

THE KEY TO SUCCESS

Preparations for Holiday in Hurleyville Well Underway

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE—The date for this year's Holiday in Hurleyville celebration has been set, and members of the Hurleyville Hub and others have been hard at work for weeks now planning the festivities.

Holiday in Hurleyville 2022 will be held on Saturday, December 3.

The full day long celebration of the Christmas and Hanukkah season started in 2016, and save for a one-year hiatus due to the COVID pandemic, has been held on the first Saturday in December each year ever since.

Organizers say this year's event will be bigger and better than ever before. Among the featured activities will be the traditional holiday tree and menorah lighting at the mini-park adjacent to the municipal parking lot on the east side of Main Street, which is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Other activities that have become staples of the annual event include the Sullivan County Historical Society unveiling its annual Holiday Theme Tree exhibit at the County Museum at 265 Main Street from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a Hurleyville History Hike, co-sponsored by Morgan Outdoors, along the Rail Trail heading west, beginning at 1 p.m., Gallery 222 will host a pop-up Thrift Shop, and the Pickled Owl will be selling roast pork on garlic bread sandwiches from their sidewalk display, along with hosting a local artisan's craft shop. The annual Luminaria Lighting and walk on the Rail Trail will take place from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., heading east.

As has become the case as often as not, the most ambitious and creative activities will center on the Hurleyville General Store, which will be hosting live music concerts with three different acts from 1 to 5 p.m. The General Store, located at 238 Main Street,

will also be conducting a photo contest that day based on the movie "A Christmas Story."



Ms. Lombardi says they will be lighting the store's own replica of "the iconic gold-skirt-fishnet-stocking-clad leg lamp" from the movie at 6 p.m.

"There will be cookies, there will be live music from Shane Rennison, Cris Spinner, the Dirty Stay Out Skiffers, there

will be hot chocolate, there will be more than a few pink bunny suit clad folks, there will be holiday shopping and much more, so come dressed as a character from the movie and enter a raffle to win one of five \$100 Hurleyville General Store gift cards. We triple dog dare you to miss this event," she adds.

Most of the businesses from one end of Main Street to the other will have something special going on during the day that Saturday, and there will be numerous outside vendors participating, selling food, pottery, jewelry, woodworking items, herbs, soaps and beauty aids, and other items. And, of course, PartyMaster will be providing the sound equipment and other support services for the entire event.

The cinema at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Center will be showing a holiday movie starting at 6 p.m. that evening.

At press time, organizers said that other activities are in the works, so mark your calendars for this year's Holiday in Hurleyville celebration, Saturday, December 3.

ANOTHER HURLEYVILLE HISTORY HIKE

Part of Holiday in Hurleyville on December 3

by Win Hadley

HURLEYVILLE—The Hurleyville History Hike led by County Historian John Conway has been part of every Holiday in Hurleyville celebration so far, and this year will be no exception. Preparations are being made for the hike, which will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 3.

This year's hike will leave from the parking lot on the west side of Main Street and head toward Ferndale. It is the same route that was planned for the October 1 history hike that was cancelled due to the forecast for unfavorable weather conditions that proved to be largely unfounded.

Like the October 1 event that didn't happen, the upcoming hike will be co-sponsored by the non-profit history education group, The Delaware Company and Morgan Outdoors, the Main Street business specializing in equipment and appurtenances for outdoor recreation.



The Hurleyville History Hike on Saturday, December 3 will leave from this interpretive sign in the west side parking lot at 1 p.m.

"I am looking forward to again being part of the Holiday in Hurleyville festivities," Mr. Conway said. "It has always been a fun day and a great opportunity to talk about history with a large group of interested people while getting some exercise and enjoying the outdoors at the same time."

This year's hike will include stories about the

railroad's impact on Hurleyville, including its role in the development of the resort industry and dairy farming in the region, as well as a discussion of organized crime in the Catskills in the 1930s, with a focus on the incidents that occurred in Hurleyville and Loch Sheldrake.

"We will be gathering by the interpretive sign on the Main Street side of the

west side parking lot and after a brief introduction, heading out along the trail toward Ferndale," Mr. Conway said. "I am especially eager to finally get a chance to work with Lisa Lyons (of Morgan Outdoors) who will be along on the hike to add her expertise to the narrative."

As always, Mr. Conway is quick to clarify the use of the term "hike" to describe the annual journey. "We use the term 'history hike' mostly for the alliteration," he admitted. "I like to say, this is more of a saunter. It isn't at all vigorous, so it's not really a hike in the literal sense."

Participants are advised to dress appropriately for the weather, and to wear comfortable footwear. Though the trail is paved and nearly level, there will still be quite a bit of walking...or more accurately, sauntering.

The Hurleyville History Hike is free and open to the public. The hikes typically last about 90 minutes.

Sullivan County Leads State in Job Growth

Average Citizen Reaps Benefits

MONTICELLO — Data just released by the NYS Department of Labor shows that Sullivan County is ahead of the entire State — including New York City — in job growth.

The Department's monthly report pegged Sullivan's private-sector job growth rate at 9.1% year-over-year for September 2022, beating fellow State leader Allegany County's 8.8% & New York City's 6.8% and far outpacing neighboring mid-Hudson counties.

"Prudent financial management leads to fiscal stability, which in turn creates an environment where companies want to invest, and these numbers prove we're a great business bet," notes Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty. "How does this benefit the average citizen? In many, many ways: broadening the tax base, providing employment choices, free tuition at our local college, offering opportunities for job advancement, and encouraging new housing and further investment."

Labor data indicates information services and the lei-



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Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Robert Doherty.

sure & hospitality sectors are leading the local job growth, with year-over-year increases of 100% and 32.5% respectively. Other top-performing sectors include manufacturing (11.8%) and goods-producing (10%).

"The demand for new products or services in Sullivan County for September was at an all-time high, in fact," explains Center for Workforce Development Director Loreen Gebelein. "I attribute the growth rate to the productivity of the workforce, particularly to major local employers such as Kohl's, along with lumber companies, construction companies (including new



PHOTO PROVIDED
SC legislature Vice Chair Michael Brooks

home construction and sales of manufactured housing), equipment rental companies, furniture/household sales merchants and others."

The Legislature and County staff, supported by industry partners, have made job growth a priority in the wake of pandemic-related losses. "This is phenomenal news, especially when one considers the challenging Statewide economic environment we currently find ourselves in," says Legislature Vice Chair Michael Brooks. "As a Legislature, we will continue to enact and support policies which enable businesses and individuals to succeed and prosper in Sullivan County."

ABOUT OUR HEADLINE

The Scottish-born inventor Alexander Graham Bell, best known for his part in the invention of the telephone, famously wrote that "before anything else, preparation is the key to success," and that aphorism provides us with our headline for this edition.

While the sentiment expressed in Mr. Bell's quote is hardly original, there is no doubt that it accurately applies to the planning of the annual Holiday in Hurleyville festivities, which have been highly successful since their inception in 2016, largely because of meticulous early planning, as well as the hard work of numerous volunteers carrying out those plans.

There is no reason to suspect that the 2022 Holiday in Hurleyville event will anything other than bigger and better than ever, and that is due in part because preparations by dedicated volunteers started as early as August and were ramping up even before the October Scarecrow Festival was accomplished.

SUPPORTING HEALTHY AGING

TCFD Model Cited for Efficacy

HARRIS — The Center for Discovery® has released a report, prepared by NORC at the University of Chicago (NORC), entitled The Center for Discovery Program Evaluation: How the HealthE6® Model Can Support Healthy Aging.

NORC is a highly respected independent research institution that has been delivering reliable data and rigorous analysis since 1941.

Because TCFD's six-pillared approach—the HealthE6® Model—provides a compelling example of effective, person-centered care for the disabled population, including older adults, the John A. Hartford Foundation (JAHF),

which invests in aging experts and practice innovations that transform how the care of older adults is delivered, engaged NORC to evaluate whether the program's components could be translated to the care of older adults in a widely diverse range of care settings across the United States. This issue has become particularly acute as older adults outnumber children for the first time in U.S. history.

Based on over 20 hours of interviews, several days onsite, close document reviews, and assessment of outcomes provided by TCFD, the report by NORC identified five core components of the HealthE6® Model that can be

piloted in other settings, at varying levels of financial investment and capabilities. These core components include: (1) Initial and ongoing assessment of the individual's physical and mental wellbeing (Evaluation); (2) A schedule that includes physical activity and a consistent sleep routine (Schedule); (3) Meaningful socialization with staff, friends, and family (Socialization); (4) A nourishing whole food-based diet (Nutrition); and (5) An adaptive environment that allows for safe, independent engagement (Environment).

The report also identified important opportunities for additional research, noting that "the



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TCFD C.E.O. Patrick H. Dollard

TCFD model works because of its staff members—who are engaged, trained, and well-supported by The Center—and its mission-driven, dedicated leadership. A separate study on what makes the

staff successful, despite high-stress roles, would allow further documentation and dissemination of best practices."

In addition, the report notes that "while TCFD has designed and imple-

mented a robust model of care to support transitions from one life stage to the next, what is currently missing is the opportunity to provide end-of-life care with a focus on a community-based palliative care. Over time, as more residents enter old age, The Center will need to build or adjust its current programs to address this gap."

With pilot program funding to support transition infrastructure and staffing models, TCFD would be well suited to develop these supports and for the first time significantly advance the continuum of complex care for older adults so that they can be supported throughout an entire lifetime.

"More and more, we are seeing the merging of aging and disability issues in our work as a funder dedi-

cated to improving the care of older adults," said Scott Bane, JD, MPA, JAHF Program Officer. "Thanks to the Age-Friendly Health Systems movement that we support, we are moving to a future where all older adults can age well regardless of their abilities. And thanks to TCFD's cutting-edge work, we are advancing so that people of all abilities will be able to age well."

"The US has a quickly growing population of older adults and substandard options for residential care. The Center for Discovery has developed a model of residential care that could serve as an example of how seniors can live independently and with integrity," said Dianne Munevar, Senior Director of Health Care Strategy at NORC. "Our evaluation report

includes tangible yet impactful solutions that can be implemented in nursing homes and assisted living centers—without significant financial resources or workforce burden."

"It was an honor to work with remarkable teams at JAHF and NORC to evaluate and document The Center's HealthE6 Model. We have been working for decades to advance new models of care and improve outcomes for all individuals with complex needs," said Patrick H. Dollard, CEO of TCFD. "The lessons we have learned can be applied to a range of care settings and we are committed to sharing our best practices with the world. As we say at The Center, 'what happens here, matters everywhere.'"

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



HURLEYVILLE -SULLIVAN FIRST

The volunteers in Hurleyville-Sullivan First will be getting the barrels and planters ready for winter this month.

This year the group has been working with the Hurleyville Hub on events that contribute to the revitalization of the hamlet: the Hurleyville Summer Festivals and the Hurleyville Scarecrow Festival. The next event is Holiday in Hurleyville on Saturday, December 3.

The group will hold the 26th Annual "Deck the Doors" Holiday Decorating Contest on Thursday, December 15. Judging will begin at 6 p.m. All holiday-decorated doors in the hamlet, both residences and businesses, are eligible. Winners of the contest will be awarded prizes provided by Hurleyville business owners and members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First.

For more information about Hurleyville and Hurleyville-Sullivan First, please visit the group on Facebook or at www.hurleyvilleny.com.

HURLEYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the church will be open on Thursday, November 10 and on Thursday, November 17 from 3 until 5 p.m.

Food for Thanksgiving will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis on November 17. Donations to the Food for Thanksgiving distribution would be greatly appreciated and should be at the food pantry by 2 p.m. on November 17.

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

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

All are invited to pray with others over the phone on the church's prayer line on Sundays from 7 - 8 p.m. The prayer line phone number is 605-472-5491 and the access code is 251678.

The Bible study group meets in the sanctuary at the church every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Youngsters are invited to participate in "Messy Church" held on the second Saturday of each month from 5 - 6:30 p.m. The next date is November 12. All children taking part in the fun activities must be accompanied by an adult.

Donations of pull-ups, sizes 5 and 6, Pampers, and paper goods are being

BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY



Thursday, November 10th
Thursday, November 17th

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Hurleyville United Methodist Church
263 Main Street
Hurleyville

collected at the church for Preventive Services. The county program provides support to parents to help them prevent their children from being placed in foster care. Please contact Cookie at 845-428-5871 or Goldie at 845-467-1641 for more information on the program.

Please call Katrina at 845-436-7942 for more information on services and activities at the church. You can also get updates at the church's page on Facebook.

THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Sullivan County Historical Society will open its annual Holiday Theme Tree Exhibit at the Sullivan County Museum at the Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 3. The event, held in conjunction with Holiday in Hurleyville, will feature holiday-themed trees decorated by individuals and organizations. The trees can be set up between November 25 and December 2. Please call 845-434-8044 for information on setting up a tree.

The 100th Anniversary of the Hurleyville Fire Department and the 75th Anniversary of WVOS are commemorated in exhibits at the Museum along with ones featuring the Neversink-Hackledam Project and the Town of Thompson One-Room Schoolhouse Project. The Dr. Frederick Cook exhibit at the Museum will be on display until December.

Volunteers are available to help visitors explore the historical and genealogical resources at the Historical Society's archives at the Museum. The archives are open on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment.

The Museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, is open on Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Admission is free. Donations to meet the increasing cost of operating the museum are appreciated.

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

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

Go to www.scnyhistory.org to learn about the Sullivan County Historical Society and the Sullivan County Museum. You can also visit the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum on Facebook.

COLUMBIA HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE (CHNA)

The CHNA steering committee meets monthly in preparation for the next time the 535-townhouse Gan Eden Estates project on Columbia Hill appears on the agenda of the Town of Thompson Planning Board. The full build-out of the development could result in more than 3,000 residents on Columbia Hill.

The dramatic increase of rapid and questionable over-development in the area of Huschke Road is also being monitored by the members of CHNA.

Destroying the character of the community, jeopardizing the water supply, and threatening the safety of wildlife are among the many results of irresponsible and unsustainable over-development.

Homeowners who experience well-related troubles due to the well testing being done at the proposed Gan Eden Estates development project on Columbia Hill should contact the building departments in the Town of Thompson (845-794-2500, extension 321) and the Town of Fallsburg (845-434-8811).

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

Monticello Kiwanis Annual Fundraiser Dinner

MONTICELLO--In light of the continuing COVID situation, the Kiwanis Club of Monticello is once more making their Annual Bernie Shore/Rose Raimond Fundraising Dinner available at a time of the ticket buyer's choosing from Yanni's Café on Pleasant Street in Monticello. Tickets are \$25 each, which entitles the buyer to dinner platter choices of Hot Open Roast Beef, Grilled Chicken, Gyro Platter or Vegetarian Crepe. Included are choices of soup or salad as well as two side dishes and dessert. Diners can be socially distant "eat in" or "take out" at the window by ordering ahead.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are valid currently until December 31, 2022.

Tickets are available by contacting a Monticello Kiwanis member or by mailing a check made out to Kiwanis Club of Monticello, P.O. Box 413, Monticello, NY 12701.

All proceeds benefit charitable projects in the community helping the Kiwanis Club fulfill their mission of "serving the children of the world, one child and one community at a time".

For further information on obtaining tickets, contact Marvin Rappaport at 845-701-1655.



THE IMPACT OF HURRICANES

High tides, wild winds and torrential rain
Are some of the components of hurricanes
It can be scary to hear weather reports
Because flooding can cause so much pain

People are told to evacuate
In order to be safe and alive
But feel uneasy about leaving their homes
Friends and relatives hope they'll survive

Boarded up windows with metal or wood
In protection against the strong wind
Those who stayed stocked up on food
For they knew they would have to stay in

Watching their cars as they floated away
And roofs as they flew through the air
Trees and electric poles torn from the ground
As people say, "This just isn't fair!"

Survivors have lost homes and cars, maybe boats
Many doubtful that they will rebuild
And there has also been loss of life
You can bet that their eyes are tear-filled

Will they be courageous and start over again
Or is the trauma a thing that nothing can mend?
So many believe that they must move away
Yet others stomp and shout
"Hell no, we're going to stay!"

- Mimi
November, 2022

COUNTY READY TO HELP ENTREPRENEURS

Up to \$100,000 in Loans Available

MONTICELLO-- Sullivan County currently has \$600,000 that it's eager to hand out to local businesses.

"Our Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) has helped many entrepreneurs start or expand their dreams," notes RLF Manager John Kiefer. "We do not want money sitting in this fund - it's designed to recirculate in the community, supporting the preservation and growth of agriculture and the revitalization of our many downtowns."

All a business or entrepreneur needs to have before they apply is a business plan and \$50 for the application fee. Once reviewed for comprehensiveness by the Division of Planning, the application is sent to the RLF Advisory Board for consideration. If recommended by the Board, it's given to the County Legislature for approval. From start to finish, qualifying applicants typically have funds in hand within less than six months.

Rates are no higher than

6%, and loans can be used to fund up to 90% of a project. For certain projects which meet the objectives of the County's Agriculture and Farmland Protection Program or applicants who participate in an Entrepreneurial Training Program, up to 25% of the loan may be forgivable, essentially becoming a grant.

"I encourage anyone who's interested to give John or me a call. We'd be happy to talk about the program and their project, and may be able to connect people with other assistance such as business planning help, potential grants, staff training and recruitment, and incentives for energy efficiency improvements," says Deputy Planning Commissioner Jill M. Weyer. "And we don't charge for our services!"

Questions are welcome at 845-807-0527 or john.kiefer@sullivanny.us. For further information, visit sullivanny.us/Departments/PlanningEnvironmental/TechnicalAssistanceFundngPrograms.

The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

I started October by seeing two of my favorite people. LITTLE SPARROW played at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville.

There's something so calming and connecting with the of music of CAROL SMITH and ALDO TROIANI that no matter what happened before no longer matters as you let what they play and sing wash over you. Theirs is just plain feel-good music. People were up dancing. The applause was loud.

I decided to combine my own leaf-peeping with the last show of the season of the NEVERSINK RIVER CO-OP Craft Show in Frost Valley. The scenery on the trip up was spectacular and so was every single piece I saw in this show. What I didn't know prior, was that this is a "juried show." That means the artists must be approved by a panel in order to be part of the show, and that means you will see the best of the best, which was certainly true here. Every piece, the jewelry, the pottery, the metalwork, the paintings, the wood works was high quality with the stamp of their creator on them. I highly recommend you make it a priority for next summer.

I had the chance to see GREG CASTRO followed by EMILY KEATING, also at CABERNET FRANK'S. It was the first time I have ever seen GREG CASTRO solo and solo loses nothing. I was also impressed by how he adjusted to the indoor space. His voice was a bit subdued, his iconic guitar riffs were shortened, but the power of presence was as strong as ever.

Next up was EMILY KEATING. I first saw her performing on the outside stage (might well have been an Open Mic) the first COVID summer in 2020. You remember, when the weather turned warmer and we all came outside, went somewhere, and we all sat quietly, shell shocked and hoping no one came over to talk to us. Suffice it to say, she has found her niche and although following GREG CASTRO is no easy feat, she certainly holds her own.

I was very excited to see JOHN DWAIN MCKENNA'S iconic "THE NEVERSINK CHRONICLES" back in stock at THE NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE! Just in time for Christmas gift giving! For those not familiar with this book, it's a collection of fictional short stories (or are they?) centered around the Neversink and Round-out area. Some are historical, some more modern written by a man who grew up in this area.

What a nice surprise to find friends CASWYN MOON and FAITH KELLY performing as KEL'S ON THE LAKE just down the street from me! Truthfully, I didn't even know that KEL'S had reopened after the fire early this summer.

The vibe is very Manhattan casual, but a word of caution, there seems to be only one set of traditional table and chairs with the rest set high. I'd also hold off on ordering food, though, until their kitchen can live up to their menu. Still, the space is very open and airy, which also lends itself to being acoustically excellent.

CASWYN led off the evening with his memorable originals. How this man can

perform so powerfully while maintaining a totally relaxed demeanor is fascinating to see. FAITH KELLY has the exact opposite approach. She too is a powerful performer musically but is extremely active on stage, creating a night of extremes that sizzle!

And I can't end this without mentioning LAURA GARONE of SOUTHERN FRIED SOUL who audi-

tioned in Poughkeepsie for what sounds like a musical revue with the working title of ELLA FITZGERALD'S JUKE BOX. Later that same day, it was learned that she had earned a spot in this production. Good going LAURA!!

Stay safe and go out and see something live before the 'real' winter!

Until next time...

FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



WINTER WEATHER MYTHS

A lot of people in our town are talking about this coming winter. The big question on everyone's mind is: Is winter going to be warm and rainy, or cold and snowy?

Here are some weather prediction myths for November: "A heavy November snow will last till April." In other words, if it snows starting in November, there will be snow on the ground until April.

"Thunder in November, means a fertile year to come." Or, if there are thunderstorms in November, plants will grow heartily in the spring.

"Flowers in bloom late in autumn indicate a bad winter." If flowers grow in late autumn, it will be a snowy

winter. Of these three sayings, this last one rings most true. I have seen many late blooms around town this year such as daisies. Yikes, winter could be rough.

Also in November, our part of the earth transitions from warm weather into cool weather. Also this month, hurricane season is done, and we start to get winter weather like snow, sleet, freezing rain, and rain. The Farmer's Almanac predicts this winter to be warm and wet instead of cold, and snowy. Let's hope that December is warm and wet, as they predicted it to be, and spares us the snow, although everyone likes an at-home snow day.

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MEET CRIS SPINNER

Proud Mom and Musician Extraordinaire

by Lily Barrish

HURLEYVILLE-- In 2017, Cris Spinner bought a home in Sullivan County, and in 2019 she retired and moved upstate permanently. The area is lucky to have such a passionate, caring, vivacious, community-minded person as her own. She's very involved with the community at large here.

"I fall between free thinking bohemian hippy and small-town American school-teacher," she said.

In 2013, her son, Anthony, moved to The Center for Discovery. Prior to that, they lived in Westchester County. Cris taught music

education for 39 years in Harrison, NY, where she ran choral and music theatre. In 1976, she attended Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY, earning her degree in music education. From day one, she was a musician, performer and composer, playing the piano, singing choral and doing musical theatre. An extremely accomplished woman, she's also a published composer of children's music; she had her own collections out years ago.

Anthony was born in 1995, and diagnosed with autism at around two-and-a-half to three years old.

"It's been a journey for

us," Ms. Spinner said. "While he's profoundly impaired in some ways - he's a smart young man and his talents always shone through. I was able to develop good programming, so he was successful in his world and environment. I developed social programs that focused on socializing with peers. The program was adopted in Harrison where I taught. I won an alumni educator award for developing that program in 2011. Anthony had a successful childhood. He had a full life - I saw to that. Around 14-15 years old, he developed emotional dysregulation that made him anxious, and he had some

difficult behaviors. Little did I know this was a hallmark of young men with autism, that they develop this behavior. The hardest thing to admit was that I couldn't help Anthony on my own - my search led me to The Center. The Center gave me back my son!"

She does a tremendous amount of volunteer work. In April, she put on a fundraising concert at the Michael Ritchie Big Barn, for the people of Ukraine, partnering with the Hurleyville General Store and the Liberty Rotary Club. In October, she performed at the Scarecrow Festival.

"I think it's important to perform live," she said.

"I content-create on social media for a wide-ranging audience spanning from ages 25-75. Giving back to people through content creation is very important to me. I used to host a live one-hour general talk show on WVOX AM 1460 which focused on a variety of topics, guests, panel discussions and Q&A."

Today, her content creation includes general talk, guests, singing/performing, fun skits, no-bake cooking and "fashion show fun." She also hosts a podcast called "Live! From The Wish House." Currently, it can be found on Apple, Spotify, and Google Podcasts

Currently, Anthony is thriving, and she couldn't be happier for him. It was Mom who nurtured and grew Anthony's love for reading while growing up, and now The Center is continuing down that path with him. His team at The Center developed a program where Anthony reads once a week via Zoom to the children at the daycare program - it's called "Storytime with Mr. Spinner." He also records once a month at The Center's Rock Hill campus. Mom has developed a channel on YouTube that does the same thing. Everyone is so proud of Anthony's accomplishments - his reading program highlights



PHOTO BY LILY BARRISH
Cris Spinner

special talents that are sometimes hidden in autistic people.

"I'm very grateful to The Center for their reimagined care in Anthony's program-

And I am so happy living here in Sullivan County. It's amazing where life takes you!" Ms. Spinner said.

SUNY Sullivan Appoints New Director Of Catskill Hospitality Institute

Justine Hoskin Has Wealth of Experience

LOCH SHELDRAKE-- SUNY Sullivan has announced that Justine Hoskin is the new director of the Catskill Hospitality Institute at the college. Hoskin is a graduate of Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte, N.C., where she earned degrees in baking & pastry arts, as well as food service management. After working in numerous roles in the food service and hospitality industry in the

New York City metro area, Hoskin most recently was Director of Room Operations at Foster Supply Hospitality in Youngsville.

"I want to be able to see the Hospitality industry continue to grow and thrive by welcoming students to SUNY Sullivan, providing them with the tools to be successful, and then opening their eyes to all the great opportunities that are right outside the campus



Justine Hoskin

PHOTO PROVIDED

doors," Ms. Hoskin said. "I look forward to working hard alongside other faculty and staff to provide the best outcome for our students."

"Justine is a welcome addition to the Catskill Hospitality Institute, and the ideal person to lead it now," said SUNY Sullivan Vice President for Academic Affairs Marc Singer. "She brings a wealth of experience in the local hospitality industry, both on the restaurant side and the hospi-

tality side. She knows the direction the industry is headed, and that knowledge will be crucial as we retool the Hospitality Institute to ensure it

aligns with industry needs and where the job market is headed."

Born and raised in northern New Jersey, Ms. Hoskin said she visited the Catskills often as a child and has called Sullivan County home for several years.

"As a child, my grandparents had a farmhouse in Delaware County, which I would visit often in the summers. During my time there I learned to love this area and the Catskills," she said. "Personally, it's a new chapter in my career, something I never envisioned years ago. Sullivan County has become home to me, and I'm excited to be a part of the growth and community here."

Create Your Own Themed Tree to Show!

Exhibit Will Be Part of 'Holiday in Hurleyville Festival'



PHOTO PROVIDED

HURLEYVILLE-- It's time to start planning for the 2022 Holiday Open House at the Sullivan County Cultural Center & Museum in Hurleyville. Hosted by the Sullivan County Historical Society, this year's Open House will be held on Saturday, December 3, in conjunction with the Holiday In Hurleyville Festival.

The Sullivan County Historical Society invites organizations, businesses, and individuals to decorate a tree for display at the event. The decorating theme may be one which represents an organization, a business or an individual flight of fancy.

All trees must be artificial (due to fire codes) and not taller than six (6) feet. If a tree is less than five (5) feet, please bring your own table. Note that since the display is in subdued lighting, trees will

not be seen at their best unless they have their own lights.

Trees and displays may be set up between November 25 and December 2 anytime from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exhibits may be removed after January 3, 2023 or by appointment.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. For suggestions or more information, call 845-434-8044 or email info@snyhistory.org.



Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

Autumn Musings

Lakes and ponds breathe mist into the cold air of autumn. When I lived in the vicinity of Echo Lake, even though the lake wasn't visible from my window, I could locate it precisely, come autumn, by the ghostly reflection of its shape that hovered in the air above.

This mist has several names: frost smoke, steam fog. It results from the different rates at which land and water cool as the temperature drops through September and October. A complicated exchange of air and vapor ensues and produces some haunting effects. I've read that in a strong wind frost smoke will coil upward in columns, like mini-cyclones, and spin over the water, a phenomenon known as steam devils. These have been seen on Lake Michigan, where the winds are fiercer than they are around Hurleyville, but I have hopes of seeing steam devils whirl across a local pond one day.

Now, looking north along Divine Corners Road in the early morning, I often observe what appears to be a cloud bank held by the hills that rise toward Slide Mountain Wilderness. I suspect it's not clouds at all, but the Neversink Reservoir's ethereal twin, suspended there till its dispersal by sun-warmed air.

II.

Autumn brings an increase in appetite among the local fauna; they're avid to fatten up for the coming winter. One

late-September morning, I drew aside the kitchen curtains and there were three deer framed in the window, right by the front porch, intent on finishing off the flower beds and taking what they could of the clematis climbing the trellis. They didn't flinch at our appearance. We sat at breakfast looking out at the deer who, when they heard an unaccustomed sound (i.e., when I whistled at them), deigned to look up at us before resuming their meal. So there we all were, creatures about the common business of feeding, sharing a moment of mammalian comity.

The deer munched their way gradually to the right, eventually rounding the side of the cottage. We were still at breakfast when they came back around the other side and resumed their position in front of the window. They'd done a complete circuit, performing the circumambulatory rites of pilgrims circling a shrine or sacred mountain. The deer may have been impelled by the exigencies of winter, yet their visit had a touch of the numinous about it.

III.

We went apple picking on the day of first frost, October 9th. Orchards alternate fat and lean years, and this year is a lean one - enough so for our favorite farm to limit picking to scheduled appointments only. We made ours, and went forth to glean what we could.

The orchard had a somewhat melancholy aspect. Sparse growth had left whole rows unfruited, and of the remaining apples many had been colonized by insects and were pulpy on the branch. But moods do tend to mingle in orchards, like the mingling odors of sweetness and decay; orchards are full of promise and full of falls. It's apt that the first orchard was in the Garden of Eden, and Adam and Eve the first apple pickers!

We picked where we could and came away rewarded with a bagful of Ashmead Kernels, one of New York's aboriginal apples, the apple Henry Hudson might have found had he gone in for a bout of apple picking as he sailed the New World's waterways. A mere forty years after Hudson's voyage, American colonists were already grafting their preferred cultivated fruits to native trees.

The Ashmead Kernel is a pre-grafting specimen, a gnarly, brown-skinned, unprepossessing thing that dazzles with its array of flavors. The gleaming red modern fruit is a pale reflection of the mottled Ashmead.

We're hoping our store of apples will see us into winter, and anticipate the blending of their summer-ripened fragrance with air smelling of snow.

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A Message from Sullivan County
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What can you do about this?

Carry a lifesaving naloxone kit, available at Sullivan County's Public Health Office, 50 Community Lane, Liberty and at these local pharmacies:

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| Shoprite Pharmacy, 46 Thompson Sq., Monticello | Walmart, 41 Anawana Lake Rd., Monticello |
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- 3. Give naloxone**
Place tip in nose and push the pump. If no response in 3 minutes, give another dose.
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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 or get an application.

Heating season is upon us or will soon be. Are you ready? Did you clean your chimney, service your furnace, service your portable heating devices? Now is the time to take care of these tasks, not when the cold snaps hit.

Also, the clocks will have changed as you are reading this. Change the clocks, change the batteries in your smoke detectors and CO detectors. These devices can save your life. Remember the new detectors have ten-year batteries, check to make sure they are working by pushing the test button. "SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES"

Believe it or not, Thanksgiving is right around the corner this month. The number ONE cause of home fires is cooking. Here are some commonsense cooking tips:

- Always stay in the kitchen while using the stove. Turn off the stove if you leave the room.
- Designate a "kids-free zone" that is at least three feet away from the stove.
- Always turn pot handles toward the back of the stove and use the back burners whenever possible.
- Roll up sleeves before cooking. Loose-fitting clothing can catch on fire.
- Clean the stove, oven, and burners regularly to prevent grease buildup.
- Keep items that can catch fire, such as dish towels and pot-holders, away from the stove.
- Plug cooking appliances directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance.

THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BUREAU OF FIRE WANTS YOU TO BE SAFE USING LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY

Use these safety tips to avoid danger when at home or traveling with lithium battery-powered devices and chargers:

- Don't use off-brand products
- Follow manufacturer's guidelines on charging
- Keep away from hot surfaces and flammable materials
- Provide air flow (e.g., don't wrap in blanket or under pillow)
- Don't use cords that show damage
- Look for UL-certified products
- Feels hot enough to hurt? Stop using/charging immediately
- Call 9-1-1 if you see smoke or flames

rectly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance.

• Tuck appliance cords out of reach of children. • Only use microwave-safe containers to heat things in the microwave. • If a smoke alarm sounds during normal cooking, open a door, or fan the area. Do not disable the smoke alarm or take out the batteries.

Have you ever had a deep-fried turkey for Thanksgiving? It is very good, but be careful when cooking it. I have been to a few Thanksgiving fires because of tipped over deep fryers from making a deep-fried turkey. Follow these safety hints to make your turkey safely:

- Always use the fryer outdoors on a flat surface, safely away from structures, wooden decks, and covered patios.
- Have the correct kind of fire extinguisher nearby and ready to use. (ABC) or (B) or (BC)
- To ensure you are using the right amount of oil, place a thawed turkey in the fry pot and add enough water to cover the bird by 1/2".
- Do not leave the fryer unattended.

watches, phones, tablets, laptops, e-cigarettes, tools, scooters, hoverboards, to a Tesla, they all use lithium-ion batteries. Lithium-ion batteries do not like to be damaged. There have been many documented fires involving hoverboards and electric scooters. The batteries were damaged and failed, starting a fire. The battery packs are made up of many cells the size of a AA battery. A Tesla, for example, can have more than seven thousand of these cells. In addition to producing heat when they fail, they also produce a toxic gas. This gas, when mixed with water can create an acid. So if you inhale this toxic gas, the moisture in your body will mix with it and create an acid. This is much more dangerous than smoke inhalation from a structure fire.

Make sure you follow the charging instructions of the device you are using. If you drop a phone, do not just check for a cracked screen, check the rest of the phone for any damage.

Today lithium-ion batteries are the most efficient batteries for charging repeatedly. Just be aware that when damaged they can be extremely dangerous.

Happy Thanksgiving. Be Safe Out There

PAPER CLIPS... by Elaine Corrington



Hurleyville winters like this can get you down if you let them.

This is VERY SERIOUS - Start the WINTER LAUGHING!

Different laughter sounds. Imagine them and produce them. Heh heh, hehehehehehehehe, HAW HAW HAW, hooooo, snick snick, K-K-K-K-K-K-K-K-K-K-K-K-K-K-K.

Loose lip blowing with tiny spit globs coming through. How do you choose them?

Practice by thinking up situations happy, or miserable, or irritating and wild. Or, just boring. And try all of these in each situation:

- Happy Laughter
- Nervous Laughter
- Polite (but not totally convincing) Laughter. (Remember, you may not be speaking to a professional comedian nor be considered one either.)
- Healthy Laughter
- Pathological Laughter. (YOU aren't THIS person, are you?)

It is not just winter weather that makes winter serious; it can be YOU! Nothing is making you guffaw, darn it. Get Older, Get Colder, and winter seems to come earlier and leave later every year. Errands...are you kidding? You could get killed. Wear a hat, cover your throat, grow hair around your face and neck, wear heavy coats and thick socks and boots, and you are still cold and miserable- AND YOU LOOK BAD AND ACHE.

You are tired of everyone around you. You are slipping and sliding all over the place. Ouch. You can't leave your car in the usual spot because the snowplows need to make it possible to pretend you can go where you want or need to go. You would like to save heater costs. You are tired of your own uninterrupted thoughts. Winter Solstice- shortest and darkest day of the year. What could make this a HAPPY memory? Will tomorrow be better? UMMMMM?

YOU REALLY NEED A GOOD LAUGH.

It is not just winter weather that makes winter serious. It can be YOU, Hurleyvillian by address or conviction. The Mayo Clinic as well as many other serious scientists who evaluate health and cures have evaluated laughter from many angles, and have scientifically proven that laughter can aid physical and mental health-- if not taken to pathological levels.

How long will it be until you can accept and inspire your own Divine Laughter Intervention by bringing laughter to Hurleyville?

Some simple ideas a laugh-luster Citizen of Hurleyville could do or use to inspire other better ideas: Artistically do some funny snow carving on your car or front porch windows. It will blow away, but it can make people laugh in the meantime. Create a "put yourself in a snowglobe" event and set it up for a one-day contest of photos with prizes for laugh inspiration. Hide funny things in outside places where discovery will lead to loud appreciation. Snow animals doing weird things. Can you burp a snowflake? OOOOOOH, and also... **Don't get plowed!**

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A Hurleyville General Store Tribute TO JEAN SHEPHERD'S

A CHRISTMAS STORY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3RD

FROM THE FILES OF...

THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

COMPILED BY Sullivan County Historian John Conway

November 7, 1941 Four Incumbents Returned To Office In County Election

G.O.P. Retained Majority on Board of Supervisors

Voters of Sullivan County re-elected the four incumbents of county offices and the Republican majority on the Board of Supervisors changed from the 9-6 to 8-7 majority. Largest plurality went to County Clerk J. Bruce Lindsley who won over his Democratic opponent, Frank McKeon of Bloomingburg by 4,955 votes. Mr. Lindsley, returned to office for his fifth term, got 10,823 as against 5,868 for McKeon.

The contest for the office of Sheriff, watched with perhaps the greatest interest by both parties resulted in the return to office of the present Democratic incumbent, Harry Borden, who defeated his Republican opponent, John Baldwin of Livingston Manor by a margin of 719.

In the Town of Fallsburg which is recognized as a Democratic stronghold, present office holders were swept back into office with substantial majorities with the exception of Sup't of Highways Roy C. Clark who was defeated by Charles Cauthers, Republican.

Hyman E. Mintz, whose term of office as magistrate expires this year, was elected to the office of tax collector, while his place on the Town Board will be taken by Monroe Davis, Woodbourne attorney who was elected as town councilman.

In the town of Callicoon, Fred Hessinger, veteran Democratic supervisor was



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO Sheriff Harry Borden was re-elected again in 1941. He would serve until 1953.

nosed out by a single vote when Walter Weiss, G.O.P. candidate defeated him. In the Town of Lumberland, however, Republican Edward Bisland was defeated by only six votes in a bitterly fought contest with Walter A. Schwartz whom he defeated two years ago by eight votes.

The shifting population of the Town of Neversink was believed responsible for the defeat of Republican Supervisor Robert T. Many by a margin of fifty-two votes less than his Democratic opponent, William Hotchkin. The departure of many old residents whose properties have been taken over by the N.Y.C. water project and the infiltration of a large number of aqueduct workers has changed the political tendencies of the township.

November 9, 1917 (Liberty Register) Liberty Votes Dry

Liberty went into the "dry" column Tuesday. It likewise gave a plurality for woman suffrage. The town was one of four along the O&W which smashed Demon Rum on the beak for a clean knockout; the others being Rockland, for a second time, Fallsburg and Thompson. The drug stores

alone were saved from banishing liquor from their shelves, saloons, hotels and liquor stores all getting the gate so far as the sale of strong drink is concerned. Early official returns made it uncertain for a time as to whether or not Liberty had decreed that rum must go, but after a re-tabulation it was found that the saloons had been voted out by a plurality of 55, the liquor stores by 50, drug stores favored by 89 votes and the hotels rejected by 32. Rockland remains dry by approximately 58, Fallsburg goes dry by 162 and Thompson by 23. Of the other town voting on the question Mamakating is wet by 60, Delaware by 113 and Fremont by 81.

November 2016 "Discovery Sessions" at The Hurleyville Arts Centre

A number of the world's leading authorities on the connection between the brain and the body gathered at the Hurleyville Arts Centre on Saturday, October 22 for The Center for Discovery's "Change Your Mind" conference, the latest in a series of scholarly conferences offered under the "Discovery Sessions" umbrella.

The conference was touted as "a lively day of dialogue and discussion that will focus on many important questions with few easy answers" and featured presentations with impressive titles such as "Rethinking Expectations: The Importance of Aging Well" and "Tradition to Transition: Multi-Phased Healing Approaches for Co-Morbidities."

STUDENTS LEARN SAFETY LESSONS Fire Prevention Week



Members of the Monticello Fire Department pose with Cooke students. Alex Bisland, Chief Jose Mora, Justin Mapes and Anthony Borella (l-r) are all graduates of Monticello High School.

MONTICELLO—Members of the Wurtsboro Fire Department and Monticello Fire Department visited students at the Emma C. Chase Elementary School and George L. Cooke Elementary School for Fire Prevention Week.

Students learned important tips about fire safety. Aside from the old standby of "stop, drop and roll," they also learned the importance of checking smoke detector batteries, why it's important for families to have an emergency meeting place, when to call 911 (and when not to call 911), and what to do if they're ever caught in

a fire. The firefighters also demonstrated the different types of gear that they use to help keep the community safe. At the close of the presentations, the students had the opportunity to ask questions and chat with the firefighters.

Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn

how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

THE THANKSGIVING GOOSE

An Original Short Story
by Fannie Wilder Brown

"But I don't like roast goose," said Guy, pouting. "I'd rather have turkey. Turkey is best for Thanksgiving, anyway. Goose is for Christmas."

Guy's mother did not answer. He watched her while she carefully wrote G. T. W. on the corner of a pretty new red-bordered handkerchief. Five others, all alike, and all marked alike, lay beside it. The initials were his own.

"Why didn't you buy some blue ones? I'd rather have them different," he said.

Mrs. Wright smiled a queer little smile, but did not answer. She lighted a large lamp and held the marked corner of one of the handkerchiefs against the hot chimney. The heat made the indelible ink turn dark, although the writing had been so faint Guy hardly could see it before.

"Oh, dear," he cried, "there's a little blot at the top of that T! I don't want to carry a handkerchief that has a blot on it."

"Very well," said his mother. "I'll put them away, and you may carry your old ones until you ask me to let you carry this one. I don't care to furnish new things for a boy who doesn't appreciate them."

"I don't like old—" "That'll do, Guy. Never mind the rest of the things that you don't like. I want you to take this dollar down to Mrs. Burns. Tell her that I shall have a day's work for her on Friday, and I thought she might like to have part of the pay in advance to help make Thanksgiving with. Please go now."

"But a dollar won't help much. She won't like that. She always acts just as if she was as happy as anybody. I don't want to go there on such an errand as that."

Mrs. Wright smiled again, but her tone was very grave.

"Mrs. Burns is 'as happy as anybody,' Guy, and she has the best-behaved children in the neighborhood. The little ones almost never cry, and I never have seen the older ones quarrel. But

there are eight children, and Mr. Burns has only one arm, so he can't earn much money. Mrs. Burns has to turn her hands to all sorts of things to keep the children clothed and fed. She'll be thankful to get the dollar—you see if she isn't! And tell her if she is making mince pies to sell this year, I'll take three."

Guy walked very slowly down the street until he came to the little house where the Burns family lived.

"I'd hate to live here," he thought. "I don't see where they all sleep. My room isn't big enough, but I don't believe there's a room in this house as big as mine. I shouldn't have a bit of fun, ever, if I lived here. And I'd hate to have my mother make pies and send me about to sell them."

Then he knocked on the front door, for there was no bell. No one came. He could hear people talking in the distance, so he knew some of the family were at home. Some one always was at



home here to look after the little children. He walked around to the kitchen door: it stood open. The children were talking so fast they did not hear his knock.

They were very busy. Katie, the eleven-year-old, and Malcolm, ten, Guy's age, were cutting citron into long, thin strips, piling it on a big blue plate. Mary and James, the eight-year-old twins, were paring apples with a paring machine. The long, curling skins fell in a large stone jar standing on a clean paper, spread on the

floor. Charlie, who was only four years old, was watching to see that none of the parings fell over the edge of the jar. Susan, who was seven, was putting raisins, a few at a time, into a meat chopper screwed down on the kitchen table. George, three years old, was turning the handle of the chopper to grind the raisins. Baby Joe was creeping about the kitchen floor after a kitten. Mrs. Burns was taking a great piece of meat from a steaming kettle on the back of the stove. Every one

was working, except the baby and the kitten, but all seemed to be having a glorious time. What they were saying seemed so funny it was some time before Guy could understand it. At last he was sure it was some kind of a game.

"Mice?" asked Susan. Mary squealed, and they all laughed.

"Because they're small," said Mary. "Snakes?"

"They can't climb trees," Mrs. Burns called out from the pantry. The children fairly roared at that. "A pantry with no window in it?"

"Oh, we've had that before," Katie answered. "I know what you say. It's a good place to ripen pears in when Mrs. Wright gives us some."

Guy knocked very loudly at that. He had not thought that he was listening.

The children started, but did not leave their work. They looked at their mother. "Jamie," she said. Then Jamie came to meet Guy, and invited him to walk in.

"What game is it?" asked

Guy, forgetting his errand. "Making mince pies," said Jamie. "It's lots of fun. Don't you want to play? I'll let you turn the paring machine if you'd like that best."

Guy said "Thank you" and began to turn the parer eagerly.

"But I don't mean what you are doin'," said Guy. "I knew that was mince pies. I thought that was work. I meant what you were saying. It sounds so funny! I never heard it before."

"Mamma made it up," explained Malcolm. "It's great fun. We always play it at Thanksgiving time. You think of something that people don't like, and the one who can think first tells what he is thankful for about it. We call it 'Thanksgiving.'"

Guy stayed for an hour, and played both games. Then, quite to his surprise, the twelve o'clock whistles blew, and he had to go home. But he remembered his errands and did them, to the great pleasure of the

whole Burns family.

In the afternoon Guy spent some time writing a note to his mother. It was badly written, but it made his mother happy. It read:

Dear Mother:—I am Thankful the blot isent any bigger. I am Thankful the hankershefs isent black on the borders. I would like that one with the Blot on to put in my pocket when you read this. But my old ones are nice. The Burnses don't have things to be Thankful for but they are Thankful just the same.

I am Thankful for the Goose we are going to have. The best is I am Thankful I am not a Goose myself, for if I was I wouldnt know enough to be Thankful. I think i truly lerned the meaning of Thanksgiving.

Respectfully yours,
Guy Theodore Wright

"The Thanksgiving Goose" by Fannie Wilder Brown was originally published circa 1904. It is in the public domain.

EXPLORING AND ENGAGING

Books Help Students Make the Connection

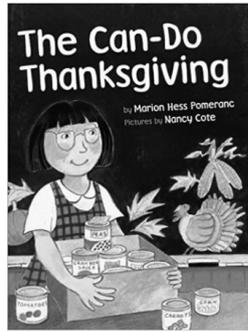
HURLEYVILLE—The press and school administrators espouse the need for school and community engagement. From the reopening of school, that technically happens when it is still summer, to Homecoming and Friday Night Lights, to Sukkot, Trunk O' Treat and Veterans Day, this is the right season for learning. For some people, Fall becomes a season for reflection and giving thanks. For others it may be a time for concern about clothing and food, while others may turn toward charitable actions.

With a few books and a bit of planning, teachers, librarians, home school and care providers, in conjunction with community members, can explore and engage, together. Three complementary books are "The Can-Do Thanksgiving" by Marion Hess Pomeranc, "Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen" by Dyanne Sisalvo-Ryan, and "What Do You Do With an Idea?" by K. Yamada. These texts, along with some activities, can span from November through January, from the season of thanks through National Soup Month.

Local educator, Hope Blecher, Ed.D. has shared various ways she has incorporated these three items into classes with adults and children. Dr. Blecher says they can serve as starting points that move to exchanges between the classroom and community.

Beginning with "The Can-Do Thanksgiving," the setting for the read-aloud is often next to a box that the class has for its canned food collection. As the sharing of the story takes place, there are various points where conversations can occur about food awareness. This coincides with what may be taking place locally through Sullivan 180's programs, SALT's programs and A Single Bite.

"To parallel what the child in the book does, grab those



sticky notes, pencils and crayons," Dr. Blecher says. "Participants craft smiley faces and other notes that get taped to the cans. This link of the can in the box, to the note, to a food pantry is the missing piece in some communities. The can gets put into a receptacle and then someone picks up the boxes and somehow the canned food helps someone."

Dr. Blecher commented that after reading this book for the first time, she realized that adding the handwritten note became the personal bridge. It's no longer some can in some box making some hypothetical difference. It is real. As she's participated in canned food drives in schools, Dr. Blecher asked the representatives of the local organizations to come into the classrooms to meet with the students. In this way, the boxes didn't just disappear from the classroom. The representative comes in to speak with the students about the impact their action has upon the local community. This fosters a school-community connection and brings context to the food collection.

There are opportunities for learning between putting a can in a box and the boxes getting carted away. These lessons span from STEM to STEAM to STREAM and from kindergarten through college. Count the cans, sort the cans, weigh the cans, alphabetize the cans, explore the nutritional value of the contents, and plot food production sources on a map. What is the point

of distribution to point of school or home?

"We have a variety of ingredients at New Hope Farm on the SCCC campus and ways to foster meaningful hospitality," Dr. Blecher says. "It's at our fingertips and the tip of our tongues. From Strega Nona to Culinary Arts, these books can become a starting point for creating cook books and inviting people into the class to demonstrate how to cook. These can become pathways for virtual and in person field trips. There is fodder for career and technical education as well as for hosting soup tastings for National Soup Month."

Andy Warhol revolutionized art with one soup can. Ponder, what giving or receiving that one can can feel like? Such a unit of learning can culminate with the book, "What Do You Do With an Idea?" by Kobi Yamada.

FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Amanda Letohic



Happy November! As the leaves are falling off the trees, we're starting in-person programming again this month.

We will have a beginner crocheting class on November 15 at 5 p.m. with Ms. Williams. We'll be making a cute little pumpkin pie pot holder. On November 29, we'll be having an intermediate crochet class where we'll be starting a little gnome. These events have limited seating available, so please call 845-436-6067 ext. 102, email aletohic@rcls.org, or Facebook Message us to reserve your spot. We are asking you to bring your own crochet hook if possible, but we'll have a few available for use here. We'll also have Take & Make crafts available for children throughout the month of November.

As we start getting into the

Medicine During the American Revolution

Time and the Valleys Museum Presents Program



PHOTO PROVIDED

Professor Don Terpening as an 18th century physician.

GRAHAMSVILLE - Medicine During the American Revolution, an in-person-only program, will be held Sunday, November 6 at 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 (332 Main Street) in Grahamsville.

Biology Professor Emeritus Donald Terpening, who taught various allied health

science courses for more than 45 years, will represent a colonial doctor from the middle to late 18th century. Specializing as a Revolutionary War physician, he will present various medicines, implements, and techniques that were used by physicians during that time period, and will discuss the role that doctors played and their social

standing at the time.

Admission to the program is FREE for Museum Members, and \$5 for adults and \$2 for children for non members, and that also includes admission to the Museum exhibitions. For more information on the program, go to timeandthevalleymuseum.org or email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

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ANTICIPATION!

GENERALS OPEN SEASON WITH HIGH EXPECTATIONS

by John Conway

LOCH SHLEDRAKE—SUNY Sullivan men's basketball coach Brent Wilson says he is excited about the upcoming season, and hopes to improve on last year's record of 28-5 and a fourth place finish in the NJCAA Division II national tournament.

"We are in the full swing of things, and practices have been going really well," Wilson said last week. "We return four players, and we will rely on them heavily to get back to where we finished last year."

The four returnees the Generals welcome back this year include a pair of 6'5" guards from Pennsylvania, Jay Alvarez from Waynesboro, and Cameron Gallon from York, 5'10 guard KaSean Tracey

from Mount Vernon, NY, and 6'5" forward Jalen Minto from Brooklyn. Alvarez was the third leading scorer on last season's ultra-successful team, averaging 14.4 points per game.

Wilson says the Generals have added to that core four by recruiting five transfers from NJCAA Division I schools, each of whom he expects "to make a major impact."

The transfers are Jair Currie, a 6'5" guard from St. Thomas More High School in Albany, who had originally enrolled at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, only to see the Hawks' 2020-2021 season cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. He spent last season with Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, Mississippi, where he averaged 4.5 points



Brent Wilson

SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

and 2.4 assists in 17 games.

Also transferring to Sullivan for this season are Kiplyn Richvine, a guard who started three games last year

for Lamar Community College in Colorado, guard TK Bryant, a Brooklyn product who played last season at Howard College in Texas,

and forwards Nayshon Hamlett-Kane and Stephen Tayki, two Brooklyn high school stars who played last year at Seward County Community College in Kansas.

In addition, Wilson says, there are a number of outstanding freshman who will make their presence felt this season.

"I have been really impressed with freshman Mohammad Touray," he said. "He has been excellent down low and in the middle for us."

Touray is a 6'7" 230 pounder from James Monroe High School in the Bronx. He will be the tallest player on this year's Sullivan squad.

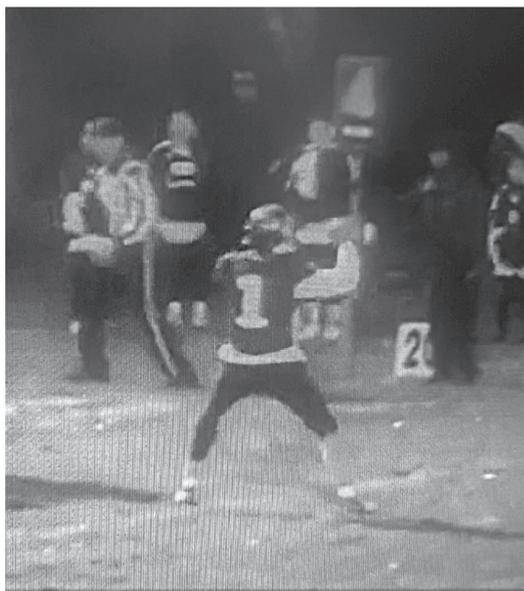
The Generals open the season at home with the Sullivan Tip-Off Classic on November 5 and 6. Four teams will

participate in the round robin tournament, with Monroe Community College, Raritan Valley Community College, and Essex County College joining the Generals in both men and women's play.

The action at the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday, when the Monroe and Raritan Valley women square off, with the men's teams from those schools following at one p.m. The Sullivan and Essex County women play at 3 p.m. and the men from those schools follow at 5.

On Sunday, Monroe and Essex County women face each other at 11 with the men following at one, and the Sullivan and Raritan Valley women do battle at 3 p.m. and the men at 5.

COMETS FOOTBALL



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

Fallsburg's Isaiah Young (number 1) attempts a pass.

by Win Hadley

FALLSBURG—After a promising start to the 2022 football season that featured two convincing wins, the Fallsburg Comets stumbled a bit, dropping their next four contests before putting together a victory to close out the month of October.

The young Comets team was undefeated when it dropped a 44-19 home game against Sullivan West to close out the month of September, and then travelled to Grahamsville to take on the Tri-Valley Bears, dropping a 44-14 decision to fall to 2-2 on the season. The win improved Tri-Valley's record to 4-1.

Next up was an away game against Ellenville,

and again the Comets came up short, despite putting 36 points on the board. The Blue Devils captured a 58-36 win to drop the Comets to 2-3. Hosting the Eldred Yellowjackets on October 21, the Fallsburg offense again performed well, putting 33 points on the board, only to see the defense surrender 54 points.

The Comets next travelled to Onteora for a rematch with the Eagles, whom they had beaten at home in the season opener, 33-0. It was a much different game this time, as the Comets had to put 16 points on the board in the fourth period to come away with a 28-21 victory.

Fallsburg next travels to Dover Plains to take on Dover High School on Friday, November 4.

TOWN OF FALLSBURG GETS FUNDING

Awarded Nearly \$30,000 for Youth Sports



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

Fallsburg Supervisor Kathy Rappaport

SOUTH FALLSBURG—At the town board meeting on Monday, October 3, Fallsburg Supervisor Kathy Rappaport announced that the Town of Fallsburg Board voted unanimously to accept nearly \$30,000 in grant funding from the Sullivan County Youth Bureau.

"This funding will go to Town of Fallsburg youth programs, like swimming, cheerleading, football, basketball, baseball, soccer, and enrichment activities," she said "We are thankful to the Sullivan County Youth Bureau and the Sullivan County Legislature for their assistance in making youth

events possible again in Fallsburg. I would also like to thank the Town of Fallsburg Board members for their support and hard work in helping build programs for the youth that live here.

"That being said, every community member needs to know we are seeking volunteers to help support these programs. If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch with my office."

The Fallsburg Youth Commission will be working with the leaders of all Fallsburg youth organizations currently in the town.

SULLIVAN MEN NUMBER THREE NATIONALLY

NJCAA Pre-Season Basketball Poll Released

by John Conway

LOCH SHLEDRAKE—The SUNY Sullivan Generals men's basketball team, which last season finished fourth in the NJCAA Division II basketball championship tournament, is ranked third in the nation in the pre-season poll announced by the organization in late October. It is the highest pre-season rank the Generals have ever achieved since moving to Division II in 2018.

The Generals, who ended last season with a 28-5

record, open their 2022-2023 season at home on November 5.

The NJCAA pre-season poll ranked defending champion South Suburban College (Illinois) at number one and last year's runners-up, Davidson-Davie Community College (North Carolina) second.

The Generals open the upcoming season with the Tip Off Classic, in which they will take on Essex Community College of New Jersey in a 5 p.m. game at Paul Gerry Fieldhouse.

NJCAA RANKINGS

DIVISION II MEN'S BASKETBALL

| | |
|----|---------------------|
| 1 | SOUTH SUBURBAN |
| 2 | DAVIDSON-DAVIE |
| 3 | SULLIVAN COUNTY |
| 4 | ALLEN COUNTY |
| 5 | MILWAUKEE AREA TECH |
| 6 | CECIL |
| 7 | MACOMB |
| 8 | HENRY FORD |
| 9 | DES MOINES AREA |
| 10 | LAKELAND |

PRESEASON | OCTOBER 17, 2022

FIFTY YEARS AGO...

Sullivan County Expands a Different Kind of Trail

by John Conway

MONTICELLO—In recent years, Sullivan County government has gotten solidly behind the movement to improve and expand hiking trails in the county, even going so far as to spearhead an ongoing project to link as many of the various sections of rail trails as possible.

In November of 1972—50 years ago this month—the county was helping to expand and promote a different kind of trail.

"Sullivan Expands Trail Use" a headline read in the November 14, 1972 edition of the Times Herald-Record newspaper.

"Snowmobilers, who have had problems in past years finding a place to set down their machines unless they belonged to a club which had obtained property of its own or had gotten clearance from landowners, should be pleased at recent developments in Sullivan County," the article began.

"Mule Deer, just south of Narrowsburg on Route 97, has been open to the public the past two winters. There were also several trails in the Town of Fallsburg beginning at the Cosor School near Old Falls Bridge," the article continued.

"Now one can add to those a network of trails beginning in the Livingston Manor area, (information available from the Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce), a

number of roads at Roscoe (contact Roscoe Chamber of Commerce), trails at the new Fallsburg Town Park at Mountindale, and a very large brand new facility between Mileses and Roscoe called Upper Delaware Snow Mountain.

"The latter may be reached from either of the above communities and is at Fremont Center. For a map with these and other snowmobile areas one has but to write to Sullivan County Publicity Dept., Monticello."

A sidebar to the article listed specific information about each of the trails mentioned in the main piece, including the two areas in the town of Fallsburg.

"On County Road 53, 500 ft. east of Rt. 42. Start at parking lot of Cosor Elementary School. One marked trail, 5 miles. Daily. No rentals or fee. For additional information: Ruth Rosen Town Clerk, South Fallsburg."

"Alongside of County Rd. 54, start at former O & W Railroad Station at Mountindale, 5 miles. No rentals or fee. Daily. For information: Ruth Rosen, Town Clerk, South Fallsburg, N.Y. 12779"

Unfortunately, the promotion of snowmobiling in the county, much like that of dog sled racing, ice skating, and even to some extent skiing, was always impacted by the vagaries of the winter weather here, and had a spotty record of success.

BALLGAME BAFFLERS

BY BRIAN

Here are five ballgame bafflers for your consideration. The first person to email the most correct answers to hurleysent@hotmail.com will win a prize. Have fun!

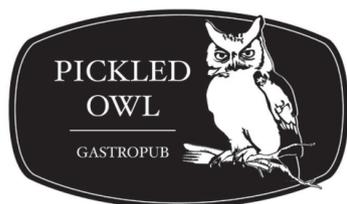
November Questions:

1. What two schools played in the very first college football game?
2. Who is generally regarded as the first professional football player?
3. What two men were responsible for picking and publishing the first All-America college football team in 1889?
4. Who was the first man named Most Valuable Player in the American Football League following the 1960 season?
5. The Four Horsemen gained college football immortality playing for Notre Dame in the 1920s. For which college did the Seven Blocks of Granite play in the 1930s?

October Answers:

1. What is the only World Series that featured two teams that had both finished in last place the previous year? (1991, Twins and Braves)
2. What pitcher has won more World Series games in his career (10) than any other, and also lost more (8)? (Whitey Ford)
3. What year marked the first time a World Series game was played in November? (2001)
4. The Chicago Cubs won the 2016 World Series over the Cleveland Indians. How long had it been since the Cubs had previously won a World Series? (108 years)
5. The 2019 World Series between the Washington Nationals and Houston Astros marked the first time something ever happened in a seven game championship series in any major sport. What was it? (The visiting team won every one of the seven games.)

No winner last month.



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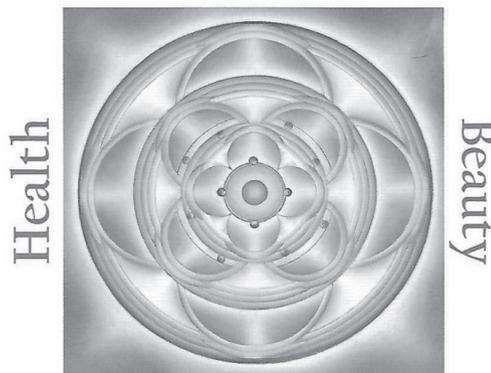
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