

SPRINGING FORWARD

HURLEYVILLE MOVES ON AFTER LATE-SEASON BLIZZARD

by Amanda Loviza

HURLEYVILLE — Winter Storm Stella swallowed the streets of Hurleyville in a blanket of white, but at the end of the surprise late-season blizzard the hamlet was no worse for the wear.

Several locals said it was about time Hurleyville saw another proper snowstorm. It had been decades since the town had a blizzard like this one, which dumped about 30 inches of snow on the region in less than 24 hours on March 14.

Evan Riley, a server at Frankie and Johnny's, said he was overjoyed to see snow like he remembered from his childhood in Woodridge. He used to dig snow forts in ditches along the country roads with his brother, Mr. Riley said, and this year's blizzard brought back happy memories.

"My heart split with joy," Mr. Riley said. "It was just nostalgic."

As he went back to his duties after the restaurant reopened the day after the storm, Mr. Riley said he hoped the late-season storm would reinvigorate regional winter tourism. People have started to view ski season as over once March comes around, but Mr. Riley said he hoped some children were able to hit the slopes once the snow stopped. This kind of weather is supposed to be part of the region's identity, Mr. Riley said.

"It's not the magic of the Northeast without those lit-



PHOTO BY J. JAMES WALL

Alvin Lopez clears sidewalks outside the Hurleyville Maker's Lab on Tuesday, March 14, as a blizzard rolls through Sullivan County.

tle squalls," Mr. Riley said. "It's what makes us tougher."

While most residents huddled inside—rightly so, at the request of emergency services personnel—staff at The Center for Discovery worked even harder than usual. The work started in earnest the night before the storm, Vice President for Development Richard Humleker said. Direct care staff who knew they would be needed to take care of The Center's physically and developmentally disabled residents made arrangements to either stay the night at The Center or have transportation during the storm. Mr. Humleker was one of many executive staff who drove around the county at the height of the storm to transport necessary staff members to their shifts.

"The roads were terrible, but the vision was worse," Mr. Humleker said. "It was like a whiteout."

Originally from Minnesota, Mr. Humleker said he knows snowstorms, but Stella was the worst, as far as whiteout conditions, that he has seen in his 33 years of working at The Center for Discovery. But the situation had its upside—Mr. Humleker said staff at The Center know what they need to do, and no matter what the circumstances on March 14, no one complained.

"It's those kind of crises when The Center really comes together," Mr. Humleker said. "The teamwork is pretty amazing."

Staff from The Center were the only people Erin Gluck saw during her March 14 shift at the Hurleyville Market. She watched people drive by and get stuck on the snowy roads, and a local donated a hot lunch that Ms. Gluck served to The Center's grounds staff that were busy clearing roads, parking lots and sidewalks.

"I thought it was nice to

just be there for them and feed their hungry bellies," Ms. Gluck said.

Fallsburg supervisor Steve Vegliante said the town fared well under the circumstances. The highway department did an excellent job, with assistance from almost every other town department, Mr. Vegliante said.

"I am extremely proud of how well our departments worked together to get the roads cleared and keep them safe," Mr. Vegliante said.

It was a similar story at SUNY Sullivan, where Interim President Jay Quaintance sung the praises of the college grounds staff. One county highway department truck flipped over on the college's entrance loop after the driver lost sight of the road, but the campus stayed quiet and safe as students hunkered down to wait the storm out. Classes were cancelled for two days, with a delayed opening on the third day.

After shoveling all day throughout the storm, Hurleyville resident Lorraine Allen said winter is not quite as fun when a person is not young anymore. This was a unique storm, arriving after it seemed like spring was already here, but she is now ready for the next season.

"We'll really appreciate spring when it comes," Ms. Allen said.

For more storm coverage see additional photos elsewhere in this edition.

SUNY SULLIVAN NAMES NEW DEAN

DePew "Really Excited" About College's Future

by Amanda Loviza

LOCH SHELDRAKE — After a dramatic transition, SUNY Sullivan officials have named longtime athletic director Chris DePew the college's new permanent Dean of Student Development Services.

Mr. DePew, who has worked at SUNY for 19 years, was named the interim dean last February as the college began its search to replace former dean Sara Thompson Tweedy. He enjoyed the new challenge, but at the time thought he should remain with the athletic department. He did not pursue the permanent dean position, and Sullivan hired John Agnelli to be the new dean of students.

Mr. Agnelli had almost two decades of experience working at New York educational institutions, but he only lasted two months at SUNY Sullivan. Mr. Agnelli was issued a college credit card, and within weeks it was discovered that he had used the card for personal purchases, SUNY Sullivan Interim President Jay Quaintance said. At the time, Mr. Agnelli called the situation an accident and paid the money back, but allegedly continued to use the card for personal use. He racked up more than \$9,000 in charges on the college's account, according to New York State Police, who were called in to



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Chris DePew has been named permanent Dean of Student Development Services at SUNY Sullivan.

handle the investigation. Mr. Agnelli was arrested March 3, and was terminated later in the month when he did not show up for a meeting to review the results of SUNY's internal investigation. Mr. Quaintance called Mr. DePew "amazing," and said that although Mr. Agnelli's arrest was a shock to the campus, Mr. DePew has a lot of support and the college is happy to turn over a new leaf.

"It's been quite a ride," Mr. DePew said of his 19 years at SUNY Sullivan. He began as a coordinator of athletic facilities, and worked his way up to athletic director in less than five years. He has coached several sports at the college, but he is most known for his 8-year tenure

development services position.

"I don't know that I've ever worked with anybody who so believes in what he's doing," Mr. Quaintance said.

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as head coach of the men's basketball team.

"I'm just really excited about what the future brings," he said.

Mr. DePew has been at SUNY Sullivan long enough to watch it thrive, and then decline, and now strive to reclaim its former glory. He believes the college has turned a corner, he said, and it's now headed in the direction it needs to go.

As dean of student development services, Mr. DePew said he wants to keep the college student-centered, and he is excited about the college's efforts to connect students more with the surrounding community. SUNY Sullivan wants to develop some of its 400-acre campus to include a public park and basketball courts, and it is working with The Center for Discovery to develop a bike path from the campus into Hurleyville to tie students into that community.

"I'm on the ground floor now of this new vision of growing our institution," Mr. DePew said.

Mr. DePew isn't quite ready to relinquish his ties to the athletic department, looking only for an assistant athletic director to help him rather than someone to completely replace his involvement in the department, but he said he is looking forward to his new role helping SUNY Sullivan become the best junior college it can be.

HEATHER VISITS... SLEEPING BEAR WOODWORKS

by Heather Gibson

HURLEYVILLE — When world famous guitar maker Ervin Somogyi was asked about the difference between machine precision and human touch, he replied, "The factory way to eliminate human error and fluctuation is to eliminate, or at least limit as much as possible, the human. The handmaker's way to eliminate human error is to increase skill and mindfulness." Leslie "Les" Witherel, master wood craftsman, has passed up a few lucrative opportunities to manufacture his woodwork on a larger scale. The invitation, while flattering, simply does not appeal to Les. He literally falls in love with a piece of wood. He sees what we don't see. And then he whittles it away, with great respect to the grain, and creates a masterpiece. For him, there's only one way to respect this craft, and that is by doing it with his bare hands.

If Les' hands could speak to us, they would tell us about the many snakes he picked up along the railroad tracks and how he threw them all in a bungalow next to his childhood home on Center Street. His hands would recall his



PHOTO BY HEATHER GIBSON

Les Witherel poses with two of his many custom wood-working creations.

very first wood project, and the 2 x 10 and hand saw he stole from his dad. He cut his thumb making that birdhouse which hung in a pine tree behind Main Street for decades. His hands would be familiar with the making of the Kachina doll, the corner shelf, roll top breadboxes, bowls, cutting boards, rolling pins, furniture, and most impressive his beautiful home; which took him three long sleepless years to build.

Les' "better half," Bonnie Makofsky, beams with pride when she speaks of the successful construction business he created, and how they came to form Sleeping Bear

Woodworks. She's also proud of how he fixed a washing machine with Harley Davidson parts. Long before they began attending craft fairs together, Les and Bonnie were just two kids growing up in Hurleyville. She recalls walking all the way to Fallsburg Track & Riding Academy as a girl. It was there that Les' dad would allow her to ride horses. They lost touch when she attended college in Oswego. After school, she found herself exploring the world and taking on different jobs. She caught up with Les again when he was building an addition on her brother's home. She'd go there, watch him work, prepare lunch and tea, and soon after their affection for one another grew.

In 2008 Les designed a lot of rolling pins. His design was capturing people's attention - the woman with arthritis in her hands or the seasoned pastry chef. Bonnie was actually using a pin while baking with her Mom, when the phone rang. It was Better Homes & Gardens saying that they wanted to feature Les' pins in their upcoming Christmas cookie issue. That is the very moment when their "fifteen minutes of fame" began. They

were featured in Paula Deen's 2009 Holiday Baking edition and then in 2010, Deen Brothers asked Les to make a pizza peel. For many months this publicity kept them busy. Family illness and other life commitments, such as Bonnie's career as a nurse, made it hard for them to fill orders. So, they were forced to slow down a bit.

Currently, Les has some pieces featured in the Hurleyville Market, and people still call him with special requests. Recently, someone called him and said that she just lost her son, and was looking to see if he could create a handcrafted urn. He knew right away that this was a special request. He remembered a piece he created just two months prior. It was an acorn with a lid. At the time, he wasn't sure what made him create this acorn. He showed it to her and she couldn't believe her eyes. Apparently, the acorn is a significant symbol in her family history, and she thought it perfect. Les returned home pleased, "I did create that piece for someone special. I just didn't know it until today."

Bonnie stated, "People are pleasantly surprised when



PHOTO BY HEATHER GIBSON

A sampling of the many custom products crafted by Les Witherel of Sleeping Bear Woodworks.

they call us. They appreciate the personal service, and they get to speak directly to the person who makes the product. I guess people don't expect that anymore." Sometimes someone will say a piece is expensive, but when you learn more about buying wood, and the labor and love that goes into it, you aren't just getting a product, you are receiving an heirloom. Like a rolling pin! Think of all the memories you can create with your family while rolling out cookie dough!

Les is another "Old Hurleyville Boy." He knows every inch of our town. If you're looking to sit down and reminisce about time gone by, he's your guy. I visited with Les for three hours and loved every

minute of it. He says, "When things get bad, it's time to go in the shop." He taught me a thing or two about not letting a hobby get away from you. Do what you love, love what you do. Work with your hands. Look at a ledge of stone in the woods and see not just a rock, but a sleeping bear. Look at a piece of old firewood, and create a coffee table. Maybe you aren't a woodworker, but there's a craft inside you; something from childhood that you haven't tended to in many decades. Get back to it. Because it's amazing how it will give back to you!

You can contact Sleeping Bear Woodworks by e-mailing Les@sleepingbearwoodworks.com or by calling 845-434-3085.

HURLEYVILLE, FALLSBURG HIGHLIGHTED IN SPEECH

Chairman Says County is Moving Forward

by Amanda Loviza

FERNDALE — In a speech that described a "renaissance" in Sullivan County, District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez specifically named the hamlet of Hurleyville as a community that epitomizes the revitalization of the tired Borscht Belt region.

Mr. Alvarez, who serves as chairman of the county legislature, gave the annual State of the County address in front of about 75 people at the Cablevision building in Ferndale on March 16. His theme was "Let's walk together," as he talked about an economic comeback in the county.

Tourism brought in \$26 million in revenue last year, Mr. Alvarez said, and he believes it will be "stronger than ever" with upcoming projects like Montreign Resort Casino at Adelaar and Veria Wellness Center. Outdoor activity projects like the O&W Rail Trail and a bike path between Loch Sheldrake and Hurleyville will bring in outdoorsy visitors, Mr. Alvarez said, and provide fitness opportunities for residents as the county works to



PHOTO BY AMANDA LOVIZA

Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez delivered the 2017 State of the County address on March 16.

fight its low health ranking.

Mr. Alvarez praised The Center for Discovery for its work on both projects, and SUNY Sullivan for its help with the bike path. The Center for Discovery has spearheaded tens of millions of dollars of investment into the county, Mr. Alvarez said, and it has helped transform the hamlet of Hurleyville into a creative,

The Inquiring Photographer

by Heather Gibson



Q: Are you experiencing spring fever? What do you love about spring?



Julie Morman Bowers

“Springtime is a sign of life! Leaves begin to bud, flowers start to bloom, the grass turns green and best of all, local businesses start to flourish again! At Bum & Kel’s Tavern, in Loch Sheldrake, this is the time of year when we put into effect all those ‘little ideas’ that we thought of during the slower winter months! We are excited to open the back deck and start our Back Deck Grill Menu, which was so successful last summer! It is a busy and exciting time of the year!”

“I love spring and how all the pretty flowers bloom and all the animals start to come out again. Spring is my favorite time of year.”



Ally Halcomb



Lorraine Allen

“I’m looking forward to spring activities. My very favorite springtime activity is stepping out of my door in Hurleyville, with my camera, and going for a walk, either down Mongaup and Cemetery Road or all the way to the hunting camp, or on rails to trails. There’s nothing nicer than watching nature unfold in springtime, especially since the bugs aren’t pesky yet.”

“I enjoy spring because the warmer weather is coming and flowers start to bloom. My family and friends usually start to have barbecues and get-togethers during the nicer weather. I look forward to that, as well.”



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Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



The members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First are ready for spring. Flowers have been ordered and work dates will be announced soon. Volunteers will be needed to help get gardens, planters and barrels ready for planting and to litter pluck.



The Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance volunteers are dedicated to the preservation of the very special rural community character of Thompson and Fallsburg.

Grants will be awarded at the Sullivan Renaissance Spring Forum on Thursday, April 20.

Hurleyville-Sullivan First has applied for a Maintenance Program grant that will help support the care and growth of the group’s projects that significantly enhance the quality of life in Hurleyville. Visit www.sullivanrenaissance.org for information on Sullivan Renaissance and the Spring Forum.

Hurleyville-Sullivan First meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Hurleyville Firehouse. The meetings are open to everyone interested in the revitalization and beautification of Hurleyville.

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

The Sullivan County Museum and the Sullivan County Historical Society are looking for volunteers. The only requirements are an enthusiastic interest in genealogy and history.

Exhibits at the museum include “A History of Sullivan County Farms” showcasing farm artifacts and photographs donated by Fred Fries, “The Military Room,” honoring Sullivan County veterans from the Civil War through Desert Storm, “Early Sullivan County,” featuring authentic materials that depict two centuries of life in Sullivan County, “The Borscht Belt,” chronicling this unique era in the Catskills and the “Frederick A. Cook Gallery” displaying the most extensive public collection of artifacts from the expeditions of the pioneer American Polar explorer. A prototype of the bagel making machine invented and patented by Hurleyville inventor Lebel Wichinsky is also on display at the museum.

The Sullivan County Historical Society is accepting donations of yearbooks from Sullivan County high schools and Sullivan County Community College. The yearbooks are a valuable source of information about folks from Sullivan County. Yearbooks from the Fallsburg High School for the years before 1947 and for the years 1951, 1954, 1955,

1957, 1958, 1965, 1968, 1972, 1973, 1980, 1983, and for the years after 1987 are needed to complete the collection.

The museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, is open on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

Holy Thursday services will be held at the Hurleyville United Methodist Church on April 13 at 7:00 p.m. The Monticello United Methodist Church (Hurleyville’s sister church) will hold Good Friday services on April 14 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunrise Services on Easter Sunday at 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday services at the Hurleyville United Methodist Church begin at 9:00 a.m.

The volunteers at the Bread of Life Food Pantry at the church have changed their system of giving. Clients can now make their own choices as if they were shopping at the supermarket. The new method has been warmly welcomed by the families the food pantry serves. The food pantry is open each Thursday (except the first Thursday of each month) from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The volunteers at the food pantry also provide free clothing for families in need on the last Thursday of each month.

Volunteers at the church host the Community Lunch Program. Upcoming dates will be announced on the church’s page on Facebook.

Young people are invited to join the Youth Group hosted by the church. They can enjoy a variety of activities including board games, trivia, movie nights, arts and crafts. The group meets on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. and dates will be announced on the church’s page on Facebook.

A Bible study group is held at the church on every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Please call Katrina at 845-436-7942 for more informa-



The Frederick A. Cook Gallery at the Sullivan County Historical Society’s Museum in Hurleyville is dedicated to the life of the famed polar explorer.

The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville

by Jane Harrison



Is it spring yet? Just saw two young groundhogs come venturing tentatively out, then scurry back into their burrow. Maybe not yet.

Ventured up to the High Falls Café between snow falls for their open mic on March 9th. Well worth the trip! I’m used to seeing well attended open mics, but I have to say the Café was packed with people who come there for the food AND to hear the performers. Got a chance to see a wide variety of music from musicians Burt Bode, Blair Shepard, Deb Martin, Lauren Tully, Guy Cooper and Kevin O’Connell and, of course, the gentleman who keeps it all moving, Jeff Entin.

You can occasionally catch Jeff Entin, Bob Blum and Larry Balestra (The Acquaintances) at the Pickled Owl in Hurleyville. Visit <http://the-acquaintances.com> for future dates in this area, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

Speaking of open mics, a big shout out to Laura Garone for the fantastic live video from Dutch’s on Monday nights on Facebook.

Our own Debbie (Dallas) Fisher, in addition to Twitter (@DFishPalm) and a YouTube channel (Deborah Anne Fisher) now has a website www.deborahfisher.com where one can see her live performance

of her original “On The Rio Grande,” at the Rio Grande border in 2016 for the “Hugs Not Walls” event. This was a great humanitarian event and it’s sad that the need that spawned it still exists today. Debbie will be at the Bashakill Vineyards in Wurtsboro on April 16, kicking off a very busy schedule for her.

Some really fun music is coming up at the Pickled Owl this month. The Rapid River Boys (April 8) have always provided a good foot stomping version of “folk” music. Rare Form (April 15) is a great husband/wife duo that kept me laughing with them on New Year’s Eve. The five piece Moonshine Creek does some excellent Bluegrass, and who doesn’t like excellent Bluegrass. And Gabe Rickard (April 29), is in a league all his own. Kudos to the Pickled Owl for providing some of the very best to Hurleyville.

And a belated Happy Birthday to friend, radio personality, and all around good guy Kevin McDaniel.

For April
Fridays

Every Friday: Sorrella: Al DeFino and Larry Ravdin, Jazz standards to dine by, 6pm-9, 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake

Saturdays
April 1: Open Mic/Home Grown: Host Kevin McDaniel WJFF 90.5FM, 12-1

p.m.
The Pickled Owl: 6 p.m. start, 218 Main St, Hurleyville

April 8: Rapid River Boys (organic Folk)

April 15: Rare Form (Bluegrass, Reggae, Irish, Folk duo)

April 22: Moonshine Creek (Bluegrass)

April 29: Gabe Rickard (solo acoustic)

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Sunday, April 16: D. Fisher Blues At The Bashakill, 2 p.m. -6 p.m., Bashakill Vineyards, Wurtsboro

Every Sunday:
Music Where You Least Expect it: 11a.m.–1:30ish, DeFillippis Bakery, 506 Broadway, Monticello

The Dancing Cat Saloon: #SHINEON, Jazz Brunch, 11-2, 2037 State Rte 17B, Bethel

Mondays
Every Monday: Dutch’s Open Mic, 7 p.m., 205 Rock Hill Dr., Rock Hill

Tuesdays
April 11 & April 25: Another Odd Tuesday with The Greater Sullivan Search and Rescue Orchestra, 6 p.m. -9 p.m., The Brew, 280 Rock Hill Dr., Rock Hill

Thursday
April 6: Open Mic at the High Falls Café, 12 Stone Dock Rd., High Falls
Until next time....

FROM THE FARM

by Eve Springwood Minson



REAWAKENING OUR SENSES IN SPRING

As spring slowly unfurls around us, we too come alive. It is a beautiful time of year with daily changes to observe, but if you are a gardener it’s easy to be overwhelmed by all the outdoor tasks that need doing at once. If you are like me and have cabin fever, you’ve already been outdoors cleaning up from winter’s storms and getting ready for spring planting! In an effort to help you streamline your garden to-do list, let’s go through what you can do as winter’s snow recedes:

- **PLANNING.** By now you probably have your seeds ordered, are growing seedlings in a warm sunny spot and have your dream garden planned. No doubt your online and garden center shopping lists are made and you are ready to start another gardening year!
- **CLEANING UP.** If you haven’t cleaned up beds from last year’s plantings, it’s time. Cut back perennials, pull annuals and put plant debris on a new compost pile, rake the beds out gently and let Spring sunshine do its work drying the soil before you do more. Cleaning and oiling your tools is also a productive rainy day activity.
- **SOIL AMENDMENTS.** As soil warms up and is workable you will want to incorporate organic materials to your veggie and perennial beds to build soil tilth for the new growing

season. Last year’s compost might be ready to use, or purchase bags of quality compost or manure.

• **DON’T RUSH.** Our average first frost-free date is May 15th. Remember the only bedding plants to go out early should be pansies. Vegetables that can tolerate cool temperatures are spinach, lettuce, peas,

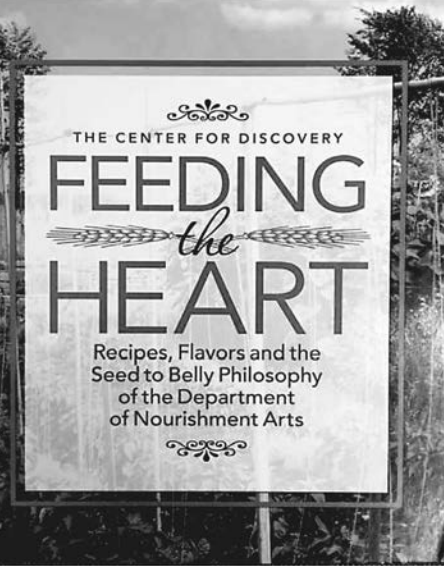
kale, Asian greens, beets, parsnips, carrots, turnips, and radishes. Be patient with all the rest.

• **KEEP TRACK.** Use labels to mark your plantings so you don’t forget what is growing where! More than anything enjoy the spring sunshine, longer days and getting your hands dirty again!



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FALLSBURG WIZARD OF OZ MAKES AUDIENCE GASP

by Amanda Loviza

FALLSBURG — A “delightful” production of *The Wizard of Oz* by the Fallsburg Junior/Senior High School Drama Club drew rave reviews after its March 24-25 run.

Larry Schafman said he saw his first high school production of the show when he was 6 years old, and almost 70 years later, he was enthralled all over again. Mr. Schafman praised the professional-

ism of the entire ensemble, from set design and choreography to acting and music.

“Every singing voice was clear and pleasing to the ear—not just one or two of the lead roles, but every single actor on the stage that evening,” Mr. Schafman wrote in his review.

The play starred Grace Strauss, Isabel Morales, Olav Peterson Langeland, Jasmine Johnson, Brendan Hooks, Mekayla Perneszi, Roberto Mat-

amoras, Camron Batres, Adem Crnovrsanin and Kailan Odell Schreier. The backstage crew included Stage Director Tobi Magnetico, Sound Designer and Technical Director Jim Schmidt, Stage Manager Sarah Ungerleider, Makeup Designer Pam Garritt, Music Director Liz Toledo, costume designers Janet Kaplan and Pam House, assistant stage managers Rebecca Budrock and Jaelyn Hatt, and Lighting Designer Amanni Sitz.

One animatronic feature of the play brought gasps from the audience—and it was made right on Main Street in Hurelyville. As the wizard, Adem Crnovrsanin operated a gigantic head with glowing red eyes and a long white beard.

Fallsburg science teacher Don Thomas worked with Mark McNamara, the director of the Hurleyville Maker’s Lab, to design the prop. Mr. Thomas scanned Mr. Crnovrsanin’s own head with the maker’s lab’s body scanner, cut lay-

ers of cardboard with the lab’s laser cutter and assembled the pieces. The process of designing and assembling took about 20 hours total, but Mr. Thomas said it was well worth it to witness the audience’s gasps.

“The audience definitely had the reaction we were going for,” Mr. Thomas said.

The lighting crew did a great job, and the overall impression was a truly scary wizard, Mr. Thomas said. It was a great experience to work at the maker’s lab, and Mr. Thomas said he expects many more school projects to be completed there in the future.

It was clear how much love and devotion went into the entire production of *The Wizard of Oz*, Mr. Schafman said.

“Rarely does a play or musical come together so perfectly to transfix and entertain an audience for a couple of magical hours,” Mr. Schafman wrote, thanking the drama club for a “fabulous guided



Fallsburg high school teacher Don Thomas poses with the Wizard of Oz head he made using the Hurleyville Maker’s Lab body scanner and laser cutter for student Adem Crnovrsanin for the school production of *The Wizard of Oz*.



Dorothy, played by Grace Strauss, greets the Tin Man, played by Brendan Hooks, and the Scarecrow, played by Jasmine Johnson, during Fallsburg Junior/Senior High School’s recent production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

College and The Center to Partner

by Amanda Loviza

LOCH SHELDRAKE — SUNY Sullivan announced Wednesday, March 29, that it has joined the ranks of just three other colleges in the state granted a license to grow and research industrial hemp.

SUNY Sullivan will be partnering with The Center for Discovery, which has a certified organic and biodynamic farm operation, to grow the hemp plants and research certain medicinal properties. Unlike the psychoactive compound THC found in marijuana, hemp contains cannabidiol (CBD), a non-psychoactive compound that can be processed

as an oil and administered for medical purposes. SUNY Sullivan will be researching key properties of the cannabidiol, as well as the effects of certain growing practices on the hemp plants, a press release said.

Interim President Jay Quaintance said in a statement that SUNY Sullivan is thrilled to partner with The Center for Discovery and provide students opportunities to do innovative research. He thanked Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the state legislature for their support of the Industrial Hemp Agricultural Pilot Program, which allows institutions of higher education to partner with farms to research hemp.

Gibson Among Those Honored By UDC

Faso to Deliver Keynote April 23

NARROWSBURG — Retired Congressman Chris Gibson is among those recognized this year by the Upper Delaware Council, Inc. (UDC) for enhancing the quality of life or protecting the resources of the Upper Delaware River Valley at its 29th Annual Awards Ceremony on Sunday, April 23.



Chris Gibson

U.S. Congressman John J. Faso, who succeeded Gibson in representing New York’s 19th District, will deliver the keynote address at 5 p.m. prior to the presentation of awards.

The honorees include: Distinguished Service Award – Ed Wesely of Damascus, PA, for his Upper Delaware River Valley contributions as a naturalist, educator, conservationist, and preservationist.

Robin M. Daniels Memorial Lifesaving Award – Michael K. Smith of Point Pleasant, New Jersey, for his rescue of a drowning swimmer at Skinners Falls.

Public Service Award – Chris Gibson of Kinderhook, retired Member of Congress, for exemplary support of the Delaware River Basin during his 2010-2016 tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Community Service Award (organization) – Pennsylvania Environmental Council Northeast Office, for coordinating the locally beneficial Community Illegal Dumpsite Clean-up Program.

Community Service Award (individual) – Vanessa DeGori of the Milanville General Store, Milanville, PA, for her successful petition drive to re-open the 1901 Skinners Falls, NY-Milanville, PA Bridge following emergency repairs and offering charitable aid to those in need.

Recreation Achievement Award – Operation Safe River, coordinated by the Lackawaxen Township Fire Commission, for implementing a comprehensive safety markers program for the Lackawaxen River.

Partnership Award – Debra Conway, Dorene Warner, the Town of Highland, and Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Inc., for producing the “Revitalizing the Monarch Butterfly” brochure and starting an awareness-raising campaign about threatened pollinator spe-

cial. Cultural Achievement Award (individual) – Elaine Giguere of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance based in Narrowsburg, for founding the organization in 1976 and nurturing it in her role as executive director from 1978 to her pending retirement on June 30, 2017.

Cultural Achievement Award (organization) – Wayne County Historical Society, based in Honesdale, PA, celebrating its 100th anniversary of historical preservation and promotion in 2017.

Volunteer Award – Scott Rando of Shohola, PA for offering his services as an Upper Delaware River Valley field volunteer for the National Park Service and other natural resource agencies, and his talents as a nature photographer and columnist.

Special Recognition Award – Grace Johansen (posthumously), LouAnn Joyce, Lauren Schlagenhaft, and Tina Spangler for authoring the 2016 local history book, “Tusten’s Colorful History: A Delaware River Town Comes of Age”.

Special Recognition Award – Connie Lloyd of Beach Lake, PA, for three decades of contributions as an Interpretive Ranger for the National Park Service.

Oaken Gavel Award – Fred Peckham, representative of the Town of Hancock, for his leadership and service as UDC chairperson in 2016.

Reservations at \$27 per person are due by April 14 for the banquet that will take place at Central House Family Resort in Beach Lake, PA. A downloadable reservation form is available at www.upperdelawarecouncil.org or contact the UDC at (845) 252-3022 or info@upperdelawarecouncil.org.

Gallery Exhibit Highlights Artist in Residence

by Amanda Loviza



HURLEYVILLE — Sound artist Terry Dame entertained and astonished visitors to Gallery 222 on Main Street during an exhibit on Saturday, March 25.

Ms. Dame (seen in black hat and jacket in accompanying photo) has been the artist in residence at the Hurleyville Maker’s Lab since the beginning of February. Ms. Dame bills herself as a “composer, multi-instrumentalist, instrument builder, circuit bender and educator.” She is trained in classic instruments like the trumpet, piano and saxo-

phone, and she also uses her engineering background to recycle found objects and turn them into unconventional instruments. Ms. Dame displayed some of these instruments at Gallery 222, where dozens of community members had the opportunity to observe and participate in her musical magic.

One instrument was made of aerosol cans that, when touched with bare skin, played recorded sounds like water dripping or a horn blowing. Another instrument used graphite from pencils to produce sound—people drew on the walls, and the graphite

served as a conductor to wires in the instrument. “People were blown away,” said Peter Dollard, Chief of Design at the Maker’s Lab. “It was extraordinary.”

It got loud, but it was a fun and joyful day, Mr. Dollard said.

Ms. Dame is the fifth artist in residence at the Maker’s Lab since the program launched in September. The vision of the program, Mr. Dollard said, is for artists to come to the unique space of the Hurleyville Maker’s Lab, and be able to use its resources to learn new skills and talents.



Student Artwork Inspires

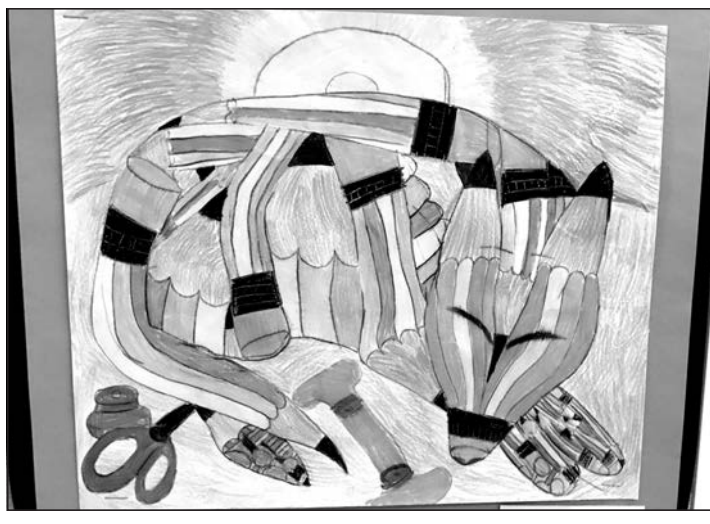
by Gabriela Almonte (age 8)

HURLEYVILLE — The Sullivan County Museum displayed artwork made by Sullivan County elementary students throughout the month of March.

The art exhibition was great. Liberty Middle School student Janessa DeGroat, 12, was one of the artists. She drew a picture

of a cave man hunting. I asked her, “what do you love about the artwork,” and she said, “I express myself through it.”

The art exhibit left me feeling inspired. Art was made from aluminum foil, cardboard, ceramic, stuffing, water colors, paints, feathers and chalk. They were awesome. All were different and very colorful. I really liked the exhibition because I got to see some other art made by other kids. It is cool knowing I can see children’s art five minutes from my house. I was eager to attend the art exhibit because I am studying some of the same subjects.



Benjamin Cosor Elementary School sixth grader Allison Perna’s drawing of pencils forming an animal, on display at the Sullivan County Museum.



PHOTO BY GABRIELA ALMONTE At left: Elementary students’ artwork exhibited in the Sullivan County Museum during March was made from cardboard, ceramic, and a variety of other materials.

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From the Firehouse

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



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It is spring; the calendar says so. There might be some snow on the ground or there could be dry brown lawns and woods when you are reading this.

When the snow does finally leave in the spring the transition of brown landscape to green takes a few weeks. It is this time frame that is most worrisome to firefighters: "Brush Fire Season."

In most years the snow melts, we go through a week or so of mud season, then from mid-April to mid-May the dreaded "Brush Fire Season."

It has become so bad that the State now has a "Burn Law" that includes a Burn Ban from March 16 thru May 14. There is NO OPEN BURNING. What does that mean? It means you cannot burn your yard debris that you have cleaned up off of your lawn and around your property.

I have seen this many times. The first nice Saturday in the spring you get up, have your coffee, and go out and rake up the winter off of your lawn. Clean all the fallen branches and add them to your pile. Most likely this takes all morning, so you go in for lunch. After lunch you come out with

a beverage and a match. All is going well and then! Then the wind picks up and blows that little glowing ember onto your dry lawn or into the nearby woods. Everything is so dry and it takes off, we have a brush fire.

With the weather patterns the last couple of years we have even had brush fires in February.

There were already a number of brush fires this year before our "big snow."

Also under the "Burn Law" you cannot have a burn barrel. The reason for this is that many people were burning garbage and polluting the air and starting brush fires.

The use of the burn barrel is also a springtime ritual. All of the papers that you should have recycled though out the winter are now thrown onto the burn barrel and lit. Again, all is fine until the wind carries that one piece of burning paper onto the lawn or into the woods.

Already this year the use of a burn barrel almost burned down a neighbor's house.

In our area we have fast moving surface fires fueled by dry grasses and underbrush. Before you know it, there is a large scale fire that now endangers your home and your neighbor's property, if not the whole neighborhood. Now a multitude of fire departments must be called in to fight it.

Fortunately we do not have the large scale forest fires like they do in the West.

Because of the dry conditions and drought there were a few large scale brush/forest fires in Ulster County in the Shawangunk Mountains. The underbrush, scrub pine and matted forest surface (duff) burn differently than our surface fires. These fires burn into the duff, and also burn on the surface. I was deployed to a number of these fires. Manpower (most of it volunteers) was needed for five to seven days for most of them. With all of that manpower you need to be concerned about their safety and you need to feed them.

Sometimes one of the biggest problems is the logistics of feeding hundreds of firefighters on the fireline and keeping them hydrated. Gas, oil and repairs for chainsaws and other equipment is also a major headache.

Who pays for all of this that started out as someone burning papers in a burn barrel?

So PLEASE give us a break. NO OPEN BURNING during the BURN BAN, or if it is still very dry, and especially if it has not greened up yet.

Plan ahead for this year's 7th Annual Bill Carlson Golf Classic on Saturday, May 20th at the Tarry Brae Golf course with a shotgun start at 1:30. More in the next issue but you can get information about this event by calling John Jaycox at (845) 866-6431.

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APRIL 9, 1937 Jury Acquits Woman on Larceny Charge

Mrs. Madeline Great, twenty-eight, was acquitted of grand larceny on Tuesday by a Supreme Court jury before Justice Sydney F. Foster in the first criminal case heard in Supreme Court at Monticello in five years. The jury deliberated less than two hours.

Mrs. Great had been indicted for theft of \$500 in bills from the luggage of a fellow roomer at a Mongaup Valley bungalow in the summer of 1934. Mrs. Great was represented by attorney Ellsworth Baker of Hurleyville.



Mischa Ross (front center), whose real name is Murray Rosen, following his arrest for the brutal murder of a young violinist. Others in the photo include NYS Trooper William Leins, Sullivan County Sheriff Harry Borden, and Deputy Sheriff Jay Lass.

First Public Affair Held in New Sheldrake Bar & Grill

Enthusiastic approval of the newly opened Sheldrake Bar and Grill was expressed by the crowd of Loch Sheldrake firemen and their wives at the first public social gathering held there on Tuesday evening.

A regular firemen's meeting was held in one of the lodge rooms on the second floor of the large new log cabin type building during the earlier part of the evening while the feminine members of the party enjoyed card games in the downstairs dining room. After the meeting, the crowd enjoyed bingo, followed by the serving of refreshments. Prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Max Berman, Mrs.

John Bullock, Mrs. Wm. McCarthy, Clifford Moore, Leo Mentnech, Ernest Porter, Ike Fraley, Joe Sabinsky, and Phil Miller.

APRIL 23, 1937 Jury Indicts Ross for First Degree Murder After Arrest in Mtdale

A claw hammer with a strand of hair held fast with blood clinched a first degree murder indictment on Wednesday against Mischa Ross, Broadway booking agent who was taken into custody at the home of his father-in-law, Nathan Nesselowitz, at Mountandale by Sullivan County authori-

ties early Monday morning as the man who had followed Tania Lubova, twenty-five, night club violinist, into the sound proof studio in which she was beaten to death with a hammer. Identification was made by an elevator operator in the studio building at Times Square, New York, in which the girl's body was discovered Sunday. The hammer was positively identified as one that disappeared from a hotel room which the suspect had used an hour before the murder.

marks. Justice Foster denied a motion to dismiss the complaint.

Town of Fallsburgh Established 111 Years

This month marks the 111th anniversary of the Town of Fallsburgh, according to time-yellowed records on file in the offices of Town Clerk Mortimer Michaels.

The Town of Fallsburgh was first established on Tuesday, April 4, 1826 at the first town meeting, held in a school house near Neversink Flats. An act had been passed the previous week to erect a new township from parts of the Towns of Thompson and Neversink.

At their first meeting, the few citizens present elected their entire board without dissension. Herman Hardenburgh was chosen Supervisor; Rachel Reading, Town Clerk; James Brown, John Crawford, and Cornelius Eller, Assessors; Harvey Ludington, Henry Misner, and John Eller, Commissioners of Highway; Elmarter Starr, Thomas Lawrence, and James Hill, Commissioners of Common Schools.

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by Kelly Wells and Amanda Letohic



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RCLS has made it possible for Fallsburg Library patrons to access several other electronic databases, as well, which can help young kids and adults in their research efforts. Does your child(ren) have a project for school? They can access Britannica Library with a Fallsburg Library card number. Interested in American History? Access thousands of primary source documents through Annals of American History. Check out the genealogical resources or the job and

career resources that are available with the click of a button and your Fallsburg Library card! All of these and more can be explored by clicking on "Databases" under the "Research" tab on our website.

If you're interested in finding out more, or if you need help accessing any of these databases, just give us a call, 845-436-6067, or stop in and visit us! While you're at it, check out these great programs coming up during the month of April!

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Monday April 10 at 6 p.m. All ages are welcomed at this event. When you're done hunting, stay and use the eggs you collected to make an Easter wreath! On Thursday April

6 at 7 p.m., ladies ages 18 and over can come in and make a washcloth bunny. April 12 at 7 p.m. bring the family and make an Easter Tree with plastic Easter eggs. Our popular kid's night will be on Thursday April 20 at 6 p.m. and we'll be making all different

variations of Rice Krispies treats. Also keep in mind that every month our Children's Craft Night is on Mondays at 6:30 p.m., and our Preschool Story Hour is on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Call or stop in to find out what the crafts and stories are for each week.

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vibrant, and inclusive community.

"If you get a chance, those of you who haven't seen it, take a moment and look what Hurleyville looks like today and the amount of work that's been done there," he said, also complimenting the Hurleyville Arts Centre. "They've done a great job, great work there."

Economically, the county will focus on "shovel-ready" sites for business development, Mr. Alvarez said, and use its newly formed land bank to revitalize and redevelop derelict properties. New industries like the Metallized Carbon Corporation factory in the Town of Fallsburgh are already building a bright economic future for the county, the chairman said. Metallized

Carbon is an Ossining based company that has begun construction on a 15,000 square foot facility in Glen Wild that will employ ten workers in the manufacture of specialty parts for the aerospace industry.

The citizens of Sullivan County are its most valuable resource, Mr. Alvarez said, and he wants to see more young people staying in the county and building a life here. He encouraged residents to attend meetings, give public comment and work with legislators, even run for office. As the first Hispanic chairman of the legislature, Mr. Alvarez called himself living proof that there is equal opportunity for everyone in Sullivan County.

"Let's walk together toward the prosperity and health we deserve," he said. "This, right now, is our time."

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SOME SCENES FROM THE BLIZZARD OF 2017



- PHOTO BY J. JAMES WALL
- 1. Snow comes down at a furious pace on Railroad Avenue as Winter Storm Stella hits on the morning of March 14.**

PHOTO BY AMANDA LOVIZA

 - 2. Lorraine Allen trudges through snowy sidewalks to get to Fiber On Main the day after 30 inches of snow blanketed Hurleyville during Winter Storm Stella.**

PHOTO BY AMANDA LOVIZA

 - 3. Frankie and Johnny's was almost hidden behind a mountain of snow the day after a late season blizzard dumped 30 inches of snow on Hurleyville.**

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 - 4. Snow begins to obscure the brightly painted buildings and chicken tractors on Main Street the morning of March 14 as Winter Storm Stella hits.**

EMS Beat

by Albee Bockman, AEMT-P



“STRIKE BACK AGAINST STROKE”

FACT: Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States. Approximately 800,000 people have a stroke each year.

That's an alarming number for sure. However, there are several things we can do to prevent this debilitating disease from striking. First, let's talk about what a stroke is.

Cerebral Vascular Accidents, commonly known to us as stroke, occur due to problems with the blood supply to the brain. The blood is either blocked or a blood vessel within the brain ruptures causing brain tissue to die. This is a real emergency and must be addressed forthwith.

There are three main kinds of stroke. First, is the Ischemic Stroke, the most common form of stroke, accounting for approximately 85% of all strokes. It is caused by blockages or narrowing of the arteries that supply blood to the brain resulting in ischemia -- reduced blood flow. These blockages are often caused by blood clots which form either in the arteries connecting the brain or other blood vessels. Clots can be caused by fatty deposits within the arteries called plaque.

Second is the Hemorrhagic Stroke. They are caused by arteries in the brain leaking blood or bursting open. The blood puts pressure on brain cells and damages them. Ruptures are caused by conditions such as hypertension (elevated blood pressure), trauma, and weaknesses in blood vessel walls. These strokes sometimes require a trauma center

such as Westchester Medical Center where surgery may be required.

Lastly, there is the Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA). TIAs are different from the other two strokes because the flow of blood to the brain is only briefly interrupted. Now hear me out! Although the blockage is temporary, this is still a serious emergency. They serve as a warning sign for future strokes and indicate that there is a partially blocked artery or clot source in the heart. Please heed this fact: Approximately 15% will have a serious stroke within months of a TIA.

My goal here is to “enlighten, not frighten.”

I want all of my Hurleyville neighbors to be safe and healthy. Soooooo, let's talk about what we can do to avoid succumbing to this debilitating emergency.

1. Blood Pressure. Hypertension is the BIGGEST contributor to the risk of stroke in both men and women. Have your pressure checked regularly! Don't be shy about stopping in our Hurleyville Office to have it checked.

2. Watch your weight. Obesity raises your odds of having a stroke. Losing as little as 10 pounds can have a real impact on reducing the risk.

3. Exercise. As we get older, the gym may not fit into our schedule, but there is no excuse for not walking on a regular basis. It works wonders.

4. Quit smoking. There isn't a better time to quit than right now! Smoking accelerates clot formation. It thickens your blood and increases the

amount of plaque buildup in the arteries. I have mentioned in past articles that I am a Certified Hypnotherapist. I have assisted many, many people in smoking cessation.

5. Treat Atrial Fibrillation. This is perhaps one of the most important issues to address when it comes to stroke risk. Atrial Fibrillation is a form of irregular heartbeat that causes clots to form in the heart. These clots can then travel to the brain producing a clot. Atrial Fibrillation carries almost a fivefold risk of stroke.

This irregular rhythm is not uncommon in our senior population. However, with medication and regular visits to your physician, we can lead long, productive lives.

“F.A.S.T.” is an easy acronym to assist you in knowing the signs and symptoms of a stroke:

- F - Facial Droop
- A - Does one arm drift down when lifting both arms
- S - Slurred speech
- T - Time is crucial. Call 911 immediately

We are very fortunate to have Catskill Regional Medical Center, an approved Regional Stroke Center, in our county. Many victims of stroke have been treated successfully, receiving the utmost in professional care. As an active member of the CRMC Stroke Committee, I see, hear, and review the amazing work being done right here in our backyard.

Stay safe and healthy, Hurleyville!

SPOTLIGHT ON A HURLEYVILLE TREASURE

by Kathleen Sullivan

“HELEN CARLSON”

Helen Carlson, the daughter of Max and Beatrice Jacobson, was born in Hurleyville on April 6, 1927. One of eight children, Helen's brothers and sisters were: Louis “Perk” Jacobson (owner of Perk's Market in Hurleyville), Abe Jacobson (owner of Jacobson's Kosher Butcher Shop in Hurleyville), Julius Jacobson, Pearl Kollender, Ann Jacobson, Rose Cohen and Gail Makofsky.

Helen attended the Hurleyville School from kindergarten through her graduation from high school. After graduation, she worked for the New York Telephone Company on Main Street in Hurleyville and at Perk's Market.

She married Bill Carlson on October 16, 1949, in Hurleyville. They lived at Bill's parents' home after their marriage and had a son, Mark. After the birth of their daughters, Teri DiMarsico and Toni McKay, Helen and Bill purchased the house next door and lived there for more than sixty years.

A charter member of the Hurleyville Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary and the Hurleyville Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Helen completed the first Emergency Medical Technician course ever given in Sullivan County. She served as President of the HFD Ladies' Auxiliary in 1968.

Helen was also a member of Congregation Anshei Hurleyville. A stay-at-home mom,



Helen also did the books for Auntie Rae's, the wholesale frozen food business she owned with Bill. Bill delivered the food to local hotels and restaurants. When they later closed the business, Helen worked for Baker Sales, a wholesale restaurant supply company owned by Ben Knapp from the Columbia Hotel.

After the close of Baker Sales, Helen and Henry Anker became the co-owners of Anker Sales, also a wholesale restaurant supply company, in Liberty. Helen sold the business after Henry's death, and continued to work with some of her customers on a part-time basis.

She then had a chance to spend more time with her family and to enjoy her favorite pastimes, reading and gardening. Helen happily shared the books she read with her family.

Helen loved holidays. She shared the celebrations... and the cooking...with her extended family. One of her favorite holidays was Christmas. She especially loved decorating the tree. When her children were young, their cousins would

visit and have fun decorating the Christmas tree. When everyone left, she re-decorated the tree the way she liked it. Her daughter, Teri, recalls, “Even when she left Hurleyville and dad had passed, we would pick mom up from Arcadia and she would come to Palm Coast and decorate our tree. We brought down the boxes and she decorated. It took her all day but she loved it.”

Helen and Bill had visited Florida in the winter for several years. They moved there permanently after Bill's retirement. After Bill's death in 2011 Helen divided her time in Florida between Arcadia and Teri's home in Palm Coast. She enjoyed visiting her “northern” friends in Arcadia for several months each year where she joined in games of dominoes and UNO. In April, 2016, Helen moved full-time to Palm Coast to live with Teri and her husband, Tom.

Helen visited Hurleyville each year for her family's reunions and for the annual “Bill Carlson Golf Classic” at the Tarry Brae Golf Course. Her last visit was in the summer of 2015.

Helen passed away on October 2, 2016, in Palm Coast. She is survived by her children; her sister, Gail; her grandchildren, Christopher Carlson, Erica Payne and Mariann Bury; her great granddaughters; and a large extended family.

Helen is one of Hurleyville's many special treasures. Visit www.hurlevilleny.com to find more treasures in Hurleyville.



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Robert Longo Named to Fallsburg Hall of Fame

FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) Hall of Fame Committee has approved the nomination of Robert Longo as its newest member.

Mr. Longo retired in 1984 after thirty-five years as an outstanding Art Teacher. Now in his 96th year, he is far from “retired” in service to the Fallsburg community and beyond.

Mr. Longo has been honored with countless awards for his own artwork and contributions to founding and supporting Sullivan County artist societies and exhibitions. During more than sixty-five years active service to Fallsburg Lions Club and Lions Club International, he earned the highest achievement in Lionism—the Melvin Jones Award. His award winning commemorative pins have adorned the jackets of proud Lions throughout the world. Even today he is working on the pin for the International Convention in 2018. Woodridge Kiwanis honored him with their Everyday Hero Award and acknowledged him for his incredible mural of the O&W Railroad that is visible to all who pass through that village.

Mr. Longo cherishes the time he spent in the Army Air Corps as one of World War II's Greatest Generation. Two years ago, he flew to Washington as part of the Honor Flight program. In the fall he went to Del Rio, Texas for a reunion of the few surviving airmen and their families.

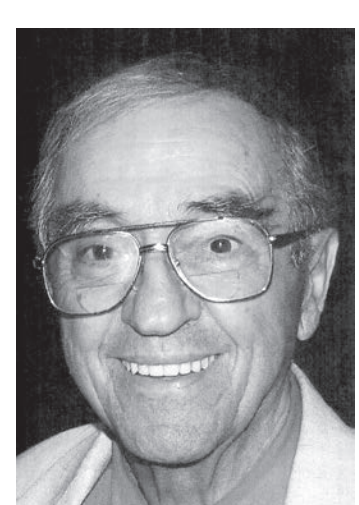


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Former art teacher Robert Longo has been named to the Fallsburg Central School District Hall of Fame

this notion of service, giving his time and his art to serve his Community that has been a hallmark of Bob Longo's life.”

In the classroom, Mr. Longo inspired young people to acquire a life-long love of art. Former student and teaching colleague, Eileen Kalter stated, “In Mr. Longo's class, the emphasis was on art appreciation. And we do appreciate all he has done for our community and especially for Fallsburg Central School.”

The official induction into the Fallsburg Hall of Fame is on June 25, as part of the High School graduation ceremonies. It will be an opportunity for the school to show its appreciation for a man who has embodied selfless service and is a living treasure to thousands of students and their families in Fallsburg.

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Angelee Santillo, Sports Editor



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Middletown High School wrestlers (seated left to right) Horace Duke, Ishmael Alicea, and Oscar Lainez have signed letters of intent to attend SUNY Sullivan in the fall. Also pictured (standing left to right) are Middletown High School wrestling coach Jason Lichtenstein, SUNY Sullivan Assistant Coach Andrew Martinez, and SUNY Sullivan Head Coach Anthony Ng.

SULLIVAN GENERALS ADD THREE MIDDIE WRESTLERS

LOCH SHELDRAKE – SUNY Sullivan Athletic Director Chris DePew and Head Wrestling Coach Anthony Ng have announced that the Generals have signed three Middletown High School wrestlers for the 2017-2018 season.

The three Middies include Horace Duke, the 2017 Section IX Division I Champion at 285 pounds. Mr. Duke will major in Criminal Justice at Sullivan and expects to compete at either 197 or 285 pounds.

Ishmael Alicea, who competed at 126 pounds for the Middletown team that finished fourth in Section IX this year, will major in Criminal Justice at Sullivan and look to compete at 133 pounds.

Oscar Lainez, a 2016 Middletown graduate, is the third

General signee. He was a Section IX Division I Champion last year and took third place at the prestigious Eastern States Classic in February, 2016. He is expected to compete at 125 pounds for the Generals.

"We are very excited to welcome these fine Middletown wrestlers to the Sullivan program," said Coach Ng. "Each of them performed well in tough high school competition and are ready to make the transition to junior college. We expect them to have an immediate impact on our program."

The SUNY Sullivan wrestling program will be entering its fifth year, and its second under Mr. Ng. The Generals compete in Region XV of the National Junior College Athletic Association.



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Pictured left to right are Sam Zheng, Robert Delgado, and Megan Langeland.

BCES Hiking Trail Gets Kiosk

FALLSBURG – The collaboration on the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) Trail project continues to bring together members of the entire Fallsburg Central School District student body.

Since January, the High School Woodworking Class of Pam Garritt has been designing and building a wood kiosk that will stand at the opening of the trail. The kiosk's 32 square foot pine upper surface area will provide space for signage, a trail map, rules and regulations, and other important information for hikers. A compartment below will hold some helpful equipment such as binoculars, compasses, and pedometers.

Last fall, Leah Exner, who is the Project Director for the trail, spoke with Ms. Garritt about how her class could support the project. Ms. Garritt waited until her students

had acquired sufficient skills to not only put the kiosk together, but to design it, as well. Students Kenny Alcantara and Carmine Malanka created the design on paper with illustrations and later renderings of a finished product. They then assembled a small scale model made from Popsicle sticks and wood scraps and turned it over to the builders.

The Woodworking Class is now assembling the kiosk, which takes up an entire classroom-sized work bench. The three carpenters putting everything together are Sam Zheng, Robert Delgado and Megan Langeland. Their goal is to have the kiosk fully assembled and ready for application of finishes by the end of April. They will then have it delivered to Mrs. Exner and her team at BCES just in time for spring and the opening of the new trail.

MAPLE SUGARING AS SPORT

by Amanda Loviza

HURLEYVILLE – While The Center for Discovery makes a sport out of producing maple syrup, local residents make a sport out of buying it.

Maple syrup produced by The Center is for sale once again in the Hurleyville Market, and the demand is high for a limited supply. Erin Gluck, who works in the market, said the first small batch sold quickly, and customers were asking for it by the time the market got its first substantial batch of bottles to sell in late March.

Maple sugaring falls under The Center for Discovery's recreation department. Recreation therapy offered to students and residents at The Center can range from the typical team sports to horseback riding, and even maple syrup.

Children and adults of all ages at The Center help recreation staff tap trees and collect sap, and then bottle and label the finished syrup. The season starts in January and usually runs through early April, said Sam Rose, director of the recreation department.

The seasonality of maple sugaring connects with the individuals at The Center, Mr. Rose said.

"It's part of the cycle," Mr. Rose said. "When it's wintertime, it's time to get excited about maple sugaring."

While maple sugaring is popular at The Center, it's a lot of work, Mr. Rose said. But as someone who's been involved in syrup production every winter since he was 19, Mr. Rose is not daunted. He enjoys bringing the activity back to The Center each year.

"It's experiential education,



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Sam Rose, director of the recreation department at The Center for Discovery, monitors maple syrup production at Stonewall Preserve in Hurleyville. Syrup produced by The Center is now for sale at the Hurleyville Market.

that's what it boils down to," Mr. Rose said.

To celebrate the season, The Center for Discovery hosted a maple syrup weekend the last weekend in March. About 80 people connected to The Center came to tour the production facilities and eat pancakes, Mr. Rose said.

For those who participate in the maple syrup production each year, the skills stick, Mr. Rose said. They know how to help tap a tree and collect sap. When the sap is evaporat-

ing into syrup, Mr. Rose and his staff show The Center's students and residents how it works, and they taste samples.

"It's good to connect everything back to what they did and where it went," Mr. Rose said.

And where the syrup goes next, is the Hurleyville Market. The Center had produced about 22 gallons of syrup by the end of March, with a bit more cooking to go. It will disappear quickly.

"Best syrup around!" Ms. Gluck said at the market.



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Maple syrup made at The Center for Discovery's Thanksgiving Farm is currently on sale at the Hurleyville Market.

Lady Generals' Kyla Given Named All-Region Romero Collier Makes Men's Second Team

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE – SUNY Sullivan guard/forward Kyla Given has been named an All-Region XV



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Romero Collier

first team all-star for the 2016-2017 season.

Ms. Given joined Ashley Brooks, of Borough of Manhattan Community College, Janae Gibson, LaGuardia Community College, Kianna Nichols, SUNY-Dutchess, and Player of the Year Destini Green of Hostos Community College as first team selections.

The Lady Generals' Ashley McDonald was named to the second team.

Ms. Given finished the 2016-2017 season as the seventh leading scorer among Region XV women and was sixth in rebounding and fourth in field goal percentage.

She was an Honorable Mention All-America selec-

tion in 2015-2016, as well as the Most Valuable Player in the Mid-Hudson Conference. Ms. Given is a graduate of Newburgh Free Academy.

Ms. McDonald finished the season in second place in the Region with 5.6 assists per conference game. She was also fourth best in the Region in assist to turnover ratio per game. She is a sophomore from South Shore High School.

On the men's side, Generals guard Romero Collier was a second team Region XV all-star, while teammate Kalif Jackson was chosen for the third team.

Mr. Collier led the Generals in scoring this season and finished second in the Region in assists. He is a graduate of



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Kyla Given

Henninger High School in Syracuse, where he was All-Central New York in both football and basketball. He previously played basketball for Niagara University.

Mr. Jackson was the squad's second leading scorer in conference games this season. He is a freshman from Bayshore, NY.

Comets Open Baseball Season Without Varsity Program

by Julia Batista

FALLSBURG – As Fallsburg winter sports have come to a close, the spring season is just beginning, and spring sports such as baseball, softball, track, and golf are all underway.

After the long but exciting basketball season, student athletes are embracing the opportunity to be able to participate outdoors again. But unlike basketball, a sport in which Fallsburg typically dominates, spring's most popular sport, baseball, has been quite a challenge for Fallsburg in recent years. Unfortunately, due to a number of circumstances, the Fallsburg Comets do not have a varsity baseball team this season and will only be competing at a modified and junior varsity level for 2017.

Fifth-year Comets baseball coach David Luczynski spoke frankly about the surprising decision regarding the season.

"We have had a varsity for the past five years, but this year we're having just a junior varsity team. This is to rebuild the program with the athletes that are coming up, so we can teach them the fundamentals of baseball," he said.

"I would like my athletes to develop more baseball skills that help them be more successful," Mr. Luczynski continued. "This year I would like to see our [jayvee] team achieve at least a .500 or winning record, because as of last year, we did not win a game."

Many of Coach Luczynski's players also shared the same views, one of them being the only senior on the junior varsity team this year, Mirza Javed.

"The biggest objective for this season is to rebuild the

program and to see how some of the freshmen and the sophomores play, then moving on to teaching them the game," Mr. Javed, last year's shortstop and second baseman, commented. "This year I'm more optimistic and all positive energy. There's more of an attitude to rebuild and win this year compared to last year so that we can at least reach or finish higher than a .500 record."

A younger player, Shyam Patel, shared Coach Luczynski and Mr. Javed's sentiments, saying, "I didn't like it at first, but it might do better than a varsity would have with a whole new team to start fresh and to build the players up to par," he said.

All in all, the school is hopeful that this year's Junior Varsity Baseball team brings themselves together enough to take home their first win in a long time, something that they are very much looking forward to.

The Hurleyville Sentinel is optimistic about the future of Fallsburg Comets baseball and wishes the team all the best of luck to achieve that winning record! JV sports deserve support, too, so check out the Comets' home schedule

below!

J.V. Baseball Home Schedule

- March 22. @ 4:15 p.m. - Fallsburg vs. Rondout Valley
- April 25. @ 4:15 p.m. - Fallsburg vs. Sullivan West
- May 2. @ 4:15 p.m. - Fallsburg vs. Chapel Field
- May 8. @ 4:15 p.m. - Fallsburg vs. Tri-Valley
- May 11. @ 4:15 p.m. - Fallsburg vs. Tri-Valley
- May 15. @ 4:00 p.m. - Fallsburg vs. S.S. Seward
- May 19. @ 4:00 p.m. - Fallsburg vs. S.S. Seward



Sullivan Baseball Starts Strong

LOCH SHELDRAKE – The SUNY Sullivan baseball team recently completed an eight-day season opening swing through the south that featured twelve games in four states and resulted in eight victories. Four of the scheduled games were cancelled due to weather or poor field conditions.

The Generals pounded out 95 hits on the trip, with Ronald Medina accounting for 24 of them while hitting for the tune of a .649 batting

average.

The Sullivan nine then swept a doubleheader from the Hofstra Baseball Club to improve its record to 10-4 on that season. Mr. Medina continued his hot hitting by going 4 for 6 in the two games.

The Generals will open their home schedule on Saturday, April 8 when they host the Colts of SUNY Orange for a doubleheader beginning at 12 noon. The Colts lost their first six games of the 2017 season.



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The Sullivan Generals baseball team just returned from an eight-day southern swing that brought them eight victories in twelve games.

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