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On behalf of the Farmingville Historical Society, thank you to everyone who showed an interest in our Mystery Research Challenge and took the time to learn about the story and ultimately conduct research.

Over the last month, we reviewed all of the submissions and are in the process of re-compiling the story and conducting additional research on some outstanding questions. We do not want to publish 'the story' as of yet. There are still many unanswered questions. We want to complete our follow-ups before publishing the findings...so please stay tuned for the story over the next few months.

In the meantime, we would like to announce the 'Winner' of the Mystery Research Challenge. Our Winner will receive a \$100 check from the Farmingville Historical Society. We are also adding a 'runner-up' who will receive a \$50 check from the Farmingville Historical Society. Special thank you to the sponsors who made this Challenge possible: Martino Physical Therapy, Christina Lentini, State Farm Agent, SBS Promo, and HeartBeet Farms.

Our Mystery Research Challenge Winner submitted a 44-page research paper and provided leads to multiple Eliphalet Smiths who lived locally, ultimately opening up the story to many possibilities. Our winner is Carol Albertus from Long Beach, NY. Carol is helping our Board to follow-up on many of the leads she identified and see this story to the end. We are very thankful for her tremendous diligence and research expertise.

Our Mystery Research Challenge Runner-up is Louise Scarola of Farmingville. Louise did extensive research on Eliphalet Smith which aligned with much of Carol's research. Louise also went out of her way to modify her work plans to participate in our News 12 Coverage. We are very grateful for her support.

Thank you again to everybody who participated in our Challenge. We hope that you will stay connected to the Farmingville Historical Society. We are launching a weekly Farmers Market on Fridays, 4-7PM, beginning June 11th on the Elijah Terry Farmhouse porch. We are also working on an outdoor Friday evening History Summer Speaker Series and History Book Club. Stay up to date by signing up for our newsletter, Instagram and/or Facebook. We will let you know as soon as we publish the Mystery Research Challenge story.

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