

## ADDITION BY SUBTRACTION

### A GANGSTER HIT

*Trivia Night at  
Forage & Gather*

by Lily Barrish Levner

HURLEYVILLE— There was a lot of talk about “hits” as Sullivan County Historian John Conway and I hosted the first ever “Gangster Trivia Night” at Forage & Gather in Hurleyville on May 7.

Judging from the reaction of those who participated, the event itself was a hit of a different kind.

“Great night with John and Lily. It was a packed house,” said Rachel Steingart, manager of Forage & Gather, when the event had concluded. “Everyone enjoyed it so much. We hope we can do it again.”

The idea to host a local trivia night—not in and of itself a unique concept—came about when John and I were talking about our upcoming books. They both have Catskills gangsters in them, so the idea quickly morphed into focusing on trivia about the mobsters who frequented the area-- and specifically the area hotels—in the 1930s and ‘40s. John’s book, “The Borscht Belt in Retrospect” is expected to hit shelves toward the end of June, and the second installment in my Catskills Capers series, “Mountain Maitre D’ Mystery” will be available on July 2.

The evening began with the selection of four-person teams, some which arrived intact, ready to play, some formed on the spot, and then John kicked things off with a few brief anecdotes about the local activities of the gangsters, in particular the Brooklyn thugs the media of the day began calling, Murder, Inc.

Then the competition began. Toss-up questions

followed by a bonus question for those knowledgeable enough, and quick enough, to successfully answer the toss-up. One point for a toss-up, three points for a bonus.

Josip Bosnjak, originally from Flushing, Queens, was among those in attendance. The opportunity to learn local history excited him, and he was thrilled to end up on the winning team. When offered a choice of books as part of his prize package, he chose “Muskrats, Milkmaids and Mobsters” by John Conway. He had already read my Catskills Capers Book 1, “Banquets & Bootleg Bounty.”

The information he gleaned from my fictional mystery that borrowed heavily from historical events no doubt contributed to his success in the contest.

“It was a little catch up of history, reading your book; I wasn’t expecting it to be real. Your books connect on certain vivid detail,” he told me. “I put ‘Banquets’ and the Muskrat book together, and right away the names hit me. Jack Drucker was the gangster’s name in your book, and also the name in John’s book. Walter Sage’s body in Swan Lake, the ice pick, the old barn situation, the local carpenter, the blood stains—I couldn’t believe it was all real.”

Now he knows it is, as do the other participants who put their knowledge on display that evening.

The positive feedback from the event was exactly what we had hoped to hear. Stay tuned for more similar events this summer.

### Fallsburg Gets State Money for Demolition



The former school building at 36 Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg has seen better days.

ALBANY – The town of Fallsburg is set to receive more than \$750,000 in state grant money to address the long abandoned and condemned former school building in South Fallsburg. The funding will go toward demolition of the building, which had through the years served the Fallsburg school district, Sullivan County Community College, and Sullivan ARC.

Governor Kathy Hochul has announced that more than \$50 million has been awarded to 50 projects through the State’s Restore New York Communities Initiative. Restore New York supports municipal revitalization efforts with funds to help remove and reduce blight, reinvigorate communities and generate new residential and economic opportunities statewide. The program, administered by Empire State Development, is designed to help local governments encourage new commercial investments through community revitalization, growing local housing, and putting properties back on the tax rolls to increase the local tax base.

“Revitalizing and rehabilitating vacant and blighted areas of our communities for housing or development is vital to make downtowns thrive,” Governor Hochul said. “Restore

New York helps our municipalities plan for the future by catalyzing economic growth and supporting housing, businesses and cultural spaces. We are further unlocking the potential of these sites and communities across New York.”

Two applications were awarded a Special Project designation because, if left undeveloped, the parcel or property causes severe economic injury or creates a depressing effect on the overall economic development potential of the community. The City of Rome was awarded \$3.5 million to rehabilitate two buildings that were destroyed by the tornado that touched down in Rome on July 16, 2024. Upon completion, these buildings will add an additional 180,000 square feet of commercial manufacturing space to the community. Additionally, the City of Ogdensburg was awarded \$3.5 million to rehabilitate several historic mill buildings on the St. Lawrence River waterfront into a mixed-use complex.

Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner Hope Knight said, “Under Governor Hochul’s leadership, New York State is building for the future by supporting projects that advance statewide priorities like increasing housing and re-

vitalizing communities. Through the Restore New York Communities Initiative, we are working together with municipalities to remove blight and generate new investments to promote sustainable economic growth.”

Fallsburg’s proposed project involves the demolition of the condemned schoolhouse at 36 Laurel Avenue, and site preparation for the future construction of a 5,000-square-foot healthcare facility. The cleared, shovel-ready site and enhanced infrastructure will support the construction of a permanent medical home for underserved residents if additional funding can be secured.

One other Sullivan County municipality, the town of Rockland, will receive money under the same program. Rockland is slated to get \$1 million toward its Livingston Legacy Holdings Project, which will transform seven long vacant, formerly commercial structures on 10 Pleasant Street in Livingston Manor into a bustling multi-use hospitality campus, featuring a restaurant, a sake brewery and tasting room, open air market, public gardens and multi-use spaces for other community-defined needs. Once complete, this campus will fea-

ture a much-needed venue suitable for large gatherings and social events requiring large spaces, parking, and catering capabilities.

These awards complement Governor Hochul’s economic development vision by making strategic investments in communities across the State which revitalize the economy and create more opportunities for New Yorkers. The FY2026 Budget invests \$100 million for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and \$100 million for NY Forward. These programs help municipalities promote quality of life, foster socio-economic development and create walkable, livable and safer neighborhoods in every corner of the state. Additionally, the \$400 million Championing Albany’s Potential initiative, a collaborative, State-led effort to revitalize Albany’s downtown core. The Budget also includes funding for the state’s Regional Economic Development Council initiative; new this year, the 10 councils will compete, in part, for \$150 million in funding as part of the new ACHIEVE initiative to advance catalytic economic development projects backed by enhanced implementation funding to jumpstart regional growth.

### Little Miss Sunshine And Green Tomatoes at HPAC

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE— The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre has two highly acclaimed films coming to the Cinema in June.

On June 11, there will be an adult sensory-friendly showing of “Little Miss Sunshine,” the 2006 dark comedy starring Steve Carell, Toni Collette, Greg Kinnear, Abigail Breslin, Paul Dano and Alan Arkin.

“Little Miss Sunshine” tells the story of the Hoovers, one of the most endearingly fractured families ever seen on motion picture screens. Together, the motley six-member family treks from Albuquerque to the Little Miss Sunshine pageant in Redondo Beach, California, to fulfill the deepest wish of seven-year-old Olive, an ordinary little girl with big dreams. Along the way, the family must deal with crushed dreams, heartbreaks and a broken-down VW bus, leading up to the surreal Little Miss Sunshine competition itself. On their travels through this bizarrely funny landscape, the Hoovers learn to trust and support each other along the path of life, no matter what the challenge.

The screening is at 10

a.m. and tickets are \$10 at the box office.

HPAC’s popular Senior Cinema series continues on the second Thursday of each month, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and includes a film and complimentary social coffee hour. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online or at the box office.

On June 12, it’s “Fried Green Tomatoes,” a 1991 American comedy-drama film directed by Jon Avnet, based on Fannie Flagg’s 1987 novel “Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe.”

“Fried Green Tomatoes” stars Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy, Mary Stuart Masterson, Mary-Louise Parker and Cicely Tyson.

The film tells the story of an unhappy housewife who befriends an older woman in a nursing home, who shares tales of her past, including the lives of two women who ran the Whistle Stop Cafe. The film features a notable cast, and explores themes of friendship, love, and resilience against societal challenges.

For more information about the various HPAC programs, including Senior Cinema and sensory friendly film offerings, visit the website, hpacny.org.



The main cast of the 1991 film, “Fried Green Tomatoes.”

### Town of Fallsburg to Host Juneteenth Celebration Set for Morningside Park

FALLSBURG – The Town of Fallsburg is proud to announce that it will host this year’s NAACP Sullivan County Branch Juneteenth Celebration on Thursday June 19, from 12 to 4 p.m. at Morningside Park in Hurleyville. This community-wide event is free and open to all.

Juneteenth marks the anniversary of the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United

States. The celebration is a time to honor the past, embrace cultural heritage, and promote unity and progress.

“We are honored to partner with the NAACP Sullivan County Branch to bring this important celebration to Morningside Park,” said a spokesperson for the Town of Fallsburg. “This event reflects our shared commitment to diversity, equity, and inclu-

sion.”

This year’s Juneteenth event will feature live performances, speakers, vendors, cultural displays, youth activities, and community resources.

“This is more than a celebration—it’s a moment to reflect, to educate, and to build bridges in our community. We are excited to host Juneteenth in Fallsburg and welcome everyone to be a part of

this powerful day of unity. Each year we grow stronger and more connected as a community.

Juneteenth is a reminder of how far we’ve come and how far we still must go. This event is for everyone to learn, celebrate, and uplift one another. Our focus is the youth. It is imperative that children have good role models. They can listen to narratives of past and help them

understand how we have overcome and triumphed! Events like these will help them learn to advocate and overcome any injustices that they may face and develop a true sense of community.” said Alasha Santiago, Vice President of the NAACP Sullivan County Branch and Juneteenth Chairperson.

Event Details:  
What: 2025 NAACP Sullivan County Branch

Juneteenth Celebration  
When: Thursday, June 19, 2025

Time: 12 – 4 p.m.  
Where: Morningside Park, 11 Hurleyville Road, Fallsburg NY

Admission: Free and open to the public

For more information or to get involved, please email Alasha Santiago at alashasantiago09@yahoo.com.



PHOTO BY JEREMY LEVNER

Lily Barrish Levner (standing left) and John Conway presided over Gangster Trivia Night.



# BIG TOBACCO’S DIRTY LAUNDRY

HURLEYVILLE – The Coalition for a Vape Free Sullivan celebrated World No Tobacco Day on Friday, May 30 at the O&W Rail Trail in Hurleyville. This global celebration, created by the World Health Organization (WHO), informs the public on the dangers of using tobacco, the business practices of tobacco companies, what is being done to fight the epidemic, and what people around the world can do to claim their health and protect future generations.

This year’s theme was “Unmasking the Appeal” and focused on giving young people the truth about the tobacco and

nicotine industry’s carefully engineered products that are designed to entice young people with their candy flavors. According to the World Health Organization, there are more than 16,000 unique vape flavors on the market today that have hooked an estimated 37 million children aged 13-15 years old worldwide. The Hurleyville event on Friday featured an art display titled “Airing Big Tobacco’s Dirty Laundry” which was created by nearly 50 local high school students participating in the Sullivan 180 Warrior Teens program.

Dr. Jessie Moore, Public

## Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Announces Honor Roll

FALLSBURG – Benjamin Cosor Elementary School is excited to announce their elementary Honor Roll and Superintendent’s Honor Roll recipients for the third marking period. Students who made the Honor Roll list earned an overall grade-point average of 3.0-3.5, and students who made the Superintendent’s Honor Roll list earned an overall grade-point average of 3.6-4.0. The students who were recognized for their high academic achievements are:

### Grade 4

**Honor Roll:** Elian Aguilar Cortez, Jalen Anthony, Mila Anthony, Raegan Atkins, Juliette Aviles Zelaya, Abigail Bensimon, Athenna Betancourt, Jaycole Brizuela Fuentes, Juan Cabrera Chavez, Abigail Call, Sophia Carpenter, Ancel Chavez, Aubrey Curtin, Giuliana DiCostanzo, Trinity Doolittle, Annabella Fisher, Stefan Garcia Delgado, James Geagley, Matthew Germant, Jaime Giron Paredes, Jacob Guillen Matamoras, Maydelin Jacobo Lopez, David Jimenez-Castillo, Meleny Juarez Cadenal, Elias Lopez, Raymond Lopez III, Giavanna Mack, Sofia Madeira, Ashton Mahodil, Sandoval Eliana Montenegro, Lia Mora Ceron, Zoe Murry, Gabriel Ortiz, Zoe Otero Deras, Adeline Parsells, Dove Picciotti, Kenneth Reyes Sierra, Ashley Ruano Lopez, Lillyann Vazquez.

**Superintendent’s Honor Roll:** Pearl Gold and Keysi Otero Deras.

### Grade 5

**Honor Roll:** Amina Berisha, Amore Brown, Anpol Caguana, Jonathan Castro Moreno, Keila Coj Tambriz, Elijah Cruz, Isaiah Crawford, Samantha Darcy, Kadence Duncan, Dominic Esposito, Jax Frunzi, Gianna Guerrero, Jonah Godby, Esther Grande Lagos, Jacob Graham, Josiah Hinton, Emmett Hockenberry, Meberlyn Hernandez Ruano, Faith Kehlenbeck, Bryan Maldonado Alvarado,

Rebecca Malespin Argueta, Dominic Medina Moore, Anthony Mora Ceron, Levi Nicanor Perez, Jax Pillius, Mason Pomales, Mirey’ah Steele, Taylor Simms, Steven Loja Tenezaca, Elijah Torres, Queenie Wang.

### Superintendent’s Honor Roll:

Genesis Anderson, Mila Arroyo, Jacob Boynton Torres, Santiago Brito Garcia, Giada Evangelista, Brooklyn Fisher, Katherine Giron Cabrera, Ravyn Henry, Jase Hermann, Olivia Hiliard, Brianna Johnson, Muhammed Kassama, Eliza Lagos Guardado, Mason Li, Enina Lulanaj, Braylee Maitland, Elizabeth McManus, Zoya Meer, Jean Carlos Pineda Reyes, Skyla Restrepo, Madax Simpson, Tyler Torres, Lincoln Oneal.

### Grade 6

**Honor Roll:** Nila Ahmed Anha, Saleisha Aleman, Janelli Anderson, Heather Avila Ramirez, Bryan Balcazar Lavin, Elias Blandon Rivera, Rocket Budde, Jeramiyah Castro, Samantha Clark, Muhammad Dumbuya, Nelson Duque Moroy, Aleczandra Esparza, Genesis Fuentes, Selena Garcia, Awa Gai, Emanuel Granados, Alexsa Granados Duarte, Grayson Mungeer, Caleb Mapes, Theresa Medina, Alexandria Mann, Katherine Reyes Serano, Dayana Padilla Orellana, Keylit Pineda Nieto, Christian Robles-Hernandez, Blinera Selimaj, Blerina Selimaj, Anayeli Zaragoza, Karla Zacapexpan-Reyes, Benjamin Wizwer.

### Superintendent’s Honor

**Roll:** Armani Alencaster, Hayden Atkins, Kadja Bamba, Ava Berrios, Aubrianna Clark-Wheat, Isaac Castillo Miranda, Aaron Cubias, Anthony Frunzi, Taylin Frunzi, Lithsy Fuentes Ardon, Annabella Harlow Oathout, Selina Lazroe, Gabrielle Spruill, Madison Samora, Derrick Saravia, Kendra Rodriguez, Erick Rivera Moreno, Annabella Vences-Urquiza, Melanie Wang.



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**Amanda Langseder**

Health Director for Sullivan County, stated “tobacco and nicotine use remain major public health challenges, particularly among youth. At the Sullivan County Department of Public Health, we are dedicated to supporting prevention efforts, promoting education, and helping our community make healthier choices.”

A proclamation en-



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**Sullivan County Public Health Director, Jessie Moore, DrPH**

dorsing World No Tobacco Day and encouraging smoking cessation was read by Sullivan County Legislator Catherine Scott. Community leaders spoke about the local effects of nicotine addiction, the impacts on schools and the resources available to help people quit. A very special youth speaker, Celeste D’Andrea, Monticel-

lo High School student, shared “as a society we need to start realizing that this is not simply teenage rebellion or a trend. Parents, educators and community leaders must shift from immediate discipline to proactive education and cessation for those teens who are hooked. Vaping is not a harmless trend. It is a threat to the health and future of our youth.”

After the remarks, the trailhead turned into a ‘Quit Party’ inviting the public to kick start their quit journey with cessation resources and a fresh-air walk on the Rail Trail. Supportive community agencies including the American Lung Association, Ellenville Regional Hospital, Sullivan County Department of Health, Tobacco Free Action Communities, Restorative Man-

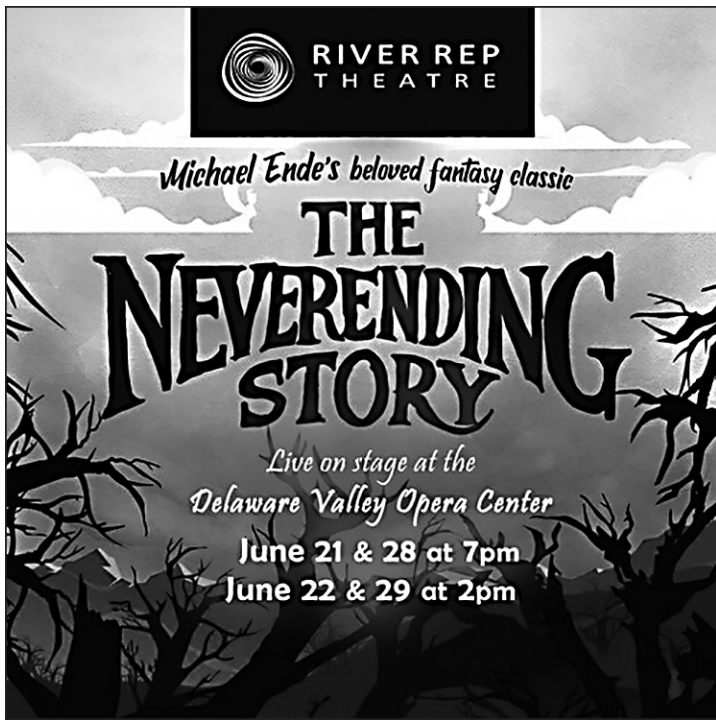
agement, and Sullivan 180 tabled along the trailhead. Those who visited were able to sign up for a Freedom from Smoking class that is happening on Monday evenings in June and July at the Sullivan County Government Center.

For more information, visit [www.sullivan180.org](http://www.sullivan180.org), or to sign-up for Freedom from Smoking, contact Amanda Langseder, Sullivan 180 Director of Prevention Programming at 845-295-2681 or [amanda@sullivan.180.org](mailto:amanda@sullivan.180.org)

Sullivan 180 is working to build a healthy community, one degree at a time, through people, places and policy with support from Bold Gold Media Group, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat, Manor Ink and WJFF Radio Catskill. Learn more at [Sullivan180.org](http://Sullivan180.org).

## THE NEVERENDING STORY

*River Rep Theatre at Lake Huntington*



whole family!

Directed by Christopher Peditto, based on the novel by Michael Ende, and adapted by David S. Craig,

the production features Arthur Aulisi, Jess Beveridge, Hannah DeVrieze, Tiffany Esteb, Tibor Feldman, Ellie J, Lexee McEntee,

Cooper Quinn, Malcolm Strother, Jim Sullivan, Waverly Van Aalsburg and Hudson Williams-Eynon.

The show features set design is by Neira Sinabasic. Costume design and construction by Elin Agustsson, Beth DeVrieze and Liz Huntington. Sound and lights by C. Peditto. Music by Klaus Doldinger and Giorgio Moroder.

There are just four performances scheduled: On Saturdays, June 21 and 28 at 7 p.m. and Sundays, June 22 and 29 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each with children 12 and under at half price.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the website, <https://www.riverrep.org/>

## County Expands Monticello Transfer Station Scale Hours



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(hand-unloaders must be weighed out by 3 p.m.), and Saturday, inbound scale hours will be from 7-11

a.m. (bags will be accepted until 1 p.m.).

For more information or to ask questions, con-

tact Recycling Coordinator Kassie Thelman at [kassie.thelman@sullivanny.gov](mailto:kassie.thelman@sullivanny.gov) or 845-807-0291.

## FCSD to Hold Summer Food Program

FALLSBURG – The Fallsburg Central School District has announced that its summer food program is officially underway. This free program is available to all children in the district under the age of 18. From July 7 to August 15, meals will be delivered to five different locations each week, Monday through Friday. The following are the locations and times for meal pickup:

### Benjamin Cosor

#### Elementary School

15 Old Falls Road  
Fallsburg, NY 12733  
Breakfast: 8 to 9:30 a.m.  
Lunch: 11a.m. to 12 p.m.

### Lakeview Apartments/

#### Woodland Townhouses

5 Woodland Road  
Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759  
Lunch: 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

### Main Street Houses

5254 S Fallsburg Main Street  
South Fallsburg, NY 12779  
Lunch: 1 to 1:30 p.m.

### Morningside Park

11 Morningside Park Road  
Hurleyville, NY 12747  
Breakfast: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.  
Lunch: 12 to 12:30 p.m.

## FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

*by John Simon*



### THE VENTURI EFFECT

## Venturi Effect

Wind can accelerate through narrow passages

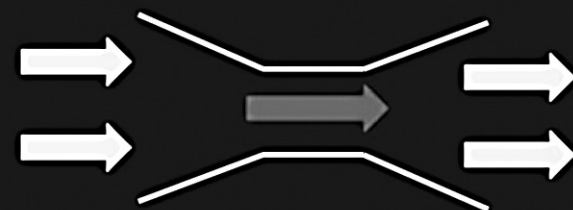


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The Venturi Effect is a phenomenon many people have heard about, but few understand. While it is a complicated concept to explain in mathematical detail, in simple terms, it is a drop in pressure (with a corresponding increase in velocity) when a liquid or a gas passes through a confined space. Think of how a breeze is impacted when it passes through a cracked door, for instance.

Several machines, including the vacuum cleaner, ventilator, or the diffuser in an automobile, operate on the Venturi Effect. Also, the Venturi Effect is the drop in static pressure of a liquid through a pipe. Think of placing your thumb over the outlet of a water hose. Minimizing the

opening through which the water passes increases its speed while decreasing the pressure.

The Venturi Effect can cause damage in weather as wind speed is increased in narrow spaces, which could be naturally occurring, like in the mountains or man made, like those created by buildings in cities. The narrower the opening through which the wind passes, the greater the increase in its speed.

The Venturi Effect is named for the 18th century Italian physicist, Giovanni Battista Venturi.

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

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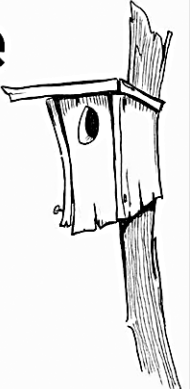
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## From the Firehouse

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.

Memorial Day has passed and the official start of grilling season is upon us. In recent years I have been to a number of grill fires and some have caused a great deal of damage to homes and garages. Statistically about 20 percent of the grill fires were attributed to a dirty grill. So here are some commonsense safety hints for grilling:

- For propane grills, check the gas tank for leaks before use in the months ahead.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Place the grill well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- Keep children and pets

at least three feet away from the grilling area.

- If you use starter fluid when charcoal grilling, only use charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. When you have or are finished grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing them in a metal container.

- Never leave your grill unattended when in use.

Another topic for spring Safety is weather related incidents. There have already been a couple of thunder and lightning storms in the area this spring. Here are some safety hints to refresh your memory as to what to do in the event of a storm:

- **Be aware:** Check the weather forecast before participating in outdoor activities.
- **Go indoors:** Remember the phrase, “**When thunder roars, go indoors.**” Find a safe, enclosed shelter when you hear thunder. Safe shelters include homes, offices, shopping centers, and hard-top vehicles with the windows rolled up.
- **Seek shelter immediately even if caught out**

**in the open:** Act quickly to find adequate shelter. Crouching or getting low to the ground can reduce your chances of being struck but does not remove you from danger.

- **Separate:** If you are in a group during a thunderstorm, separate from each other. This will reduce the number of injuries if lightning strikes the ground.
- **Don’t stay near tall structures.**

There are many, many apps that can help you keep on top of the weather events. One is NY-Alert.

This is a free app that you can fine tune to your preferences. NY-Alert sends out critical information for your area.

Coming up is the 24th Annual Morningside Fishing Classic. Saturday, June 21 5 a.m. – 1 p.m at Morningside Lake, 614 Brickman Road, Hurleyville.

Summer is coming and there will be an increase in the population in the County. Roads, stores, everything becomes busier. Be aware of your surroundings and be safe.

**Use common sense and Be Safe**

HURLEYVILLE – The Homestead School invites families, prospective students, and community members to experience its vibrant and inclusive learning environment during the Annual Open House on Saturday, June 14.

The Open House will take place at both the Glen Spey Campus (Pre-K through 6th Grade) and the Hurleyville Campus, home to the Collaborative College High School (grades 7 through Early College).

#### Open House Schedule:

- Glen Spey Campus, 428 Hollow Road, Glen Spey: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Hurleyville Campus, 202 Main Street, Hurleyville: 1 – 4 p.m.

Guests at both campuses will enjoy campus tours, meet-and-greets with faculty and staff, engaging children’s activities, including crafts and a bouncy house, and student work on a display that showcases the school’s commitment to impact-based learning—where knowledge is turned into meaningful action.

Food will be available at both locations, with food trucks and local ice cream vendors stationed at the Glen Spey campus.

The Homestead School is dedicated to cultivating an inclusive, student-centered environment where curiosity, compassion, and community engagement are essential to the educational experience. At the Glen Spey campus, students benefit from a unique farm-based Montessori program set on a 100-acre landscape that includes permaculture learning across various gardens, farm animals, and outdoor classrooms. Leadership opportunities, nutrition education, local plant identification, and service learning—such as composting, service projects, and volunteering for local food pantries are embedded into everyday

learning.

As students advance into the middle and high school years, the Hurleyville campus offers a transformative academic model through the Collaborative College High School (CCHS), where students gain early college credits while tackling real-world challenges. The open house will spotlight achievements such as CCHS’s first graduating class, including a National Merit finalist, college acceptances to leading educational institutions, and significant tuition savings through dual-enrollment with SUNY Sullivan.

Visitors will also learn about student-led business and civic engagement projects, including sustainability and food equity initiatives. In addition to these exciting opportunities for students Pre-K through Early College, the school is expanding its outreach to support homeschooled students, offering enrichment in after school programs and weekly engagement for families to attend with their students.

Families are invited to join the Open House to learn more about these offerings on the Homestead School’s unique campuses. The Homestead School’s mission is to inspire a lifelong love of learning while empowering students to become thoughtful stewards of their communities and the natural world.

Through a commitment to diverse perspectives, hands-on education, and action-oriented learning, Homestead students are not just preparing for the future—they’re actively shaping it. Join in on June 14 to experience how The Homestead School is growing confident, capable changemakers—from their first steps in pre-K to their first college credits.

For more information, visit [www.homestead-school.com](http://www.homestead-school.com) or contact the main office at (845) 856-6359.

## D&H CANAL INTERPRETIVE CENTER NOW OPEN

### Canalside Museum Is Free to Visit

SUMMITVILLE – The Delaware & Hudson Canal Interpretive Center at 16 Bova Road in Summitville is now open to the public. Admission is always free.

The Interpretive Center will remain open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through September 1, from 10 a.m.– 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and from noon–5 p.m. Sundays.

Sullivan County’s D&H Canal Interpretive Center sits adjacent to the historic remains of the former Delaware & Hudson Canal, including a lock and waste weir. The Center takes visitors on an exploration of life on the canal, through each

phase of the canal’s construction and its 70 years of operation.

Learn about the lock system and enjoy the historic features of the site. Hike along the canal towpath from Summitville to Wurtsboro. Enjoy occasional special events! Whether you are a canal enthusiast or simply wonder why there are remnants of fancy stone walls in strange places along Route 209, the D&H Canal Interpretive Center will solve many mysteries about what people were up to in this area starting in the 1820s.

The Center also houses original artifacts from the canal, photographs, paint-

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# THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

The Only Newspaper Published in the Town of Fallsburgh

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## June 21, 1916 POST OFFICE ENLIGHTENED

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

## June 28, 1916 NEW CONSTRUCTION

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

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

## A LONG DAY’S JOURNEY

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

## June 11, 1937 LOCAL GIRLS WIN PRIZE

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

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

David Leider of Monticello, a singer, was awarded first prize; the Hurleyville girls



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second; and Edward Hones, Roscoe cornet player, was third. Prizes were \$10, \$5, and \$3.

## BETROTHED COUPLE FETED BY FRIENDS

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

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

## June 18, 1937 NEWS AND PERSONAL NOTES

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

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

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

## June 25, 1937 STUDENTS GRADUATED FROM LOCAL SCHOOL WITH HIGH HONORS

Thirteen graduates of the Hurleyville High School received diplomas at the Commencement exercises held at the school auditorium on

Saturday evening while on the previous evening fifteen diplomas were distributed to graduates of the grade school.

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

Miss Dorothy Osdoby delivered the valedictory address.

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

## June 2019 “THE NEXT ACT” AT HPAC

“The Sullivan County Catskills: The Next Act,” a film by Grayce Arlotta-Berner and Peter J. Russo, is a 38 minute evocation of the Sullivan County Catskills - past, present, and potential future. It weaves together the viewpoints of ten interview subjects, interspersing them with historical images (film, photographs, postcards and posters). The perspectives converge and diverge along lines that give the film its distinctive texture and argument. “The Next Act” is a deft and suggestive collage.



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GRAHAMSVILLE – The Time and the Valleys Museum, on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville is now open for the season.

Exhibitions:

- Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes a section on the Lenape Native Americans, early area settlers, farming, local industries and more.

- Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City’s Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an engaging exhibition on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, includes why New York City needed water, a description of the three water systems, the heartache of the people who had to give up their homes and how the complex system was built.

- 1930s Catskill Family Farm is an outdoor, open air

experience with several early farm buildings all illustrating life on a Catskill family farm during the 1930s, about to be removed for the building of a NYC reservoir. Building include a farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with WORKING waterwheel.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville. It is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. through September or by appointment. Adults admission is \$10, Children under 16 \$5, and children under six are free. Museum members are FREE.

Free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members through our status as a Blue Star Museum. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org). Volunteers are always welcome and needed! Email or call us for more information.



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# THE GENTLE LIFE PART III

A Short Story by Henry Van Dyke

*The Gentle Life is a short story originally published by Henry Van Dyke in 1901, and is currently in the public domain. In commemoration of the opening of trout fishing season in New York State in April, we are offering it in four installments. In the opening chapter, our narrator, a serious fisherman, disclosed that he had arranged to meet his friend, Ned Mason, at Contentment Corner on the Neversink River for a noontide lunch and smoke and talk, "he fishing down Biscuit Brook, and I down the West Branch, until we came together at the rendezvous..." but Ned Mason is running late, and instead, an old man, a stranger, yet somehow familiar, appears out of nowhere, and in Part II, a conversation ensues. That's where we pick up the story in Part III...*

So we made ourselves comfortable on the shady bank, and... my new companion entertained me with the sweetest and friendliest talk that I had ever heard... "But as concerning riches, wherein should you and I be happier, this pleasant afternoon of May, had we all the

gold in Croesus his coffers? Would the sun shine for us more bravely, or the flowers give forth a sweeter breath, or yonder warbling vireo, hidden in her leafy choir, send down more pure and musical descants, sweetly attuned by natural magic to woo and win our thoughts from vanity and hot desires into a harmony with the tranquil thoughts of God? And as for fame and power, trust me, sir, I have seen too many men in my time that lived very unhappily though their names were upon all lips, and died very sadly though their power was felt in many lands; too many of these great ones have I seen that spent their days in disquietude and ended them in sorrow, to make me envy their conditions or hasten to rival them. Nor do I think that, by all their perturbations and fightings and runnings to and fro, the world hath been much bettered, or even greatly changed. The colour and complexion of mortal life, in all things that are essential, remain the same under Cromwell or under Charles. The goodness and mercy of God are still over all His works, whether

Presbytery or Episcopacy be set up as His interpreter. Very quietly and peacefully have I lived under several polities, civil and ecclesiastical, and under all there was room enough to do my duty and love my friends and go a-fishing. And let me tell you, sir, that in the state wherein I now find myself, though there are many things of which I may not speak to you, yet one thing is clear: if I had made haste in my mortal concerns, I should not have saved time, but lost it; for all our affairs are under one sure dominion which moveth them forward to their concordant end: wherefore 'HE THAT BELIEVETH SHALL NOT MAKE HASTE,' and, above all, not when he goeth a-angling.

"But tell me, I pray you, is not this char cooked yet? Methinks the time is somewhat overlong for the roasting. The fragrant smell of the cookery gives me an eagerness to taste this new dish. Not that I am in haste, but—

"Well, it is done; and well done, too! Marry, the flesh of this fish is as red as rose-leaves, and as sweet as if he had fed on nothing else. The



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flavour of smoke from the fire is but slight, and it takes nothing from the perfection of the dish, but rather adds to it, being clean and delicate. I like not these French cooks who make all dishes in disguise, and set them forth with strange foreign savours, like a masquerade. Give me my food in its native dress, even though it be a little dry. If we had but a cup of sack, now, or a glass of good ale, and a pipeful of tobacco?

"What! you have an abundance of the fragrant weed in your pouch? Sir, I thank you very heartily! You entertain me like a prince. Not like King James, be it understood, who despised to-

bacco and called it a 'lively image and pattern of hell'; nor like the Czar of Russia who commanded that all who used it should have their noses cut off, but like good Queen Bess of glorious memory, who disdained not the incense of the pipe, and some say she used one herself; though for my part I think the custom of smoking one that is more fitting for men, whose frailty and need of comfort are well known, than for that fairer sex whose innocent and virgin spirits stand less in want of creature consolations.

"But come, let us not trouble our enjoyment with careful discrimination of others' scruples. Your to-

bacco is rarely good; I'll warrant it comes from that province of Virginia which was named for the Virgin Queen; and while we smoke together, let me call you, for this hour, my Scholar; and so I will give you four choice rules for the attainment of that unhastened quietude of mind whereof we did lately discourse.

"First: you shall learn to desire nothing in the world so much but that you can be happy without it.

"Second: you shall seek that which you desire only by such means as are fair and lawful, and this will leave you without bitterness towards men or shame before God.

Third: you shall take pleasure in the time while you are seeking, even though

you obtain not immediately that which you seek; for the purpose of a journey is not only to arrive at the goal, but also to find enjoyment by the way.

"Fourth: when you attain that which you have desired, you shall think more of the kindness of your fortune than of the greatness of your skill. This will make you grateful, and ready to share with others that which Providence hath bestowed upon you; and truly this is both reasonable and profitable, for it is but little that any of us would catch in this world were not our luck better than our deserts.

"And to these Four Rules I will add yet another—Fifth: when you smoke your pipe with a good conscience, trouble not your-

self because there are men in the world who will find fault with you for so doing. If you wait for a pleasure at which no sour-complexioned soul hath ever girded, you will wait long, and go through life with a sad and anxious mind. But I think that God is best pleased with us when we give little heed to scoffers, and enjoy His gifts with thankfulness and an easy heart."

*The conversation between our narrator and his strange visitor is becoming much more engrossing than even fishing the wild and abundant Neversink could be. Where is it heading? Find out in the concluding chapter of our story, only in the July edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel!*

## FORT DELAWARE ANNOUNCES PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

### Bold Gold Media Speaker Series 2025

NARROWSBURG — Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History in Narrowsburg, NY has announced its schedule of special programs for the 2025 season.

For the fourth consecutive year, the series of presentations will be sponsored by Bold Gold Media.

The Bold Gold Media Speaker Series kicks off on the Fort's opening day, Saturday, May 17 with a presentation by Sullivan County Historian John Conway exploring the newly discovered connection between Benedict Arnold and Cushetunk, the first permanent European settlement in the Upper Delaware region.

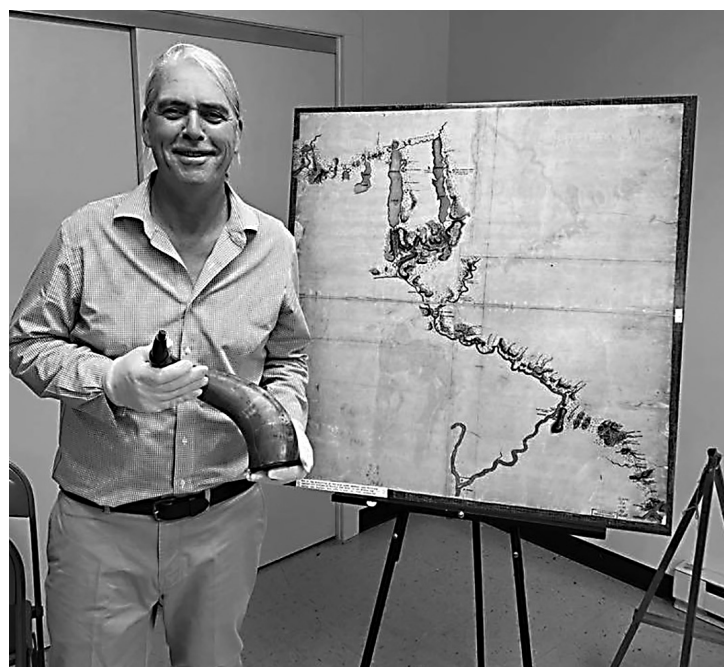
Benedict Arnold will also be the subject of two other programs this season, as authors Jack Kelly (God Save Benedict Arnold) and Matthew Reardon (The Traitor's Homecoming) will visit Fort Delaware to discuss and sign their books at different times.

Fort Delaware's event tent was destroyed in a recent rain storm, so until it can be replaced all special programs will be presented in the James W. Burbank Pavilion. For the first time, the presentations will be open to the public at no charge. All special programs start at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

The programming schedule includes:

**Saturday, May 17:** "The Benedict Arnold Connection" by Sullivan County Historian John Conway; 4 p.m.

**Saturday, May 24:** "The Battlefield Death of Dr. Benjamin Tusten" by Sullivan County Historian John Conway (Memorial Day weekend program about one of our first veterans to



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**Rich Jenkins is a direct descendant of the man who guided General John Sullivan (namesake of Sullivan County) on his Revolutionary War expedition and recorded the journey on his powder horn. Mr. Jenkins will present a program on the topic at Fort Delaware Museum on August 16.**

give his life in battle); 4 p.m.

**Monday, May 26:** (Memorial Day) Special Program TBA

**Saturday, June 14:** "God Save Benedict Arnold: The True Story of America's Most Hated Man" discussion and book signing by book author Jack Kelly; 4 p.m. (Benedict Arnold died on June 14, 1801)

**Friday, July 4:** "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" by Oliver King as Frederick Douglass; 4 p.m.

**Saturday, July 5:** "The Spirit of Philadelphia: A Call to Rediscover the Founding Principles" discussion and book signing by book author Chris Gibson, PhD. (Dr. Gibson is a retired military officer and former U.S. Congressman)

**Saturday, July 12:** "Patriots and Loyalists: The Reading of the Declaration of Independence and the Loyalist Rebuttal" with Fort Delaware staff and re-enactors; 1 p.m.

**Saturday, July 19 and Sunday, July 20:** Queen

Esther's Refugees on the Warpath encampment and siege of Fort Delaware; 11 a.m.; (Fort closes at 3 p.m. Saturday for Battle of Minisink Commemoration at 4 p.m. at Minisink Battleground Park)

**Saturday, July 19:** Commemoration of the Battle of Minisink; Minisink Battleground Park, County Road 168, Barryville; Terry Bernardo, NSDAR Keynote Speaker (Fort Delaware closes at 3 p.m. today only)

**Saturday, August 9:** "The Traitors Homecoming: Benedict Arnold's Raid on New London, CT" discussion and book signing by book author Matthew E. Reardon; 4 p.m.

**Saturday, August 16:** "Guiding General Sullivan: The Sullivan Expedition as Recorded by its Guide" by Richard Jenkins; 4 p.m.

**Saturday, August 23:** "To Quell, Suppress, and Bring Them to Reason by Force: Combatting the Loyalist Threat in NY During 1775" by Dutchess County Historian Will Tatum, PhD.

## SULLIVAN 180 AWARDS 2025 BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS

LIBERTY — Sullivan 180 is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2025 Beautification Program grants. This year, a wide range of community groups and schools across Sullivan County will receive funding up to \$2,500 for projects that enhance public spaces and school campuses through gardens, landscaping, and beautification.

2025 Beautification Program Grant Recipients:

- Callicoon Business Association – Visit Callicoon
- Callicoon Depot, Inc. – Callicoon Depot Pollinator Waystation
- Daniel Pierce Library – Color Enhancement '25
- Livingston Manor Renaissance – Manor - Blooming and Growing
- Town of Lumberland Parks & Rec. – Lumberland Pride
- White Sulphur Springs Sullivan First – Call White Sulphur Springs Home!
- 2025 School Beautification Program Grant Recipients:
- Livingston Manor Central School – Enhancing Outdoor Spaces for Learning and Community
- Monticello Central School, Emma C. Chase Elementary – School Entrance Beautification
- Monticello Central School, High School – Campus Sign and School Entrance Enhancement
- Monticello Central

School, Kenneth L. Rutherford – School Entrance Beautification

- Sullivan BOCES, Career & Technical Education Center – CTE Entrance Sensory Garden
- Sullivan BOCES, Rubin Pollack Education Center – Campus Signs - Beautification
- Sullivan West Central School, High School – Campus Beautification

"We are so pleased to recognize the creativity and commitment of this year's grant recipients," said Carmela Hugel, Beautification Program Manager at Sullivan 180. "It's incredibly rewarding to see public spaces and schools transformed by the hands of those who live, work, and play in them."

Community projects are always seeking volunteers to participate. Contact Anne-Louise Scandariato, Director of Community Engagement at 845-295-2405, to connect with a project in your community. For information on Beautification Grants, contact Carmela Hugel at 845-295-2453 or Carmela@Sullivan180.org.

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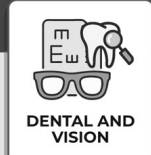


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# SENTINEL SPORTS



## SAUNTER WITH US!

### SENTINEL SPONSORS WORLD SAUNTERING DAY RAIL TRAIL EVENT

by Win Hadley

HURLEYVILLE — In recognition of World Sauntering Day, The Hurleyville Sentinel has announced that it is sponsoring a walk on the Milk Train Trail guided and narrated by longtime Sullivan County Historian John Conway (who also happens to be the editor of the newspaper).

World Sauntering Day is celebrated internationally each year on June 19, but the Sentinel Saunter is scheduled for Wednesday evening, June 18 beginning at 6 p.m.

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."

The Sentinel Saunter is believed to be the first time the holiday will be commemorated locally.

Mr. Conway became aware of the existence of World Sauntering Day a little over a year ago, and in an article this reporter did for the July, 2024 edition of The Sentinel, he promised to consider doing a walk to commemorate it in 2025.

"We are scheduling the first ever Sentinel Saunter for the evening before World Sauntering Day," Mr. Conway said. "The reason for that is simply that we don't want to conflict with any of the events that have been planned to celebrate the Juneteenth holiday. Hopefully, the fact

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**The Sentinel Saunter will leave from the west side trailhead at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 18.**

that our saunter will be in the evening on June 18 will encourage people to participate who might work during the day. Everyone is welcome."

Participants are advised to meet in the upper west side municipal parking lot behind the train station in Hurleyville. The Saunter will proceed along the Milk Train trail westward toward Ferndale, and will last approximately 90 minutes.

Mr. Conway has often said the section of rail trail west of Main Street is his favorite place to saunter.

"The quiet solitude of the west side rail trail lends itself perfectly to sauntering," he said. "And there are



a number of historical topics we can discuss along the way, including the railroad

and the resorts, the dairy industry, gangsters, and even Native Americans, many of

whom frequented this area for the abundance of game found here. We'll try to

work each of those topics into the saunter.

"There is also an incredibly diverse ecosystem from one end of that section of trail to the other, and that cuts down on the monotony of the saunter. There is enough greenery throughout to provide the medicinal benefits of being in nature."

Mr. Conway has long been a proponent of what the Japanese call shinrin yoku, or forest bathing, which is sometimes referred to in this country as silvotherapy.

While the concept of nature based therapies in the treatment of disease and the prevention of illness is nothing new, recent research has quantified the physiological and psychological benefits to be gained from them.

Forest bathing has been defined as the practice of

immersing oneself in nature by mindfully using all five senses. This is a traditional practice in Japan, and during the 1980s, it became a pivotal part of preventive health care and healing in Japanese medicine, not only boosting the immune system, but providing measurable benefits to the cardiovascular and respiratory systems.

According to the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy Guides and Programs, "there are an infinite number of healing activities that can be incorporated into a walk in a forest or any other natural area."

This is another topic that will be explored during the first ever Sentinel Saunter.

The event is free and open to the public, and no pre-registration is necessary.

## THE HEAT IS ON

### 2025 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge

HURLEYVILLE — The Sullivan 180 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge has officially reached the halfway mark of the 8-month-long initiative with local fire fighters logging over 1,000 activities toward improved wellness.

2025 Participating Fire Departments: Bloomingburg, Callicoon Center, Grahamsville, Hortonville, Hurleyville, Jeffersonville, Kauneonga Lake, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Lumberland, Monticello, Narrowsburg-Lava, Rock Hill, Roscoe-Rockland, Smallwood-Mongaup Valley, White Lake, and Woodbourne.

"These dedicated individuals have embraced a wide range of physical challenges,

including daily walking, litter pickups, wall sits, plank challenges, and even weekly yoga sessions," said Lindsay Wheat, Outreach Program Manager at Sullivan 180. "But the commitment to health goes beyond the physical — firefighters have also prioritized mental well-being by completing suicide awareness training, watching mental health webinars, and engaging in reflective practices such as journaling after calls."

The Healthiest Fire Department Challenge calls attention to the mental and physical health of our firefighters. Firefighting is physically and emotionally demanding from the moment the tones drop. More than half of all firefighters have

elevated blood pressure; are obese and pre-diabetic. 90% or more have poor diet or exercise habits, additionally, suffering from heart disease, PTSD and lead in suicide more than any other first responder. Firefighters are consistently managing the balance between family, work and serving their community. Absorbing the trauma of each call has impacts that are not always visible or obvious.

To make this challenge fun and competitive, departments receive credit in the form of 'turtle points' for each health focused activity they complete. The department that earns the most turtles will be eligible for grant funding through Sullivan 180 and community partners. To date, Black Bear Fuel Oil Heating & Air Conditioning, Garnet Health Medical Center Catskills, Jeff Bank, Liberty & Monticello Rotary Clubs, Schmidt's Wholesale, Sullivan Fire Protection Corp, and Thompson Sanitation have committed to being Turtle Award sponsors.

Grantee levels are based on the final points completed

by September 1, 2025. The two departments that earn the most turtle points will be eligible for a grant in the amount of \$15,000 and \$10,000, respectively. Additional grants will be awarded based on a tiered point system. Winners will be announced at the Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters Parade in Monticello on September 6, 2024.

Grahamsville Fire Department currently holds the lead but Kauneonga Lake Fire Department is just a few points behind. Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Department grabs third place.

Support your local firefighters by following the challenge at Sullivan180.org and by joining our Facebook where you'll find live updates and photos.

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## Sullivan 180 Celebrates Growth of Spartan Clubs At Sullivan County Schools

LIBERTY — Sullivan 180's Empowering a Healthier Generation (EHG) Program is proud to announce the continued expansion and success of Spartan Clubs across Sullivan County school districts.

In past years, the EHG program, with generous support from Spartan, has assisted in establishing a Spartan Club at Monticello's Robert J. Kaiser Middle School, contributing to a growing movement that now includes six Spartan Clubs in four school districts.

"A Spartan is someone who does their best in things and perseveres in activities that are hard. And even if things are hard, remember that you are brave, you're strong and you can do hard

things!" said Alanna, age 11.

Spartan Clubs have taken root in the following schools: Livingston Manor Middle/High School, Sullivan West Elementary School, Monticello's George L. Cooke Elementary School, Robert J. Kaiser Middle School and Monticello High School. In addition, Sullivan BOCES is piloting a Spartan Club through their Physical Education program, furthering the reach of this wellness-focused initiative.

Now in its third year of collaboration, Spartan has

increased support by providing 125 free race registrations for Sullivan County public school students who form a Spartan Club, enabling them to participate in the annual Bethel Woods

Spartan Race. This incredible support removes financial barriers and empowers students and staff to engage in physical activity, build resilience and strengthen school community spirit.

"We believe every child should have the chance to test their limits, build confidence and enjoy the thrill of a Spartan race. Our work with Sullivan 180 is a meaningful way to bring that vision to life in a community that's all-in on health and empowerment," said Dan McDonald, Chief of Staff, Spartan.

Sullivan 180 continues to encourage school districts countywide to establish Spartan Clubs at the elementary, middle and high school levels, reinforcing its mission to empower a

healthier generation through wellness, resilience and collaboration.

"Sullivan 180 is deeply grateful to Spartan for their continued and generous partnership," said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Director of Health & Wellness at Sullivan 180. "Together with the school staff and students who have created new Spartan Clubs, this initiative is helping to inspire, empower and uplift our youth, building stronger futures through connection, leadership and team spirit."

The Spartan Race at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts will be held on June 7 & 8, 2025. To learn more about the races, to register or to sign up please visit [www.bethelwoodscenter.org/](http://www.bethelwoodscenter.org/) events.

## LAKE SUPERIOR IS OPEN

### County-Operated State Park Offers Family Fun



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Season Passes are available for Sullivan County Residents; these passes are \$15 per person and applicants must provide proof of residency. Season Passes can be purchased at Lake Superior during hours of operation or at the Parks, Recreation & Beautification office in the County Government Center. "We are excited to have

new boats available to rent for this season!" said Assistant Recreation Director Fiona Feltman. "We have pedal boats, row boats, single kayaks, double kayaks, and now canoes available to rent for \$8 per hour with a \$20 security deposit per boat."

Several picnic pavilions are available for rent; please

contact the Parks, Recreation & Beautification office at 845-807-0287 or email [SCParks@sullivanny.gov](mailto:SCParks@sullivanny.gov) for more information.

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**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](mailto:hurleysent@hotmail.com) will win a prize. Have fun!

#### June Questions:

1. What two Major League pitchers have pitched perfect games in the month of June?
2. How many NBA championships did the Chicago Bulls win in the 1990s?
3. What Major League Baseball player hit the most home runs during the month of June?
4. How many Stanley Cup championships did the Los Angeles Kings win in the 2010s?
5. What is the only team to ever come back from a 3-1 deficit to win the NBA Finals?

#### May Answers:

1. What National Leaguer has the most home runs by a switch hitter in a season? (**Chipper Jones, Atlanta Braves, 45 in 1999.**)
2. What year did David Wells pitch a perfect game in May? (**1998**)
3. In May of what year did Nolan Ryan pitch his seventh career no-hitter? (**1991**)
4. Who got his 3,000th career hit on May 4, 2018? (**Albert Pujols**)
5. What historic baseball event took place on May 24, 1935? (**The first night game in Major League Baseball history; the Reds beat the Phillies 2-1.**)

There was no winner last month.



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