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Hurleyville's Summer Festival Delights

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE – Music, food, happy vendors and lots of visitors combined with mostly good weather for the second annual Hurleyville Summer Festival on August 17.

As the bouncy house jiggled with jumping children inside it, Carmine Gontz deftly strummed a guitar and sang an impressive list of cover songs to kick off the live music, followed by the group Little Sparrow. Perry Gipps and the Partymaster crew provided an excellent sound system and a tent for the musicians, with DJ entertainment in between bands. HPAC was open on a non-movie night, welcoming visitors into their lobby, selling concessions and showing coming attractions in the movie theater. Cars lined Main Street and filled the Mongaup Road Rail Trail parking lot as people shopped and ate in the vendor area



PHOTOS BY DENISE SULLIVAN
The vagaries of Mother Nature did little to dampen the Summer Festival, and a rainbow appeared to top things off.

and on Main Street, where balloons were bouncing in the breeze. Although rain showers dampened the event, it was an upbeat, busy and very well attended festival.

The Hurleyville Hub, in its second year as a small coalition of businesses, community groups, and in-

terested volunteers, planned the festival, coordinated with the Town of Fallsburg, and collected donations to make it happen. In addition to the town of Fallsburg, sponsors of this year's festivals are the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, Bold Gold Media, and Thompson Sanitation, all of

which helped to make last year's events possible, as well. Even with the town's generous offer to partner with the Hub, (they also provided sawhorse barriers and garbage containers), funds were needed to pay for decorations, parking lot signage, lawn signs, flyers, and scavenger hunt materi-



PHOTOS BY DENISE SULLIVAN
Scavenger hunt winner Patrick Maxwell

als. And, while Perry Gipps at Partymaster is generous in donating time and equipment to the event, festival funds were needed to pay some staffing expenses. Hurleyville businesses and organizations came through in all the best ways with donations to pay for all of it.

A scavenger hunt for kids



PHOTOS BY DENISE SULLIVAN
Scavenger hunt winners Tessa and Nina Denis.

has become a favorite activity at Hurleyville festivals, encouraging youngsters and adults to visit businesses along Main Street. After gathering individual letter clues at 12 Hurleyville businesses and organizations, the young participants had to form a word with the letters they had

collected before submitting their entries. Three young participants popped into all 12 locations, including the Sullivan County Museum, and will claim prizes from Morgan Outdoors. Sisters Tessa and Nina Denis enjoyed finding each building that displayed a clue, and they were especially

grateful to the ladies at the Museum, who gave them cookies and shelter while they solved the word puzzle. Hurleyville resident Patrick Maxwell was also a winner, walking through town with a friend to gather clues. He enjoyed the independence that comes with being almost 11 years old; no parental supervision was necessary for him to complete the contest.

After about two hours, the rain began to push people indoors or to their cars. As vendors with tents packed up their goods, the Poison Love trio played and sang for the final hour. Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff was in attendance, and stayed to help the volunteers and vendors close the festival. As they packed up, a beautiful rainbow appeared overhead, and then another formed alongside it. Cameras and smiles came out at the end of another great day in the happening hamlet of Hurleyville.



PHOTOS BY KATHLEEN SULLIVAN

FOUR YEARS AND COUNTING

Hurleyville General Store Planning to Celebrate

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – It is likely that Denise Lombardi could never have imagined when she held the grand opening of the Hurleyville General Store on September 13, 2019-- Friday the Thirteenth— what good fortune awaited her. In fact, no one could have blamed her for suspecting the worst when the store was forced to shut down just a few months later due to the COVID pandemic.

But all's well that ends well, even when the end is nowhere in sight. At least no one is giving any thought to an ending as the store prepares to celebrate its fourth anniversary with a big shindig on October 13 this year. The anniversary celebration is still in the planning stages, but details are expected to be forthcoming soon.

And there is much to celebrate. After spending years working in public accounting on Long Island, Ms. Lombardi moved permanently to Hurleyville just a couple of months prior to opening the store, which was initially located at 227 Main Street. Despite a few bumps in the road, she has never been happier.

"Hurleyville is such a great community," she says. "I am fortunate to live, work, and volunteer in a place that has embraced our family and propelled us to keep going despite tremendous personal and professional obstacles mostly related to the pandemic. I am so looking forward to celebrating four years with them and many



more."

Whether it is operating the store, or volunteering for the fire department, or participating in Catskill Toastmasters' events, Ms. Lombardi and her husband, Rob have discovered it is all about reaching people and collaborating with them.

"Given the fact that we are open nearly every day, we have also been able to form relationships with therapists and teachers at The Center for Discovery, and were thrilled to be approached by them to offer vocational opportunities to multiple students," Ms. Lombardi says. "In addition, we were recently given the chance to work

alongside Hurleyville superstar Kadeidra Deas. It means so much that all these individuals not only feel comfortable with us but they trust us. The same goes for our partnership with New Hope Community." That trust has been built by dedication and hard work over the past four years, and the Lombardis expect to continue to build on their relationships long after the anniversary celebration is in the books.

"We are in the process of renovating a mixed use property in Hurleyville, and are considering different options for that space," Ms. Lombardi said. "I am still searching for a vocational opportunity for my son RJ to truly enjoy and be a part of. We may use that building to create that, we'll see. He is still young, and he's happily enjoying his current self-directed position as a taste-tester of HGS snacks. His current favorite seems to be the double chocolate chip muffins from Neversink General Store."

ABOUT OUR HEADLINE

Our headline for this month's edition, which seemed perfectly suited to the magical atmosphere surrounding the Hurleyville Hub's first summer festival of the season, comes from an unattributed poem entitled "A Summer's Day." The opening stanza of the poem goes like this:

In the heart of summer,
As the sun beats down,
The day's a perfect wonder,
A world with magic crowned.
The sky, so blue and open,
Against the green it plays,
And the breeze, like a perfect token,
Blows softly, through the maze.

Read Denise Sullivan's front page story to get the details of the very successful event, the spirit of which not even Mother Nature could dampen with her late evening shower.

Harold Gold Turns 100 Centenarian in South Fallsburg

by Lily Barrish

SOUTH FALLSBURG – The Hurleyville Sentinel would like to wish Harold Gold a very happy 100th birthday on September 20. Mr. Gold has been an extraordinary pillar of the Sullivan County community. After attending Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania on scholarship and then receiving a graduate degree from Columbia University, he returned home to join the business his father had started during the 1930s. Under Harold's management, Fallsburg Gas Company became one of the largest independently-owned propane busi-

nesses in the Northeast.

Mr. Gold was an active member of the Fallsburg Fire Department for 73 years, serving as president and commissioner. At the age of 92, he stopped marching in the Sullivan County Fireman's parade. A trustee emeritus of the executive board of the Sullivan County Historical Society, and a founding member of the Sullivan County Community College Board of Trustees (its longest-serving member when he retired), are only a few of the highlights of Mr. Gold's lengthy list of achievements.

Aside from all of his community-minded accomplishments, Mr. Gold



PHOTO PROVIDED
Harold Gold (left) with his son, David.

has always been proud of his 58 years of marriage to his late wife, Pearl Gold. Together they had three sons—Barry, David and Michael. Now they have eight grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

We thank Mr. Gold for everything he's done to make Sullivan County a better place and wish him a wonderful year ahead.

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



HURLEYVILLE-SULLIVAN FIRST (HSF)

The volunteers in Hurleyville-Sullivan First are busy working on projects to make our hamlet even more beautiful. The group's projects are funded in part by a 2023 Beautification Grant from Sullivan 180.

The new wayfinding sign will be installed soon at the Community Gateway/Entrance to the Rails to Trails on Main Street. The sign points the way to shops, restaurants and community services in Hurleyville.

New solar-powered strip lighting was added to the historical kiosk in the Hurleyville Firemen's Park.

New barrels were purchased to replace the barrels on Main Street and at the post office.

And, as always, the flowers are blooming in the barrels and in the stone planters at the entrances to Hurleyville and at the firehouse.

Members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First collaborated with the Hurleyville Hub on the 2nd Annual Summer Festival in August. The groups are now working on plans for the Scarecrow Festival on Sunday, October 8 and Holiday in Hurleyville on Saturday, December 2.

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

HURLEYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the church will be open on Thursday, September 21 and on Thursday, September 28 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Youngsters are invited to attend the next "Messy Church" on Saturday, September 10. The fun will begin at 5 p.m. An adult must accompany children taking part in the games and creative activities.

New socks, new underwear, diapers and gently used clothes are being collected for children in foster care. Volunteers at the church are also gathering new socks, new underwear, new pants and new t-shirts for local veterans. Please contact Cookie at 845-428-5871 or Goldie at 845-467-1641 for more information.

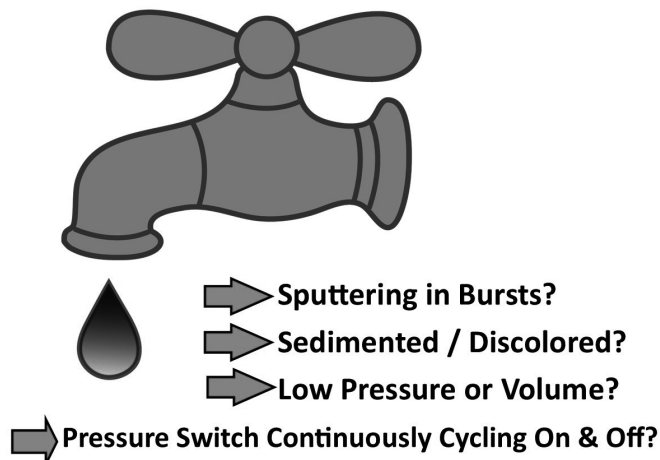
Sunday services at the church begin at 9 a.m. Children of all ages are invited to attend Sunday school at the church during services.

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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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.

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

Visit www.scnyhistory.org to see the newly redesigned website for the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum. You can also visit the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum on Facebook.

The Frederick Cook Society will present a concert at the museum on Sunday, September 17 at 2:00pm featuring Don and Susan Cerce, a favorite musical duo from Long Island. The duo's repertoire includes old time country, blues, jazz and popular songs from the '50s, '60s and '70s.

Mickey Barnett, Sullivan County's legendary country and pop recording artist, will host and open the show. Refreshments will be served. Donations are always greatly appreciated.

The Sullivan County Historical Society will present the 2023 "History Maker" and "History Preserver" awards at the society's Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner at the Rockland House in Roscoe on Sunday, October 22. Award winners are honored for their preservation of Sullivan County history for the enlightenment of future generations, the stated mission of the Society. Information on making dinner reservations and purchasing ads in the dinner journal will be sent out soon.

The historical and genealogical archives at the Sullivan County Museum are open for exploration on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment.

Guided tours of the mu-

seum are available at no charge. Please call 845-434-8044 to make a reservation.

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

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.

COLUMBIA HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE (CHNA)

CHNA was organized in 2012 in response to proposed projects that would deplete our water supply, endanger our streams and wetlands, alter our rural environment and threaten the safety of drivers and pedestrians on our roads.

The developer of the proposed Gan Eden Estates project on Columbia Hill has not appeared before the Town of Thompson Planning Board since early 2022. The members of CHNA meet regularly in order to be prepared for the next time the project is on the board's agenda.

The members of CHNA support sustainable growth that is appropriately conceived and scaled to be in sync with our community.

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

By Lily Barrish

FALLSBURG—Welcome the arrival of the fall equinox by joining The Yoga Space Catskills and LeeAnna Maniack on the historic Denniston Ford Bridge (aka Croton Bridge) over the Neversink River in Fallsburg from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 23. This event took place twice in August, each time with a successful turnout and ideal weather. Come for yoga, enjoy some cider, and lounge by the river afterward. Everyone is welcome. The cost to attend is \$20.



LOCKED DOORS

Some doors remain locked
Perhaps keeping bad events out
Other doors swing wide open
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To allow those behind them to quietly vent
About things that have happened at work or at home
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And not be distracted by the kids or the news

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But, they'll grab a quick snack then go back to their toys

If you're a risk-taker and think you'll always be safe
And you don't lock your doors when you leave
Just remember one tip that might keep you and yours safe

Never, ever lose sight of your keys

- Mimi
September, 2023

FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



RAINBOW CLOUDS



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According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, a "rainbow cloud" is a phenomenon that occurs when small water droplets or small ice crystals scatter the sun's light.

If just the right angle of the sun's light is present, you can see the full band of rainbow stretch across the sky. Sometimes you can even see the mirror image of the band, or a full double rainbow.

A rainbow cloud is relatively rare. It can only occur when the cloud is thin enough, and have sufficient water droplets or ice crystals all about the same size present.

When those conditions are right, a rainbow cloud is born.

Just over a year ago, the New York Post reported on a rainbow cloud that caused quite a stir when it appeared over a Chinese

city. "The rainbow halo is actually an atmospheric optical phenomenon called cloud iridescence," the Post reported. "This occurs when 'water droplets or ice crystals in the cloud diffract the light around the outside of the droplet, as opposed to bending the light through it,' according to Weather Channel meteorologist Jen Carfagno."

The Post article went on to say that "the colors of the spectrum are not as neat and organized in iridescence as in a rainbow," adding that "cloud iridescence reminds me of pixie dust or unicorn sprinkles."

According to that August, 2022 Post article, "the internet was awestruck by the rainbow cloud."

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

Yoga on the Bridge



PHOTO BY JEREMY LEVNER

Yoga on the Bridge in August.

The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

I was wondering what I'd write about, then going over my notes I realized August was one of the busiest months I've had. So, here goes.

The weekend before last, I had the pleasure of finally seeing THE CAMERAMEN at CABERNET FRANK'S. I had had a long conversation with them back in the COVID days when they and their families were refugees from the city. They are indeed all cameramen (TV, films, et al) who bonded over music.

This is like no other group I have ever come across. Their music is all original, completely instrumental, and as Chris, the guitar player explained: it is ZZ TOP and SURF MUSIC blended together. Their music is so engaging, you selfishly don't want them to stop.

I popped into the HASBROUK TAVERN to see THE JOHNNY JULES BAND. I stepped into an interior of rustic charm that updates but doesn't lose the history. Their menu combines sandwiches, full dinners and specials, all extremely well done as I joined a large table of

friends for dinner.

It was the band's first time performing there. For all you new readers, Johnny and I were neighbors for several years right here in Hurleyville and we remain the bast of friends. This band is comprised of all true professionals, and they read the room perfectly. More Country-ish in their first set then moving on to the Bluesy Rock for their second as new wave of patrons came in.

Still, my three furry weather forecasters are eating like crazy. I'd like to think it's because of the storms but I have this sinking feeling that it's more a portend of cooler weather on the horizon. We shall see.

I found myself in Rock Hill twice in one week. First, to see the RIVER RAMBLERS, part of the weekly ROCK HILL MUSIC SERIES, brainchild of STEVEN SCHWARTZ of STEVE'S MUSIC in Rock Hill. I was so excited to see this group included as they usually play closer to the Delaware River.

It was so good to see STACY COHEN again. We got to know each other a bit

when she had THE DANCING CAT where she often would fill in a band's break with a song or two, but this was the first time I was able to see her in full musician mode. And, she purely sparkles along with the band making even FOLSOM PRISON BLUES sound joyous.

Then I was back in Rock Hill for HEART'S SONG at the very popular ROCK HILL FARMER'S MARKET. I've followed friends and neighbors DAVID BLOCH and LORI HABER since they first got together. Both are poets and last year, they were toying with singing together. What a difference a year makes!

They are now songwriting together and their songs are musically contemporary with lyrics that come from their poetry. When you see them, ask for BUCKET LIST TWIST. It's my new theme song!

And finally, an invitation from THE FREDERICK COOK SOCIETY to a pop up concert at THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM featuring LITTLE SPARROW, exactly what I needed.

VOLUNTEERS ENHANCE THE VIBRANT HAMLET OF HURLEYVILLE



PHOTOS BY KATHLEEN SULLIVAN

by Kathleen Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE – Sullivan 180 awarded 2023 Beautification Grants in the spring to the Hurleyville Fire Department, the Hurleyville United Methodist Church, and Hurleyville-Sullivan First. Volunteers in the three groups used those grants to help fund projects that make Hurleyville even more beautiful.

New gardens were created at the church and at the firehouse. New plants and flowers were added to the new barrels on Main Street, at the firehouse and at the post office. New plants and flowers were added to the three planters at the entrances to Hurleyville and to the planter at the firehouse.

Solar-powered strip lighting was added to the historical kiosk at the Hurleyville Firemen's Park.

And, coming soon, a new wayfinding sign will be installed at the Community Gateway/Entrance to the

Rails to Trails. The sign was created to guide folks to the shops, restaurants and services on Main Street.



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KIWANIS OF WOODRIDGE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

WOODRIDGE – Kiwanis of Woodridge awards scholarships each year to graduating seniors from the Fallsburg Central School District who are in good academic standing, have participated in community service, and will be attending a two or four year college, or a trade school. Kiwanis representatives met with each recipient at a Scholarship Luncheon at Casa Mia in Hurleyville to congratulate them and take photos. It was the 24th Annual Scholarship Awards Event. To date, including this year’s recipients Woodridge Kiwanis has given \$101,900 in scholarship money to very deserving recipients.

The recipients of the 2023 Annual Kiwanis Scholarships are:

Nicholas Muscia, son of Maurizio and Fierella Mus-

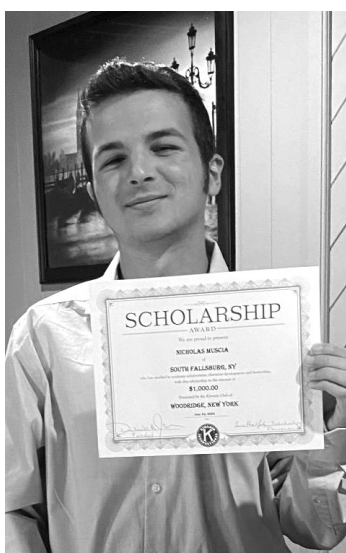


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Nicholas Muscia

cia of South Fallsburg, will be attending SUNY Oneonta with a major in Psychology. He graduated first in a class of 99 with a GPA of 98.78. During his high school years, he was Robotics Club President, Band Vice-President, Chorus Section Leader,



PHOTO PROVIDED
Carla Granados

Class Valedictorian, National Honor Society member, and a Scholar Athlete. We sincerely congratulate Nicholas on his many accomplishments, and wish him great success in the future.

Carla Granados, daughter of Carlos and Maria



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Najuwa Ladan

Granados of Loch Sheldrake, will be attending SCCC with a major in Biology, with a goal of becoming a Pediatrician. She was Vice-President of the Student Government Association, an All-Star for Soccer, Player of the Season in Track, and was on the Su-



PHOTO PROVIDED
Sierra Kaplan

perintendent’s Honor Roll, the National Technical Honor Society, and Vice-President of the National Honor Society. We sincerely wish Carla the best in achieving all her desired goals.

Najuwa Ladan, daughter of Rahinatu Ibrahim and



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Michael Storms

Abdul Muhaimin of Woodridge, NY will be attending SCCC with a major in Nursing. She is graduating fourth in her class with an advanced Regents diploma, she was on the Superintendents Honor Roll, was a Girls Gold Scholar Athlete, placed second in the Future Problem Solvers State Competition, was a member of the Future Problem Solvers International in 11th grade, and a member of the National Honor Society. We are confident that Najuwa will achieve all her life goals.



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Mikalah Ballard

Sierra Kaplan is the daughter of Alan and Dawn Kaplan of Woodridge, and will be attending Marywood University to major in Nursing. Sierra was a member of the Superintendent’s Honor Roll, BOCES Career and Tech Honor Society, a member of Key Club, Interact Club, the Rock Hill Ambulance Corps, the Ecology Club and the Leo Club, as well as receiving the Roland Allen Sportsmanship Award. Sierra was picked by the Ralph Rappaport Family as the recipient of their annual scholarship donation thru Kiwanis of Woodridge. We are confident that Sierra will succeed in all her endeavors.

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Michael Storms, son of Rosalind Natale of Mountain Dale and Michael Storms, Sr., graduated sixth in his class of 99 with a Regents Advanced with Honors Math & Science Diploma, and will be attending Penn State with a major in Biomedical Engineering. Michael was Secretary of the Fallsburg JSHS Ecology Club, as well as being a member of the National Honor Society and NSHSS. We are certain that Michael will achieve his life goals and be a great success.

Mikalah Ballard, daughter of Michael and Nyree Ballard of Woodridge, graduated with a Regents diploma, having been Chief Justice, Class President, Class Representative, and a member of the National Honor Society. She will be attending St. John’s University to study Pharmacy. We know she will be a great asset to the profession.

Empowering a Healthier Generation Sullivan 180 Initiates Competition

LIBERTY – Five Sullivan County schools participating in the Sullivan 180 Empowering a Healthier Generation competition are preparing to host a panel of judges and show off their efforts to promote health and wellness for the students and community of their school building. The judges, coming from outside of Sullivan County, will meet with school representatives and visit schools to determine who will win the competition and additional funding.

Participants in the Empowering a Healthier Generation Competition include Benjamin Cosor Elementary, Fallsburg; Livingston Manor Elementary; Livingston Manor High School; Cooke Elementary, Monticello; Sullivan West Elementary.

During the 2022-2023 school year, these schools

were awarded Healthier Generation Competition Grants in the amount of \$5,000 each; and are competing for Healthier Generation Awards in the amount of \$75,000 and \$50,000 that will be presented at the Empowering a Healthier Generation Awards & Celebration at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts on September 21, 2023.

The 2023 Empowering a Healthier Generation judges are:

Pat Claiborne, Orange County Progress; Lori Rivenburgh, Executive Director, Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Club; Shayna Russo, SNAP – ED Hudson Valley Region, Project Manager.

“We are honored to host this distinguished panel of judges and showcase some of the best school-based health & wellness work in



PHOTO PROVIDED
Meaghan Mullally-Gorr

our county,” said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Director of Health & Wellness at Sullivan 180. “Healthier Generation Advisors, committees, school administrators and communities have been working very hard to prepare for Judging Week. Sullivan County schools have so much to be proud of and we are looking forward to celebrating the culmination of their efforts at the Empowering a Healthier Generation Awards & Celebration.”

Judging Week includes one day of school building presentations followed by two days of school building site visits. During the school building site visits judges will be hosted by participating schools where they will see the health & wellness initiatives in action. These initiatives promote health and wellness among students, staff, parents, and their communities to create a grassroots movement that will change policy and environments; while demonstrating that individuals and families have an important role to play in building a culture of health for themselves and the next generation.

To learn more about Empowering a Healthier Generation visit www.sullivan180.org or contact Meaghan Mullally-Gorr at 845-295-2685 or Meaghan@Sullivan180.org.

SUNY Sullivan Launches Microcredentials Program

LOCH SHELDRAKE--SUNY Sullivan is launching a microcredentials program offering a series of courses and professional training in Phlebotomy and Tax Preparation.

Microcredentials are a short sequence of courses that are designed to provide individuals with in-demand skills, know-how, and experience. Typically completed in one or two semesters, microcredentials, can help individuals enter the workforce, or switch careers, they can help with meeting continuing education requirements, or enable individuals to learn additional skills for a promotion or such as SUNY Sullivan’s Phlebotomy microcredential, can prepare students directly for professional certification. Microcredentials are also stackable and



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can lead to earning a 1-year certification or a full associate’s degree.

“The College is very excited to offer new pathways

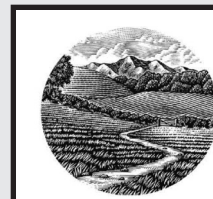
for individuals to gain employable skills if they are looking to change careers or enter the workforce” said SUNY Sullivan Dean

of Student Success and Workforce Development, Dr. Jennifer Wrage. “By bundling essential skills employers are seeking in

an accelerated format, it allows students to quickly earn the training needed to obtain a job or be eligible for a higher paying position.”

Microcredentials help individuals advance their educational, professional, and personal goals in the same way as traditional degrees and certificates but are generally offered in shorter or more flexible time spans and tend to be more narrowly focused. Endorsed by SUNY and SUNY Sullivan, microcredentials verify, validate, and attest those specific skills, and/or competencies have been achieved and are of high quality. Students who complete the required course sequence with a grade of C in each class or higher earn a digital badge that can be shared with employers or listed on professional sites such as LinkedIn.

For more information on SUNY Sullivan’s Microcredentials Program go to <https://sunysullivan.edu/microcredentials/>, or contact the office of admissions at admissions@sunysullivan.edu, or call 845-434-5750 x4287.



Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

A doe and her fawns were grazing on the lawn early one summer morning. The youngest fawn was gawky on its legs yet, so small it looked like a toy. As its mother and siblings grazed, it suddenly took off across the grass, running at top speed to the lawn’s end, running back just as fast, turning again, as if propelled by a great force. I’ve seen cats careen about a room like that, suddenly possessed. The fawn kept it up for a while, the mother occasionally pausing from grazing to watch, with a “whatever...” look on her face, as her fawn learned the use of legs, delirious with joy of motion and pleasure in its young life.

In this beleaguered summer, such moments were poignant to the point of heartbreak. The season began with flames (Canada) and ended with flames (Hawaii, Washington). Crises crisscrossed the globe, and in the interstices of calamity the wild creatures blithely propagated, their vulnerable young entering this fraught world as if in challenge and rebuke to the ravages of the Anthropocene. I watched a turkey hen waddle down a narrow ditch off the shoulder of Divine Corners Road with three poults in tow – small balls of beaked fluff moving together to maintain their position under the protective canopy of the hen’s tail. The sight was as tender as it was disconcerting. How would the poults fare as the climate changed? The question of survival is no longer hypothetical, but all too pressing; the environment is changing in our faces, in real time – nothing prospective about it.

In August, I read an article about a plan prepared by The Heritage Foundation for the next Republican presidency, titled “Project 2025.” The plan runs a thousand pages and calls for, among other things, “shredding regulations to curb greenhouse gas pollution from cars, oil and gas wells, and power plants; dismantling almost every clean energy program in the federal government; boosting the production of fossil fuels.” It reads like a bad dream.

I was reminded of an old R. Cobb cartoon, from those halcyon days of the 1960s, when nuclear annihilation was the only existential threat we faced. Cobb drew a man standing with a push-button console in his right hand, a wire running from the console to his back; with his left hand he pushed the button and the top of his head exploded in a mushroom cloud. A small frog at his feet looked up with a distraught expression on its face. The caption: “Man Demonstrating His Superiority Over Animals.”

I don’t mean to wax sentimental about nature. Animals have their own fierce hierarchies and predations. An owl will swoop down and make off with a rabbit. But it won’t raze the forest, it won’t turn against the environment in which it is embedded and by which it is sustained. That takes humankind.

We share much with animals – organic life, sentience – or our sympathies wouldn’t extend so readily in their direction. We see our own vulnerabilities in the fawns and the poults. But all we have in com-

mon seems eclipsed by all that separates us along the ragged border between nature’s realm and the realm of human consciousness. On one side, the side of the Heritage Foundation’s deranged call for an increase in fossil fuel use, our riven consciousness seems to exult in feeding the flames, as it were; on the other side, we have the capacity to rise to a grander understanding of the interconnectedness of things, an ecological sense of unity that is sometimes figured as “the web of life.” That metaphor is so well-worn it barely registers nowadays – at least until you actually see a web.

Spiders colonized our front porch this summer, building webs at every beam and corner, structures of amazing intricacy, anchored by guy-wires that ran the height of the porch. Most of the time the webs were barely visible, but when the light hit at the right angle their full complexity shone forth. When I stopped to marvel at the huge haul of insects caught in one particular web – fruit flies, I thought – I found, looking closer, that it was actually baby spiders, hundreds of tiny hatchlings arrayed across the breadth of the web like stars in the night sky, a Milky Way of animate specks. The birth of spiders and the birth of stars: the force behind them is the same, which gives one hope.

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From the Firehouse

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



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Denise (center) and Rob (right) Lombardi of the Hurleyville General Store receive the Community Service Award.

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.

The Hurleyville Fire Department held its annual family picnic on the first Saturday in August, a beautiful sunny day for over 125 members and their family.

PartyMaster supplied a bouncy house for the kids and a dunking booth for the big kids. Thanks Perry.

Awards were handed out for 2022. Mendy Greenspan received a standing ovation in recognition of seventy years of service to the fire department. When I joined, I remember Mendy driving Old 39 and the old Seagrave 320.

I was honored to receive the attendance award. And they ask me what I do during my retirement.

The Community Service Award went to the Hurleyville General Store. This award is given to a person or business that supports the fire department in many different ways. I remember talking to Denise Lombardi about joining the fire department and she was not sure yet. Well, she joined and jumped in with both feet. Then we got her husband Rob to join. Denise and Rob Lombardi have become a huge asset to the fire department and the town. They both have taken several classes and their store is a welcome addition to Hurleyville. (You can get a great cup of coffee there).

In August of 2022, there

was a working structure fire at 314 Main Street across from Behan's garage, where Past Chief of the Hurleyville Fire Department George Gibson was working. He saw the smoke, went across the street, and alerted the residents in all the apartments and helped evacuate them safely. For his actions, he was presented with the Hurleyville Fire Department Chief's Award.

The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of the Firefighter of the Year Award to Ron Besimer for the year 2022. Ron only has a few years under his belt in the firehouse, but has made his presence felt. He has taken a few courses, and is involved in all aspects of firematics in the firehouse. He has become one of the main drivers at all hours of the day and night, and just recently was elected first lieutenant. An award well deserved.

The fire department traveled to the Hortonville Parade and Field Day, and came away with two trophies. One for Best Appearing Apparatus, and the other for Best Marching Unit. Members spent the week prior to the parade getting Engine 11-11 ready, and it paid off with the first-place trophy.

Next, it is on to the Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters parade hosted by the Roscoe fire department on Saturday, September 9. Lineup is at 1 p.m. with step-off at 2 p.m. Trophies will be presented at 5:30 p.m.

Fire calls county wide have not slowed down since the last column. Activated alarms



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George Gibson (left) was presented with the Chief's Award.



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The Firefighter of the Year Award went to Ron Besimer (center).



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Mendy Greenspan (seated) received a standing ovation in recognition of 70 years of service to the fire department.

continue to keep us busy. There is a lot of road construction going on all around the county and there have been a number of accidents in the construction zones. Slow down, and pay attention to the flaggers in the construction zones. There have been a few water rescue calls on the rivers, and searches for lost and injured hikers. Vehicle fires also seem to be on the rise the past few weeks.

Hurleyville had an electrical fire in a trailer with a minimum amount of damage. There were no working smoke detectors present. This fire happened in the early evening, it could have been catastrophic in the middle of the night. **SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES.**

As you read this, a few trees may have some color in their leaves. Summer is slowly winding down. **NOW** is

the time to get your furnace cleaned, chimney cleaned and inspected and get ready for the winter heating season. While you are at it do not forget to clean the lint trap in your dryer.

Be safe out there.

LIBERTY—New federal and state rules allow certain benefits to be replaced if they have been stolen through electronic means (card skimming, cloning, third-party misrepresentation or other similar fraudulent methods such as phishing).

“Scammers are constantly looking for ways to separate people from their money, including those who are on government assistance,” says Sullivan County Deputy Commissioner of Social Services Giselle Steketee. “And they do it both on the Internet and at card-reading machines like ATMs, so people always need to be vigilant.”

“Thankfully,” she adds, “this new legislation allows us to refund stolen money to victims, ensuring they don’t endure further hardship because of crafty criminals.”

1. If Your Benefits Have Been Stolen

Immediately contact EBT Customer Service Helpline to report your card stolen and request a replacement EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) card by:

- calling 1-888-328-6399
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After you have reported your EBT card stolen and requested a replacement card, you can apply for replacement benefits. If you already received a replacement card since your benefits were stolen, you do not need to replace your card again.

2. Eligibility for Replacement Benefits

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THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

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COMPILED BY **Sullivan County Historian John Conway**

September 13, 1916 Electricity is Here

Clarence Baker is preparing to open an electrical supply house in Hurleyville and is prepared to install Western Electric stationary lighting plants. Now that we have electricity, Hurleyville is in need of just such a man as Mr. Baker, who can always be found and can be relied upon to do the right thing and we trust that the people will give him the patronage that such a business needs for support.

September 10, 1937 Quietest Labor Day for Sullivan County

The quietest Labor Day holiday ever to occur since Sullivan County became famous as a summer resort was experienced over the past weekend. Although several opinions were heard as to the date of the last concurrence of the Jewish New Year and Labor Day, all were agreed that it was before the present century.

Stores took a three day holiday which started Sunday and extended until Tuesday night. Even restaurants open twenty-four hours daily were closed for the duration of the Jewish holiday. Somewhat similar conditions prevailed in Monticello, South Fallsburg, Liberty and Woodridge.

Some of the large hotels engaged cantors to conduct religious services while in almost every other resort laymen took charge. Sports and dancing were kept to a minimum, but even though these



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

Three Identical Strangers, a documentary with a local connection, played at the Hurleyville Arts Centre Cinema.

conditions had been anticipated, all hotels were liberally patronized, though perhaps not quite so heavily as on other Labor Day weekends.

Annual G.O.P. Picnic Marks Opening of Election Campaign

Lewis K. Rockefeller of Hudson, Republican designee for Congress, William A. Chandler of Neversink, candidate for Assemblyman, District Attorney Henry Hirschberg of Newburgh, William R. Ryan, candidate for County Treasurer, Special Judge Henry F. Gardner of Callicoon, P.V.D. Gott of Goshen, and others will be among the speakers Saturday evening, September 11 at the annual Republican picnic and rally at the Sackett Lake House, three miles from Monticello. Republicans from all 15 towns are invited to attend, Chairman Howard Beecher said today. The picnic is under the auspices of the Town of Thompson Republican clubs.

Prominent Democrat Passes Away

Political friends and foes alike paid tribute on Wednesday to the memory of John K. Evans of Bloomingburg, former Assemblyman and leader of Sullivan County Democrats for more than 40 years, who died Saturday at Horton Memorial Hospital in Middletown.

September 2016 Welcome to the Hurleyville Arts Centre Community to Get Sneak Peak at Exciting New Venture

The afternoon of September 10 is destined to become a milestone in the hamlet's history as the day the community will get its first opportunity to tour the new Hurleyville Arts Centre.

The public is invited as the Arts Centre, to be hereafter referred to as HC Arts, will open its doors for an informal gathering and a special preview of things to come. This special event begins at 1 PM, and guests will be free to min-

Stolen Assistance Benefits Can Now Be Replaced

But Be Quick About Reporting Theft

Before applying for replacement benefits, note that:

- Benefits must have been stolen electronically through skimming, cloning or phishing.
- Benefits can only be replaced up to two times per federal fiscal year, which is October 1 to September 30.
- The law limits benefit replacements to the amount that was stolen, or two (2) times the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and/or TA (Temporary Assistance) cash benefits received in the last full month of issuance before benefits were stolen, whichever is less.

Even if your SNAP or TA case has closed since benefits were stolen, you may still be eligible for replacement benefits.

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complete and submit the application. Make sure you have your case number and client identification number (CIN), along with the date, location and amount of any fraudulent transactions.

If you received benefits from any county outside of NYC at the time of theft, you must submit a paper application to the local department of social services where you currently live. There is no online application for counties outside of New York City, but you can download and print the application at <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/applications/5215.pdf>.

Submit the application in any of these ways (Sullivan County residents only):

- Drop it off at the Sullivan County Department of Social Services, 16 Community Lane, Liberty.
- Mail to the Sullivan County Department of Social Services, 16 Community Lane, Liberty, NY 12754.
- Upload to NYDocSubmit via mobile app.

The Department of Social Services has 30 days to determine eligibility for replacement benefits, process applications and issue benefits. You will receive a notice telling you the outcome of the determination.

4. Stay Vigilant Against Scams

It is important to understand how EBT benefits can be stolen, and ways to protect your benefits.

- Card skimming directly copies card and personal identification number (PIN) infor-

mation from EBT cardholders using a device (skimmers) placed on top of a store's card reading machine. The stolen data is used to access your EBT account and spend your SNAP and TA cash benefits. Skimming can happen anywhere you swipe your EBT card, including automated teller machines (ATMs).

Phishing scams appear as official and legitimate emails, text messages, or phone calls that try to get you to disclose information about you or your EBT card. Thieves can use this information to access your account and spend your SNAP and cash benefits.

Protect your benefits in the following ways:

- Inspect the card reading machine before you use it. Skimmers are designed to look like the card reading machine that they fit over and will likely be difficult to notice. However, there are some signs that may indicate that a skimmer is being used, including:
 - o Some block LED indicator lights or illuminated backlit keypad numbers, or partially cover stylus/pen trays.
 - o The faceplate may be loose, appear ill-fitting, or be easily dislodged from the body of the machine.
 - o The faceplate may be miscolored, texturally mismatched, or otherwise appear different than the body of the card reading machine.
 - o The easiest way to check for a skimmer is to gently pull up on the terminal. They are flimsy and will come right off.

gle and enjoy light refreshments, as well as get a sneak peak at the cinema in action. A series of live performances will commence at 1:45 PM sharp, and will include local speakers, talented young performers from Hurleyville's own Main Street Dance, a demonstration by New York City based Tango artists Diego Blanco and Ana Padron, and an innovative presentation by Heidi Latsky's internationally renowned dance company.

**September 2018
THREE IDENTICAL STRANGERS' COMING TO H.A.C. SUNY Sullivan Plays a Key Role**

The 2018 film documentary, "Three Identical Strangers" touts itself as "the most amazing, incredible, remarkable true story ever told," and that just might be an understatement.

The movie starts out telling the straightforward story of three brothers—identical triplets—who were separated at birth. But there comes a point where the feel good aspects of the story are abruptly eclipsed by much darker elements that will leave viewers wondering if it could possibly be true.

There is a local angle to the story, as well. In an uncanny coincidence, two of the brothers were reunited as the result of both attending SUNY Sullivan in Loch Sheldrake, although not at the same time. In the fall of 1980, when 19-year-old Bobby Shafraan arrived at the Sullivan campus for the first time, he was taken aback by the number of students who greeted him as if they knew him, although they were meeting for the very first time. Finally, when one of those students called him "Eddy," the mystery began to unfold.

If you notice any signs that a skimmer may be in use, do not swipe your card and alert the store manager. Contact the police and notify your local department of social services as soon as possible.

- Do not share your personal identification number (PIN) with anyone that you do not want to use your account. New York State, County, and EBT staff will never ask you to share your PIN. If someone asks you to tell them your PIN, assume it is a scam.
- Never write your PIN on your card or on the card sleeve. If you need someone outside your household to access your EBT benefits on your behalf, contact the Department of Social Services about naming an Authorized Representative on your case.
- Cover the keypad when you enter your PIN on a machine. Never let anyone, even a store cashier, see you enter your PIN at a machine.
- Choose a PIN that is difficult to guess and change it frequently. If you change your PIN after every transaction, anyone attempting to steal your benefits will no longer have the correct information to access your account. You may change your PIN with the help of EBT Customer Service by calling 888-328-6399 or by visiting www.connectebt.com.
- Check your EBT transactions frequently for any suspicious transactions. If you believe your benefits have been stolen, report that your EBT card has been stolen and request a new card.

BUSY SUMMER FOR AKTION CLUB

LOCH SHELDRAKE — The Aktion Club of Sullivan County, comprised of individuals with disabilities affiliated with the Arc Greater Hudson Valley, New Hope Community, and The Center for Discovery, has been kept busy during the months of June, July and August hosting several events.

The group held a Spring Spectacular Talent Show on June 5 at the New Hope Community Theatre in Loch Sheldrake. The evening was a huge success, with the talented members singing, dancing and telling jokes on stage to the delight of an enthusiastic audience cheering them on.

On July 8, a number of Club members and Agency Associates helped Allen Frishman of Mountaintale with clearing the trail and litter pluck at the Mountaintale to Woodridge Rails to Trails.

Woodridge Kiwanians Sue Kasofsky and Patrick Smith also assisted. Mr. Frishman was very appreciative of the great job that was done.



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A car wash fundraiser was held on August 5 at the Lower Broadway Arc Building in Monticello. Each customer was greeted with a smile, and the members did an outstanding job washing the car exterior, tires and windows, and wiping down the cars to a deep shine. There was no charge for the car wash, but donations were gladly accepted, and \$245.00 was raised, which will go toward various community service events.

On August 8, four new members were installed into

the Club. They are Laura Berzofsky, Noah Ingber, Helene Gams and Nancy Guillaume. They all said they are joining in order to meet new people and to help out in the community. Woodridge Kiwanis Past President Sue Kasofsky performed the installation ceremony.

The Aktion Club of Sullivan County is sponsored by both the Monticello and Woodridge Kiwanis Clubs. They are planning several events which will continue to keep them busy during the Fall months.

A LOST MASTERPIECE

A short story by A.A. Milne

The short essay on "The Improbability of the Infinite" which I was planning for you yesterday will now never be written. Last night my brain was crammed with lofty thoughts on the subject--and for that matter, on every other subject. My mind was never so fertile. Ten thousand words on any theme from Tin-tacks to Tomatoes would have been easy to me. That was last night. This morning I have only one word in my brain, and I cannot get rid of it. The word is "Teralbay."

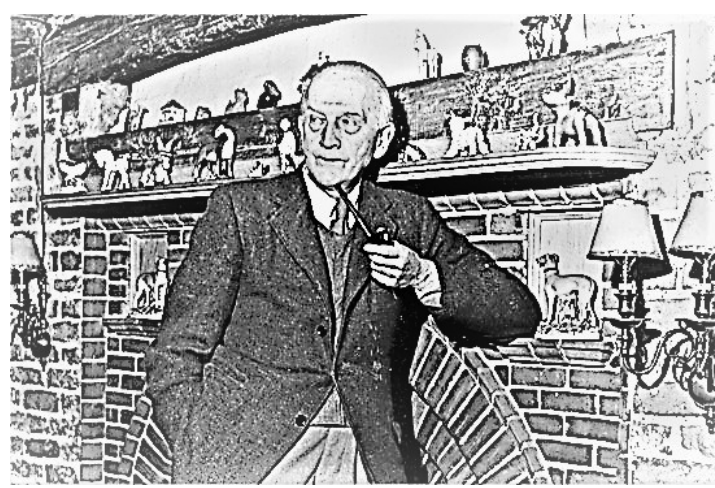
Teralbay is not a word which one uses much in ordinary life. Rearrange the letters, however, and it becomes such a word. A friend--no, I can call him a friend no longer--a person gave me this collection of letters as I was going to bed and challenged me to make a proper word of it. He added that Lord Melbourne--this, he alleged, is a well-known

historical fact--Lord Melbourne had given this word to Queen Victoria once, and it had kept her awake the whole night. After this, one could not be so disloyal as to solve it at once. For two hours or so, therefore, I merely toyed with it. When ever I seemed to be getting warm I hurriedly thought of something else. This quixotic loyalty has been the undoing of me; my chances of a solution have slipped by, and I am beginning to fear that they will never return. While this is the case, the only word I can write about is Teralbay.

Teralbay--what does it make? There are two ways of solving a problem of this sort. The first is to waggle your eyes and see what you get. If you do this, words like "alterably" and "laboratory" emerge, which a little thought shows you to be wrong. You may then waggle your eyes again, look at

it upside down or sideways, or stalk it carefully from the southwest and plunge upon it suddenly when it is not ready for you. In this way it may be surprised into giving up its secret. But if you find that it cannot be captured by strategy or assault, then there is only one way of taking it. It must be starved into surrender. This will take a long time, but victory is certain.

There are eight letters in Teralbay and two of them are the same, so that there must be 181,440 ways of writing the letters out. This may not be obvious to you at once; you may have thought that it was only 181,439; but you may take my word for it that I am right. (Wait a moment while I work it out again.... Yes, that's it.) Well, now suppose that you put down a new order of letters--such as "raytable"--every six seconds, which is very easy going, and suppose that



A.A. MILNE

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you can spare an hour a day for it; then by the 303rd day--a year hence, if you rest on Sundays--you are bound to have reached a solution.

But perhaps this is not playing the game. This, I am sure, is not what Queen Victoria did. And now I think of it, history does not tell us what she did do, beyond that she passed a sleepless night. (And that she still liked Melbourne afterwards--which is surprising.) Did she ever

guess it? Or did Lord Melbourne have to tell her in the morning, and did she say, "Why, of course!" I expect so. Or did Lord Melbourne say, "I'm awfully sorry, madam, but I find I put a 'y' in too many?" But no--history could not have remained silent over such a tragedy as that. Besides, she went on liking him.

When I die "Teralbay" will be written on my heart. While I live it shall be my

telegraphic address. I shall patent a breakfast food called "Teralbay"; I shall say "Teralbay!" when I miss a 2-ft. putt; the Teralbay carnation will catch your eye at the Temple show. I shall write anonymous letters over the name. "Fly at once; all is discovered--Teralbay." Yes, that would look rather well.

I wish I knew more about Lord Melbourne. What sort of words did he think of? The thing couldn't be "aeroplane" or "telephone" or "googly," because these weren't invented in his time. That gives us three words less. Nor, probably, would it be anything to eat; a Prime Minister would hardly discuss such subjects with his Sovereign. I have no doubt that after hours of immense labour you will triumphantly suggest "rateably." I suggested that myself, but it is wrong. There is no such word in the dictionary. The

same objection applies to "bat-early"--it ought to mean something, but it doesn't.

So I hand the word over to you. Please do not send the solution to me, for by the time you read this I shall either have found it out or else I shall be in a nursing home. In either case it will be of no use to me. Send it to the Postmaster-General or one of the Geddeses or Mary Pickford. You will want to get it off your mind.

As for myself I shall write to my fr---, to the person who first said "Teralbay" to me, and ask him to make something of "sabet" and "donureb." When he has worked out the corrections--which, in case he gets the wrong ones, I may tell him here are "beast" and "boulder"--I shall search the dictionary for some long word like "intellectual." I shall alter the order of the letters and throw in a couple of "g's" and a "k". And

then I shall tell them to keep a spare bed for him in my nursing home.

Well, I have got "Teralbay" a little off my mind. I feel better able now to think of other things. Indeed, I might almost begin my famous essay on "The Improbability of the Infinite." It would be a pity for the country to lose such a masterpiece--she has had quite enough trouble already what with one thing and another. For my view of the Infinite is this: that although beyond the Finite, or, as one might say, the Commensurate, there may or may not be a--

Just a moment. I think I have it now. T--R--A----

No....

Among other things, A.A. Milne is known for his creation of Winnie the Pooh. His short story, A Lost Masterpiece was first published in 1920. It is in the public domain.

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FORESTBURGH-- The Forestburgh Playhouse is excited to announce a very special benefit concert starring Sullivan County songstress, Patti Greco Sunshine.

On Friday, September 22, Ms. Sunshine will take the stage to help raise funds for Catskill Animal Rescue (CARE) and regale the audience with jazz, cabaret and contemporary favorites.

"I am thrilled to bring Patti Greco Sunshine back to our cabaret stage," said Franklin Trapp, Producer of the Playhouse. "Our audiences are always thrilled with her fabulous vocals and charismatic performances. I am also grateful to get the chance to support an important and impactful organization like Catskill Animal Rescue."

CARE was established in May of 2014 to address the critical lack of resources in Sullivan County for unwanted, neglected and abused

animals. Catskill Animal Rescue is a non-profit organization that provides low cost spaying/neutering, adoption services, public education, support for enforcement of cruelty laws and shelter for animals in need.

According to Les Kristt, a Board member of CARE, the organization houses "dogs and cats that are mistreated, homeless or abandoned. We constantly need funds to care for the animals. We then try to find good fur-ever homes for our wonderful, warm, furry friends. Join us to enjoy the fabulous Patti Greco Sunshine--a pleasant portion of the admission will benefit our needy CARE animals."

Tickets to the event are \$30 per person, with proceeds benefiting CARE. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for dinner, and show time is at 8 p.m.

Raffles and a 50/50 will further support this worthy organization.

CASSARO PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

Fallsburg P.D.



Fallsburg officials, including Supervisor Kathy Rappaport (second from right) congratulate Sgt. Chris Cassaro (third from right) on his promotion.

FALLSBURG -- The Town of Fallsburg Police Department has announced the promotion of Officer Chris Cassaro to the rank of Sergeant.

This well-deserved advancement recognizes Officer Cassaro's dedication, commitment, and exemplary service to

the community. Sergeant Cassaro's promotion comes because of his consistent demonstration of professionalism and his ongoing contributions to maintaining safety within the Town of Fallsburg.

Chief of Police Simmie Williams expressed his confidence in Officer Cassaro's capabilities: "Sergeant Cassaro's proven leadership, exceptional work ethic, and unwavering commitment to public safety make

him an outstanding addition to our leadership team. His ability to connect with the community and his peers is truly commendable."

Town Supervisor Kathy Rappaport also commended

the promotion, stating, "Sergeant Cassaro's commitment to community engagement and his proactive approach to law enforcement will undoubtedly enhance our town's safety measures. His promotion is well-deserved, and I have full confidence in his ability to excel in this leadership role."

Sergeant Cassaro has been an integral part of the Town of Fallsburg Police Department for consistently going above and beyond to uphold the department's mission. As he steps into his new role, he will undoubtedly continue to contribute to the safety and security of Fallsburg residents.

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RADIO CATSKILL ANNOUNCES 2023 COMMUNITY AWARDS

Honoring Outstanding Contributions To Local Arts & Culture

LIBERTY-- Radio Catskill has announced the recipients of its 2023 Community Awards, honoring outstanding contributions to local arts and culture. The annual awards ceremony will be held Thursday, September 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Seminary Hill Orchard and Ciderly in Callicoon, New York.

"We're fortunate to live in an area with an abundance of wonderful arts organizations and we're pleased to recognize some of the individuals and groups committed to enriching our communities through the arts," said Tim Bruno, General Manager of Radio Catskill.

The 2023 honorees are:

- Catskill Art Space (CAS)
- Delaware Valley Arts Alliance
- NACL Theatre
- Shandee Music Festival
- Wayne County Arts Alliance
- Weekend of Chamber



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Radio Catskill
General Manager Tim Bruno

Music

- Special Recognition: Harold Tighe, Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop
- Special Recognition: Franklin Trapp, Forestburgh Playhouse

Ticket and event information is available at: <https://wjffradio.kindful.com/e/2023-radio-catskill-community-awards>

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BILL CARLSON GOLF TOURNAMENT



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The winning foursome poses at the Tarry Brae clubhouse after their victory.

by Jack Halchak

SOUTH FALLSBURG — The 12th Annual Bill Carlson Golf Classic is now on the scorecard. On a perfectly

manicured Tarry Brae golf course on a bright and sunny day, 18 foursomes teed off in a shotgun start using the best ball format.

After a fine lunch put on

by golf pro Geoff Walsh and his staff, it was time to hit the links.

After the final golfer finished, there was an excellent awards dinner of steak and all

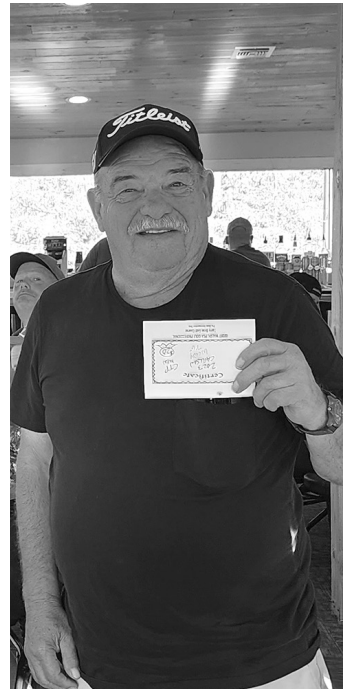


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Ernest "Woody" Wood, winner of the closest to the pin contest.

the trimmings prepared by the staff at Tarry Brae in the newly renovated clubhouse. The new clubhouse is beautiful, with windows that overlook the course.



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John Brewer had the longest drive among the men.

Shooting a sizzling 17-under par 55, the team of Keith Shaddock, John Hinkley, Mike Kushetsky and Rodney Jester were the winners. The second-place team of Braiden

DeGraw, Mike Scuderi, Brett Noonan and Jim Bertholf shot a respectable 11-under par 61. Closest to the pin was Billy Wood at seven feet six inches on the par three seventh hole.



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Carena Collura won for the longest drive among the women players.

The longest drive of the day on the par four, 16th hole was John Brewer, and new this year, the longest drive for the ladies was Carena Collura.

There is no doubt that Bill

was looking down at us and was grinning from ear to ear at the great turn out, and he would be very pleased with the newly renovated clubhouse.

Fortress Bikes and The Bat Girls Finish Season Strong

Sullivan County Women's Softball League



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Fortress Bikes owner Hal Simon with the softball team's championship trophy.



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Denise Lombardi of the Hurleyville General Store with the team's trophy.

HURLEYVILLE — Teams from the hamlet were dominant this season in both the A and B Divisions of the Sullivan County Women's Softball League.

The Fortress Bikes team, sponsored by Fortress Bikes, finished their regular season with a 10-6 record. They followed that up by winning the B Division

playoff championships in two games against Dominick's Plumbing.

The Bat Girls team, sponsored by The Hurleyville General Store, finished their regular season with a record of 14-6. They lost the A Division playoff championships in two games to L & B Tack.

Congratulations to both squads on terrific seasons!

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!

September Questions:

- Which college football team has had the most players drafted in the first round of the NFL Draft?
- Which college football team has appeared in the most bowl games over the years?
- Which college football team has won the most overall conference championships?
- Army and Navy have met on the gridiron almost every year since the rivalry began in 1890. Who leads the series?
- What two colleges meet annually in the Red River Rivalry?

August Answers:

- In what year was Major League Soccer founded? (1993)
- Which team has won the most MLS Cups? (Los Angeles Galaxy, 5)
- Which player holds the record for the most goals scored in a single MLS regular season? (Carlos Vela, 34 goals in 2019)
- What current MLS team has the largest stadium in terms of seating capacity? (Atlanta United, 71,000 capacity at Mercedes-Benz Stadium)
- Which city is home to the first Canadian MLS team? (Toronto)

There was no winner last month.

FIFTY YEARS AGO...

Sullivan Runner Impresses

with Last Place Finish

by John Conway

MONTGOMERY — It was in September of 1973—50 years ago this month—and Orange County Community College was hosting its annual Colt Invitational Cross Country Meet at Orange County Park in Montgomery.

As expected, Allegheny Community College, from the Pittsburgh area of Pennsylvania, dominated the 19-school meet, its runners capturing the first four spots, and eight of the first ten, leading to a meet victory for the fourth straight year. All ten of the Allegheny runners finished in the top 15 at the race.

Allegheny, which had never lost a cross country meet since starting to participate in the sport, winning 72 straight meets, had a team score of 17, far outpacing the number two school, Camden Community College (NJ),

which had 86. Orange County Community College finished seventh in the scoring, with 184 points, and Sullivan County Community College was 13th with 395.

By far the loudest applause of the day, however, came not for an Allegheny harrier, but for a Sullivan County Community College runner. "Getting a big round of applause at the finish line was the meet's only female entrant, Linda MacDowell of Sullivan County Community College," the Times Herald-Record reported in its September 30, 1973 edition. "Linda was edged by Clayton Hadley of Staten Island Community College in a homestretch sprint. She was last among the 108 runners."

Schools from four different states competed in the meet, and Middlesex (NJ), New York City, Staten Island, Rockland, Ulster, and Westchester all finished behind Sullivan County.

FCSD BALLFIELDS GET UPGRADES

FALLSBURG — with the new school year on the horizon, the fallsburg central school district has put forth a series of building upgrades and renovation projects.

Restoration has begun at the softball field, located at the benjamin cosor elementary school. Existing material has been removed from the infield and replaced with six inches of new sand and material. A new drainage system will also be installed; running from the left field fence to the backstop. The perimeter, area around the batter's box, first and third base lines, and the arc from first to third base will be re-sodded. And lastly, first, second, and third bases, home plate, and the pitcher's mound will be replaced. The project is anticipated to be completed before the start of the school year.

The baseball field, located at the junior-senior high school, installed safety net-

ting in late July to increase protection for students and spectators. The netting runs parallel along the first base line and is partially wrapped around right field.

As a way to address the shortage of available space, the district plans to install modular storage buildings on the elementary and high school grounds. The buildings are expected to arrive sometime during the 2023-2024 school year. And in order to supplement the parking spaces that will be lost to the modular buildings, the high school is creating additional spaces in its front parking lot. The anticipated date of completion is expected to be the end of August.

And lastly, benjamin cosor elementary school will see upgrades to their recreational areas by the start of the school year. The two playgrounds will be replaced with brand new equipment, benches, and trash bins.

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