

A BOLD BEGINNING

HURLEYVILLE EMBRACES THE HOLIDAY SEASON

by Amanda Loviza

HURLEYVILLE – December was a festive month in the hamlet. The holiday season kicked off with Holiday in Hurleyville on Dec. 2, where Main Street businesses came together to organize a day of shopping, music and entertainment for the community.

Ongoing events like the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance Radius Hurleyville art exhibit, the Hurleyville Makers Lab maker-made market and weekend showings of “Star Wars: The Last Jedi” at the Hur-

leyville Arts Centre kept visitors coming to Hurleyville throughout the month. Forestburgh Playhouse collaborated with H.A.C. for a holiday cabaret.

On Dec. 21, the season of winter was celebrated with the annual Hurleyville Community Winter Solstice Celebration on the Milk Train Trail. Luminaria illuminated the trail, and visitors enjoyed live music and hot cider at the trail and inside the Makers Lab, while Santa and Mrs. Claus made an appearance in the arts centre.



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Luminaria light up the Hurleyville Milk Train Trail on Thursday, Dec. 21, to celebrate the winter solstice. Hundreds of community members came out to walk the trail and enjoy live music.



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Dancers with Main Street Dance perform for the community in the Hurleyville Arts Centre during Holiday in Hurleyville on Saturday, Dec. 2.



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Local musician Justin Sutherland provides acoustic Christmas carols by the rail trail on Dec. 21, as part of the annual Hurleyville Community Winter Solstice Celebration.

STAR WARS MANIA COMES TO HURLEYVILLE

by Amanda Loviza

HURLEYVILLE – The line to enter the Hurleyville Arts Centre cinema filled most of the lobby. A small Kylo Ren stood calmly with his dad, while a cluster of SUNY Sullivan students talked excitedly to each other. It was Dec. 14, and it was an important day in a certain galaxy- “Star Wars: The Last Jedi” was finally in theaters. The Hurleyville Arts Centre had surprised many of its followers and community members with an early December announcement that it would be able to show the highly sought-after film. Those who live and work in Hurleyville were quick to jump on the opportunity.

Lucas Rico, 6, was dressed

in a full Kylo Ren costume, in honor of the antagonist featured in the new film trilogy.

“I’m very excited,” he said as he waited for the doors to open. His dad, Keith Rico, may have been more excited.

“I’m a pretty big fan, have been my whole life,” Mr. Rico said.

“The Last Jedi” is Episode VIII in the revival Star Wars trilogy that began two years ago with “The Force Awakens.” The films pick up 40 years after the original Star Wars trilogy, with the beloved original stars as well as a new cast of heroes. Once again, rebels are fighting for peace in the galaxy, and they are turning to Luke Skywalker to resurrect the mission of the Jedi. “The Force Awakens” left the

audience hanging two years with only a cameo appearance by actor Mark Hamill as Skywalker, without any dialogue.

“I’m looking forward to seeing Luke actually talk because in “The Force Awakens” he just stood there,” 11-year-old Gia Shoop said before the film.

Sitting with Sophie Deymond, 11, and Jackson Loretto, 11, in one of the front rows for the 7:30 p.m. showing Dec. 14, Gia and her friends were brimming with anticipation for the new movie. “The Force Awakens” has been Jackson’s favorite Star Wars film so far, and he was looking forward to seeing The Last Jedi pick up where that movie left off.

Gia said she didn’t watch Star Wars when she was younger, but once she started watching the movies in fourth grade, she couldn’t stop talking about them, and now she loves them. “Empire Strikes Back” is her favorite. Like many diehard Star Wars fans, she was on edge waiting to see what the film’s writers would do with Princess Leia in “The Last Jedi.” They would have to kill her off, Gia predicted, because the actress Carrie Fisher died unexpectedly in 2015, after she finished filming “The Last Jedi” but before she could be part of the third film in the trilogy. It was not something Gia looked forward to.

“I always liked Princess Leia and I thought she had a little snap to her,” Gia said.

The two-and-a-half-hour



PHOTO BY AMANDA LOVIZA

Lucas Rico, 6, dresses as Kylo Ren for the first showing of “Star Wars: The Last Jedi” at the Hurleyville Arts Centre on Dec. 14.

film was full of explosions and dramatic fight scenes, and of course, significant use of the Force. The audience erupted in applause at the end, and the young friends enthusiastically declared their approval.

In a change from their usual film schedule, the Hurleyville Arts Centre was continuing to show “The Last Jedi” in multiple screenings each weekend through Jan. 6. The epic film grossed more than \$1 billion worldwide by the end of New Year’s weekend. Fans will have their next chance to see a Star Wars film story in May, when a movie about Han Solo comes out.

Tickets to see movies at the Hurleyville Arts Centre are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children, and they are available online at hurleyvilleartscentre.org.



PHOTO BY AMANDA LOVIZA

People line up to show their tickets for the first showing of “Star Wars: The Last Jedi” at the Hurleyville Arts Centre on Dec. 14.

STONE MAN: Making the Past, Present and Future Visible

by Elaine Corrington

HURLEYVILLE – Long before any of us came to Hurleyville, the mountains, streams, lakes, and fields were filled with stones. In fact, Sullivan County land has long been known as having “two stones for every dirt”- a saying that provokes both grimaces and laughter among the people trying to use the land to grow crops and animals, and to live in these gorgeous mountains.

And just when they thought they had cleared all of the land they needed to create their dreams for the future, up popped more stones, like unplanned multiple pregnancies in the stone families.

The plan to make it all work came to be a Two-Fer: pick out all of the stones you can to make the soil available, and use those stones to make walls to hold in the animals needed to work the soil, feed the family, take animals and farm products to market, and make a house, or at least the basement for one.

And the secrets in those stone walls! Reflections of many generations and waves of different kinds of people who came to and wanted to settle in the Catskills were in the walls and the structures that stones could be used to create.

Alvin Lopez came to this stoney county from Puerto Rico when he was four years old. He and his brother Jimmie were sent to live with his father’s parents, who lived in Harris. His mother and her new husband also lived in Harris, and raised his brother Eli, sister Diana, and half-brother Noel. He vividly remembers

always playing outside for hours, climbing trees, and eventually fishing and hunting in the woods. And, of course he was experiencing a whole new kind of weather-- very different from that of his birthplace. Sullivan County became home.

Mr. Lopez also remembers always being one to get a book and learn about subjects that intrigued him. That curiosity and follow-through are still with him today, even though, he says, “nobody supported us in following our dreams after high school.”

He remembers members of his family all having very special interests and talents that they were not encouraged to pursue, yet they all found their ways into lives they value. Brother Noel was interested in hair cutting was able to open a successful hair cutting business, and brother Jimmie was interested in fashion design and is now working in construction and landscaping. Brother Eli went to college and is a writer.

Mr. Lopez says he loved to pursue his interest in cooking-- and for a long time dreamed of opening a restaurant. Now he feels that opening a restaurant is for people younger than he-- people who don’t mind twelve-hour days! He now dreams of days on the water in his boat instead.

He first started working (where else?) in the resorts as a waiter, because it paid more money. As the hotels faded out, he was looking for a new job. He saw one listing that looked interesting and promising, and invited him to use a whole different set of skills he had picked up in life-working with the farmer at the



PHOTO BY J. JAMES WALL

A collection of stone cairns built by Alvin Lopez on the Stonewall Preserve Farm in Hurleyville.

old Mitteer Farm, which had just been purchased by The Center for Discovery and renamed... are you ready???...The Stonewall Preserve.

When seeing the varied skill sets that were needed, Mr. Lopez thought “I can do that!” He already possessed great skills operating all kinds of machinery-- tractors, irrigation, building, etc.-- and was just the kind of all-around person they needed.

Mr. Lopez was hired and started working with the animals that were being brought to the old dairy pastures, and clearing land to use for growing organic/bio-dynamic crops. He noticed that there were crumbling stone walls and great giant piles of stones all around the farm, and at some point he was asked by Center for Discovery CEO Patrick Dollard to build a stone wall by the Mitteer Farmhouse.

He did, and soon added a large stone picnic table and benches, and “then it exploded! Patrick kept having visions of where he wanted stone walls, and he liked my work. Some projects were the repair of very old historic walls;

some walls were removed and relocated. A lot of the old walls were very long and had been made to safely guide the animals to railroad cars so they could be taken to market- and that gave us LOTS of stones!”

And those great pieces of stones from crumbled generations of walls and piles are now getting all used up. New stones for continuing projects must be brought in.

Mr. Lopez has put his own twist into the stone walls he has built.

“Funny things come from monotony and boredom,” he said. “Monotony can come with doing the same thing for eight hours a day for ten years. I wanted to satisfy my need to do something different.”

See if you can find faces in the stone walls you pass- made from historic odds and ends. There is a giant snail by a stone wall on the road from Hurleyville to Harris- it doesn’t move quickly, so your eye should be able to catch it.

Mr. Lopez has also made nine cairms-- large stone forms that are the shape of a partially

buried egg that somehow suggest the secrets that might be inside. Could there be time capsules, secrets, secret windows?

Mr. Lopez explains that the cairns are male and female structures that have in the past been used to connect lands that seem far apart, to mark a trail, leave a lucky crystal, bury an honored member of the community, for defense, or to mark boundaries.

The favorite caims he has built are in Hurleyville. One is in a field on Walter’s Way and has stone framed portals to the North Star and the South Star. It is a male. The other is currently under construction by the eastern trail head of the Milk Train Trail. It is built in a clockwise circle of stones and is a 9 foot diameter and 9 foot tall female.

Although Mr. Lopez regrets not having the opportunity to go to college and pursue his dreams, he also realizes that “it actually could have been lucky. With all of my faults and moods, Patrick puts up with me and lets me go with this very rewarding and unusual work. He keeps me motivated.

“I have tried to show my daughter the same kind of support, to show her that she can do anything she wants- and she is interested in becoming a Physical Therapist. I can see her doing it in the best way possible, and I can also see her choice evolving over time.”

Mr. Lopez says that while stone walls are interesting and soothing to him-- and help him to dream, he also enjoys moments with his stone work that bring him into contact with historical oddities. While building a wall

at The Center’s farm in Harris, he discovered a stone with what looked like a face with an open eye, a winking eye, a nose and a crooked smile. He took the stone to fellow stone mason and artist Richard Rulli, who immediately saw the same face, and they determined that the open eye was drilled- and the patina on the stone indicated that it was very old. Was it a Native-American remembrance?

On the Stonewall Preserve, he found what looked like a stone with a number of five-sided cupping marks connected together all across its surface. A little exploration with Sullivan County Historian John Conway found that this was a typical pattern found when oceans receded from land-- which is estimated to have happened 280,000,000 years ago!

Another egg-shaped piece of that five-sided rock is in the seven foot high fence by the Maker’s Lab-- another piece of the ancient development of the Catskills that he has left for people to find.

Mr. Lopez is hoping to get verification of the origin of those stones from geologists, and in the meantime he loves speculating about and sharing these unexpected benefits of building stone walls.

Those who are familiar with his work and have gone to see the new Star Wars movie at the Hurleyville Arts Centre, were likely thrilled to see that Luke Skywalker is living on a small remote island in a village of cairns that could easily have been built by Mr. Lopez. Perhaps “a long time in the future, in a county in the Catskills...STONE WALLS!”

Gan Eden sues Thompson for SEQRA

by Amanda Loviza

TOWN OF THOMPSON – A proposed Town of Thompson development that has been opposed by a Hurleyville community group has filed suit to force the town and its planning board to move forward with the environmental review process necessary to advance the project.

Owned by Atlantic Realty Development Corporation of Woodbridge, New Jersey, Gan Eden Estates is located on Columbia Hill, with 133.95 acres in Thompson and 13.38 acres in the Town of Fallsburg. It was first proposed as a development of 885 mixed residential type homes in 2010. In March 2016, Gan Eden submitted an amended site plan reducing the homes to 535 units, including townhouses and apartments.

Gan Eden has been vocally opposed since its inception by the Hurleyville-based Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance, which has argued that the development’s size and density is not viable for the environment or community. In its lawsuit, Gan Eden

alleges that the Columbia Hill group’s opposition led the Town of Thompson to reduce its allowable zoning density for multi-family rental apartments after Gan Eden had been proposed. The current zoning laws that prevent Gan Eden from moving forward set an unreasonable standard for density in an area that needs more multi-family rental units, the lawsuit argues.

The town has told Gan Eden to revise its density and resubmit a new site plan, the suit said, but Gan Eden insists the development has followed the necessary multi-disciplined approach for designing the project, and developers want to be allowed to seek review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act. Without SEQRA, Gan Eden cannot move forward, and the Town of Thompson Planning Board is preventing that next step. The lawsuit, filed Dec. 21, 2017, asks that the local law reducing the relevant density regulations be declared void, and a SEQRA review be allowed to commence.

The Inquiring Photographer



As we enter a new year, The Sentinel staff reflect on the last 20 issues, and look toward the future.

Q. What aspect of The Sentinel are you most proud of, and what do you hope to see in The Sentinel's future?



J. James Wall
(Photo Editor)

Having a good looking photo editor is also a part of the puzzle. :)

"I am most proud of The Sentinel's growth! When we first began I was one of the only writers. As the months progressed we found more and more talent; which brought more diversity and a wider range of ideas! For the future, I look forward to even more growth. I feel like we really have the potential to grow bigger and bigger each year! What an exciting thing for such a small town, and The Sentinel has provided the most up to date information about our hamlet's growth! I've pretty much always lived in Hurleyville, so how can I not be proud of such accomplishments? Go Hurleyville! Go!"

"I have worked and played in Hurleyville for more than six years. Being part of the development stages of The Sentinel was exciting and new, and I always knew that the paper would grow and the town would come to love it. I have always liked the vision of an all-inclusive community that Hurleyville has been growing into the past several years. Having a local paper is one important piece of that puzzle."



Heather Gibson
(Reporter/Columnist)

"I love that The Sentinel gives us the opportunity to see what is going on now and to understand why events are happening. It is great to get information from people who are directly involved in the history, the present changes, and the future dreams of people in this beautiful hamlet in which we live. After each issue I find that there are things I want to see and do that I would not have known about; and I can appreciate the skills and dreams of people I have not yet met. Several times a month I also hear from people that they have appreciated a new understanding of why things happen in the time and order that they do...even though sometimes events seem to not be in the order they would have preferred! It makes it easier to smile, nod, say 'oh shoot, so that's why!'"



Elaine Corrington
(Correspondent)

"The great response from folks in Hurleyville, from folks who once lived in Hurleyville, and from folks visiting Hurleyville, makes me happy to be a member of The Sentinel 'staff.' Everyone enjoys the wonderful stories about Hurleyville and the surrounding community. I'd like to continue reading stories on what's happening in Hurleyville and profiles of Hurleyville-ians...past and present...who are making a difference in Hurleyville and beyond. I'd also like to see subscriptions available for folks living out of town."



Kathleen Sullivan
(Columnist)

"I am proud to be part of a newspaper that brings members of the community together not for any personal gain, but simply for their love of Hurleyville. So many people volunteer their time and creative energies to making this paper a quality source of news and entertainment, and it goes to show what an inspiration this publication is for many. I hope that as we move forward in 2018, the staff and volunteers of The Hurleyville Sentinel are able to learn more about what is important to our community, and continue to increase the quality of the stories and information we publish."



Amanda Loviza
(Associate Editor)

"I'm proud of how The Sentinel has grown more inclusive than ever of happenings in our Hurleyville neighboring towns like Fallsburg, Woodbourne, Woodridge, and Loch Sheldrake. Five years ago, Hurleyville was the last place people would mention on the list of communities within the Fallsburg jurisdiction. Today, the hamlet is the central news hub for all of them, and The Sentinel is the medium for that. I hope the future of The Sentinel includes more community input on content. Hamlet happenings can be hard to seek out, especially in the sports section, so we really need the community now more than ever to write in and e-mail our editors with suggestions for stories they'd like to see and events we should be covering."



Angelee Santillo
(Sports Editor)



John Conway
(Editor-in-Chief)

"Our goal when we started The Sentinel was to bring the community closer together by 'covering Main Street and beyond,' in other words, by telling the stories of its residents and its businesses...to help the people living here develop a sense of place, not as an abstract concept, but as a solid reality. I think we're doing that, and I think we're getting better at doing it. What is most heartening to me is how the community has embraced the paper. There is nothing better than to hear folks asking when the next edition is coming out...to hear the anticipation in their voice. Hopefully, we can continue to improve and grow with this flourishing community."

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



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The prize-winning house of Ann Finneran and Richard Seehausen on Main Street.

And the winners in Hurleyville are...

Hurleyville-Sullivan First held its 21st annual "Deck the Doors" holiday decorating contest on December 21. The group toured every road in Hurleyville on the night of the contest and judged all holiday-decorated doors in the hamlet. Winners of the contest were awarded prizes furnished by Hurleyville business owners and members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First.

The winners were the Cerillo Family, Ann Finneran and Richard Seehausen, Christina and Maria Frunzi, the Laguio Family, Holly and Bill Miller, Sonya and Bob Robinson, Jackie and Ken Saunders, Laura Schultz and the Railroad House.

Prizes for the winners were provided by the Arati Store, Catskill Amusements, Frankie & Johnny's Presents Nardi's, Izzy's Aunt, Jampond, QQL Enterprises, LLC, LouAnn Rexford, the Pickled Owl and Hurleyville Market on Main.

All Hurleyville residents are invited to join Hurleyville-Sullivan First. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Hurleyville Firehouse.

For more information about Hurleyville and Hurleyville-Sullivan First, please visit www.hurleyvilleny.com.

The Sullivan County Museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, has new hours:

Monday - Closed
Tuesday - Saturday - 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 1 - 4:30 p.m.

The Museum building is home to: The Sullivan County Historical Society, The Frederick A. Cook Society, the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, and the Judge Lawrence Cooke Room.

The displays, library, archives and historical rooms at the museum are designed, constructed, decorated and maintained by volunteer members of the Sullivan County Historical Society.

The Sullivan County Historical Society is now able to have its school yearbook collection digitized and made searchable. The free service is provided by Oklahoma Correction Industries to community organiza-



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tions, including libraries and historical societies. OCI is a rehabilitation and jobs training program that is affiliated with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

The society currently has about 100 Sullivan County yearbooks ready to be digitized. There are gaps in the collection that the society would like to fill before shipping the yearbooks out for digitization:

- Fallsburg 1951, 1958, 1965, 1968, 1972, 1973, 1980, 1983, and any before 1947 and after 1987
- Liberty 1943-1946, 1948, 1959, 1964, 1966, 1968-1974, 1976-1979, and any before 1942 and after 1980
- Monticello 1932, 1933, 1936-1938, 1941, 1965, 1969-1972, 1976, 1980 and any after 1983
- Tri-Valley 1959, 1962 and any before 1958 and after 1964
- Delaware Valley 1946, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1953, 1963 and any before 1945 and after 1968
- Sullivan West all years
- Eldred any before or after 1990
- Roscoe any before or after 1952
- Livingston Manor any before 1993 or after 1994
- Jeff-Youngsville any before or after 1949
- Narrowsburg 1962, 1963, any before 1961 and after 1964
- Sullivan County Community College any after 1974

Please contact the society if you have yearbooks you can donate to the collection. The society can be reached at 845-434-8044 or at genealogy@scnyhistory.org.

The Museum also has a "gift shop" offering a collection of Sullivan County-related books, maps, posters, postcards and memorabilia.

Anyone interested in volunteering to explore genealogy and the history of life in Sullivan County can call Pat Burns at the Museum. The phone number is 845-434-8044.

Please visit www.scnyhistory.org for more information on the Sullivan County Historical Society and the Sullivan County Museum.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the Hurleyville United Methodist Church is open each Thursday (except the first Thursday of each month) from 4:30 - 6 p.m. The volunteers at the food pantry also provide free clothing for families in need on the last Thursday of each month. Donations made to the food pantry now can help make the holidays more special for our neighbors.

Services are held at the church each Sunday from 9 - 10 a.m. The church holds prayer meetings every Monday from 10 a.m. until noon.

A Bible study group meets at the church every Tuesday from 7 - 8 p.m.

Volunteers at the church host the Community Lunch Program. Dates for the program will be announced on the church's page on Facebook.

The church hosts a Youth Group on Fridays from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Young people are invited to join in a variety of activities including board games, trivia, movie nights, arts and crafts. Dates will be announced on the church's page on Facebook.

Please call Katrina at 845-436-7942 for more information or if you can help with any of these activities.

The members of Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance (CHNA) continue to monitor the status of the Gan Eden project on Columbia Hill and other developments in the towns of Fallsburg and Thompson.

The volunteers in the group support community growth through appropriately scaled, responsibly designed and sustainably constructed development. Irresponsible and large-scale development threaten our environment and our quality of life.

Issues that must be considered before any development can be deemed sustainable and worthy of approval include water supply, wastewater management, environmental impact, traffic, size of access roads, size of interior roads, community character and wildlife habitation.

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

The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

What a whirlwind holiday season December was! And it was exactly what it was supposed to be...a reconnection with old friends.

Yes, I did visit the alpacas in the park during Holiday in Hurleyville with good friend Stephanie Watson and Ernie. But I didn't pet them because, according to their keepers, they don't like it. Who knew? Just a few steps away, however, some of the best talent in the area was not only deserving human hugs but a thunderous round of applause as they performed outside in that damp windy cold that eventually drove me indoors despite my down coat. My unbridled admiration goes out to Debbie Fisher, Alan Sorenson, Paul Kean and Lion Zen (Kevin McDaniel, Dorie Costa, Greg Costa, and Riley) for fulfilling the commitment and never missing a beat. And I sincerely hope they have all thawed out by now.

And we certainly hope Paul Kean is, since he will be hosting the Open Mic/Trivia at Cabernet Franks on Thursday Jan. 4 and 18. He alternates with Little Sparrow, who will be doing the honors on Jan. 11 and 25.

Odd Tuesdays at Brew in Rock Hill are quite odd indeed. The venue keeps talking about not continuing because of the encroaching winter and then I receive the announcement that the Greater Sullivan County Search and Rescue Orchestra will be back for yet another Odd Tuesday and always too late to be included in this column. There is one thing that is certain, however, and that is that Joanna Gass, Steve Schwartz, Kenny Windheim, Eric Nies, and Bobby C pack the house whenever they are there. My

suggestions? If you are on Facebook, "like" the Joanna Gass Music page or call Brew (845-796-2222). I personally love these performances, since most of the music is audience requests. Nothing stretches a musician or vocalist more than an all request night and they do it with style!

I had the pleasure of catching MiZ for the first time live in December at Cabernet Franks. I became a fan of sorts after seeing several videos of his originals. But live, there's only one word and that's "Wow!" Supported by Michael Borowski on keys, Stephan Kurtz on bass, and Jamie Novak on drums, each excellent in their own right, Michael Mizwinski delivers brilliantly the kind of performance and guitar work that if it doesn't make your jaw drop...well, you should probably check your pulse. MiZ. Remember that name. And catch the group live in a small venue while you still can.

And speaking of old friends, Little Sparrow opened for MiZ. It was wonderful to see Carol and Aldo again and to hear how they have progressed musically. Their more eclectic set was a joy to hear. They are truly another treasure of the Sullivan County music scene.

Brian's Backyard BBQ in Middletown, the iconic musician's meeting place and venue, may have to close - and what a shame that would be. Two years of work on Hwy 211 have made the detours to get there difficult and time consuming and have taken their toll on the business. There are ways to help if you can. There is a GoFundMe page and there is more information on their Facebook page.

Coming up in January:
Thursdays:
Cabernet Franks, 38 Main St., Parksville
Open Mic and Trivia
Paul Kean hosting on Jan. 4 and 18
Little Sparrow hosting on Jan. 11 and 25
Fridays:
Sorella: Jazz Standards with Defino and Ravdin, and great Italian food! 6-9 p.m., 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake
Cabernet Franks, 38 Main St., (Exit 98 off 17W) Parksville; 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 5: Those Guys
Jan. 12: The Barn Cats
Jan. 19: Justin Sutherland and Mark Visconti
Jan. 26: Laura Garone
Saturdays:
Sorella: Jazz Standards with Defino and Ravdin, 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake; 6PM-9pm
Pickled Owl, 218 Main St., Hurleyville
Call for their schedule
Cabernet Franks, 38 Main St. (Exit 98 off 17W), Parksville
Jan. 6: The Nude Party
Jan. 13: Captain Magic celebrates his birthday (7:30 p.m.); Electric Chords (10 p.m.)
Jan. 20: Sam Morrison with Tea Cakes
Sundays:
Music Where You Least Expect It: 11 a.m.-1:30ish, DeFilippis Bakery, 506 Broadway, Monticello
The Dancing Cat Saloon: #ShineOn, Jazz Brunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Dancing Cat, 2037 State Rte 17B, Bethel
Mondays:
Dutch's Open Mic: 205 Rock Hill Dr., Rock Hill, 7 p.m.
Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2018!
Until next time...

FROM THE FARM

by Eve Springwood Minson



THE CATALOGS ARE COMING! THE CATALOGS ARE COMING! Actually they started earlier than ever this year, along with the Christmas songs, but I'm ready to start planning my spring garden as it makes winter go much faster. So pour a cup of tea and let's talk about new projects to try.

Before you get started with growing seeds in February or March, try your hand at growing sprouts which you can do right now in your kitchen without much expense or fuss. Most sprout companies will happily sell you kits, but all you need is a Ball jar and a little cheesecloth or screen, and some seeds. There are many seed mixes online to try and all are super healthy and nutritious. It's also really fun to do with kids!

Another fun planting project to try in winter is growing micro greens in trays. Microgreens are a top superfood, packing a huge nutritional punch. They are grown indoors and cut at an

early stage of growth. If you let them grow a little longer you'll enjoy gourmet salads every day. Greens like arugula, lettuces, chard, kale, and radish taste amazing, or add dill, cilantro or cress for even more flavor. Make successive plantings to keep the greens coming. You will love them!

If you don't have an adequate seed-starting area set up, maybe this is the year to make that happen. It doesn't cost too much to set up lights over a folding table, or if you are handy, to set up light shelves. A sunny spot is great but seedlings grow best

with direct light. Full spectrum fluorescent lights in a very basic two-bulb fixture will do the trick for a small growing area. It's really worth the investment.

As you start your 2018 garden list, think about what worked well last summer and what could use improvement. Then go through your 2017 seed stash to see what you still have. That's how I start my list. Add your favorite veggies, herbs and annual flowers. You will no doubt be tempted by new varieties, so leave room to try some new goodies. Good job! Your 2018 garden just got started.

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FALLSBURG'S FUTURE: THE YEAR BEHIND; THE YEAR AHEAD

SOUTH FALLSBURG – Fallsburg's Future is a group of concerned local residents. We have been closely following Fallsburg's town meetings and advocating for the kind of development that will ensure a healthy town for all of us to enjoy in the years ahead.

We learned a lot about the town's planning process during this eventful year, and look forward to 2018 -- with eyes wide open.

We believe our attendance and participation in the Comprehensive Plan Update since August (a process that should be completed early next year) helped shape the CPU's far-reaching recommendations and establish many of the new regulations in the Town's revised zoning code and districting map that will guide decisions for the next decade.

We supported the Town Board's unanimous decision to impose a year-long moratorium on the authorization of new residential developments in order to give the town the time to undertake the CPU. The moratorium, which allowed for many exceptions, concluded last July.

Systematic implementation of the CPU's recommendations in the coming years should go a long way to preserving the rural nature of our town. The CPU has the elements needed to moderate the trend that has allowed Fallsburg's rapid and poorly conceived suburban-style development over the past de-



cade.

If Fallsburg had implemented the recommendations of the previous 2006 Comprehensive Plan, we would not be facing the serious challenges before us today.

The surge of residential developments and gated communities threaten to overwhelm our natural habitats, our roads, sewer and water systems. It is the type of development that does not encourage year-round economic sustainability or a sense of shared community that is at the heart of thriving small-town life.

The current draft of the CPU, which is the fruit of the work of a seven-person committee of representative residents and the consulting firm hired by the town, has many strong points, including:

- Increasing the land area of the AG district, which helps protect more farmland from development.

- Greater control over acreage requirements for homes built in the REC districts which eliminates the ability of developers to increase the number of homes they are allowed to build.

- Greater regulation of Duplex Developments that can improve their visual impact and help make them more a part of the community

- Expansion of rules for conservation design methods, including Cluster Development that will help establish more Open Space.

- Stricter regulation of summer camps that limits the ability to develop year-round homes within them.

- Creating the Neversink River Overlay Protection District which will help protect the town's primary aquifer.

Members of Fallsburg's Future, in addition to having a representative on the Comprehensive Planning Committee, attended all Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meetings to monitor development projects and speak in the interest of the community when possible.

We presented compelling charts, maps and information highlighting our concerns at various venues, including at events like the Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance "Friend-Raiser" in August.

We also reported on the meetings through our website and emailed Updates and Reports that keep interested residents abreast of the often obscure developments at town meetings. Our reports circulated through our Facebook page and the Rock Hill Neighborhood Coalition newsletter as well as the Bashkill Guardian newsletter, reaching thousands of interested residents.

ance "Friend-Raiser" in August.

We are very clear that the next phase of Fallsburg's healthy development requires. We are looking closely at ways to support Fallsburg officials in the implementation of the recommendations of the soon-to-be-adopted Comprehensive Plan Update.

We hope that the town will create some form of implementation committee that will work on a voluntary basis with town officials to find solutions that will be financially feasible for Fallsburg.

The challenges we face are many but not insurmountable. Everyone

recognizes the growing problem of traffic congestion and safety, for example. While the creation of more sidewalks may be financially prohibitive given Fallsburg's budget constraints, we can envision improvements, such as white lines delineating protected pedestrian traffic, that will make our roads safer at lower cost.

One of the things that we will be working on is to push for a more transparent process for The Planning and Zoning Boards. This primarily will be looking toward early public access to information that will be discussed at the various meetings.

We anticipate collaborating with the Delaware River Watershed Initiative to bring greater awareness to the need to protect our precious water resources in the Neversink and Mongaup watershed areas.

We hope to work with the Catskill Mountainkeeper and other important environmental organizations bringing together smaller community groups like Fallsburg Future to study our problems and come up with feasible solutions that our town can afford.

We will continue to engage with our municipal officials, pressing them to find the resources to ensure code enforcement, infrastructure requirement surveys, and continuing planning efforts.

And we encourage residents, especially those with legal, financial, environmental and economic expertise, to join in our activities and efforts to promote ecologically sound and sustainable growth in our community. Please visit our website (www.fallsburgs-future.org), sign up for our email Alerts and Reports and follow us on our Facebook page.

We are planning for a Spring Meet and Greet for Fallsburg's Future so stay tuned for more details.

Let's get Fallsburg back on the right track with a vision that includes all its residents!

This article was written by the Executive Committee of Fallsburg's Future, an activist group of Fallsburg residents concerned about issues relating to sustainable residential development. The opinions expressed herein do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Hurleyville Sentinel.



Ginny Dudko, President of the Pi State Educational Foundation (second from right) presents notification of a grant award to BCES 2nd grade teacher Leah Exner (second from left) while BCES Principal Mary Kate Stinehour (left) and FCSD Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz (right) look on.

Benjamin Cosor Teacher Receives Literacy Grant Award

FALLSBURG – Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) second grade teacher Leah Exner has received a \$950 grant from the Pi State Educational Foundation (PSEF) for a project entitled, "BCES Indoor/Outdoor Trail Literacy Center."

Ginny Dudko, President of the Foundation, informed Mrs. Exner by letter November 23, 2017.

As part of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, PSEF awards funding for learning and literacy projects annually from contributions by members of the many

chapters in the State of New York. A group of five directors reviews the proposals and decides which ones and how much funding they can offer. The BCES proposal was one of seven meriting the highest possible amount of \$950. The grant funds will be used to purchase a wagon that will hold bins of books covering topics such as: forest life, animal life, ecosystems, nature, geocaching, walking, wellness, and mindfulness.

Ms. Dudko came to BCES on December 20, 2017 for a formal acceptance of the application

to Mrs. Exner, FCSD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz and Principal Mary Kate Stinehour. As a retired kindergarten teacher from Eldred CSD, Ms. Dudko looks forward to observing the successful completion of the BCES Trail Project this coming spring, 2018.

If you would like to contribute to PSEF and its mission to encourage educational excellence by supporting special projects related to learning and literacy, you can send donations to Pi State Educational Foundation, c/o Jane Tanner, 231 Searles Street, Parish, NY 13131.

Sullivan County Recycles Christmas Trees

MONTICELLO – The Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste & Recycling is pleased to announce that it will once again accept retired natural Christmas trees at no charge from Sullivan County residents, businesses, and visitors at the end of this Holiday season.

For individuals with access to backyards and open spaces, strategically-placed, spent Christmas trees offer welcome cover during the winter months for birds and wildlife. Residents, businesses and visitors with limited access to open space, however, are encouraged to take their trees to any Sullivan County Recycling & Transfer Station for FREE disposal.

Sullivan County Division of Public Works employees will chip the trees for use as mulch in County parks, and for landscaping and beautification projects. Repur-

posing wood chips in this manner helps to conserve natural resources and enhance the appearance of the County.

"This is a great opportunity to be a part of a Holiday tradition in Sullivan County, knowing that your tree beautified our communities and will continue to bring value and enjoyment to people who live and visit here," said District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, chair of the Legislature's Public Works Committee. "It's also the perfect way to make an important statement about recycling."

For additional information about waste reduction strategies reuse and recycling, as well as transfer station hours of operation, please contact the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste & Recycling at 845-807-0290 or visit <http://co.sullivan.ny.us/Departments/SolidWasteRecycling/tabid/3198/Default.aspx>

Making Gingerbread Houses for the Holidays



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Maybe famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright began his career by designing and building a gingerbread house as a small child. That's what all the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School kindergarten students were doing on the afternoon of December 18 in the school cafeteria.

Aided by dozens of volunteer parents, teachers and aides, each student had an empty juice box as a foundation, graham crackers for siding and roofing, candy pieces as decorations and lots of vanilla icing as glue to paste everything together. The "glue" was very effective in making everything stick and was also a tempting treat to the young builders as could be seen by white stuff on faces and periodic licking of fingers. Parents and children were very proud of their creations as they delicately placed finished buildings in plastic bags to take home to either admire and/or devour.

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The Hurleyville Makers Lab is a place for people who like to build, invent, tinker and learn new skills using rapid fabrication tools, software as well as traditional tools, all in the spirit of the makers movement.

From the Firehouse

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



The Hurleyville Fire Department is always looking to recruit new members. You can stop in the firehouse on any Monday evening at 7 p.m. to get an application or see what we are all about. If you don't want to fight fire we can use fire police or you can work behind the scenes and support the front line fire fighters. We do more than just fight fire. We even provide all of your gear, and training is free.

Following New York State law, the fire department held their annual elections early in December, and line officers will take their office on the first of the New Year. The results are as follows:

Chief – Alan Price, First Assistant Chief – Charles Payne, Second Assistant Chief – Fred Froehlich. All three were re-elected to their positions.

Newly elected Captain is George Gibson; Laurie Feldman was re-elected First Lieutenant and Devin Knight is the newly elected Second Lieutenant. Eddie Ayla was re-elected Captain of the Fire Police.

On the administration

side, John O'Neil – President, Miranda Behan – Vice-president, John Jaycox – Treasurer and Erica Payne – Secretary were all re-elected to their positions. Officer-at-Large is Jim Kaufman, and trustee for three years is Pete Michelletti.

These officers assume their positions at the close of our annual meeting.

Delegates:
To - Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters Association – Nelson Durland and Barry Herzbrun.

To - Firemen's Association State of New York – Nelson Durland

To - Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association – Chris Gibson and Charlie Payne

We are well into our heating season and I hope all is safe.

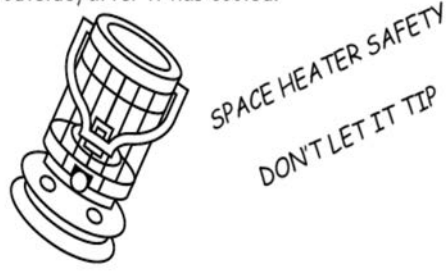
We had some snow and it was light and fluffy for a while. Make sure that your dryer vent is free of snow and any leaves that may have blown up against it. While you are at it, clean your lint trap on your dryer vent.

You have probably had

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- Never use a space heater to dry clothing.
- Turn off space heaters before you go to bed.
- In a kerosene heater, use only the proper fuel.
- Refuel a heater outside, after it has cooled.



Heating is the second leading cause of home fires.

to empty your wood stove, coal stove, pellet stove (etc.) of ashes. They should go in a metal pail with a lid and placed AWAY from the house is a safe place. We had a fire in county by someone placing their wood stove ashes on the front porch and starting the porch on fire. The ashes in a metal bucket can remain hot for a couple of days. Make sure they are cold before you dump them out.

It may or may not be cold when you are reading this. If you are using any portable heaters for additional heat please be careful. Read the directions and keep combustibles a safe distance away from the heater. Use the correct fuel for your heating device and don't use an extension cord for electric heaters.

Under state law one of the jobs of the Fire Chief is to find the origin and cause of a fire and report it to the state. There is an online system in place for this and the state will analyze the data received.

I came across the data results from 2016. These figures were provided by the Office of Fire Preven-

tion and Control (OFPC). In New York State in 2016 there were:

- Incidents reported – 1.5 million
- Responses per day – 4,162
- Responses per hour – 173
- Responses per minute 2.89
- Total fires including buildings, vehicles and other fires – 86,635
- Just building fires – 52,038
- Civilian injuries due to fire – 1,841
- Civilian deaths due to fire – 109
- Fire Service injuries – 2,445
- (LOD) Line of Duty Deaths - 118
- Good intent calls – 130,085

Remember that we are all volunteers and we give up holidays, birthdays and many other special events in our lives to protect our communities. Thank a fireman when you see them, especially while in action.

Looking ahead the 30th Annual Town of Fallsburg Youth Commission and the Hurleyville Fire Department Ice Fishing contest is Saturday, February 10, 2018 on Morningside Lake off Brickman Road in Hurleyville.

The contest starts at 7 a.m. and goes until 3 p.m. More in the next issue. If you can't wait, you can call me at (845) 796-8598.

FROM THE FILES OF...

THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

The Only Newspaper Published in the Town of Fallsburgh

COMPILED BY FRED FRIES FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE Sullivan County Historical Society

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when local newspapers were arguably at the peak of their popularity, it was common for papers to publish so called "Industrial Editions" that featured what would later be termed "advertorials" describing the merits of local businesses. As far as we can determine, the Hurleyville Sentinel never produced one of these publications, but both the Republican Watchman and the Sullivan County Republican, larger circulation newspapers published in Monticello, did.

Last month, we began re-producing excerpts describing Hurleyville businesses taken from the January 28, 1898 Republican Watchman special edition. Here, we continue:

JANUARY 28, 1898, REPUBLICAN WATCHMAN

Columbia House John H Knapp, Prop.

Take the state of New York from its apex at Franklin County down to New York City and west to Buffalo and one cannot find a more sightly [sic] or picturesque spot on which to erect a summer hotel than that on which the Columbia is located at Hurleyville, N.Y.

The house is situated in the most attractive and picturesque portion of Sullivan County, on a most beautiful towering eminence three hundred feet above and overlooking the pretty village of Hurleyville, and a most beautiful and picturesque expanse of country for miles in extent, with the ranges of the Shawangunk and Catskills mountains in the background. The intervening country is variegated with fertile meadows, delightful forests, waving fields of grain and sparkling brooks laughing and dancing over their rocky beds on their way to the Neversink.

Dotted here and there throughout this panorama of natural beauty are pretty



PHOTO PROVIDED

The Columbia Hotel overlooking Hurleyville was opened by John Harms Knapp in 1891 and was the oldest continuously operating hotel in the county when it closed in 1969.

farms, homes surrounded by lovely orchards and beautiful flower gardens with herds of cattle grazing in the productive pastures nearby.

Nowhere can the situation of the "Columbia" be surpassed for healthfulness of climate and grandeur of scenery and nearby are some of the highest mountain peaks between New York City and the Great Lakes. The house is on a level with the Hotel Wawonda at Liberty and is built on solid rock with excellent sanitary arrangements and perfect drainage.

The "Columbia" was erected five years ago for the sole purpose of catering to the summer trade and is replete with every convenience calculated to enhance the comfort and pleasure of guests. It is located on a farm of one hundred acres, with a splendid grove of stately maples, covering thirty acres near the house.

The house contains about fifty rooms, all large, airy and well ventilated, furnished throughout in the most modern style, heated by steam, with both hot and cold water, closets and baths on every floor. The verandas are wide and spacious, strewn with hammocks and easy chairs and the lawns are large and attractive and are well adapted to outdoor games and amusements. There is a bowling alley and large amusement hall on the premises situated a convenient distance from the main building.

Both the water and ice used in the house are obtained from one of the largest and best springs in the country, which is located near the house.

The dining rooms are large, cool and comfortable, and are plentifully supplied with all the substantial [sic] and delicacies of the season, the milk, butter, eggs, poultry, maple syrup and vegetables being the product of the farm in connection, thus insuring purity and freshness in every way.

It has always been the aim of the courteous and pleasant

proprietor, with the aid of his worthy wife, to make the "Columbia" one of the excelsior hotels of this section of the state and that they have been successful is clearly indicated by the steadily-increasing popularity which the house enjoys in connection with its enviable business status.

A good laundry and livery are in connection and the rates are from \$7 to \$15 per week, according to room. Transient rates are \$1.50 per day. In order to reach the "Columbia" from New York take ferry at West 42nd or Franklin streets via N.Y.O. & W. R.R. to Hurleyville, 11 miles without change.

Mr. John H Knapp, the populist proprietor of the "Columbia" is of the old and well known family of Knapps, his ancestors having come from Connecticut and settled in the vicinity of Hurleyville more than 100 years ago.

The "Columbia" is unique in its exceptional equipments [sic] and in the excellence of its cuisine. Spacious parlors, luxurious lounging rooms, broad and shady verandas, combine to make it the favorite lounging place of the best

class of people of our large cities. Its landscape views are unsurpassed for their magnificence and grandeur. Late in the day when the sun sheds its brilliant rays upon the mountain tops, down through the ravines and valleys the scene is grand beyond description.

The nights are always cool at the "Columbia" and malaria and mosquitos are unknown.

The grounds of the hotel embrace many acres, the greater portion of which has been improved for the pleasure of the guests. They are furnished plentifully with summer houses, rustic seats, pleasant walks and grand drives.

At sunset, the landscape is transcendent with the soft shade and delicate tints of the sky, the atmosphere aglow with color and there comes to one the novel experience of not alone beholding the distant glories of the west, but of actually standing in and being surrounded by the effulgence of the dying day. It is in such an environment and atmosphere that the guests of the "Columbia" find rest, health and pleasure and the dreams that make life worth living.

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FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Kelly Wells and Amanda Letohic



Happy New Year from the Fallsburg Library! We can't believe that it is 2018 already! We had a great 2017 thanks to so many of you.

As the winter season kicks into full swing, we just wanted to give a little reminder about how the weather could impact library hours. There are times when, with the safety of staff and patrons in mind, we must delay opening, close early, or close entirely because of the weather. When we do make a decision to alter our hours, we send out that information via social media – particularly Facebook and Twitter – as well as to an e-mail list. Please contact us via any of the methods listed at the end of this article if you would like to be added to the e-mail list. We also update our website, www.fallsburglibrary.org, as well as our phone message, so if you're unsure about our

hours be sure to call before venturing out.

And be sure to check out some of these great programs coming up in January:

Teens can come in Thursday, January 11 at 6 p.m. to make their own felt hand warmers to keep their hands toasty warm this winter.

Want to play in the snow but don't want to freeze outside? Come to the library

on Thursday, January 18 at 6 p.m. to make your own snow that you can play with inside! For kids ages 7+, please!

Adults can drop in on Wednesday, January 24 at 7 p.m. to de-stress from the holiday season with some adult coloring.

And teens can stop in on Wednesday, January 31 at 7 p.m. to make their own bath bombs.

As always, our Preschool Story Hour will be Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., and Children's Craft Night will be Mondays at 6 p.m.

Be sure to check out our website for a complete list of programs!

As you can see, we have many great things coming up at the Fallsburg Library. Some programs have limited spots, so please call, e-mail, or stop in to sign up. Here's

a reminder of our contact information, call: 845-436-6067, e-mail: fbr@rcls.org, stop in: 12 Railroad Plaza, South Fallsburg, NY or follow us on social media!

And don't forget, as we enter winter with unpredictable weather, please be sure to visit our website, Facebook page, or call, for up to the date information about delays and/or cancellations.



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THE WALKING STICK

An Original Short Story by Jim Red Fox
Illustration by Carol Smith

A long time ago, there lived an old Indian brave who resided in what is now known as South Dakota. He married, had four children and 12 grandchildren.

When he was 30 years old, he was wounded in battle against the white soldiers. He had received a bullet wound to the center of his back. That wound would no longer allow him to ride his pony. In time, he had resorted to using a five-foot walking stick; without it, he could not walk very far.

One winter, he lost his wife to pneumonia. He would sit with her by his side and watch the sunset, but now he watched it alone. After the sun went down, he would slowly get up and make his way back to his tepee.

Lying next to the fire, he would eventually fall asleep. In his dreams, he would see himself riding his pony across the open plains. He would feel the warm sun on his body as the clean air flowed through his hair. At other times, he would dream that he was once more swimming in the cool river that ran past his tribe's camp. When he woke, he would think, "I am no longer good for anything. If I were to die tomorrow, no one would really miss me."

The next day, two of the children of his tribe came to his tepee. They asked if he would take them for a walk. The old man didn't really feel like it, but he did enjoy the company, even if it was from small children. Reluctantly, he agreed. He stepped out of his tepee and started toward the canyon.

"Wait!" he told them. "I forgot my walking stick! I may need it."

The old man had no idea how true his words would prove to be. Later that day, they walked along the edge of the river bank. The bank had a sharp drop-off that went directly into the river. The old man warned the children not to walk too close to the edge. They hadn't gotten far when, all of a sudden, the edge gave way. The old man, who was leading at the front, heard their screams. Turning around, he saw them tumbling down the side of the bank. Fortunately, they had landed on some soft mud. Brushing themselves off, they looked up at the old man. He was smiling and said, "The next time maybe you will listen to me when I tell you something."

His smile slowly turned to terror as he looked upstream. It was then that he heard the rumbling sound.

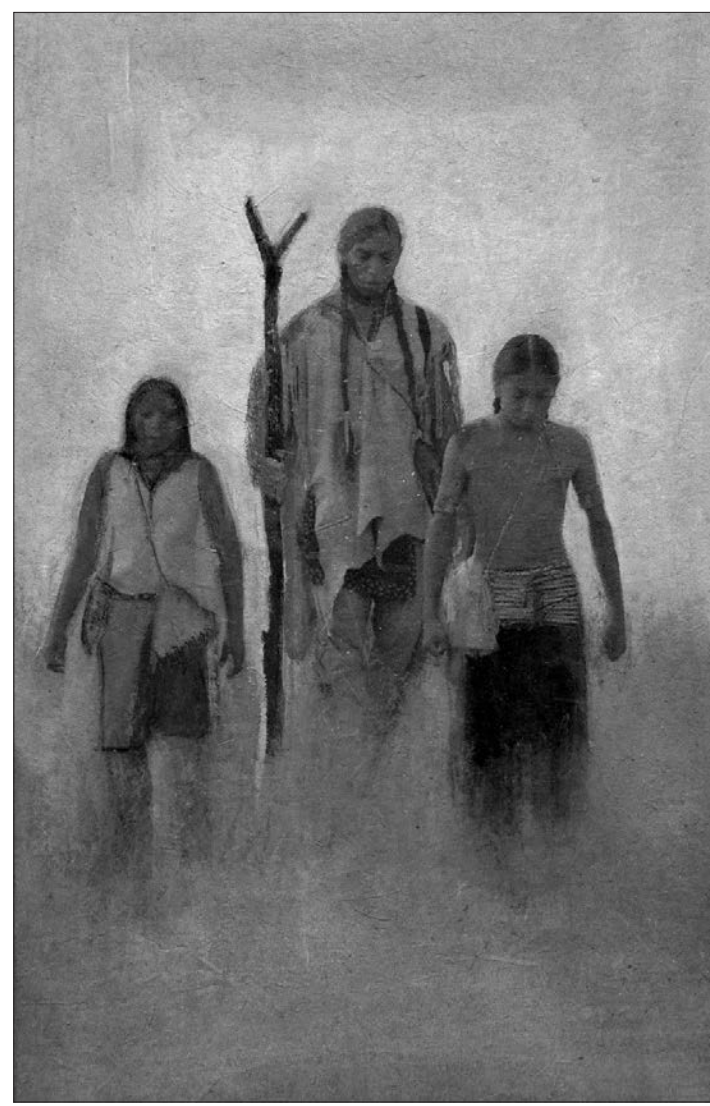
In his heart, he knew exactly what was causing that terrible sound. A few nights before, it had rained very heavily far upstream. The runoff from all that rain had now converged together into one raging body of water. The old man knew the children were right in its path. He got down on his knees and called out, "Children, I want you to listen to what I have to tell you. There is a large body of water headed your way. It is very important that you do exactly what I tell you to do!"

Laying down on his stomach, he extended his walking stick toward the children.

"Listen, I want you to grab my stick and then I will pull you up!"

He told the little girl to grab it first. When she did, he started pulling her up, but she couldn't hold on. She fell back down onto the river bottom. He then told the boy to grab on. The boy said, "No!" He would not leave his little sister. The old man could now hear the rushing water getting closer. He looked down at the little brother and sister holding each other. Looking up the river, he knew what he had to do.

Without hesitating, he slid down the bank to where the children were standing. He



The old man reluctantly agreed to accompany the two children on a walk in the woods, bringing along his walking stick in case he needed it.

looked around and found a tree stump that stood about five feet tall and got an idea. He quickly took the leather lacings out of his moccasins, tied the ends together and fastened two large loops. Then he told the children to hold their arms straight up

in the air and slid the loops down over them.

"Put your arms down, children," he said.

The river bed that they were standing on began to vibrate. The old man's walking stick had a "Y" shape at the top of it. He told them

that he was going to put the ends of their loops over the "Y." Then he would raise his walking stick straight up in the air as far as he could reach. They were to hold onto each other, no matter what happened. Looking up the river, they could now see the raging water racing toward them.

"Children, I want you to always remember the good times we had. Don't forget to always take care of each other."

The little girl said, "But we will have more good times when this is over."

The old man just smiled at her and lifted them as far above his head as he could. He wrapped his other arm around the tree trunk and held on with all his might.

The next day, a search party was walking along the edge of the river. Hearing someone crying for help, they looked down into the river. They couldn't believe what they saw. There were two small children with their heads just above the water. Quickly they tied a leather rope around the waist of the strongest swimmer and lowered him down into the water. When he got to the children, he lifted them up off the old man's walking stick and brought them to shore.

The children kept pointing to the walking stick.

Eventually, they told the rescuers how the old man had saved them. That he was still out there under the water. The brave who had rescued them again swam out to the walking stick. When he dove under the water, he saw the old man. He was holding his walking stick straight up above his head. His other arm was wrapped in a death grip around the tree trunk.

The swimmer tried to separate the old man from the tree, but he wasn't strong enough. He swam back to the shore and told the other braves what he had seen. They decided to tie a thick rope around the tree trunk and the other end to a pony. When the pony pulled the trunk from the river, the old man was still holding onto it. Finally, they did manage to pull his hand from his walking stick. Even in death he still refused to let go.

An old friend of the old man spoke up.

"My brothers, I think it is only right that we leave the old brave holding onto his walking stick. I also think that we should bury him here by the river. It was here that he gave his life for these

two children." Another brave spoke up and said, Let us carve on the side of this cliff that overlooks the river, a large walking stick. This way, long after we are all gone, the story of his brave deed will be passed on from generation to generation."

If ever you go to South Dakota, look for the Snake River. Maybe, if you walk along the bank far enough, you may find a cliff that overlooks the river. There, on the face of the cliff, you might be able to make out the carving of what the Indians call, "the old man's walking stick."

"The Walking Stick" is taken from a book by Jim Red Fox entitled "Native American Short Stories" published by Author House in 2012. Jim Red Fox, who grew up in Sullivan County and now lives in Napanoch, is also the author of "Native American Short Stories, Book II" published in 2016. Both books are available from the author at 845-853-5524. Jim Red Fox is a member of the Lakota Sioux Nation. He is on the Board of the Native American Cultural Center and is a member of the Thunder Bear Drum Circle. He is available to tell stories at schools, libraries, parties, and large gatherings.

SPOTLIGHT ON A HURLEYVILLE TREASURE

by Kathleen Sullivan

MARION SALON

The daughter of Rebecca and Samuel Raskin, Marion Salon was born in Hartford, Connecticut. The family, including Marion's sister, Bess, and brother, Paul, moved to Hurleyville in 1921 when Samuel was recruited to be an accountant at the creamery in Hurleyville. Rebecca operated a fruit and vegetable store next door to Bockman's Drug Store.

Marion spent most of her life in Hurleyville and attended the Hurleyville School.

After Samuel died of tuberculosis at the age of 35 Rebecca raised her children as a single working parent. She

found time to support and help her neighbors by tutoring recent immigrants and preparing them for citizenship.

Unfortunately, Rebecca developed a brain tumor and passed away several years later at the age of 42. Marion and her brother and her sister then moved to New York City to live with relatives.

After graduating from high school in New York City Marion continued her education by completing a course in secretarial training. She worked for many years as a legal secretary.

In 1947 a friend arranged for Marion to have dinner with Phil Salon who was on a business trip in the city. Marion and Phil married about a year later in 1948. The mar-

riage ceremony was held in the home of the relatives who took in Marion and her brother and her sister after their mom passed away.

Marion and Phil moved back to Hurleyville and, for most of their married life, ran Salon's Bungalows on Brophy Road. When the resort industry began to decline they opened a liquor store on the corner of Brophy and Brickman Roads and, later, a convenience store, Salon's Corners.

Marion and Phil cared for their children, Shep and Rebecca, while working 17-hour days, 7 days a week, at the store.

Described by those who knew her as one of the friendliest people they ever met Marion was genuinely interested in everyone who visited the store. Regular customers at the store would bring in friends and family members to introduce them to her. Marion was often consulted for her good advice. She especially delighted in getting to know the children in the community and, for a long time, stocked a large assortment of penny candies for them to enjoy.

Marion had an especially generous spirit. She never let anyone who had no money leave the store if they needed food.

I was lucky to get to know Marion and Phil when I first moved to Hurleyville. My commute to Manhattan every day began with a stop at Salon's Corners for coffee and the latest news in town. Their hospitality, good humor and generosity always made it one of the best parts of the day.

Marion passed away in 1999. Rebecca said, "One



Marion Salon (seated center) at a 1991 birthday celebration for Phil (seated left) with their son Shep and his wife, Corine, their daughter Rebecca, and Shep's daughter, Abby.

sign of a life well-lived is the impact someone has on others." Folks who knew her... either from Salon's Bungalows or Salon's Corners...still let Shep and Rebecca know how much she meant to them

and how much she is missed.

Marion is one of Hurleyville's many special treasures.

Visit www.hurleyvilleny.com to find more treasures in Hurleyville.

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We apologize for the error.

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Served in the United States Navy, licensed meat cutter, golf enthusiast, member of the Hurleyville Fire Department for 65 years, President of the Hurleyville Fire Company, Chief of the Hurleyville Fire Department, "Firefighter of the Year", Commissioner of the Hurleyville Fire District, President of the Sullivan County Volunteer Firemen's Association, member of the Sullivan County Fire Police, the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association, the Royal Order of

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Community volunteer, Life Member of the Hurleyville Fire Department, Fireman of the Year, President of the Hurleyville Fire Company, Commissioner of the Hurleyville Fire District, member the Hurleyville Emergency Relief Squad, Fallsburg Little League coach, member of the United States Army Reserve.

EMS Beat

by Albee Bockman, AEMT-P



"BRRRRRRRR"

With wintertime upon us, we all have different perceptions of cold. But is cold always bad, or can it be good for us? Let's take a look at the effects of cold weather on our health and how the human body responds to low temps. Our health can be affected for good or ill depending on our response to the different aspects of winter.

Cold temperatures place physiological stresses on the body. The more healthy and fit we are, the more easily the body can cope with these stresses. Dressing properly is key to being healthy during the Hurleyville winters; avoiding undue stresses particularly if you are not acclimatized to the cold, especially in the very old and very young with underlying health conditions.

One of the best ways to stay warm is by the use of our "inner furnace" to generate heat from within. Salads might be what we want to eat in the summer; but stews, soups, and food of that nature is preferred. It "fuels" warmth to our bodies. But... if you can put up with constantly feeling cold, it's one heck of a way to lose weight! Another trick to keeping warm is using layers of clothes. It doesn't simply mean lots of layers, but layers for particular purposes. A close fitting base layer to wick away sweat, insulating mid layers and a looser fitting waterproof outer layer. This is a more effective way of staying

warm as air is trapped between layers as well as within the layers acting as an insulator.

How cold you feel and how cold you are, are not as closely related as you may think. While shivering a lot is influenced by your subconscious and indicates a fall in the core temperature, the feeling of cold is not a great indicator. Some people are able to tolerate the cold more than others largely on the basis of perceiving exactly the same sensations in a different way. On the other hand, as we get older, we become less perceptive of cold temperatures; another reason the elderly are more prone to become hypothermic. They just don't notice their falling body temperature.

Did you ever wonder why you want to pee when it's cold? When you are cold, your body reduces the circulation to the extremities and skin surface. It's a process called "peripheral vasoconstriction" concentrating a greater volume of blood in the body core. This increases the arterial blood pressure. The body's response is to try to reduce this pressure, and the kidneys reduce the volume of circulating blood by removing water to the bladder to be lost as urine. Another tidbit of information for ya!

On a more serious note though, feeling cold all the time is a common symptom of a number of

medical conditions. One such condition is diabetes. One symptom of "diabetic nephropathy," kidney damage as a result of diabetes, is feeling cold all the time. As we all know, diabetics are also prone to heart disease. A drop in temperature concentrates blood flow in the body core, increasing blood pressure so placing more strain on the heart. Also, the body works harder to generate additional heat when it's cold. I can't stress enough the importance of keeping warm at all times. Hat, scarf, gloves - - and our homes!

Now some good news about the cold! Cold weather actually reduces disease carrying organisms limiting the spread of infectious diseases. Plants don't make pollen in the winter so our eyes and noses have no reason to run! And for those of us that carry a little more poundage than we want, the colder temperatures mean we burn more calories to stay warm.

All in all, my dear friends, this time of year poses many challenges to our bodies. Staying warm is not only logical, it is critical. Hypothermia is no joke... and it can occur within minutes of exposure. Please dress warmly during the upcoming cold spells, eat well, and watch out for our seniors that may be living alone.

Have a Happy & Healthy New Year, Hurleyville!



Hurleyville Treasure Marion Salon (right) with her sister, Bess.

SENTINEL SPORTS

Angelee Santillo, Sports Editor



GENERALS WOMEN ON A ROLL; MEN'S WINNING STREAK SNAPPED

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE – The freshmen-laden Lady Generals basketball squad at SUNY Sullivan headed into the winter break on a roll, having captured six victories in a row after a rather inauspicious start to the season that saw them drop their first five contests.

Freshman Ardella Brown has led the Lady Generals' resurgence, and currently ranks among the Region XV leaders in scoring, rebounding and assists. Middletown graduate Kiera Parker has also been a consistent performer.

Coach Daniel Lang's Lady Generals return to action on January 16 against SUNY Orange in Middletown. They then travel to Suffolk County

for a January 20 game before returning home to Paul Gerry Fieldhouse for a 5 p.m. contest against Bronx Community College on January 25.

Meanwhile, on the men's side, guard Jaye Bookhart came off the bench to score 23 points on 8 of 11 shooting from the field to lead the visiting Sharks of Suffolk County Community College to a resounding 99-74 win over the Generals on December 17.

The loss snapped a seven game Sullivan victory skein. Reserve Tyler Hammond added 14 points for the Sharks, who assumed control early, leading 51-36 at the half. Fifteen players saw action for Suffolk, with the bench contributing 51 points. Four of the five Suffolk start-

ers registered double figures despite limited playing time.

The outmanned Generals got 15 points from Arafat Shaibu, while Spencer Sax-on chipped in with 12.

The loss was the Generals first at home this season, and left them with a 13-2 overall mark heading into the winter break. They are next in action on January 11 when they travel to Fall River, MA for a 6 p.m. contest against Bristol Community College. They then take on the SUNY Orange Colts in Middletown on January 16 and return home for a 7 p.m. clash against SUNY Ulster on January 18. That game is followed by another road trip that will take them to the Bronx for a January 25 contest with BCC and to Garden City for a January 27 game against Nassau.



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The SUNY Sullivan Generals men's team had a seven game winning streak snapped by Suffolk County Community College on December 17.



SKI CLUB PLANS 43RD SEASON OF GUIDED CROSS-COUNTRY

MONTICELLO – The Catskill Nordic Ski Club has announced the schedule for its 43rd season of informal, guided cross-country skiing. All trips are scheduled on Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. The leaders may choose to reschedule to Sunday or change the hour or location or to hold a winter hike depending on weather and snow conditions. Leaders are prepared to help and encourage new skiers.

It is important to call the leader for updated information on Friday evening or Saturday morning.

Here is the schedule;

January 1: (Monday) Walnut Mountain Park – led by Catskill Mountain Trailkeeper/ Morgan Outdoors. Meet at West Lake Entrance at 1 p.m.)

January 6: Town of Thompson Park - leader Dan Gersten – 845-798-6618

January 13: Tusten Trails/Ten Mile River Rd. – leader Pat Halprin – 845-434-3841

January 20: Liberty Golf Course – leader Judy Brennan – 845-292-7832

January 27: Downs Road Trails – leaders Warren & July Bergstrom – 845-794-7631

February 3: Haven Road Tow Path – leaders Julie & Doug Stainton – 845-656-1574

February 10: Smallwood Trails – leaders Jonathan Hyman & Gail Rubenfeld – 845-583-4103

February 17: Mongaup Pond – leader Lori Brown – 845-434-7028

February 24: Fluggertown Road – leaders Kathi & Rich Widmann – 845-794-5650

March 3: High Point State Park

(Fee charged) leader Dan Gersten -845- 798-6618

March 10: Annual Dinner & Meeting – contact Andy & Eileen Kalter – 845-434-5371 (potential

ski if conditions permit). For more information on the

Catskill Nordic Ski Club, contact Eileen Kalter at 845-434-5371.

Fallsburg High School Hosts Robotics Competition

FALLSBURG – The Second Annual Catskills New Bot Battle on December 2 at Fallsburg High School Gymnasium was a fine achievement. Co-Sponsored by Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) and SUNY Sullivan, ten school districts from as far away as Lake

George and Elmira sent a total of 22 teams to compete in the VEX Robotics Competition, "In the Zone."

FCSD Robotics Club advisor, Donald Thomas organized the event with SUNY Sullivan's Computer Sciences Professor Cynthia Marcello. Veronica Bitz,

Regional Support Manager of REC Foundation, monitored the competition to ensure that everything conformed to VEX Standards. Dozens of volunteers from FHS and the college ensured a smooth flow during the all-day competition.

Dozens of parents, classmates and school advisors attended to cheer on the competitors. Thanks go out to FCSD School Board and Administration for providing support to host such a momentous event. Kristt Kelly Office Systems Corp. in Monticello printed the detailed programs. Yanni's Restaurant in Monticello fed the more than twenty volunteers with delicious wraps and soft drinks. Everyday Apparel in Monticello donated volunteer shirts and logo application. Rock Hill's Pizza the Rock

helped out by offering pizzas for all competitors at a very reasonable price.

At the end of the day, Mr. Thomas commented: "The event was a great success. This was Monticello High School's first competition, and they qualified for the NY State Championship! Wallkill competed in their first match, and they did very well. Fallsburg High School and SUNY Sullivan are looking forward to next year."

Registration will begin



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The Fallsburg Robotics competition was notable for having many schools competing for the first time ever, including Monticello and Wallkill high schools. Organizers included (left to right) Veronica Bitz, Regional Support Manager for REC Foundation, Cynthia Marcello, Computer Sciences Professor from SUNY Sullivan, and Fallsburg High School Robotics Club advisor Donald Thomas.

in August. The success of first time entrants bodes well for attracting other local schools. The future of robotics competition looks bright for Fallsburg and the entire region.

SULLIVAN GRAPPLERS POST WINS



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SUNY Sullivan 125 pounder Austin Brock, a Goshen graduate, just missed out on an opportunity to place at the Long Island Open.

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE—The SUNY Sullivan wrestling team travelled to Nassau County Community College last month to compete in the prestigious Long Island Open tournament and came home with two place winners.

Overall, the short-handed Generals of Coach Anthony Ng finished in seventh place out of 11 teams. Johnson & Wales University captured the team championship by a comfortable margin, while Waynesburg University finished second and host Nassau third.

Individually, Sullivan was represented by just four wrestlers: 125-pounder Austin Brock, 141-pounder Brian Vaughn, 184-pounder Thomas Grant, and

197-pounder Jhavon Innocent. Innocent captured a fourth place medal, while Grant finished sixth. Brock missed out on an opportunity to bring home a medal when he dropped a 10-0 decision to Princeton's Jon Goettee in the consolation quarterfinals.

The Generals are next in action on January 6 when they travel to LaPlume, PA for a tri-meet with Keystone College and West Liberty University, and then head to the Niagara County Community College for the Eastern District I Duals on January 12 and 13. After road matches at Mount Saint Vincent on January 16 and Lackawanna College on January 21, the wrestlers return home for a bout against SUNY Ulster on January 24.

HURLEYVILLE-- About 35 hikers bundled up against the cold and took time from the other Holiday in Hurleyville festivities on Saturday, December 2 to take a hike.

The spirited group joined Sullivan County Historian John Conway and farmer-educator Eve Minson on a short, information packed excursion along the west side of the Milk Train Trail, leaving from the parking lot adjacent to the Hurleyville Arts Centre and heading toward Ferndale.

The group first learned about the arrival of the railroad—The New York & Oswego Midland—in the 1870s and the initial growth of the hamlet. The Midland Railroad became the O&W Railway just a few years later, Mr. Conway said, and in 1903, railroad officials rechristened their station here Luzon Station, a name suggested by local doctor W. H. DeKay, when the O&W decided to try



PHOTO BY J. JAMES WALL

The second ever Hurleyville History Hike on December 2 was part of the Holiday in Hurleyville festivities and took in a stretch of the western side of the Milk Train Trail from Hurleyville toward Ferndale.

to end the confusion that had resulted from the similarity of Hurleyville to Hurley, a stop in Ulster County. Dr. DeKay's son had been serving in Luzon in the Philippines at the time, Mr. Conway said.

Ms. Minson talked about the native and invasive plants along the trail, describing the medicinal uses to which the Na-

HURLEYVILLE HIKERS HEAR ABOUT HISTORY, HERBOLOGY

by Win Hadley

tive American Lenape tribe put many of them.

The pair collaborated on discussions of the timber and tanning industries, two of the three great industries that have dominated Sullivan County's economy over the years, and the role the local trees played in each. Mr. Conway concluded with a narrative about the reputation as a healing environment the area has enjoyed since the days of the Native Americans, a reputation that fueled tourism here in the 19th Century, and also brought thousands of tuberculosis sufferers here in the days before antibiotics.

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