and buildings. For more information call 845 985-7700 or go to timeandthevalleysmuseum.org



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The Grahamsville Cutlery Co on St. Rt. 55 (in operation from 1903 to 1907) was powered by a large water wheel on the Chestnut Creek.

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About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open weekends Memorial Day to the end of September, noon to 4 p.m. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission is FREE for Museum members, adults is \$5 and children \$2.

All Museum exhibitions are interactive and both fun and educational for all ages:

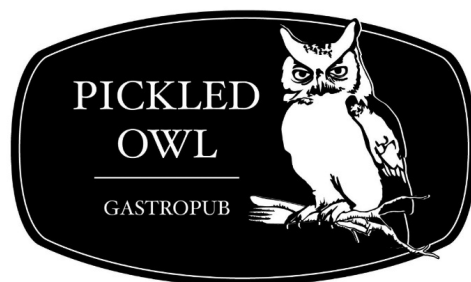
- "Water and the Valleys," an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- "Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story," an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- New! "Bittersweet Memories: Lost

Towns of the Catskill Watersheds"

- "1930s Lost Catskill Farm," a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.
- NEW! "As the Wheel Turns: Water Powered Industry in the Catskills."

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For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.



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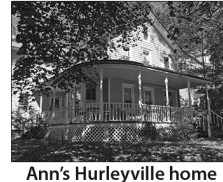
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FRENCHY PART III

At the request of New York City police detective Jimmy O'Toole, Sullivan County law enforcement officials had spent the weekend leading up to Decoration Day in 1939 looking for wanted drug dealer Maurice "Frenchy" Carillot. On Decoration Day morning, a body has turned up in Loch Sheldrake, apparently killed and dumped in the lake months before, and Fallsburg Town Constable Bronco Kelly suggests it might be Carillot. Now they just have to prove it.

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

Mangan and Deputy Sheriff Jay Lass both 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."

Mangan told Jay that as soon as the dry cleaner receipt found in the corpse's pocket could be checked into evidence, he could take it to the city along with a photograph of the corpse to see if the dry cleaner could identify the man.

Jay asked me if I would consider taking a ride with him, and I agreed to accompany him to New York. In addition to the claim check from the dry cleaner and a picture of the corpse's disfigured face, we carried along the mugshots that Detective O'Toole had provided us of Maurice Carillot. I was certain we would discover that Carillot and the bloated corpse were one and the same, but Jay was less certain.

"It doesn't matter what we think," he said more than once. "We have to complete the investigation and go where the evidence takes us."

Jay was big on the value of investigation.

We drove to the city in the

Sheriff's Department's car with Jay at the wheel. Jay seemed to know his way around the city pretty well, and he mentioned to me that he had been to Washington Heights a time or two over the years. It didn't take long to find the dry cleaning shop of Philip Dechtenberg at 204 Audubon Avenue.

Dechtenberg was a short, portly man with grey, bushy hair on the sides of his head and nothing on top. He seemed harried, but took a few minutes to talk with us when presented with the claim check.

"Goniff!" he snorted when he had looked up the ticket in his file. "Talks me into running a tab, then doesn't pay, and then disappears."

"Who is it that disappeared?" Jay asked him.

"Marty Carroll, that's who," Dechtenberg answered. "Haven't seen him since October. Still has two suits here waiting to be picked up, and owes me for other jobs, too."

"Is this Marty Carroll?" I asked, showing him the mug shot of Carillot. He took it in



ILLUSTRATION BY JACK ROBBIN

Jay seemed to know his way around the city pretty well, and mentioned that he had been to Washington Heights a time or two over the years.

his hands and held it close to his face, squinting.

"That's the goniff!" he finally blurted out. "That's him."

I looked at Jay. He had a little notebook and a pencil out.

"Do you have an address for this Marty Carroll in your files there?" he asked.

"Of course I do," Dechtenberg retorted. "But I'm not sure he lives there any longer. I went by a couple of times, trying to collect what he owes me. People said

they hadn't seen him."

He gave Jay and me the address, 215 Audubon Avenue, and pointed us in the right direction.

"I don't suppose you would recognize this photo?" I asked him as we were about to leave, handing him the photo Sgt. Mangan had taken of the corpse.

"Who could recognize that piggul?" he said, thrusting the picture back at me. "Only I would know that this is a photo of the Marty Carroll you are asking

about."

Jay and I were both stunned.

"What do you mean, you know this is a picture of Marty Carroll?" I finally asked.

"I mean I know it's him," he said, exasperated. "I know it's him because even in that meeskait of a picture, I can recognize my handiwork."

"Your handiwork?" I asked.

"The suit!" he exclaimed. "I made the suit. I recognize the fabric, the cut, the stitching. I made the suit for that goniff, Marty Carroll."

Although we were both now satisfied that the corpse fished out of Loch Sheldrake was Maurice Carillot, Jay and I made our way to 215 Audubon to see what we could find out about Marty Carroll. It turned out that the apartment belonged to a taxicab driver named Lester Lurie, who worked the night shift and was just having his "morning" coffee when his wife escorted us into the kitchen.

Lurie said that Marty Car-

roll had been staying with them for a few months the previous year, but that he hadn't seen or heard from him since October. When Jay asked him if he had ever heard of Maurice Carillot, it was his wife who answered the question.

"Maurice?" she asked, almost before Jay had finished asking. "That sounds French, which is funny, because I once heard someone calling Marty 'Frenchy' while we were out front on the sidewalk one day."

That sealed it for Jay and me, convincing us that Maurice Carillot was indeed dead.

Jay thought we should telephone Mangan before we left the city and fill him in on what we found, so we stopped at a drugstore and I ordered coffee and pie at the lunch counter while he used the pay phone.

When Jay returned to the counter and sat down on the stool next to me, he had a satisfied look on his face.

"Everything all right with Mangan?" I asked.

"Yeah. He was grateful

for the legwork," he said. "That's the word he used, 'legwork.' It got me thinking about what we do, and how much of it is just about grinding it out, you know, following procedures and plugging away."

"When it really comes down to it, I guess that is what police work is all about," I said.

"I guess," Jay said, lifting a fork full of blueberry pie toward his mouth. "And all's well that ends well."

That concludes the latest adventure for Fallsburg Constable Bronco Kelly and his colleagues. Although based on an actual event, this is a work of fiction, and Bronco Kelly is a fictional character. Any resemblance or similarity to any actual person is purely coincidental. While Jay Lass, Thomas Mangan, Maurice Carillot, Phillip Dechtenberg, and Lester Lurie were actual people, no representation is made as to the accuracy of their characterizations in this story.

Summer Heat in Youngsville

YOUNGSVILLE – Summer's here and we're feeling the heat! Domesticities and the Cutting Garden in Youngsville, NY, will present a performance of "Shorts & Sweets: Summer Heat," an afternoon of suggestive jokes and short stories.

This adult-only presentation will be offered on Sunday, July 23 at 2 p.m., and will feature New York City actress and director Sharlene Hartman and Big Sky Productions' Artistic Director Carol Montana.

Sharlene Hartman has been acting, singing, dancing, writing and directing for most of her life. It all started out in San Francisco, with a broken collarbone and a lisp. Her credits include Off Broadway, indie films, television, live industrials, nightclubs, commercials, voice acting, skit comedy and rap songs. Her heart truly belongs to the theatre, however, most recently she's been having a love affair with film. Her latest, "Lunch With Leslie," is currently in festivals, receiving numerous awards, including Best Actress and Best Comedy

Short. She simply loves creating a character.

Actress, producer, director, Carol Montana has a Master's Degree in Dramatic Form and Structure from the University of Connecticut. She has directed over 50 plays for her company Big Sky Productions, as well as for the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, Sullivan Performing Arts and Sullivan County Community College. Carol's current area of concentration, besides "Shorts & Sweets" is Mur-

der Mystery Dinner Theatre produced in cooperation with the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce.

Domesticities & the Cutting Garden is located at 4055 State Route 52, Youngsville, NY. There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be served. Audience members may make a freewill offering for the Sullivan County SPCA.

For additional information, call Domesticities at 845-482-3333 or Big Sky Productions at 845-985-7783.



PHOTOS PROVIDED Sharlene Hartman



Carol Montana

Bold Gold Media and Jeff Bank Present Community Service Award to Monticello Kiwanis

MONTICELLO – The 98.3 WSUL Heart-A-Thon celebrated its 45th year on Friday, February 17, 2023, and raised over \$105,000 for heart disease in the Sullivan Catskills. This year's focus was on the prevention, education, and treatment of heart disease, with proceeds benefitting cardiac equipment for Gar-net Medical Center Catskills, as well as The Warrior Teens Program and an Outdoor Fitness Pad in Monticello with Sullivan 180, and A Single Bite's Real Food School Education Program.

For the past several years, Jeff Bank has sponsored a \$1,000 Community Service Award, as part of the fund-

raising efforts.

This award was designed to encourage local groups and organizations to raise money as a team, where for each \$500 that is raised, the team or organization received one entry into a drawing from which the winner was selected. This year, the community service award winner is the Monticello Kiwanis. On June 15, at the Jeff Bank branch in Monticello, a check was presented to the



president of the Monticello Kiwanis, Marvin Rappaport, and vice president, Karen Ellsweig, by Dawn Ciorciari, general manager of Bold Gold Media, and George Kinne, president of Jeff Bank.

"On behalf of the 98.3 WSUL Heart-A-Thon Committee, we congratulate the Monticello Kiwanis on their community service award, and we thank Jeff Bank for their support of this award,"

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At the presentation (Left to Right) were George Kinne, President of Jeff Bank, Karen Ellsweig, Vice President Monticello Kiwanis, Marvin Rappaport President Monticello Kiwanis, Dawn Ciorciari, GM Bold Gold Media NY.

Ms. Ciorciari. "The money raised by groups and organizations make up a large portion of the proceeds from this event."

"On behalf of Jeff Bank, I would like to congratulate and thank the Monticello Kiwanis for their efforts in helping raise money towards the Heart-A-Thon. Our communities are our backbone, and we appreciate all that Bold Gold Media Group does to support them," added Mr. Kinne.

"We at Monticello Kiwanis are proud to accept this generous award which will be used to assist our ongoing programs to serve our community, one child at a time," Mr. Rappaport said.

PRIMETIMERS SCHEDULE TOUR

MONTICELLO – On Wednesday, July 12, The Primetimers of Temple Sholom will sponsor a guided tour to New Paltz by bus. The tour will include historic Huguenot Street and the campus of SUNY New Paltz. The bus

will leave at 9:30 a.m. from the Temple Sholom parking lot at 5 East Dillon Road in Monticello. Cost is \$45 per person. All are welcome.

For reservations and information, call Paula 845-794-2314.

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Monticello Kiwanis awards scholarships

MONTICELLO – The Monticello Kiwanis Club recently presented nine scholarships, each for \$1,000, to well-deserving Monticello High School Seniors. The venue was Robert Green Truck Division's Board Room, where the recipients and their families enjoyed a delicious pizza party and graduation cake. The recipients shared their plans for schooling going forward and their professional aspirations.

The recipients were Lennie Gleyzer, Julia Kurthy, David Cooper, Madison Clancy, Michael Feltman, Dylan Hardy, Erin Brawley, Holly Ann McFarland and Xavier Footman.

The Monticello Kiwanis Club is a civic organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one

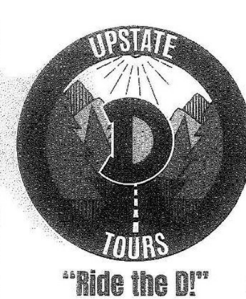


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From left – Kiwanis President Marvin Rappaport, David Cooper, Lennie Gleyzer, Julia Kurthy, Michael Feltman, Dylan Hardy, Holly Ann McFarland, Erin Brawley, Madison Clancy and Foundation Chairperson Robert Green. Missing is Xavier Footman.

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HEADING TO AKRON!

SULLIVAN COUNTY WELL REPRESENTED AT SOAP BOX DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP

by John Conway

LIBERTY – When Soap Box Derby champions and their families from around the country begin to gather in Akron, Ohio this month for the 85th annual FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship, Sullivan County will be well represented.

Five members of Barn Buddies Racing, which has dominated the local Soap Box Derby racing scene in recent years, will be making the trip. Three of the Barn Buddies were crowned champions in the Sullivan County race held in Liberty on Saturday, June 3. In all,

39 youngsters competed in three divisions in the Liberty races this year.

Steven Padin won the Stock Division, Hudson Danzilo won in Super Stock, and Mason Smith was the Masters champion. The three local champs will be joined by veteran racers Ava Diehl and Brooke Nichols in Akron, as the pair qualified for the Rally Division championship by amassing points in rally races around the country during the past year.

The big races are scheduled at Derby Downs on Saturday, July 22, but the activities get underway well before that. The actual



Photo provided
Race champions and their families gather at the finish line after the Sullivan County Soap box Derby in Liberty on June 3.

all race cars competing in the championships will be

delivered to the track between July 3 and July 16,

either by freight or dropped off in person. Interesting-

ly, all the cars must arrive at Derby Downs with only

four screws attaching the body to the floorboard. The remaining body mounting screws are to be in a baggie taped to the car's floorboard, and the bodies will not be completely re-attached until topside check-in on Sunday, July 16.

A parade and opening ceremonies will kick things off on Monday, July 17, and a series of rally racing and other events will take place throughout the week leading up to the big day on Saturday, July 22. Gates open on race day at 6:30 a.m. and check-in for the cars begins at 7 a.m. Racing gets underway at 8:30 a.m. The awards ceremony is sched-

uled for 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Akron Civic Theater.

Boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 20 earn their trips to Akron by winning local Soap Box Derby competitions in their gravity-powered race cars, or by accumulating points in rally races throughout the year. Racers and their families, handlers, and friends will travel from cities throughout the United States in what amounts to a major boost to the Akron economy each summer. The July races, which date back to 1934, are estimated to generate more than \$5 million for the city annually.

FISHING TOURNEY IN THE BOOKS!



by Jack Halchak

HURLEYVILLE – The 22nd Annual Morningside Fishing Classic is in the books. At the 5 a.m. start to the day, conditions were not bad. The air temperature was about 58 degrees with a little breeze. The water was a little tea stained in color, but otherwise clear. There were not a lot of lily pads in the open water or around the shoreline. By 8:30 or so, the 45 anglers who had entered the

tournament had to deal with a stiff wind for the rest of the contest. As the day wore on, the wind increased in intensity. The strong wind seemed to give the fish lockjaw, as most of the fish were caught before the winds came.

When all was said and done, Joe Lasher of Livingston Manor boated three bass for a total weight of 8.99 pounds for first place.

Lasher also had the lunker of the day, a bass weighing in at 5.30 pounds. He caught

his lunker on a Rapala. Second place went to Jason Rogers of Liberty with five bass weighing in at 7.15 pounds. Jason was using a creature bait. Third place went to Tom Clegg Sr. of Newburg, with five bass weighing in at 6.49 pounds. Tom used a rubber worm. Tom has placed many times in this contest and even won it back-to-back at one point.

In all, 42 bass were boated for the day. Most were caught before the wind kicked up.

GOLF TOURNAMENT COMING UP

Bill Carlson Classic is August 19

by Win Hadley

HURLEYVILLE—The Hurleyville Fire Department has announced that the 12th annual Bill Carlson Golf Classic will be held this year on Saturday, August 19.

The tournament gets underway with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. It is being held at the Tarry Brae Golf Course, 387 Pleasant Valley Rd, South Fallsburg.

The classic is held each summer in memory of longtime fireman, chief, and golfer, Bill Carlson of Hurleyville, who died in 2011.

The tournament is open to foursomes, and if entrants don't have a team of four,

they can be placed in one by the organizers from among the entrants who aren't members of foursomes. The entry fee is \$100 per person, and includes greens fees, golf cart rental, a luncheon and awards dinner, and cold drinks all day long. The awards dinner will include a number of raffles and a 50-50 drawing.

In addition to the traditional golf scoring, the tournament will also award prizes for the longest drive, the closest to the pin, and for a hole-in-one contest on the seventh hole.

Golfers interested in participating can contact John Jaycox at (845) 866-6431 for more information.



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!

July Questions:

1. What year was the first Wimbledon Tennis Championship held?
2. Who was the first African American player to win a singles championship at Wimbledon?
3. What are the traditional Wimbledon colors?
4. Who was the first male player to wear a pair of shorts at Wimbledon?
5. Who was the youngest woman ever to win a singles title at Wimbledon?

June Answers:

1. What was the first relocated National Hockey League team to win the Stanley Cup? (**The Calgary Flames in 1989. They had moved from Atlanta in 1980.**)
2. In what year was the Stanley Cup playoffs cancelled due to the NHL lockout? (**2005**)
3. In what year was the first National Basketball Association playoffs held? (**1950**)
4. Who won the first N.B.A. championship? (**Minneapolis Lakers**)
5. Who was the first European born player to win an N.B.A. Finals MVP Award? (**Tony Parker of the San Antonio Spurs in 2007**)

There was no winner last month.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO...

Hurleyville Firemen Softball on Fire

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE—It was July of 1973—50 years ago this month-- and the softball team representing the Hurleyville Fire Department was off to a red hot start in the Eastern Sullivan Firemen's Softball League.

The team started the month on Tuesday evening, July 3 with a shutout win over Woodbourne, capturing a 7-0 win. The Times Herald-Record reported in its Thursday, July 5 edition that "winning pitcher Nelson Durland gave up three hits and fanned one" in the victory.

The Hurleyville offense, meanwhile, was sparked by John McGaughey and Jack Halchak.

With the victory, HFD improved its record to 2-0 on the season, while the defeat evened Woodbourne's record at 1-1.

Unfortunately, Friday the 13th proved to be particularly unlucky for Hurleyville that year, as their modest win streak came to a halt by virtue of a 15-14 loss to Monticello in a night game on that date.

There was plenty of offense in the contest, and it wasn't decided until the bottom half of the seventh inning when in its last at bat of the game Monticello rallied for three runs to secure the win, improving its record to 3-0 while HFD fell to 2-1. Jim Bickham picked up the "W" for Monticello while Durland took the loss. The big blow in the contest was a grand slam home run by Jack Halchak in the top of the third inning, which accounted for

four of the seven runs Hurleyville scored in the stanza.

The locals got back on track quickly, however, and when they entered the Eastern Sullivan Firemen's Softball League playoffs against Loch Sheldrake on Tuesday, July 31, they did so with a 7-1 record. Hurleyville won that game, 9-3 to close out the month on a winning note. Hurleyville was able to hold Loch Sheldrake scoreless until the seventh when the visitors pushed across all three of their runs.

Hurleyville advanced to the next round of the

playoffs with the victory, and went on to beat Woodbourne 7-5 in the semi-final match-up. That win propelled HFD into the finals, where the undefeated Monticello team awaited them.

HFD suffered only its second loss of the season in that championship contest, as Monticello once again emerged victorious, this time by a 15-5 score. Rich McClernon hit a three-run homer for the winners, driving in four runs to secure the championship. Hobby and Hussey has two hits apiece for Hurleyville, which settled for the runner-up trophy.

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Activities from May 20-28 included an Upper Delaware Shadfest theme at the Barryville Farmers Market; an Angler's Trade Fair and Shad Shindig at Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History in Narrowsburg; a Youth Fishing Day with students from The Homestead School, A Single Bite healthy foods program, and lessons by the National Park Service and local casting experts; and a UDSB 20th Anniversary Shadfest Bus Run roundtrip from Port Jervis to Hancock with numerous community stops and on-board narration by Sullivan County Historian John Conway.

Sponsors for the 2023 festival were The Delaware Company, Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association, and Sullivan County.