

HURLEYVILLE TO GET A TRAFFIC LIGHT

MAIN STREET DANCE COMES TO HURLEYVILLE

By Heather Gibson

Main Street Dance is coming to downtown Hurleyville. After nearly 20 years in Liberty, the dance instruction class is relocating to the Hurleyville Arts Centre building this month.

Reflecting on the move, an excited owner and Dance Educator Sherma Williams joked, "I'm not sure how we all fit in the Liberty studio. We made it work, but there were times when the dancers almost took off each other's heads with some of their high kicks."

Over 100 students will now call The Arts Centre their new home. And for the very first time two classes will be offered at the same time, now that there is double the dance space, leaving ample room for those high kicks.

Sherma isn't a stranger to her new landlord. In fact, she has been employed by The Center for Discovery since 2007, but she wasn't hired for her dance skills. She was hired as a Teacher's Assistant.

Sherma hails from the twin island Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in the Caribbean. That's where she first fell in love with the art of dance. Her family regularly danced in the airport for visiting dignitaries, and Sherma began dancing when she was just seven years old. Dance was always a cultural experience. She studied Spanish dance, African dance, French dance and the very popular Calypso dance. She danced with her family for years before she migrated to the United States at just seventeen years old.

When she came to the US in 1985, Sherma longed for dance in her life, but there wasn't anything here similar to the dance roots she knew. Modern dance was the closest form she could find, and so she began dancing at a local dance studio, Dance Plus, in Monticello. Her instructor encouraged her to try Tap, Jazz and Ballet. She excelled in these forms, and even began to teach her own classes. She was involved in Power House Theatre Workshop at Vassar College, and continued to hone her skills in Dance Education. Dance

Plus eventually moved to Liberty where she worked closely with the owner. When the owner moved to Florida, closing her doors, Sherma decided she would try to keep the dance company going. So, in 1997 she changed the name of the business to Main Street Dance, and began teaching classes by herself six days a week.

In 2007, a few of her co-workers at The Center learned that she had some experience in dance. The Center would be hosting a ball, and they had an idea for a wheelchair based dance performance. She told them she'd be happy to give it a try, and so she began to help with the very first show.

She remembers taking the challenge back to her own dance company, working with girls moving office chairs back and forth, pretending they were wheelchairs. The show was a huge success; the audience was moved to tears.

Sherma never returned to the classroom. She moved into her new role as Dance Educator. She continued the ballroom dance program at TCFD's Life Center community, and she began to help a large number of residents with special events and themed parties. Since that time, both her career and dance company have grown tremendously. She has mentored a few former students who are now dance teachers, and that, perhaps, is what makes her smile the most. She's very proud of the students who have grown up with her, including her own daughter.

Main Street Dance holds a recital at Monticello High School every June, performing more than 30 numbers. Sherma has over 100 dancers, ranging from the age of 3 to 18 years old. This summer, she is pleased to welcome Ilya and Zoya Graft, from St. Petersburg, Russia who will be teaching Classical Ballet. This will be a great cultural experience for all the students. She also will begin teaching Zumba again, which is fun for all ages.



With an increase in pedestrian traffic due to the new businesses located there, Main Street will soon be getting a three-light traffic signal.

Engineering Study Recommends Three-Light Signal

A signal warrant analysis completed last month by the Albany, NY traffic engineering firm Creighton Manning has recommended that a three color traffic light be approved for the intersection of Main Street, Mongaup Road and Railroad Avenue in the hamlet of Hurleyville.

And now the Sullivan County Legislature has signed off on the project.

The analysis was commissioned by The Center for Discovery, which recently opened the Hurleyville Maker's Lab on Main Street and anticipates the opening of the Hurleyville Arts Centre later this summer, resulting in a considerable increase in pedestrian crossings at that intersection.

A good percentage of those crossings are likely to be residents, students, or staff from The Center, some of whom use wheelchairs, walkers or other assistive technology. That was a factor in meeting the requirements for a traffic signal.

Since Main Street, Hurleyville is designated a County road, (County Road 104), the design and operation of the traffic signal requires review and approval of Sullivan County. Toward that end, representatives of The Center for Discovery appeared at the June meeting of the Sullivan County Legislature on June 16 seeking approval of a resolution directing the Commissioner of the Division of Public Works to review the special conditions for

the warrants regarding the traffic signal. The resolution passed unanimously.

David Fanslau, The Center's Vice President for Operations and Administration, thanked the Legislators for their support, and for their understanding of the circumstances that make the light necessary.

"The light is going to be installed at the intersection where the rail trail, that is the old O&W railroad, went through," Fanslau said. "There is a 9.2-mile section of the old O&W rail bed that is owned by The Center and leased to the Town of Fallsburg on a long-term lease for use as a municipal park."

"The signal warrant analysis proves that warrant 4 -pedestrian crossing, and warrant 5 school crossing are met," he said.

"The hamlet of Hurleyville is on course to being truly accessible for all to enjoy, those with and without mobility challenges!"

Fanslau also singled out Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff, Fallsburg Supervisor Steve Vegliante and Town of Fallsburg Police Chief Simmie Williams for appearing at the Legislature meeting to express their support for the resolution.

All costs associated with the installation and operation of the traffic signal will be assumed by The Center for Discovery as the sole property owner within the newly formed Hurleyville Parking District.

190 YEARS OLD! TOWN OF FALLSBURG CELEBRATES

On March 9, 1826, the New York State Legislature approved a measure to carve out of the existing Sullivan County towns of Thompson and Neversink a nearly 80-square mile portion to be called Fallsburgh. On the first Tuesday in April that year, an organizational meeting was held at the Neversink Falls school house, and Herman M. Hardenbergh was elected Supervisor.

Just a stone's throw from the site of that first meeting, a substantial crowd gathered at the town's scenic Overlook Park on Tuesday evening, June 14, to sing Happy Birthday.



The choir from the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School opened the celebration, singing the National Anthem.

The event, spearheaded by town councilman Michael Weiner, had originally been scheduled for March, but had to be postponed due to inclement weather.

Fallsburg Supervisor Steve Vegliante presided over the event, which featured remarks from Linda Cellini, representing State Senator John Bonacic's office, Sullivan County Historian John Conway, town of Fallsburg Historian Isaac "Yits" Kantowitz, and Senior Chief Joe Collura, USNR.

Highlights of the evening included the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Choir, which opened the event with a rousing rendition of The Star Spangled Banner, and Hurleyville's own Albee Bochman, who closed out the program with the inspiring God Bless America.

The Sullivan County Veterans Coalition supplied the Color Guard for the occasion, which also served to celebrate Flag Day and to rededicate the park itself. Birthday cake and other refreshments followed the ceremonies.

40 YEARS A PARTYMASTER

One night back in 1974, when Hurleyville native Perry Gips had his own band, he inadvertently booked two venues at the same time. Not wanting to lose a gig, he showed up at one of the bookings "with a turntable and a stack of records." His first venture as a disc jockey was so successful, before long he had given up the band to go into the mobile disc jockeying business full time.

By June of 1976, he had formed Partymaster, based right here in Hurleyville, and supplying disc jockeys to resorts, night clubs and other venues throughout the region.

Touted by Billboard magazine as the "King of Disco," for a time it seemed as if Gips was featured in the publication nearly once a month and he appeared on television almost as often.

He always managed to keep his finger on the pulse of the music industry and was often in the vanguard of new advances. In July of 1982 he founded Rockmaster, one of the first music video services. Playing at high schools, colleges, camps, and at the resorts, Rockmaster became an overnight success, reaching people of virtually all ages.

"No matter the age, there is an intense interest in video," he told Billboard magazine at the time.

For the younger crowd, MTV had changed music, he said, and that created an opportunity for visionary companies to get into the music video business and to be successful at it.

"We would do events at catering halls in New Jersey," Gips said. "And because the kids have MTV, they'd make requests. They



Partymaster Perry Gips working a gig in the early days.

don't get tired of watching the same clips they have become familiar with at home. People like to be entertained with what they're comfortable with, with what they know they like."

In the early days, much of

the company's business came directly or indirectly from the Catskill resorts.

"From the Concord to Grossinger's to Kutsher's, the Pines, the Raleigh, we played them all," Gips recalls. "But I always aspired

to be bigger than that, and before long we were a nationwide company, and were doing a lot of top New York City clubs and events."

Despite the precipitous decline of the resorts in the region throughout the 1970s, Partymaster continued to grow and to diversify. By 1983 it comprised 27 mobile units for music and two for videos. And to ensure the quality of the product, Gips trained all the DJs himself and the company also included a shop where the former industrial arts teacher could oversee the construction of custom wood cabinets for its lighting and sound equipment.

Today, 40 years later, Partymaster is still headquartered in Hurleyville. In addition to a full complement of disc jockeys, it provides meeting services, theme parties, photo booths

and over 50 bounce houses and inflatables. Depending upon the time of year, Partymaster employs from 12 to 25, including artists, technicians, DJ's and performers.

What's more, Perry's son, Corey, is now the most requested DJ and party personality in New York.

"So watch out," Perry says. "There are now two of us to make you dance, smile, and laugh."

Perry says he's learned over the years that that "it doesn't matter what small town you come from, you can always make it happen."

He thinks Hurleyville is on the brink of a magnificent renaissance, and he says both he and Corey "are thrilled that Partymaster will always be a big part of it."

"I like seeing the town being revived into something new and fresh and different," he says.



Dance Educator Sherma Williams, proprietor of Main Street Dance, with a student.

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The Inquiring Photographer

by J. James Wall



Q. What are you most looking forward to doing in the Hurleyville area this summer?



Michael Coney

"I am working on a virtual reality film that is also a pervasive game, and I am looking forward to working on that at the Maker's Lab this summer, building different set-ups that are going to go around the county and working on some 360 videos that you watch in virtual reality and combining all of that into a film that is going to reflect the culture of Sullivan County and some great spots to check out, and I want to show people those.

"I am looking forward to doing more of my favorite thing to do in Hurleyville, taking my dog to the rail trail for a scenic walk. He loves being able to stop at the many streams and ponds for a drink, and I love the peacefulness the rail trail offers. Besides that, I love to see the increase in traffic in town because of the live music at the Pickled Owl and the great local offerings at the Hurleyville Market."

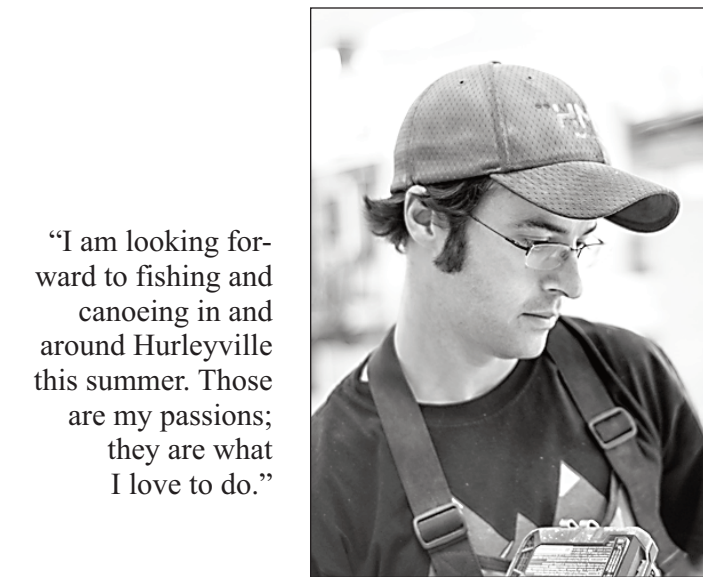


Amanda Gorr



Amanda Ward

"Where should I begin? I look forward to hiking the Rail Trail with my eight year old. I hope to experience the Maker's Lab. Most of all, I look forward to spending time with my family, enjoying nature and the arts close to home. It is wonderful to have so many different things to do right in your own back yard instead of having to travel all over to find them."



Sam Rose

"I am looking forward to fishing and canoeing in and around Hurleyville this summer. Those are my passions; they are what I love to do."

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



The Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance (CHNA), in conjunction with Fallsburg's Future, will host the 2nd Annual "What the Hill" Friend-Raiser at the Hurleyville Fire House on Sunday, August 21, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

The community celebration will feature information on the history of Columbia Hill and environmental issues that the responsible development of Columbia Hill demands...

our water, our wells and wildlife. There will be live entertainment and lots of fun activities for kids of all

ages.

Spaces are available for vendors. Environmental groups and community organizations are also invited to reserve a space at no charge. Contact Donna, 845-800-5402, or MaryAnn, 845-798-5418, for more information or to reserve a space.

The event is open to the public and admission is free. Refreshments will be available.

Parking will be available at the fire house at 166 Main Street in Hurleyville.

CHNA volunteers are dedicated to the preserva-

tion of natural resources and the rural character of Columbia Hill and the neighboring communities in the Towns of Thompson and Fallsburg.

The members of Fallsburg's Future have a similar goal that reflects their concern about the detrimental effects of the explosion of new developments in the town of Fallsburg.

Visit us at www.columbiahill.org or on Facebook for more information on the Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance.



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BILL CARLSON GOLF CLASSIC WINNERS ANNOUNCED



First place team in the 6th Annual Bill Carlson Golf Classic included Billy Jakaitis (left), Billy Wood (center), and Jeff Taylor (right). Missing from the photo is Wayne Pirnos. (Please see the 'From the Firehouse' column on page 4 for added information.)

FALLSBURG HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECEIVES SALON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A graduating senior at Fallsburg High School has been named the 2016 recipient of the Marion and Philip Salon Memorial Scholarship Award.

Jaidon Ramirez Zeno will receive \$1,000 toward his first year of college studies this fall at University of Buffalo.

The scholarship, which is named in memory of two lifelong Hurleyville residents, is designated annually for a graduating

senior at Fallsburg Central who has made a serious commitment to service in ways that benefit the community and its citizens.

The annual Salon scholarship is funded by the children and relatives of Marion and Phil Salon, whose two children, Shep and Rebecca, graduated from Fallsburg Central High School in the 1960s.

Marion and Phil Salon were the owners and operators of a bungalow colony and Salon's Cor-

ners, a convenience store, over a 40-year period. Mr. Salon served for 24 years on the board of education of the Fallsburg Central Schools.

Zeno, son of the Maria and James Zeno of South Fallsburg, was selected for this award for his strong academic record and his commitment to volunteer service as a junior firefighter in the town of Fallsburg and as a volunteer basketball coach at the elementary school.

Letters to the Editor

Letters do not necessarily represent the opinions of the Sentinel or its staff. Send letters by e-mail to hurleysent@hotmail.com. We reserve the right to reject or include letters as we see fit.



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE LAUNCH OF A GREAT NEW LOCAL PAPER!

Hello John and all,

I just wanted to reach out to thank you for stepping out and taking a risk with such a wonderful local endeavor. It was so great to hear you speak at the Fallsburg Old Falls celebration and to report that a print newspaper is starting up rather than folding ... and it is here in our beautiful neck of the woods. I am happy to pass along subscription information to our members at the Fallsburg Fishing & Boating Club at Pleasure Lake.

Let me know and congratulations again!

Jim
James Creighton, President
Fallsburg Fishing & Boating Club

BEST OF LUCK TO THE SENTINEL

Dear Hurleyville Sentinel:

I was glad to see your newspaper make its debut. I totally enjoyed your first edition. Good writing and great photos!

Best of luck to you and the staff. Please feel free to contact me if I can support you in any way. Thank you.

Warm regards,
Larry Schafman

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A HURLEYVILLE LEGEND

BY JACK ROBBIN — ILLUSTRATIONS BY CAROL SMITH

PART TWO

The oldest of oldtimers still occasionally talk of a fantastic story that was once often told about the earliest days of Hurleyville but which has more recently been lost to the ravages of time. This saga has been rarely repeated over the past century or more, and all but the most basic details are now long forgotten. The staff of the Hurleyville Sentinel has pieced together enough of the tale to present in installments over the next few issues. This is Part II of the story.

When we last left the hunter-turned-pro prospector William Hurley, he had stumbled upon a massive underground cavern that was apparently home to a race of giants, men and women larger by half than any he had ever seen. Unable to conceal his presence, Hurley was discovered by one of the giants, who ap-

proached menacingly, forcing Hurley to cower against the rocks, gripping a knife for protection.

Hurley was trying desperately to decide whether the giant was friend or foe, when to his surprise, he was escorted rather gently by the huge man into the midst of his compatriots, and offered a seat on a roughly carved stone chair. Strangely, none of the giants spoke, but their manner seemed unthreatening, so Hurley relaxed a bit. In a moment, an even larger man appeared, and took a seat opposite Hurley.

Hurley studied this giant among giants, marveling at how perfectly proportioned his body and head and hands and feet were. Though it was difficult to make out details in the dim light, Hurley could see well enough to determine that the man and those around him in the community had the ochre

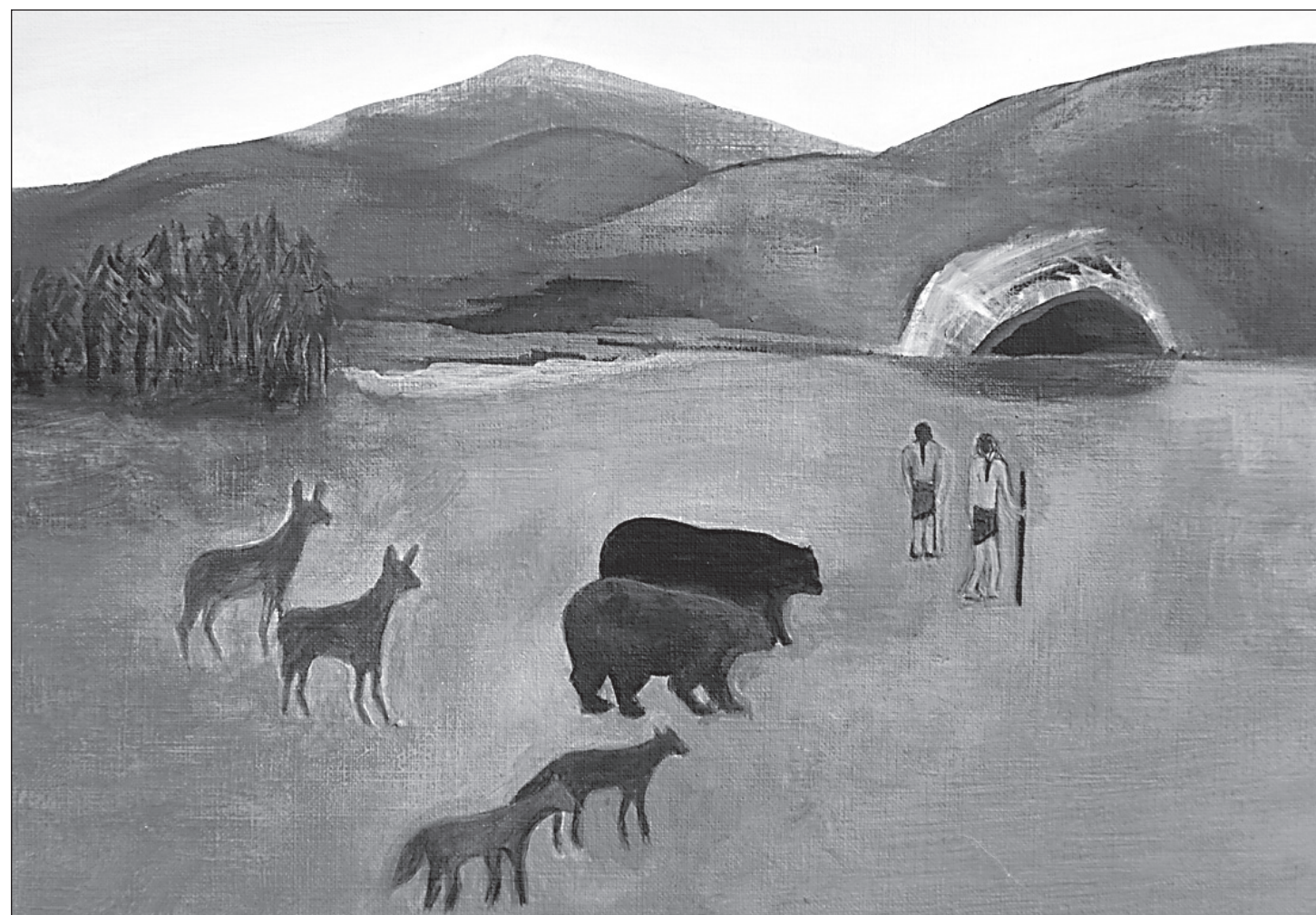
skin and facial bone structure of Native Americans. After a moment, the man spoke in a deep and resonant voice, asking Hurley if he spoke Lenape, the language of the peoples indigenous to the region in the years prior to the arrival of the Europeans some 75 years before. Hurley thought the question strange, for this man was clearly not Lenape, but he had trapped and traded with enough of the people he called Delaware to know a bit of their language, so he nodded yes.

The giant explained that he was the leader of the Cahoonshee tribe, which had once claimed dominion over much of the area between the great rivers, known to the English as the Delaware and Hudson and to the Lenape as Lenapewiattuck and Mahicanittuck. The Cahoonshee explained that many, many years before,

the Lenape people had begun to arrive in the area each spring, and had soon encountered the Cahoonshee, who had hunted and fished the area for many, many passes of the moon. The two cultures were similar they found, but different enough that their lifestyles were not entirely compatible. And the Lenape, who were of ordinary size, could not shake their suspicions of the Cahoonshee because of their intimidating stature. The uneasiness led to friction and eventually, following hundreds of years of this way peace, the leaders of the two civilizations decided they must take action.

The respective chiefs knew that a war was in the best interest of neither tribe. The Cahoonshee were far superior in physical size and strength, but the Lenape had become more numerous over the years and had a clear advantage in manpower. Both sides would no doubt suffer greatly in any confrontation, too greatly to undertake such action, so a better way of ending the tension between them had to be found.

The Lenape were inveterate gamblers, and were well known to wager everything they owned, save perhaps the loin cloth they wore, on the outcome of any event which lent itself to more than one possible outcome. And since the Cahoonshee themselves were not averse to such games of chance, it was agreed that the two groups would engage in a specially arranged game of the sport the Lenape called Pahsahamen, which was very similar to the English



game of rugby or football.

Further, it was decreed that the loser of this game would not only leave the land over which both claimed dominion, but would leave all of their possessions behind and make their way into one of the caves, well known at the time, to a series of massive subterranean caverns and live there, underground, from that point on, forever.

The Cahoonshee, the chief explained, lost the game of Pahsahamen when, just as time was about to expire in a tie game, the Lenape, as they were known to do, gave the ball to the oldest, frailest woman among them who was still able to run. The Lenape knew the Cahoonshee would not tackle the woman for fear of hurt-

ing her, and she scored the decisive point, forever banishing the Cahoonshee to a subterranean existence.

However, in an act of generosity typical of their tribe, the Lenape decided to allow the Cahoonshee to take with them a male and a female member of several species of wildlife to keep them company and to help ensure their survival. And so, the giants selected two deer, two bears, two wolves, two panthers, and two of several smaller species to accompany them on their journey underground.

And on the day following the game of Pahsahamen, this menagerie of people and animals paraded slowly through the hills to the entrance of a cave they all knew led to a subterranean

cavern far, far below the surface. With very few possessions, save the clothes on their backs and the few tools and weapons the men could carry, men, women and children and two animals of every type slowly vanished into the cave, never to be seen again.

Hurley listened to the story in amazement. He had known many of the Lenape, or Delaware, over the years, and he knew that most of them had been driven out of the area by the more aggressive Seneca tribe of the Iroquois Confederacy and by the increasing number of Europeans determined to own their own land, but he had never had an inkling that there had been another tribe in the region prior to the arrival of the Lenape.

He couldn't help but wonder how the Cahoonshee had survived for so many years in this dimly lit cavern. They must have found water, and a source of food, and had obviously lasted for generations. Many questions were swarming around in his head, but as anxious as he was to learn more of the history of this tribe of giants, one question slowly began to drown out all of the others.

What were they planning to do with him? It didn't seem likely he would simply be let go. No, that didn't seem likely at all.

Learn the fate of William Hurley in our next installment in The Hurleyville Sentinel.

THE CENTER FOR DISCOVERY IS SUBJECT OF NEW BOOK

FEEDING THE HEART IS IN STORES NOW

Daspin is an experienced storyteller, having worked at W magazine, the Wall Street Journal, Conde Nast Portfolio, the New York Post and The American Lawyer. Her writing has also appeared in

the New York Times, Martha Stewart Living, In Style, Food & Wine, Departures, and a number of other publications. She is the co-author of the cookbook, Diary of a Tuscan Chef.

Feeding the Heart is a full color, hard cover book, and is available at The Hurleyville Market on Main and from online booksellers. It is also available as a Nook Book from Barnes & Nobel online.



Patrick Dollard (left) president and C.E.O. of The Center for Discovery, a nationally recognized leader in the field of high quality care for special needs populations, and chef Cesare Casella, chief of The Center's Department of Nourishment Arts, are the focus of an important new book, Feeding the Heart.

MAIN STREET DANCE COMES TO HURLEYVILLE

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Every two years, Main Street Dance travels to Orlando, FL where students take part in the Disney Parade. Their next trip is scheduled for July 6 through July 10, 2017. Getting there isn't easy though. They must make an audition video to show that they are a legitimate dance troupe and they do a lot of fundraising, which makes the trip possible for everyone in the company.

"There are many benefits to this trip besides our performance at Walt Disney World," Sherma shared. "Many of my dancers experience their first plane ride. They get to go on their very first family vacation, and they get to see what goes on back stage. I'll never forget when they got to dance on the Hannah Montana stage. That was a real thrill for the girls that year."

Sherma believes that "life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about dancing in the rain." She always says that she has three families: The Center for Discovery family, Main Street Dance family, and of course, her birth family. "Dance has always been a family affair. Every year my aunts help me with the June recital and my husband is responsible for advertising and even air brushing our Hip Hop t-

shirts. I don't know what I'd do without my family."

While dance has many health benefits, Sherma says she enjoys teaching dance mostly because it's FUN! She loves seeing the reactions of the younger children when they realize they've mastered a dance move, and seeing the pride they have after they perform on stage. Main Street Dance has put on several performances across the county, performing at Francis Currey Day in Hurleyville, doing benefits for cancer, and taking part in several street fairs, including the one hosted by A Dose of Kindness.

Main Street Dance is constructing a Facebook page, and a website, but in the meantime, if you have questions about classes, please contact Sherma at

swilliams@tcfcd.org. Welcome to Hurleyville,

Sherma...we are thrilled you danced your way here!

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WISHING YOU A SAFE SUMMER SEASON

From the Firehouse

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



The Hurleyville Fire Department Co. #1 is always looking for members. Stop by the Firehouse any Monday night to see what we are all about. We even provide free training.

One such person did and she is now our newest member. Welcome aboard Angelee Santillo.

The fire department would like to congratulate two of our members for completing the Firefighter 1 training course. Firefighter 1 is an intensive training class for those just starting out. It lays a good foundation for the basics of firefighting. A graduation ceremony was held in the Fallsburg Firehouse for the entire class.

Receiving recognition were Dominic O'Neil and Devin Knight for completing this grueling class. Dominic is a fourth generation Hurleyville firefighter and started in our junior firefighter's program.

Some others who started in the junior firefighter's program are Josh Conlon, Cory Berry, a second generation firefighter and Austin Halchak a third generation firefighter. They all now have five years of experience since joining at the age of sixteen.

On a sad note Rick Simmons, a 42 year member, past commissioner and past assistant chief answered his last call. Firematic services were held for him last week.

In addition to fighting fire, the fire department is involved in many community minded events.

At our June meeting the recipient of the \$500 Hurleyville Fire Department Scholarship was announced. Dalton Maxwell was the recipient of this scholarship. Dalton is the son of Pat Maxwell and Paige Bakken. His goal right now is to become a psychologist and he will be attending Sullivan County Community College in the fall to



Devin Knight (left) and Dominick O'Neil (right) have completed the intensive Firefighter 1 training course.

start his educational journey. The fire department traveled to Lake George to attend the 127th Annual Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighter's Association Parade. Nelson Durland a Past President of the association and a Past Chief of the Hurleyville Fire Department was honored by being selected to be the Marshal of the first division of the parade. Right in front of Nelson the Hurleyville Fire Department marched in the escort division.

On the first day of bass season the 15th Annual Morningside Fishing Classic was held on Morningside Lake. With a full moon setting and the sun rising 85 people showed up for the event. It was a magnificent day for fishing. 128 bass were brought to the scale for a total weight of 194.82 pounds. Theunker of the day was caught by Martin Cody of Middletown weighting in at 4.96 lbs. Here are the rest of the winners:

- Bass**
- 1st: Joe Popet, 11.77 lbs.
- 2nd: Jacob Puzio, 11.01 lbs.
- 3rd: Juan Gonzalez, 10.76 lbs.
- Pickeral**
- 1st: Juan Gonzalez, 19.75", 1.62 lbs.
- 2nd: James Everett, 18.50", 1.48 lbs.
- 3rd: Austin Halchak, 18.25", 1.27 lbs.

From the Town Hall

By Steven Vegliante, Supervisor
Town of Fallsburg



The following is excerpted from remarks made by Supervisor Vegliante at the June Town Board meeting:

There is an ancient Chinese curse which many incorrectly interpret as a blessing which says "may you live in interesting times." We in Fallsburg certainly are living in interesting times. Tonight on the agenda, our Board will vote on an important local law. This evening we will take a vital step to prepare our Town for growth for years to come. Tonight, as a Board, we must act. We must develop a plan, involve all stakeholders and take control of our future as a diverse but inclusive community.

Over the past two years, our Town Board has watched our Planning Board agendas grow at a rate not seen in any of our tenures. We watched as the proposed housing projects ballooned to almost four thousand proposed homes. To put that in perspective, our Township is 190 years old. In 190 years, our Town has grown to 5264 homes. That number includes everything but apartment houses and dormitories, which we have not yet included in our report. We now have actively pending before our Planning Board almost 4000 homes, potentially doubling the size of our town.

Over the past few months, as we have discussed reviewing our zoning code, comprehensive plan and the possibility of a moratorium, we have all received a tremendous amount of feedback. As the statistics show, residential development is big business within the Town of Fallsburg. As we began to craft a draft moratorium we very deliberately decided we didn't want to stop residential development in our Town, rather we wanted to allow it to continue at a con-

trolled pace. We were very cognizant of the significant investment made by owners and developers and decided that while under the law we could have halted all development, it was only fair to allow those projects which have proceeded to a point where our local board had given them a preliminary or conditional approval to continue along their final approval process. This was atypical for a Townwide moratorium. Moratoriums in other municipalities are generally designed to halt all development. This decision will allow almost 1200 conditionally or preliminarily approved homesites to continue. That is approximately 1200 out of almost 4000 currently in review.

At our public hearing, many workers, vendors and developers, many of which were not residents, spoke against a moratorium. They used untrue and vitriolic statements, they said we were putting their workers on welfare. They threatened our town with lawsuits. They wanted to know where their development fees had gone and said we squandered their resources. On our message boards, I and our Board were called anti-Semitic and it was reported to me that I was even referred to as a "self-hating Jew" by a representative of a developer. These claims are false and hurtful to those of us who have worked so hard for unity within our diverse community. These statements are a subterfuge created to ensure their profits will not be affected, all at the expense of our residents, many of whom are the customers of those spreading the lies.

Their deliberate clouding of the issues presented strengthened my resolve that something needed to be done. When I first ran for Supervisor, I used

a quote by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. "Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education." It is the goal of this Board to educate the residents of this Town as to the facts surrounding our decisions. To that end, I acknowledge that while residential home development in the Town of Fallsburg is big business and big business can be a powerful thing, we must make sure that our Town can grow. Reasonable growth is essential for our residents to maintain a quality of life without a crushing tax bill each year. The key for our residents is for development to be reasonable and sustainable. A potential doubling of the density in the Town is simply not reasonable or sustainable. Nor is it realistic. For this reason, I will choose to speak truth to power. For this reason I will make it my mission to give facts and figures against the threats and innuendo. For this reason, I will be voting for the moratorium tonight and I encourage my Board to join me.

Right now, let me give you more numbers. In response to the numerous speakers who questioned our planning and spending of development fees, in the ten year period between 2005 and 2015, we collected just over \$2.3 million in development fees in our consolidated water and sewer district. In that same time, the districts spent \$11.5 million in upgrades to our buildings, equipment and infrastructure. While we thank the developers for doing their part, their contributions were only a fraction of our overall spending, and as we have seen much more will need to be done. As requirements with the DEC and DRBC rise and plants age, it becomes ever more difficult to maintain water and effluent standards. We remain committed to providing all of our residents clean water, both in their rivers and their wells. We will be spending tens of millions of

dollars in the next few years, upgrading our sewer plants and water sources and delivery systems, all with the goal of safeguarding our environment and making Fallsburg a place where sustainable growth may continue through our lifetime. These are all part of our existing improvement plans, developed under our Town engineer and supported by our Board.

As I indicated, under the proposed moratorium, almost 1200 homes can continue to be developed. To give you more perspective, at current pace, that is approximately 5 years of development. In 2014, we issued 165 new home permits. In 2015, our busiest, we issued 224. If that rate continued, there are in the pipeline over 5 years worth of building to do. Even if half the homes presented are financially untenable as has been suggested, we have over two years' worth of development available, well past the time frame of our proposed moratorium. Our contractors and suppliers will be building through our moratorium and will have many healthy years ahead of them.

Finally, I want to talk about our community. To be called anti-Semitic or a self-hating Jew are serious charges. Especially here, where they are simply untrue and unfounded. I have been Supervisor here for 6.5 years. In that time, it has been my honor to get to know many of our orthodox leaders. I have had the pleasure to meet and work with our many non-profit organizations. I have met hundreds of my neighbors that I didn't know before. In that time, this Board has made it a goal to enable inclusion and respect for all faiths, all creeds and all races. I frequently refer to Fallsburg as a beautiful mosaic, which is why what happens tonight is not nearly as important as what comes next.

Our board is committed to a fair, impartial and inclusive review of our comprehensive plan and zoning code. We must review our water and sewer services. We must tackle our traffic issues. To that end, we will be requesting that residents who would like to join our effort, and participate in the comprehensive plan review send us a letter of interest, indicating their background, address and goals. We will empanel a com-

prehensive plan committee that is representative of our entire community. It will include orthodox members, secular members, members of our business and not-for-profit communities. We will interview potential members and ask that they serve with one purpose, amending our code to reflect a sustainable and fair Fallsburg for years to come. We will ask them to be open minded, to listen as much as speak and in the end I am confident that we will develop a code that is fair to all.

Simply put, it isn't about us vs. them. We are all Fallsburg. Each homeowner, whether secular or religious, deserves to know that their water is safe, that their community character will remain, that emergency workers can reach them in times of trouble. We owe a duty to orthodox condominium and home owners who have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars for a respite from city and downstate living as important as the duty we have to secular families whose children attend our schools, whose parents work in our businesses and who live here year round. They are all one thing. They are our Neighbors. They are Residents. They are all part of our family.

I will spend this summer visiting our condominium communities, speaking truth and seeking knowledge. I will spend this whole year, working with our comprehensive plan committee and speaking to our community, again speaking truth and seeking knowledge. We will engage public relations professionals to ensure that false dialogue presented by those with self-serving profit motives, is met by truth because through truth we will achieve inclusion and understanding. We will not allow them to divide our community to enrich their business. With truth we will become one community. We will speak Truth to Power, because it is just and because it is right.

This is one of the most important decisions of my tenure. I know in my heart that my vote tonight is the right thing for all our families and all of our residents. I thank you for your time and input. I look forward to a better and stronger Fallsburg, and I ask for your help in achieving that goal.

BOOK ON HURLEYVILLE'S HISTORY TO BE PUBLISHED

Muskrats, Milkmaids and Mobsters due out this summer

Much like that of Sullivan County itself, the hamlet of Hurleyville has had a rich and colorful history, but never before has there been a book dedicated exclusively to that history. Muskrats, Milkmaids and Mobsters: A Brief History of Hurleyville, Volume 1 will change that.

And it is due to be released this month. The small (64 page) booklet is authored by Sullivan County Historian John Conway and published by Catskill-Delaware Publications. It is expected to be available at The Hurleyville Market and through the mail.

The book's title is taken from the evolution of Hurleyville from a desolate outpost consisting of one house—belonging to William Hurley—and, in the words of 19th century historian James Eldridge Quinlan, "muskrats,

raccoons, and possums," into a bustling community centered around the railroad and its milk train, which carried millions of gallons of milk from the region to the New York metropolitan area each year. The railroad also brought the tourists, and more than thirty hotels were eventually served by the Hurleyville station. Many area hotels featured illicit gambling in one form or another, much of it run by organized crime, the mobsters of the title.

The book traces the history of Hurleyville from before the Europeans arrived through the heyday of the resorts, and touches just a bit on the hamlet's current rebirth, noting that that is a story for Volume 2. The book is replete with the stories of colorful local characters, from Hurley himself to Samuel Mitterer and Daniel Addison Lounsbery, from John Harms Knapp to Samuel Shindler and Jack Drucker. There are stories of triumph and tragedy, of entrepreneurs and ne'er do wells all packed into a tight little package. More on the book's release, and plans for the sequel in upcoming issues.

From the files of...

THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

The Only Newspaper Published in the Town of Fallsburg. Compiled by Fred Fries from The Archives of the Sullivan County Historical Society

JANUARY 8, 1906
(From The Tri-States Union [Port Jervis])
"The Hurleyville Sentinel has become the property of Ellsworth Baker, who is practicing law at that place. Mr. Baker will assume the proprietorship and the editor's chair on January 15. The Sentinel was started about two years ago by Sidney Pendell, who has conducted it since that time. Sidney goes to Monticello to open a billiard and pool room in Waller Hall."

same to Scott Hoagland of Greene County, who will assume the Editorial chair the 16th. 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.

JUNE 21, 1916
Post Office Enlightened
The post office is now equipped with electric lights which makes a great improvement.

JUNE 28, 1916
New Construction
Jos. Brenner & Son have broken ground for a new building and we understand they contemplate putting in a



The Columbia House

mill with electric power. The stone road between Hurleyville and Loch Sheldrake had been repaired and now the town road machinery goes to Mountandale.

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.

JUNE 28, 1916
A Long Day's Journey
John Knapp came down from the Columbia Monday in his car and boarded the nine o'clock train for Liberty telling those here he would be back on the 10:17 in time to take them to the house. Well, he came on the 10:17 all right and when it went through here about 50 miles an hour he sung out the window, "I'll be back on No. 1." Well, No. 1 now goes through faster than that, but that wasn't the worst of it—the train he was on never stopped until it reached Middletown, so he had quite some excursion, reaching home on the 7:43 that evening.

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 Ne-merson 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 formidable Klein's Hillside 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 reg-

ulars will be in Eagles uniforms for this game.

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