

A HAPPENING IN HURLEYVILLE

Borscht Belt Marker Dedication Scheduled

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE—The Borscht Belt Marker Project comes to Hurleyville on Sunday, July 21, when the project's seventh marker will be unveiled in front of the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre. The marker dedication is just part of a series of events that promise to make the day one to remember.

Borscht Belt Marker Project coordinator Marisa Scheinfeld calls it "a literary and arts expo celebrating the Borscht Belt."

The Borscht Belt Marker Project is described as "a group of locals, artists, and historians dedicated to commemorating the history of the Borscht Belt, a celebrated era in American Jewish life, American culture and Catskills history."

The project's mission is "the creation of a large-scale historic marker trail that leads audiences on an educational and adventurous tour through history."

Ms. Scheinfeld has been heading up the project along with photographer Isaac Jeffreys.

Ms. Scheinfeld says the 20-plus marker trail "aspires to permanently cement the Borscht Belt in its physical place and pay tribute to its legacy." When completed, she says the trail will be united by a self-guided audio driving tour enhanced by photographs and QR codes.

The project is made possible with funding from a Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grant from the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and Purchase College. Additional partners for the

event include the Jewish American Society for Historic Preservation, Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre, Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association, the Sullivan County Historical Society, and the hamlet of Hurleyville.

Speakers at the Hurleyville marker will include one time Saturday Night Live writer Alan Zweibel, Gary Dan, formerly of the Morningside Hotel in Hurleyville, and this writer, your Sullivan County Historian.

"This historic marker will pay tribute to Hur-



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY

leyville's Borscht Belt era, including the legendary Mel Brooks, who began his comedic career at age 14 at Hurleyville's Butler

Lodge," Ms. Scheinfeld said.

An "Author's Row" book and merchandise sale will follow the mark-

er dedication at 2 p.m. at Morgan Outdoors, at 234 Main Street. A number of books about the Catskills and its history, as well as merchandise inspired by Borscht Belt locales will be featured.

From 1:30 to 4:30, the Collaborative College High School will host the exhibit, "Catskilland: Billboards of the Borscht Belt" at its campus at 202 Main Street. This

fascinating slideshow presents iconic Sullivan and Ulster County billboards documented for over six decades by Keller Signs, now part of the collection

of the Sullivan County Historical Society.

The HAPPENING continues at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre (HPAC) with a ticketed performance of Sam Sadigursky's "Solomon Diaries" beginning at 3 p.m.

Mr. Sadigursky is a member of the Philip Glass Ensemble, has released 11 albums and tours with musicians such as David Byrne, Bruce Hornsby and Tom Jones. Sadigursky has performed at the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Newport Jazz Festival, among others.

The immersive "Solomon Diaries" is a series of three albums written by Mr. Sadigursky, inspired by the Borscht Belt. The music blends klezmer,

jazz, American folk, and Middle Eastern rhythms in a "compelling musical remembrance of a bygone era."

Tickets for the "Solomon Diaries" can be purchased online or at the box office outside HPAC.

Many Main Street merchants will also be participating in the "Happening" by offering specials throughout the day.

Most of the events for the day are free and open to all, except for the musical performance at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre, which is a ticketed event.

"I think this Happening will resonate with people and will help us draw a crowd for what we anticipate and hope to be our biggest event of the summer," Ms. Scheinfeld said.

Introducing "Friends of The Center" FCSD Hosts Sixth Grade Moving Up Ceremony

by Lily Barrish Levner

HURLEYVILLE – Last fall, Cris Spinner set an idea in motion to create a group called "Friends of The Center," comprising parents, community members, and employees at The Center for Discovery.

Ms. Spinner asked Dr. Theresa Hamlin, president and CEO of

The Center, how she, as a Center parent and resident

of the community, could become more involved in helping to share The Center's purpose. It was decided Ms. Spinner would work directly with the Recruitment team to develop goals and to come up with a mission statement. The committee also works in conjunction with the Strategic Outreach and Partnerships office under the direction of Michael Rosen.

The two-fold agenda is, first and foremost, to spread the word about the good work that The Center provides every single day. The next goal is encouraging people to look at The Center as a career opportunity to learn how it can benefit them, and how they can grow their skill sets as part of the unparalleled non-profit organization.

Even though people might be aware of The Center, they don't necessarily know the impact from every department. Spotlighting entry level, resident assistants, direct care, nurses, teachers, and all positions available, the Friends group is hoping to reach not only Sullivan County, but Ulster, Putnam, and Orange counties, and even as far away as Westchester County.

"We want this to be a team effort; it's a collaborative effort between all representative groups. We want to



PHOTO BY LILY BARRISH LEVNER
Cris Spinner

share who we are, what we do, and how one might be able to find their way into this fabulous organization," Ms. Spinner said.

Not only is Ms. Spinner a parent of 29-year-old Anthony, a 10-year resident, at The Center for Discovery, but she's also very involved in the entire Sullivan County community. An active member of Monticello Rotary, she's set to be president of that organization in 2026. You can often find her performing concerts, on her own time and dime, solo, or with her vast group of dedicated musician friends under the "Voices Heard" moniker, or with the Music Therapy program at The Center. A music educator for 39 years in Westchester before retiring and moving here to be near her son, she now focuses on podcasting, performing, and doing charitable work.

At present, along with Ms. Spinner, the core of the Friends committee includes: Jonathan Fanning, Director of Recruitment, Allison White, Angelee Santillo, Liz Schulper, and Denise Sullivan. As the work grows, the committee will grow too. Denise Sullivan knows The Center well, not only having worked there, but as a Hurleyville resident and longtime community volunteer. She's helping to reach

school career programs to bring visitors in, where appropriate, to plant the seed of the possibilities for future employment at The Center.

"I'm happy to serve on the Friends committee, spreading the word about TCFD, and shining light on the dedicated people that make it an exemplary organization," Ms. Sullivan said.

"Introducing young people to career possibilities was one of my favorite jobs in education, so it feels like a great fit."

Ms. Spinner is in the process of talking to civic organizations and service clubs. For several months, each Thursday she's been speaking at Basecamp, The Center's classes for the new employees. She offers a parent's perspective and personalizes her speeches so that people realize working there has real meaning.

"There's almost a spirituality to it," she said. "You're giving of yourself; you're ministering to people when you are caring for people. For me, The Center for Discovery remains the biggest blessing in my life."

In the early stages, the Friends of The Center has already become a positive influence around town. With many plans in mind, they've been forging their way into a social media presence. Eventually, they'll bring their talks to more accessible places for the public.

In capable hands with Dr. Theresa Hamlin, there is a clear path forward. The Friends are excited to share all that is ahead. Ms. Spinner has created a team with a lasting legacy.

"We want to be a force of good for The Center for Discovery," she said.

FALLSBURG – On June 24, the Fallsburg Central School District held its annual Sixth Grade Moving Up Ceremony at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School. Each of the 107 sixth grade students were recognized for completing their elementary education and transitioning into becoming middle school students.

The following students were recognized: Vanesa Ahmetaj, Henry Aleman Diaz, Yasmina Aquil, Brianny Argueta Hernandez, Giselle Ascencio Martinez, Joshua Babcock, Ellis Basic, Nyona Bolding, Yolady Brizuela-Alvarado, Walker Budde, Jameel Cabrero, Ever Canales Gutierrez, Darlin Chub Ujpan, Mildred Chun Choc, Annaliese Clark, Hailley Conkling, Kaleb Cross, Shanik Cruz Amarante, Carleon DaCosta, Aaliyah Deis, Franco DiCostanzo, George DiNapoli, Mylaan Dolberry, Kimberly Duncan, Dania Duque Enamorado, Addison Eckerson, Shamiyah Foy, Janary Fuentes Ardon, Kelvin Garcia Giron, Erika Garcia-Ponce, Charlie Giron Saravia, Genesis Gonzalez Alvarez, Evelyn Gonzalez-Babcock, Luis Granados Alvarez, Yonathan Granados Garcia, David Hernandez Martinez, Michael Herrera, Jeremiah Hinton, Carsyn Hoefling, Andrew Inestroza, Aryan-na Irby, Khloe Jordy, Brenden Larason, Juan Larrabondo Montano, Jordan Lopez, Saleth Lopez Martinez, Madison Lucas, Joaquin Lundy,



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Margie Madrid Castro, Victoria Manjarrez Paredes, Jacklyn Mariaca, Angelique Marquez-Zaxapexpan, Kimberley Martinez-Moreno, Riot McCoy, Te'ayah McKenny, Annabella Mead, Reja Meer, Sofia Membreno Rodriguez, Hanna Mendieta Quiroz, Erick Menjivar Avila, Josue Mora Ceron, Gabriela Mota Archer, Brittany Murillo Moran, Gjon Narkaj, Lila Odom, Fernanda Ortega Aguilar, Dylan Osborne, Kyle Patton, Ariel Payne, Ervin Ponce Hernandez, Tjyan Price, Kaylie Price, London Redding-Hall, Logan Retana, Alexandra Reyes Lopez, Genesis Reyes-Robles, Makayla Rivers, Malika Rivers, Merary Rodriguez Mejia, Leon Rodriguez Morales, Leonardo Rojas, Christian Ruff Johnson, Christopher Saciolo, Jessica Saciolo, Anthony Santos Morales, Marco Sarrieno-Joya, Daylin Sierra Lizama, Claudia Smith, Zhara Snead, Makiee Squire,

Holly Surerus, ShaNaiyah Taylor, ShaNaylah Taylor, Kenny Tenezaca Loja, Kevin Toledo, Jayden Torresel, Jayden Toxqui Hernandez, Fernando Turcios Garcia, Elise Vargas, Ambar Vasquez, John Vasquez Lemus, Daniel Vasquez-Nunez, Heaven Wilson, Kyle Wyllie, Allison Yautentzi Reyes, Jocelyn Zempoaltecal, and Kevin Zempoaltecal Gutierrez.

Additionally, many students received certificates for their academic achievements, leadership abilities, and acts of kindness. Here are the students and their respective award:

English as a Second Language Award: Fernanda Ortega Aguilar and Fernando Turcios Garcia

New York State Comptroller's Achievement Award: Leon Rodriguez Morales, Ever Canales Gutierrez, George DiNapoli, Ariel Payne, and Jessica Saciolo

Triple "C" Award: Alison Yautent-

zi Reyes and Genesis Gonzalez Alvarez

Moses B. Searles Memorial Award: Aaliyah Deis and Margie Madrid Castro

Mary E. White Award: London Redding-Hall and Kimberly Duncan Robynne Anderman-Pacheco

Memorial Award: Addison Eckerson

Lion's Club Service Award: Giselle Ascencio Martinez and Genesis Reyes-Robles

Irene Kushner Memorial Art Award: Holly Surerus, Jessica Saciolo and Ever Canales Gutierrez

PTA Lenore Wasserman Memorial Award: Heaven Wilson

PTA Nancy Solomon Character Award: Victoria Manjarrez Paredes

PTA Shirley Wiles Memorial Award: Charlie Giron Saravia

PTA Student Progress Award: Makiee Squire

PTA Academic Achievement

Award: Reja Meer

Bonnie Hinckley Memorial Award: Brianny Argueta Hernandez

Allen Payton Memorial Award: Dania Duque Enamorado and Ever Canales Gutierrez

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award: Sofia Membrano Rodriguez, Brittany Murillo Moran, Leon Rodriguez Morales, Alexandra Margothe Reyes Lopez, Leonardo Rojas, Allison Yautentzi Reyes, Giselle Ascencio Martinez, Ever Canales Gutierrez, Darlin Chub Ujpan, Dania Duque Enamorado, Genesis Gonzalez Alvarez, Carsyn Hoefling, Jackelyn Mariaca, Amber Vasquez, Zhara Snead, London Redding-Hall, Madison Lucas, Margie Madrid Castro, Dylan Osborne, Jayden Toxqui Hernandez, Josue Mora Ceron, Kimberly Duncan, Ariel Payne, Logan Retana, Makiee Squire, Daniel Nunez-Vasquez, Heaven Wilson, Yasmina Aquil, Brianny Argueta Hernandez, Joshua Babcock, Mylaan Dolberry, Shamiyah Foy, Janary Fuentes Ardon, Khloe Jordy, Victoria Manjarrez Paredes, Genesis Reyes-Robles, Makila Rivers, Anthony Santos Morales, Claudia Smith, Kenny Tenezaca Loja, and Jocelyn Zempoaltecal

Outstanding Academic Excellence Award: Franco DiCostanzo, George DiNapoli, Makayla Rivers, Hanna Manjarrez-Paredes, Walker Budde, David Hernandez Martinez, Reja Meer, Jessica Saciolo, and Holly Surerus

KIWANIS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

MONTICELLO-- The Monticello Kiwanis Club recently presented nine scholarships, each for \$1,000, to exceptionally well-deserving Monticello High School Seniors. The venue was Robert Green Truck Division Board Room, where the recipients and their families enjoyed a delicious pizza party and graduation cupcakes. The recipients shared their plans for schooling going forward, and their professional aspirations. Principal Dr. Gary Furman was in attendance, and shared his pride of the students and wished them the best in their future endeavors. The recipients were Brielle DiCio,

Adisyn Somers, Hanna Cavello, Zachary Roosa, Anthony Belgiovone, Alexandra Dietz, Xavean Mitchell, Christina Chakar, and Jennifer Huerta. The Monticello Kiwanis Club is a civic organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time by, among other things, presenting scholarships to high school seniors, donating books to second graders, distributing food baskets, donating toys and providing personal items to children going into foster care. For further information, visit the Monticello, NY Kiwanis Facebook Page.



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From left – Xavean Mitchell, Zachary Roosa, Anthony Belgiovone, Jennifer Huerta, Adisyn Somers, Hanna Cavello, Brielle DiCio, Christina Chakar, Alexandra Dietz, Kiwanis President Marvin Rappaport and Foundation Chairperson Robert Green. Absent from photo - Principal Dr. Gary Furman.

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan

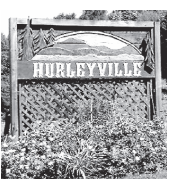


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The members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First are always working to make Hurleyville more beautiful.

HURLEYVILLE-SULLIVAN FIRST (HSF)

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. The planters and barrels need to be weeded and watered regularly. Please send an email if you'd like to help...izzysaunt@verizon.net.

The volunteers in Hurleyville-Sullivan First continue to work with local community groups and businesses in the ongoing revitalization of "the liveliest little hamlet in the mountains".

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 will be open on Thursday, July 18, and on Thursday, July 25, from 3 until 5 p.m.

"Messy Church" will be held at Morningside Park on Saturday, July 13, from 12:30 until 3 p.m. All children taking part in the fun and creative activities must be accompanied by an adult. The rain date for "Messy Church" is Saturday, July 27...same place, same time.

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

services. Please note, there is no Sunday school on the first Sunday of each month.

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

All are invited to 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 adult Bible study group meets in the sanctuary at the church every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The volunteers at the church are collecting diapers for First Way Life Center and children in foster care. They're also gathering new t-shirts and gently used jeans for veterans, along with new clothes with tags for women suffering from domestic violence. Please contact Cookie at 845-428-5871 or Goldie at 845-467-1641 for more information on the program.

Please call Lonnie at 845-798-4809 for more information on services and activities at the church. You can also get updates at the church's page on Facebook.

THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Sullivan County Historical Society and the Frederick Cook Society will be participating in Sullivan County Museum Weekend on July 27 and July 28. The special event will be held at

museum and historical societies throughout the county. For more information, visit timeandthevalleymuseum.org or call 845-985-7700.

The volunteers at the Museum work on a variety of activities including research and exhibits. Anyone interested in exploring genealogy and the history of life in Sullivan County can contact the Museum for information on volunteering.

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 Museum...behind the scenes and regular exhibits...are available. There is no charge for the hour-long tours but registration is required. Please call 845-434-8044 to make a reservation.

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

The museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, is open on Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free. Donations to meet the increasing cost of operating the museum are appreciated.

Visit the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum at www.scnyhistory.org or on Facebook.

COLUMBIA HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE (CHNA)

The members of CHNA, along with concerned community residents, continue to meet regularly in order to be ready for the next time the developer of the proposed Gan Eden Estates project on Columbia Hill appears before the Town of Thompson Planning Board. The project is an example of poor land use and is a threat to our environment.

Sustainable development and responsible development in our community have been the goals of CHNA since the group was formed in 2012. Our community does not need the destructive effects of the Gan Eden Estates project on our water supply, our streams and our wetlands. Our rural environment must be preserved. Wildlife must be kept safe. The safety of drivers on our roads must be secured.

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.

FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



AIR QUALITY

AIR QUALITY INDEX

0-50	GOOD
51-100	MODERATE
101-150	UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS
151-200	UNHEALTHY
201-300	VERY UNHEALTHY
301-500	HAZARDOUS

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed an Air Quality Index that is used to report the quality of the air in a specific area on any given day. Wikipedia notes that this AQI is divided into six categories indicating increasing levels of health concern. An AQI value over 300 represents hazardous air quality and an AQI value below 51 represents good air quality.

The AQI is based on the five "criteria" pollutants regulated under the Clean Air Act: ground-level ozone, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide.

The EPA has established National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for each of these pollutants

in order to protect public health. An AQI value of 100 generally corresponds to the level of the NAAQS for the pollutant.[12] The Clean Air Act (USA) (1990) requires the EPA to review its National Ambient Air Quality Standards every five years to reflect evolving health effects information. The Air Quality Index is adjusted periodically to reflect these changes.

Air quality index (AQI) is a measurement of the bad air caused by pollutants. The AQI tells us whether the air outside is good or bad. AQI numbers range from 0-500. The AQI is divided into six categories. See the accompanying chart.

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



YES, TRY AN APPLE A DAY!

Apples have varieties one for every person's liking You can take it in your backpack for school or woodland hiking There are golden ones and green ones Those Granny Smiths can be quite tart Just happens that the red ones have always had my heart

The Honey Crisps and Galas are tied for my first place Red Delicious and Macs used to win that race Want to satisfy your sweet tooth? Do not go for the apple pie Grab something that's more healthy It's an apple you should try!

A fast food shop or bakery Might be where you want to go When you feel you must have something sweet But a thick shake, dessert or soda Should not be what you choose Because they'll leave you wanting more of that sweet treat

So, if it seems that I am preaching It's just that I want to share If you eat fruit like an apple each day You'll prove to your body that you care

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The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

What's better than a birthday party? How about two on the same day. On expansive properties. With music!!

The first was a private party in a beautiful mountainous area just outside Grahamsville, where I and about twenty other people gathered to help BILL GRIESBECK usher in his ninety first year. Now if that number conjures up a frail man, maybe in a wheelchair, you would be oh so wrong. Maybe Bill doesn't move as fast as he once did, but he does so under his own power, and he's still so sharp that I would not want to go head to head intellectually. A lot of credit goes to his partner, LIL SCOLES. These two are always out, going somewhere, doing something and making me think my life is a couch indentation. The music was provided by JOHN-NY JULES (Bill's "other son") on guitar and vocals, and BOBBY D on Dobro and contributing vocals, doing a lot of country. In addition to Bill's career, he performed in a Country band for many years down in Orange County. And I don't mind saying that BILL and LIL are my heroes.

Leaving there, I was off to BEAVER JAM 2024, a music festival in another beautiful mountainous region in Glen Wild where I joined several hundred others in wishing the phenomenal guitarist GREG CASTRO a Happy Birthday. The fates were with me as I arrived just as he and his band THE ELECTRIC CHORDS (GREG, NICK SHERMAN on bass, and SIMON EFRON on drums) took the stage. You may remember my urging you to see them now, while you still can for a drink or two and a band tip. They have been spending a lot of time lately on the stage of one of my old stomping grounds in Manhattan, THE BITTER END. And so it begins.

And speaking of beginnings, DOUBLE UP



PHOTO BY JANE HARRISON

CATSKILLS is now open at 268 Parkville Road (Old Route 17), Parkville. This is a repurposed double-decker bus that has been fitted with a kitchen. It's the brain child of KIM and ROB RAYEVSKY. There's seating in the upstairs tier and picnic tables out in back if you wish to hang out in the lush green. And the food? Don't expect the ordinary, but do expect incredibly delicious restaurant quality. Closed Wednesdays, and their hours are listed on their website.

Summer has begun! Here are some of the music series you can catch in July: SOUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY SUMMER SERIES, 1868 NY Route 52, Liberty; 6 p.m. Tuesdays: July 9 - TOM AND TOMMY July 16 - DAY OF THE DIVAS (Laura Garone, Debbie Fisher, Joanna Gass, Cris Spinner) July 23 - AXIOM PROJECT July 30 - RICH JANOV August 5 - THE JESSIE MOWER TRIO ROCK HILL SUMMER CONCERT SERIES; 59 Adams Road, Rock Hill; 6 p.m. Wednesdays: July 7 - PAPPAS AND

MO SOUL July 17 - Somerville July 24 - DAVE WALTON BAND July 31 - DONNA SINGER/SWING SHIFT ORCHESTRA Aug 7 - THE BIG STICKY BAND BETHEL LAKESIDE MUSIC, Gazebo Park 3562 St Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake; 6 p.m. Thursdays: July 11 - RICH NORTHROP & CRIS SPINNER July 18 - TERI PARIS and SCOTT ECKERS with KID JACOB July 25 - CATBIRD and POISON LOVE Aug 1 - JAKETOWN ROAD And if that's not enough, check out these Open Mic events: DEFILIPPI'S BAKERY, 506 Broadway, Monticello; Sundays 11 a.m. to 1ish RAFTER'S TAVERN, 28 Upper Main St, Callicoon; Sundays 3 p.m. to 5ish DUTCH'S, 206 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill; one day a month, call for schedule I've been to these Open Mics, and the participants are all professionals. Go out there and have some fun! Until next time.....

Community Impact Grants Awarded

LIBERTY-- The Livingston Manor Central School District (LMCS) has been awarded the 2024 Sullivan 180 Golden Feather Community Impact Grant for the renovation of the track, basketball and tennis courts and installation of a greenhouse learning space. The District was awarded a \$250,000 state grant secured by Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and a \$100,000 Sullivan 180 Grant. The District's in-kind contribution is \$50,000 for a total grant package of \$400,000.

"We are beyond excited that LMCS has been selected to receive the Sullivan 180 Golden Feather Grant. The renovations and improvements to our existing track and outside basketball courts, coupled with the installation of a recently donated high tunnel green-

house, made possible by this grant, will greatly enhance and expand how our school and local community use our facilities. The expanded health & wellness and educational opportunities made possible by these improvements will not only benefit our students and staff but the greater Livingston Manor community as well," said LMCS Superintendent John Evans. The Town of Delaware has been awarded the \$100,000 2024 Silver Feather Community Impact Grant for the renovation and expansion of the tennis, basketball and pickleball courts at the Delaware Youth Center in Callicoon. This funding, through Sullivan 180, is made possible through the Tim Stoddard Fund at the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan County.

"The Delaware Youth Center (DYC) provides vital recreational space to the people of the Town of Delaware and neighboring communities. It's a play space, a meeting space, an event center and a place to get and stay healthy. The basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts are heavily used on a regular basis. This generous grant will allow the DYC to both expand and repair them. We're grateful to the community for keeping the DYC going strong for so many decades, and to Sullivan 180 for recognizing the value of the Youth Center's facilities in the life of our Town," said Town of Delaware Supervisor Scott DuBois. For more information about Sullivan 180, visit www.Sullivan180.org or call (845) 295-2680.

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WIZARD OF OZ



PHOTOS BY JESSE WALL
Dorothy, the Wizard, and the other colorful characters came to life as The Center for Discovery Dramatic Arts department presented two performances of "The Wizard of Oz" on Noah's Stage at the Michael Ritchie Big Barn Theater in Hurleyville at the end of May. The production was exceptionally well received by residents, staff, families, and the public.



SCOUT TROOP COMPLETES HISTORIC CEMETERY CLEANUP

ROCK HILL – 'Gone but not forgotten' is a common thought, and an appropriate one with regard to not only those no longer with us, but to their FINAL resting place, as well. On Saturday, May 18, members and leaders of the Rock Hill scout troop, in coordination with the Sullivan County Historical Society and Holiday Mountain Ski Hill owner Mike Taylor, converged on a half-acre property contiguous to the Bridgeville cemetery at the ski hill.

headstones. All that marks their final resting place is a vertical field stone taken from the surrounding stone walls.

At 7:30 AM, the four scout leaders and seven scouts were ready to go. They came with a plan of how to do it, all the necessary equipment and tools, and tremendous energy! Within four hours, they had cut up fallen dead trees, cut down a large quantity of small trees and brush, raked the entire area and used a leaf blower for the finishing touch.

All the material was stacked alongside the cemetery pathway. With great cooperation from Glenn Somers and his Town of Thompson Parks and Recreation crew, all the debris was

set aside for removal. This cleanup is a small part of two larger projects by historical society members, Nancy Bachana and brothers Henry and Gordon MacAdam.

Those projects for the Sullivan County Poor House and Neversink River Valley history between Bridgeville and Oakland Valley are in their final stages of research. A great deal of the River Gorge Project is already available on the website: THECLEO.COM, with the remaining segments posted later this year.

If anyone has any pictures or information about the Sullivan County Poor House please contact Gordon MacAdam: Gordonmac@hvc.rr.com or 845-665-1899



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BE PREPARED

Local Residents Complete Preparedness Class

SWAN LAKE — In mid-June, 51 Sullivan County residents trekked to the Emergency Services Training Center to gain valuable insight into all types of emergencies by taking the New York State Citizen Preparedness Class.

Officials from the National Guard and the New York State Office of Emergency Management led the training, focusing on how to prepare for flooding, hurricanes, hot weather, tornadoes, winter storms, fires, power outages, cybersecurity incidents and more.

Lessons learned included:
• Develop an Emergency Plan. Since an emergency can strike at any time, create a plan for you and your family. Include important contact information, a special meeting place, and a list of medications (a 7-10-day supply). Check on emergency plans in your workplace, school, daycare and where you and your family spend time.

• Build an Emergency Survival Kit. During an emergency, you may lose heat, air conditioning, and/or phone service. Build a kit to help you get by for 7-10 days. Include medical supplies, canned goods, hygiene supplies, and some tools. Don't forget to have water on hand. At the time of an emergency, it may be hard to get or find.

• Be Aware. Pay attention to the news. Some emergencies, such as weather-related ones, come with advanced notice – others just happen. Sign up for NY-Alert at www.alert.ny.gov to

get news on weather events, road closures and other local, county, regional or state alerts.

• Get Involved. Check out your home for potential safety hazards and fix them. Take a basic first aid class. Learn how to turn the power and water off, if needed. Think about joining the local fire department or ambulance corps. Learn about the Red Cross. Don't forget about your neighbors - they may need some help.

Instructors also went over when and when not to call 911; what to do after an emergency happens; how to care for pets during disasters; important documents to make and have (wills, deeds,

contacts, etc.); the need to have cash and water readily available; and the wisdom of a to-go bag kept ready at all times (one for each family member).

"This class covered a lot of material in a short period of time," said Jack Halchak, Chief Deputy Fire Coordinator for Sullivan County. "It gave those attending food for thought on how to be aware of their surroundings and plan ahead for emergencies that could happen at any moment. And at the class' conclusion, everyone received a backpack stocked with basic emergency supplies in order to get us started on preparing - on our own - for an emergency."

Primetimers of Temple Sholom of Monticello Plan Summer Trips and Events

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

Fri., July 12 – Self Drive Trip to Fort Delaware in Narrowsburg. Colonial History Tour by John Conway. Lunch on your own. Only \$25 pp.

Thurs. July 18 – Bus Trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlets in Bethlehem, PA. Enjoy an exciting day of gaming, dining and shopping. Only \$55 pp including tip and \$30 free slot play.

Fri., August 9 – Self drive trip to Buck Brook Alpaca in Roscoe. Private tour, create a fiber craft as a souvenir. Lunch on your own. Only \$25 pp.

Wed., August 14 – Day on your Own Round Trip Bus to NYC - \$55 pp. including tip.

Thurs., August 22 – Shadowland Theater Night in Ellenville. "Bee Hive the Musical". Discounted ticket price of \$36 pp. Drive on your own or car pool.

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

Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin



Twenty years ago, our neighbor planted a sprig of wisteria near the base of a sumac tree by the side of our cottage. The sumac has a sprawling canopy supported by multiple trunks. The wisteria vine has been quietly threading its way up those trunks and weaving through the sumac's branches ever since, slowly fashioning itself into a wiry isomorph of the tree.

The vine is so thin you don't notice its presence, until it surprises you. This year it surprised us in mid-May, when the wisteria flowers at long last bloomed. We woke to a day dappled by mauve streamers dangling from the sumac's branches like they'd been hung there for some celebration, a summer's version of Christmas lights.

The flowers assumed their place in the purple procession by which we mark summer's arrival: first come the lilacs, then the allium, followed by magenta clouds of rhododendron. The wisteria flowers arrived post-lilac, alongside the allium, with a heady scent that attracted a mass of pollinating bees.

All these flowers bloomed in their accustomed sequence this year, but the sequence itself shifted some two to three weeks earlier than usual, and sped by like a time-lapse version of itself. Though not as dramatic as last year's smoky, orange-tinted skies, this shift, too, was a sign of climate change, a disruption of seasonal rhythms that has caused gardeners to reset their planting schedules.

Next in the purple procession is the clematis. It started blooming on June 5 – unseasonably early, I'd say, if I knew what "unseasonably" means these days.

The clematis is a vine as flamboyant as the wisteria is stealthy. It clings to a small wrought-iron trellis on the front porch. Every spring the old tendrils, withered by winter, get severely pruned, but the vine swells back with propulsive growth, sending feelers stretching toward every surface it might plausibly attach to. This year we

watched a tendril climb with great delicacy along the edge of a spider web, heading toward the cottage eaves. It moved with such deliberation that it made a convincing case for plant intelligence.

If the intelligence manifested in the activity of a beehive or an ant colony is worthy of the appellation "hive mind," then why should there not be a "vine mind"? The botanists are considering this, with the caveat that it depends on what you mean by "intelligence" or "consciousness," slippery words that often get defined tentatively, in support of the particular range of attributions the definer means to make.

At one end of the spectrum, consciousness is defined as an exclusive property of brains (the Neurocentric Model), which would exclude plants altogether. At the other end, there's the claim of pansychism that consciousness is intrinsic to, well, *everything* (the Cosmic Model), which would include not only the clematis, but the trellis as well. Consciousness wide or narrow: take your pick. There is no scientific consensus about the matter – no more than there is *about* matter.

We do know that plants, in labs, have demonstrated responsiveness to sound and touch. We touched one tendril of our clematis, to redirect it toward a more promising support and, as it began to grow that way, fellow tendrils followed suit. The scientists tell us that some vines are "endowed with tendrils or similar finger-like structures that are responsive to touch – a behavior with the wonderfully mellifluous name of *thigmotropism*." I believe we've witnessed such behavior on our front porch.

The clematis flowers peaked before the summer solstice had even arrived, and passed the purple torch on to the emerging foxglove.

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From the Firehouse

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



The Hurleyville Fire Department is always looking for help, to fight fire or support those that do. We even supply all the gear and provide all the training needed, for free. Stop by any Monday night and find out how you can help.

For the past few months, three members of the Fire Department took BEFO/HMFRO. (Basic Exterior Fire Operations with Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations) Tom Becerral, Braiden DeGraw and Bunk Benjamin completed the 79 hours of training. This class consists of lessons both in the classroom and hands-on at the fire ground training center. This class gets the new recruits to the front door of a building. The next class IFO (Interior Fire Operations) gets you inside a building with your training. CONGRATULATIONS to Tom, Braiden and Bunk.

My wife Mary Ann and I attended a class at the Sullivan County Emergency Services Training Center titled **New York State Citizen Preparedness Class**. This class was a summation of all the hints and lessons that I have preached in this column since I started writing it. Now is the time to prepare for an emergency. Make a plan now and let your family and neighbors be ready for the next emergency event. The class was sponsored by the NY State National Guard and the NYS Office of Emergency Management. At the conclusion of the class each attendee received a "To Go Bag." It had a flashlight, first aid kit, work gloves, goggles, facemask to name a few of the items in it. Each family member should have a To Go Bag customized to their own needs. Add medication, important contact numbers, some snacks etc. Do not forget your pets' needs. Keep informed. One way is to sign up for NY-ALERT at alert.ny.gov.

I traveled to Glasco for the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association convention with Nelson Durland. Nelson, a past president of the Association and Past Chief of the Hurleyville Fire Department, received this 50-year membership card. This was quite an honor. Congratulations Nelson.



Congratulations to Hurleyville firefighters Tom Becerral, Braiden DeGraw and Ernest (Bunk) Benjamin (left to right), who have completed Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations with Hazardous Material First Responder Operations.



Nelson Durland (left), Past President of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighter's Association and Past Chief of the Hurleyville Fire Department, receives congratulations from the current President of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighter's Association, Mike Karashay, on receiving his 50-year membership card.

It looks like summer is making an early appearance. Firefighting or engaging in outdoor activities, you must Hydrate, Hydrate and Hydrate. You know when you are going to be outside, and you know the weather forecast, so you can hydrate before your activity. As a firefighter we never know when we will get called. The Sullivan County Bureau of Fire has a rehabilitation bus and team, equipment and supplies to go to any emergency that may arise and provide relief to the emergency service personnel. It has equipment and supplies for cooling and in the winter heating the emergency services personnel at an incident. It is staffed with trained firefighters and EMS personnel.

It was used at the Russell farm barn fire where temperatures were in the 90s with a relative humidity of about 60%. On the "Heat Stress Index" this is in the danger zone. Now add the stress of firefighting in turn-over gear.

With the good weather the last few weeks there have already been a number of lost hikers.

Prepare for a hike in advance. Know your limits. Do not climb Slide Mountain for your first hike. Try a rail trail to evaluate your abilities. TELL someone where you are going and when you will be back. Make sure you are dressed for the hike. A good pair of hiking boots, hat, dress in layer can make a pleasurable hike. You need to HYDRATE. Make a plan, have a map, your cell phone may not work on your hike. The latest rescue the fire department make of a group of hikers they were yelling so the fire department could locate them. A whistle would work much better than yelling.

So, in the last couple of weeks I have responded to numerous calls as a Hurleyville firefighter using blue lights, as a driver in a Big Red firetruck, and as a Deputy Fire Coordinator using blue and red lights. It seems that this must be a signal to drivers to pull out in front of an emergency responder, ignore us, and not pull over to let the fire truck by. I have received this type of comment and concerns from a number of Chiefs and firetruck drivers.

When it is safe please pull over and let us by. Thanks

TAKING CENTER STAGE Scholarship Recipients Honored



Left to right, Nadiushka Rosa Gonzalez, Jaedon Espinoza, Angelina Levner, Rugiatu Sesay, Jasmine Acevedo, and Emma DeGraw.

FALLSBURG – On Friday, May 31, the First Annual Community Awards Banquet took place at Tarry Brae Golf Course in South Fallsburg. Four local groups, the Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Central Community Scholarship Fund Committee, Fallsburg Lions Club, Kiwanis of Woodridge, and the Fallsburg Alumni Association, honored scholarship winners from the Fallsburg Central School District's senior class. Surrounded by pristine golf links, and views for miles, it was truly an impressive evening.

Kiwanis of Woodridge gave scholarships of \$1,000 each to the following graduates:

- **Jasmine Acevedo**, granddaughter of James Paterson of Hurleyville, will be attending SUNY Oneonta with a major in Psychology.
- **Emma Degraw**, daughter of Laura & George DeGraw of Woodbourne, will be attending SUNY Cortland with a major in Childhood Education.
- **Jaedon Espinoza**, the son of Jeannette and Edgar Espinoza of Woodridge, will be attending Sullivan County Community College with the goal of a career in Computer Science. His scholar-

ship is in honor of Ralph Rappaport, longtime FCS Board Member and longtime auditor for the Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Central Community Scholarship Fund.

• **Nadiushka Rosa Gonzalez** of Loch Sheldrake, the daughter of Tatiana Gonzalez Ortiz and Angel Rosa Ortiz, will be attending the University of Connecticut with a major in biology with the goal of becoming an orthopedic surgeon.

• **Angelina Levner**, the daughter of Joe and Julia Levner of Thompsonville, will be attending the University of Florida to study biology and animal science with the goal of becoming a veterinarian.

• **Adam Mednick**, son of Shari and Michael Mednick of Rock Hill, will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a major in Computer Science.

• **Rugiatu Sesay**, daughter of Kamara Zainah of Woodridge, will be attending SUNY Albany with a major in biology with the goal of becoming a dentist.

Kiwanis of Woodridge is proud to support these impressive students and wish them great success in all their future endeavors.

THE RIPPLE EFFECT AT THE RIVOLI THEATRE

SOUTH FALLSBURG – The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is particularly excited that "The Ripple Effect" by Arianna Rose will have its first community theatre production at the Rivoli Theatre.

Splendidly directed by Harold Tighe, this show is a call back to the classic Broadway comedies. Will the pregnancy elude Amy and Jeff again? Amy tries to get Jeff on board with some unorthodox fertilization rituals. When the going gets tough, they each retreat to their respective corners of science and spirituality. "The Ripple Effect" adds a quirky vibe, modern day twists and one very nosy neighbor.

The roles of the married couple, Amy and Jeff, are skillfully played by Amber Schmidt and Cristobal Isler,

while the extremely nosy neighbor, Mrs. Teitelbaum, is portrayed by Mariah Kravitz. Rounding out the production team, with great expertise, is the producer, Mekayla Rayne, the set designer, Harold Tighe, the set decorators, Jean Eifert and Jenny Silverman and the costumer, Jean Eifert.

Performances are at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg on Friday and Saturday, July 12, 13, 19 & 20 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, July 14 & 21 at 2 p.m. On Sunday, July 14 at 7 p.m., there will be a benefit performance of "The Ripple Effect" aiding The Sullivan County Literacy Society. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for Seniors, Students and Military, and can be purchased at the Rivoli Theatre box office and online.

FROM THE FILES OF...

THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

COMPILED BY Sullivan County Historian John Conway

July 11, 1906 THE SENTINEL CHANGES OWNERSHIP

The Editor of the Sentinel, finding that his law practice will not permit his giving the paper the attention necessary to conduct a publication, such as he desires to see conducted at Hurleyville, has sold the same to Scott Hoagland of Greene County, who will assume the Editorial chair July 16.

The writer has known Mr. Hoagland for many years both having been brought up in the same neighborhood and attending the same school. He is an energetic young man, of good address, an ardent Republican and a first-class printer. His father was an editor before him, and he has been reared in a printer's office.

He will be assisted in his work by his brother Guy who is also an excellent newspaper man. Guy is a hustling young Republican, now a Page in Washington, and the two will conduct an up-to-date wide awake Republican organ. We have no fault to find with the newspaper business, or with the patrons of our paper. During the short time we have conducted The Sentinel we have received the most hearty support and encouragement from our townsmen, and the patronage we have received has been more than we expected. As proof of this we have four at work in the office at the present time and are unable to keep up with our orders. Our sole object in selling is to give us more time for the practice of law.

We ask all our patrons to give to these young men their hearty support and assure them that they will receive a clean up-to-date paper in return.

Again thanking our friends and patrons for their support and encouragement and soliciting a continuance for our successor, with this issue we turn The Sentinel over to Mr. Scott Hoagland.

July 19, 1916 THEATRE IS OPEN

The New American theatre across the track nearly opposite the depot is open for the season and showing twice daily with all the latest and best pictures.

July 11, 1941 HURLEYVILLE EAGLES PLAY TONIGHT AT HOTEL EVANS

The Hurleyville Eagles basketball quintet will play their third game of the week tonight at the new Hotel Evans indoor court with the Evans' team furnishing the opposition. The Eagles, regarded as one of the best quintets in this section of the State in winter competition, showed their prowess Sunday night at the Hotel Nemerson where they lost by a mere one point margin to a team composed almost entirely of NYU players. Last night (Thursday), the Eagles, representing the Morningside Hotel, played



The one-room schoolhouse at the top of Columbia Hill in Hurleyville as it looked in 1917.

the formidable Klein's Hill-side team of Parkville, composed of CCNY performers. The Evans team will consist of the same aggregation that brought the Ohrbachs of New York City the high rating it attained this past winter in A.A.U. circles. The Hurleyville lineup will be composed of Hesh Podberesky, Milt Levine, Rod Gordon, Murray Dambrot and Nate Ruderman. It is also expected that Frank Turner and Bob Davidoff, both NYU regulars will be in Eagles uniforms for this game.

July 18, 1941 POLICE SEIZE SLOT MACHINES IN RAIDS IN THIS VICINITY

In the first raids of the season in this section, slot machines were seized in four hotels during the earlier part of the week. Sergeant Joseph Miller and Trooper L. W. Freer of the Woodbourne sub-station opened the drive on Sunday with the arrest of Daniel Neuman, concessionaire at Schenk's Paramount in Thompsonville. Taken before Magistrate Arthur Kyle in Monticello, Neumann pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$25. The machine was confiscated and the contents, amounting to about \$30 in coins, was turned over to welfare authorities.

On Monday, Harry Berg and Joseph Schwartz, men in charge of the concessions in Loch Sheldrake hotels were arrested and arraigned before Magistrate Moses L. Kove. Schwartz pleaded not guilty and was released on \$25 bail pending a hearing set for Monday, July 21. Berg paid a fine of \$15 imposed the Magistrate

Kove, after he had admitted his guilt. The machine contained \$9.50 in coins. Joseph Walter of the Murray Hill House concession in So. Fallsburg was arrested on a similar charge Wednesday afternoon. Taken before Magistrate Herbert Sakofsky in South Fallsburg, Walter pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$10. The machine had apparently been emptied over the week-end since only \$1.50 was in it at the time of the raid.

The authorities smashed the four machines involved all of which were the one-armed bandit type. Commenting on the amount of aluminum used in the construction of the devices, police expressed the possibility that they might prove worthwhile in the aluminum drive to be conducted by the County Defense Committee beginning July 21.

July 2017 HISTORIC MARKER FOR OLD HURLEYVILLE SCHOOL

Back in 2014, brothers and lifelong area residents, Gordon and Henry MacAdam published the first volume of their Irish family's more than century-long history in Sullivan County.

Through the extensive research they did for their initial project, the brothers discovered a grossly neglected aspect of Sullivan County history: chronicling the existence of dozens of one-room school houses dating back to the 1800s. Seven of those schoolhouses still stand in the Town of Thompson.

One is right here in Hurleyville.

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OVERTHROW PART VI

An Original Short Story by Jack Robbin

Bronco Kelly has agreed to a request by FBI Agent Ray Carlton that he go undercover in an attempt to expose a plot by a group called the Country Gentlemen to overthrow the U.S. government and replace it with a Nazi regime. It is decided that his good friend, Deputy Sheriff Jay Lass, will accompany Bronco to the Hillside Inn in Narrowsburg, where the Country Gentlemen are known to spend time. That's where we pick up the story...

I picked Jay Lass up at his neat little home on Spring Street in Monticello late on Friday afternoon. We had decided that we would drive out to the Hillside Inn in Narrowsburg and have dinner there that evening. If we could make contact with John Cassidy, or other members of the Christian Front, and determined that they were spending the weekend at the Inn, we would come back on Saturday under the guise of small game hunting. We had both been provided with small game licenses that Ray Carlton has obtained from the local Game Protector.

Jay had been to the Hillside Inn a number of times

over the years, and knew the place well. While I had driven by it a time or two, I had never stopped. It was a small hotel, not nearly as large as say, the Lasky Lodge in Hurleyville, but unlike most of the hotels in the county, it was open all year around, offering winter guests ice skating on a small private lake, a toboggan run, and ice fishing tournaments in addition to good food, a bar, and live music for dancing.

The main building was a three-story affair with a gable roof and a porte-cochere, located right on the highway. There was a two-story, Gambrel roofed addition on one side of the main structure, with gas pumps out front and a small sundry store taking up part of the first floor. A handful of small cabins dotted the property behind the roadside buildings.

Jay advised me that the restaurant was located on the ground floor in the back section of the main building, and anyone who was not a guest in the inn, but who wanted to eat in the restaurant, could simply pay a set price at the front desk. That price, he said, covered the meal no matter what you ate, but drinks were paid for sep-

arately.

"There's something you need to keep in mind, Bronco," Jay said to me after we had parked the car and were walking toward the front entrance. "It's Friday, and as Christian Front members we are devout Catholics, so we won't be ordering steak tonight."

"Got it," I said, recalling the days when such a reminder would have been unnecessary for me. While both Jay and I had been raised Catholic, and he still adhered to the strictest Church doctrines, including meatless Fridays, I had, over the years, become much less observant, a fact that did not make me particularly proud. "Fish it is!"

We paid at the front desk and were escorted into the small, brightly lit dining area by a young man who looked to be about high school age. He took us to a tiny, rectangular table with just two chairs, located against the side wall, and handed us hand-written menus. We both decided to have the "catch of the day" from the Delaware River, which flowed just a few hundred yards from the inn's front door.

We decided to order high



ILLUSTRATION BY JACK ROBBIN

The Hillside Inn was a small hotel, not nearly as large as say, the Lasky Lodge in Hurleyville.

balls, mostly to look the part of a couple of old friends out on the town. As we sat there sipping our drinks, waiting for our meal to be served, people began to trickle into the room, with the twenty or so tables filling up quickly, most of them with six or eight people, largely couples, almost all of them dressed to the nines.

"Anyone look familiar?" I asked Jay at one point.

"Well, sure, a few people," he said. "But no one I recognize from Cassidy's group."

We finished our drinks, and then took our time eating dinner, watching as the dining room began to empty out, a few people at a time. We had just been served coffee when a noisy group of about eight men entered the dining room together. Jay straightened up perceptibly, and I could tell he recognized some of the men.

"Here we go," he said softly, more to himself than to me.

We tried to act indifferent as the men passed by and

sat down at a large, circular table a few yards away. As they were taking their seats, most of them with partly empty drink glasses in their hands, I could catch snippets of conversation, with words like "Congress," "England," and "Rosenfeld" catching my ear.

I knew that the latter was the name that some Americans who viewed themselves as avowed anti-Communists, and who were mostly pro-Germany as a result, had begun to use to refer to

President Roosevelt, especially after he had pushed for the repeal of the Neutrality Acts, which they viewed as a move to undermine the Nazi resistance to the spread of Communism.

As the men took their seats, I noticed that they left two chairs next to one another empty, and it soon became apparent why they had. Two men dressed in neatly pressed dark blue suits came into the dining room a few minutes later, and headed toward the table. I recognized them immediately as the two men whose photographs Agent Carlton had shown us in Sheriff Borden's office the first day we had met. Without question, the men were John F. Cassidy and William Gerald Bishop.

As they approached the table where the other men had assembled, those seated all rose in unison. And then, something happened that sent a shiver up my spine, something that up until then I had only seen in grainy newsreels in the Rivoli Theater in South Fallsburg.

Acting in unison, with a precision that suggested their movements were well practiced, the men stood at rigid attention, clicked their

heels loudly, and extended their right hand outward and upward, greeting Cassidy and Bishop with the Bellamy salute, with just the index and the middle fingers of the right hand extended outward in a "V," the other fingers clamped under their thumb.

I glanced at Jay, who was also watching the men, and it appeared as if his eyes were about to pop out of his head.

"What the...?" was all he said.

The adventure continues... and it looks like things may be heating up for Bronco Kelly, who is about to infiltrate a group of Nazi sympathizers called the Country Gentlemen. Although a work of fiction, our story is based on actual events from 1939, and while Bronco Kelly and Agent Ray Carlton are fictional characters, Jay Lass, Sheriff Harry Borden, John F. Cassidy, and William Gerald Bishop are all real people, and the Hillside Inn is a real place. However, no representation is made as to the historical accuracy of their characterizations here. Don't miss the next chapter of "Overthrow" in the August edition of "The Hurleyville Sentinel."

GRIEVANCES REAL AND IMAGINED

Fort Delaware to Host Loyalist Rebuttal to Declaration of Independence

NARROWSBUG — As has become an annual tradition, Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History in Narrowsburg will host "Patriots & Loyalists Weekend" beginning Saturday, July 13, featuring a reading of the Declaration of Independence and an impassioned Loyalist response.

The Cushetunk settlement, the story of which is depicted by Fort Delaware's docents, was the first permanent European settlement in the Upper Delaware, and it was a Loyalist stronghold in the years leading up to and during the American War for Independence.

Following the formal signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, the public became aware of its contents when it was read aloud in many of the communities throughout the colonies beginning on July 8 and continuing for several weeks thereafter.

But there were a significant number of Loyalists, or Tories, in the colonies at the time—some historians estimate at least as many as there were Patriots—so the Declaration of Independence was not always greeted with jubilation. For example, a few months after news of the document became widespread, a Loyalist named Thomas Hutchinson, who had been governor of Massachusetts at one time, published a 32-page document he entitled "A Loyalists Rebuttal to the Decla-

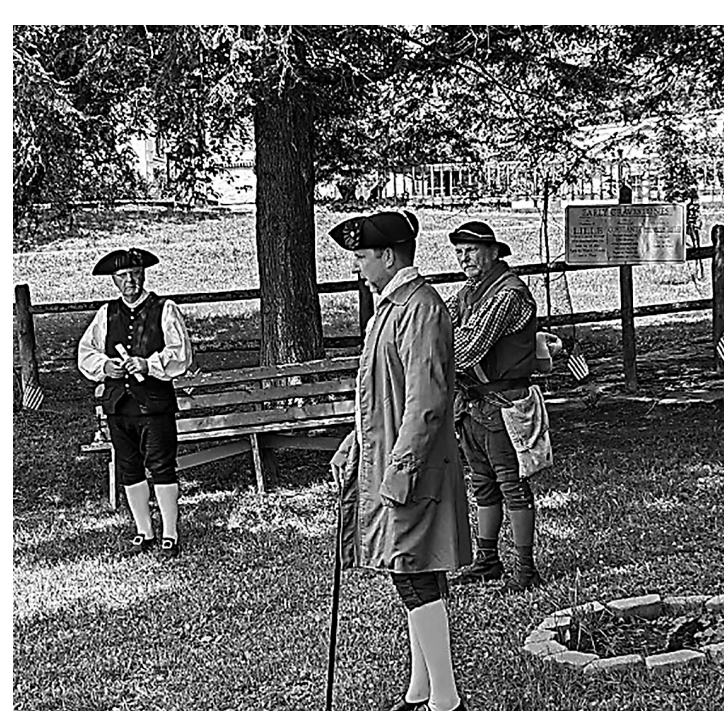


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Fort Delaware Museum will host Patriots & Loyalists Weekend beginning Saturday, July 13, which will include a reading aloud of the Declaration of Independence and a Tory rebuttal.

ration of Independence." In the document, Hutchinson referred to the Declaration as a list of "grievances, real and imagined."

In November of 1776, more than 700 Loyalists in New York signed a document they called the "Declaration of Dependence."

If the Declaration of Independence was ever read aloud in the Cushetunk settlement back then, chances are it wouldn't have been universally cheered.

Sullivan County Historian John Conway will reprise the role of the "visitor from Philadelphia" who reads Thomas Jefferson's famous words. William Chellis, mayor of the village of Jef-

ersonville and vice president of the non-profit history education group, The Delaware Company, which operates the Fort, will deliver the Loyalist response.

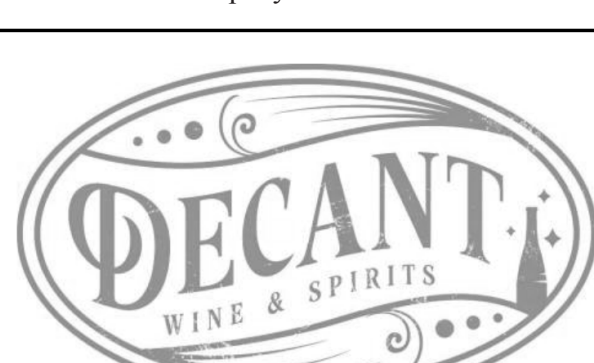
The Saturday program gets underway at 1 p.m. The festivities are included in the price of admission to the Fort.

The Delaware Company

will also present its two annual awards on June 13. The President's Award, presented to the person, persons, or organization that has made a significant contribution to the field of local history over a period of years, and the James W. Burbank Award, named for the Fort's founder, which is presented to the person or persons making a significant contribution to local history during the past year.

This year, the President's Award goes to the Cocheton Preservation Society for its long record of contributions to preserving the history of the Upper Delaware region, and the Burbank award is being presented to Elsie Kopcha of Harris, for her volunteer efforts and generous financial support of Fort Delaware over the past year.

Fort Delaware is located on the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway at 6615 Route 97 in Narrowsburg, NY. It is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday thru Sunday in July and August, and Saturday and Sunday in September and October.



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MONTICELLO KIWANIS DELIVERS

Cooke School Gets Books



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Jane Sorensen and Ms. Mabee's Second Grade Class

MONTICELLO — The Kiwanis Club of Monticello recently delivered chapter books to the 11 second grade classes at the George L. Cooke Elementary School in Monticello just before summer break begins.

The books were selected by Kiwanian Doris Motl, a retired fourth grade teacher. Accompanying Ms. Motl

to the classrooms was Jane Sorensen, who is a Kiwanis member as well as Family Engagement Program Manager for EPIC (Every Person Influences Children).

The students were very courteous, and expressed their appreciation for the gift of reading material and they were especially thrilled that they were chapter books. They were

also very interested to learn more about the Kiwanis Club and the many ways they help the children in the community, eg. the Sweet Dreams Program assisting children going into Foster Care with comforting items, holiday gifts for children in need, scholarships for high school seniors. The children were also impressed with the service leadership

clubs Kiwanis sponsors in the Middle School and High School.

IDE i The mission of Kiwanis is dedication to improving the world one child and one community at a time. For more information about the Monticello Kiwanis Club, please visit the Monticello, New York Kiwanis Club Facebook Page.

RADIO CATSKILL WINS

BROADCASTING AWARDS

Honored for Third Consecutive Year

LIBERTY — Radio Catskill has won two awards in the 58th Annual Awards for Excellence in Broadcasting competition presented by the New York State Broadcasters Association (NYSBA).

The station was recognized in the following categories:

- Use of Audio: Best compelling station captured local audio judged on how it's used to enhance presentation for "Hard Harvest: A Special Report" (Producers: Rosie Starr, Jason Dole).
- Election Coverage: Best in-depth coverage of a federal, state or local election for "Election Night 2023" (Producers: Patricio Robayo, Jason Dole) "This recognition

truly reflects the unwavering commitment, tireless effort, and genuine passion exhibited by the team on a daily basis," said Tim Bruno, Radio Catskill General Manager.

The NYSBA Excellence in Broadcasting Awards is a state-wide competition, with stations competing against other stations in similarly sized markets (i.e. small, medium, and large). This marks the third year in a row Radio Catskill has been honored by NYSBA for Excellence in Broadcasting.

The Excellence in Broadcasting Awards will be presented at The Serving NY Regional Award luncheon in Binghamton in September.

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SAUNTER MUCH?

WHY IS WORLD SAUNTERING DAY UNOBSERVED LOCALLY?

by Win Hadley

SULLIVAN COUNTY — According to people who record such things, World Sauntering Day began back in 1979 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island in Michigan. In a 2017 article on the little known holiday, the Smithsonian Magazine noted that the hotel's publicist, W.T. "Bill" Rabe, came up with the idea of World Sauntering Day "as a response to the jogging fad that swept the United States in the 1970s."

Since that time, World Sauntering Day has been observed each June 19. But according to some completely unscientific and incomplete research conducted over the last week or so by this reporter, the holiday has never been commemorated in this area.

On the other hand, there have been events over the years to mark similar holidays such as Celebrate Trails Day in April and National

Trails Day in June. Those holidays are expressly about hiking; they do not encourage or even acknowledge sauntering.

Sullivan County Historian John Conway, who also serves as the editor of this newspaper, has been leading what he calls "History Hikes" to commemorate Celebrate Trails Day for several years now. Ironically, he typically promotes his "History Hikes"—a number of which have been conducted along the rail trail here in Hurleyville—as "more of a saunter." When asked about World Sauntering Day, Conway admitted he was unaware of the holiday until very recently.

"I like the idea of sauntering," Conway said. "And I have often repeated anecdotes attributed to John Muir or Henry David Thoreau about the origin of the term saunter, but I had no idea there was a World Sauntering Day until I came across



Sullivan County Historian John Conway (far right) often leads History Hikes he calls saunters. This one in Hurleyville is from December of 2022.

a vague reference to it last year."

Both Muir and Thoreau, as well as the naturalist John Burroughs, have written about—or have been credited with writing about—the origin of the term saunter. Sup-

posedly, it has to do with pilgrims travelling to Jerusalem in the Middle Ages.

The Smithsonian Magazine article states that in an essay entitled, "Walking," Thoreau wrote that the term saunter "derived from medi-

eval idlers asking for money to fund their pilgrimages 'a la Sainte Terre'—that is, to Jerusalem, which was at the time often referred to as the Holy Land. "They who never go to the Holy Land in their walks, as they pretend, are indeed

mere idlers and vagabonds; but they who do go there are saunters in the good sense, such as I mean," he wrote."

In the copyrighted blog, "The Habit," a 2021 article notes that "Samuel Johnson suggested that saunter

might have derived from that phrase 'aller à la sainte terre,' but for a different reason than Muir [or Thoreau and/or Burroughs] seemed to think. In Johnson's account, the original 'saintes-terres' were 'people who roved about the country, and asked charity under pretense of going à la sainte terre, to the holy land, or sans terre, as having no settled home.' So the saunterer, in Johnson's account, is not the pilgrim making his way to the Holy Land and reverently taking in the marvels as he goes, but a charlatan hoping to benefit from false piety, or perhaps simply a person without land of his own (sans terre)—a homeless person, a vagrant (and vagrant, as you might know, derives from the Latin for wandering). Vagabond comes from the same root."

Regardless of the origin of the term, Sauntering seems like a good way to get away from it all and to spend a little time in nature, which has been proven to have physiological as well as psychological benefits.

Conway said he would consider leading and narrating a saunter next year to commemorate the holiday, perhaps under the auspices of this newspaper. He promised to contact the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance, which has sponsored hikes to commemorate National Trails Day in the past, as well as an annual HOWL hike to mark Halloween, to gauge their interest in participating.

The holiday seems like it is there for the taking. Someone should do something to commemorate it.

FIFTY YEARS AGO...

Fallsburg Golf Course is Scene of Tragedy

by John Conway

LOCH SHELDRAKE — It was July of 1974—50 years ago this month—and a terrible tragedy was about to unfold on the Lochmor Golf Course in Loch Sheldrake.

A foursome of golfers—two fathers and their teenage sons—was standing on the fourth green of the course under a perfectly clear Sunday afternoon sky when a bolt of lightning struck one of them. The golfers, who shared a summer home at Wanaksink Lake, were all knocked to the ground by the force of the bolt.

Eighteen year old Kevin Krieger of Chappaqua, was the most seriously injured. His cousin, Charles Mark, also 18, suffered superficial burns. The two adults attempted to resuscitate Krieger prior to the arrival of emergency personnel, but could not revive him.

"Police said the other family members gave the stricken youth artificial respiration before authorities arrived and administered oxygen," the Yonkers Herald Statesman newspaper reported in its Tuesday, July 30 edition. "Krieger was taken to [Community General Hospital] where, police say, physicians were able to restore a heartbeat to the victim. He was then taken to Horton Memorial Hospital in Middletown where, police say, special facilities for Krieger's care existed, but attempts to revive the victim were unsuccessful."

The teenager was pronounced dead shortly after midnight on Monday morning.

The Times Herald Record reported in its Monday, July 29 edition that the lightning

bolt that struck the golf course was part of a series of storms that caused serious damage throughout the region on that Sunday afternoon and evening.

"A series of storms, replete with high winds, lightning, thunder and hail, lashed Ulster and Dutchess counties and portions of Orange and Sullivan counties on Sunday evening," the paper reported the next day.

The Record noted that in addition to the lightning bolt that struck the golfers, a bolt also struck a Fallsburg police car nearby, damaging its emergency light, but leaving the officer driving it unscathed.

"Lightning knocked the dome light off a Fallsburg town police car," the paper reported. "Patrolman Ronald Dill of the Fallsburg police escaped uninjured when lightning struck his car while he was on patrol in the Morningside park area, police chief Seymour Farber said."

In their Tuesday, July 30 edition, the paper ran a photo by reporter Charlie Crist of Dill and the damaged car. "Dill said there was a blinding flash, a shuddering of the car and a thud," Crist reported. "He was uninjured but shaken."

Sullivan County Commissioner of Public Works John J.J. McGough told the paper that most of the damage in the county was "centered in the triangle formed by the towns of Bethel, Liberty, and Thompson." A bridge in the town of Bethel was completely destroyed, but other than the tragedy on the Lochmor Golf Course, no other injuries from the storms were reported in Sullivan County.

FALLSBURG — Fifty-eight Fallsburg student-athletes were recognized on June 5 as New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) scholar-athletes for the 2024 Spring season. To qualify as an NYSPHSAA scholar-athlete team, at least three-quarters of the students must have a grade point average of 90.00 or above. Here are the recognized scholar-athletes and

their teams:

Girls Track & Field: Gelsey Aguilar Torres, Meredith Anderman, Sanaya Aquil, Kyleigh Avery, Arslyn Cantave, Alexia Clark, Kalena Clarke, Kaddyjatou Darboe, Savannah Doty, Katie Flores, Arianna Gonzalez, Adira Greer-Padilla, Zoey Ketcham, Chanel Han, Hayden-Marie Herrera, Jane Islas-Escamilla, Hannah Johnson, Angelina Levner, Shelby Lyons,

Francely Maradiaga, Nancy Martinez, Daniela Martinez, Makayla Morgan, Cecelia Norris-Yanes, Joselyn Odell, Allannah Owens, Catherine Pena, Angie Rodriguez, Alexandra Ruiz, Marilyn Santos, Jaily Sebastian, Madeline Stone, Kierstyn Surerus, Alisha Tremper, Noelle Varner, Jordyn Wall-Carty, Skylar Wright, and Nataly Zempoaltecatl.

Boys Golf: Jaedon Espinoza, Jaecob Espinoza,

and Douglas Medina Carcamo.

Girls Golf: Sophia Jacobs and Natalia Evangelista.

Boys Track & Field: Erli Garcia, William Martinez, Eric Moocz, Robert Perrera, Nikolas Bonner, Daris Koljenovic, and Lukas Zelaya.

Baseball: Alexander Depuy.

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Softball: Angelina Alvarado, Jordan Batista, Carmen Montes, Dalila Ortiz, Yulena Phillip, Marilyn Santos, and Peyton Varner.



MORNINGSIDE CLASSIC

by Jack Halchak

HURLEYVILLE — The 23rd Annual Morningside Fishing Classic is in the book. At the start at 5 a.m., all was calm. Within an hour, the wind picked up and made fishing a chore. The water temperature was the same as the air temperature at 71 degrees. The water was clear to a light tea stain in clarity. There were not a lot of lily pads to fish and with the wind kicking up it was a rough day on the water.

Fifty-four people took to the water and brought 61 fish to the scale.

Tom Clegg of Newburgh brought a bag of five fish to the scale for a total weight of 7.54 lbs. to win. Tom had a 2.27 pounder as his largest. Tom has placed in the top five in the Classic for years.

Frank Torres of Greenwood Lake also had a five-bag limit and placed second with 7.51 lbs., Frank had a 2.89 pounder as his largest. Frank also has done well in previous Classics.



Bill Orr of Youngsville, another perennial winner in this contest, brought three fish to the scale for a total weight of 5.89 lbs. for third place. Bill had a 2.37 pounder as his largest.

The big fish (Lunker) of the day belonged to Richie Shafer of Livingston Manor. He brought in a 3.35 pound bass.

Sparrowbush caught a 3.33-pound Walleye. One of the few walleyes caught in recent years.

The Pickerel division was won by Don Ricciardi with a 17.00" .93 pounder for a score of 17.93. Second place went to Tom Clegg with a 16.50" 1.10 pounder for a score of 17.51, and third went to Nick Milligian with a 16.50" .88 pounder for a

score of 17.38.

The bass were caught on a variety of lures, from crank baits to worms of all different colors. There apparently was no pattern for the day.

Some other notable fish, Bob DeGraw a 2.00 pounder, Chris Stangel a 2.11 pounder, John Velde a 2.15 pounder and Pete Crisci with a 3.13 pounder.





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!

July Questions:

1. When was the first Wimbledon tennis tournament played?
2. Who had the most career home runs in the All-Star Game?
3. Who won the most Wimbledon titles in their career?
4. What player had the most career at bats in the All-Star Game?
5. Who is the only player to ever hit an inside-the-park home run in the All-Star Game?

June Answers:

1. In what year was the first Belmont Stakes run? (1867)
2. What horse won the very first Belmont? (Ruthless)
3. What was unusual about the first Belmont winner? (Ruthless was a filly)
4. What horse won the first racing Triple Crown? (Sir Barton in 1919)
5. What was the last horse to win the Triple Crown? (Justify in 2018)

Lorraine Allen of Hurleyville was last month's winner with five out of five correct answers.