

STAND UP, STAND OUT

TRICK-OR-TREATERS FIND A HAVEN IN HURLEYVILLE

by Amanda Loviza

HURLEYVILLE – Hurleyville loves Halloween, and Halloween loves Hurleyville back. Hundreds of trick-or-treaters flooded Main Street just before dusk on the holiday, filling their bags and buckets with candy and joining in the annual parade. Hurleyville Fire Department engines blasted spooky and energetic music as they bookended the small parade, a fa-

vorite local tradition. A tractor from The Center for Discovery towed a wagonful of children, while other children and families walked along the Main Street parade route from MobileMedic to the fire station. Ghosts and skeletons danced, while witches admired the fire trucks. Houses and businesses along Main Street quickly depleted candy supplies as children from the hamlet and across the county joined in the fun.



PHOTO BY AMANDA LOVIZA

As the Halloween parade passed down Main Street, trick-or-treaters broke off to knock on doors before rejoining the procession.



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Children fill a wagon towed by a Center for Discovery tractor, ready to join the annual Hurleyville Halloween parade.



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Residents from the hamlet and beyond gather on Main Street in Hurleyville for the annual Halloween parade, where costumed creatures walk from MobileMedic to the Hurleyville fire station.



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Scores of families joined the costumed procession down Main Street on Halloween, enjoying the spooky music blasted by Hurleyville fire trucks and occasionally breaking off to knock on new doors for more sweet treats.



PHOTO BY AMANDA LOVIZA

Trick-or-treaters line up outside of homes on Main Street Halloween evening to scoop up candy during the cavity-inducing holiday.

TOWN BOARD CANDIDATES FACE FAST-PACED FUTURE

by Amanda Loviza

HURLEYVILLE – Times, they are a-changing in the towns of Fallsburg and Thompson, even if the supervisors are not. As voters head to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 7, they will be voting for town board members who will help lead the two towns through major economic and likely population changes, as large development projects come to fruition.

Fallsburg Town Supervisor Steve Vegliante, a four-term incumbent, and Thompson Town Supervisor Bill Rieber, a two-term incumbent, are both running for reelection unopposed. Fallsburg has two town board seats on the ballot this year, with incumbents Michael Weiner and Nathan Steingart both running to reclaim their seats. Political newcomer Lakin Nicole Castillo is their only challenger.

Ms. Castillo works at her family-owned construction company, L.C. Construction and Sons based in South Fallsburg. She and her family spoke out vehemently against the building moratorium passed by the town last year, saying it discriminated against the town's summer Hasidic Jewish population and would put hundreds of people in their industry out of work. That moratorium led to an update to the town's comprehensive plan, which is facing public hearings this month, along with new zoning codes. All of that should be finalized before the end of the year, however, and it would be up to the new board to implement changes and uphold the codes.

Fallsburg is managing a tremendous amount of growth right now, Mr. Vegliante said, and the board's No. 1 priority has been managing that growth effectively and sustainably. Expanded water,

sewage, parks and recreation and police department are all necessary for a larger population.

"Our board takes the future of Fallsburg very seriously," Mr. Vegliante said. "We look at it from as many different perspectives as possible."

The current board has worked well together for close to a decade, Mr. Vegliante said, and he is confident the board will continue to work well together, whether Ms. Lakin joins the board or it remains the same. Though it has benefitted him, Mr. Vegliante said in the future he hopes to see more candidates stepping up to push the town forward.

"Overall, it's not a good feeling to run unopposed," Mr. Vegliante said. "It's not how the democratic process is supposed to work."

In Thompson, there is more competition for the two available board seats. Richard Sush is retiring from his seat, while John Pavese is running for reelection. Jay Rubin; owner of Rubin Livestock Service and three-time town board candidate; Melinda Meddaugh, who works at Cornell Cooperative Extension and serves on the Town of Thompson Planning Board; and Monticello attorney Steven Kurlander round out the field for the two seats.

The Town of Thompson is in a "mad dash" to ensure the massive ResortsWorld casino opens on time, Mr. Rieber said, and the town board will have its hands full monitoring major projects that are in the works and planning for Thompson's future.

"We have to keep pushing every day," Mr. Rieber said. "We have to be forward-thinking. We have to realize things aren't going to be the way they were."

Mr. Rieber personally believes things are changing for

the better, and he predicts that Sullivan County will transition from living a subsistence lifestyle in a sluggish economy, to having good jobs and being able to eat out and enjoy life more. The town board has been engaged in the process and will continue to be in the new term, Mr. Rieber said, beautifying the Town of Thompson for new visitors and residents, and seeking other industry opportunities to avoid having all the town's eggs in the one basket of the casino. Affordable and sufficient housing are one major area of concern, Mr. Rieber said, and the town's boards are trying to fast-track the approval process to get some housing opportunities underway. One such project, Gan

Eden, proposed for Columbia Hill in Hurleyville, has been met by suspicion in the community as a high density project that could overburden water and sewer capacity, but Mr. Rieber pointed out that Gan Eden remains before the planning board and the board is doing its due diligence.

"We're going to do our job and we're going to do well," Mr. Rieber said of Gan Eden and the town's work as a whole.

Fallsburg and Thompson are "smack dab" in the middle of massive changes coming to Sullivan County, and Mr. Vegliante said it will not be a time for town governments to sit down on the job.

"We have a lot of work to do," Mr. Vegliante said.

Election Dates and Info

MONTICELLO – The Sullivan County Board of Elections has announced that it will extend its regular office hours in the days leading up to the November 7 General Election as follows:

Thursday Evening	October 26	5-7 p.m.
Saturday Morning	October 28	9 a.m.-Noon
Saturday Evening	November 2	5-7 p.m.
Saturday Morning	November 4	9 a.m.-Noon
Tuesday All Day	November 7	Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 9 p.m.

The last day to postmark an application for an Absentee Ballot is Tuesday, October 31.

The last day to apply in person for an Absentee Ballot is Monday, November 6.

The last day to postmark an Absentee Ballot for the General Election is Monday, November 6.

The last day to deliver an Absentee Ballot in person to the Board of Elections office is Tuesday, November 7.

To see the full list of candidates, visit <http://co.sullivan.ny.us/BoardofElections/tabid/3064/Default.aspx>

To view statewide ballot proposals, visit <https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/Elections/2017/Proposals/2017StatewideBallotProposals.pdf>

The Board of Elections' office is located on the ground floor of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. Stop by, or call 845-807-0400 for more information.

YOUNG AUTHOR PROMOTES ADVOCACY IN STORYTELLING

by Amanda Loviza

HURLEYVILLE — At only 20 years old, Evan Sturtecky has not just a passion for becoming an author, but a passion for using his stories to advocate for the people and communities he feels need it most.

Mr. Sturtecky was about 10 when he began reading novels, starting with the "Captain Underpants" series. After that, he became enthralled with Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight," and his love of books developed into a love of writing. He started writing short stories in 2011, and in 2017, published the short novel, "Swim." The Ulster County resident recently stopped by Hurleyville to discuss the book and his career dreams.

"Swim" features two young women, Sarah and Kate, who are just graduating from trade school in the beginning of the book. Sarah is going to become a veterinary assistant, while Kate is getting certified as a swim instructor. Swim lessons for Sarah develop a strong friendship, but that is tested

by a painful secret as the story goes on.

The book was partially inspired by Mr. Sturtecky's own swimming lessons experience. He started writing the book in 2014, but struggled with whether he felt like the book was valuable.

"I got discouraged because I thought at first that it was stupid," Mr. Sturtecky said.

The book went by the wayside until 2016, when his grandmother pushed him to pursue his dream of becoming an author. He self-published "Swim" earlier this year.

It's been a long road. Mr. Sturtecky has autism, and said that as a child, he often said harsh things, and his parents struggled to cope.

"Back then, it was kind of hard for my parents and me," Mr. Sturtecky said. "I did a lot of bad stuff."

Once he was diagnosed with autism, Mr. Sturtecky was able to get help with his behavior. He overcame bullying in middle school and graduated from public school. This year



PHOTO BY AMANDA LOVIZA

Young author Evan Sturtecky, whose novel, Swim, is excerpted on Page 5 of this paper.

he finished a welding course at BOCES.

A strong Christian, Mr. Sturtecky said that Jesus saved him through the worst times, and his faith has changed him for the better. Now that he is managing his autism and focusing on his writing, Mr. Sturtecky would like to branch out into stories that carry messages of acceptance and inclusion, but also plenty of creativity.

Mr. Sturtecky's story ideas

range from a twisted horror story to a "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" to a LGBTQ romance. He wants to explore as many genres as possible, and he loves to write female characters. Most male characters are dumb, he said. His chainsaw horror story will certainly feature a female protagonist.

"It's going to be a good, strong badass female character," Mr. Sturtecky said.

Mr. Sturtecky would also like to use his platform to advocate for and support those he feels have come under attack in the current political climate, like immigrants and the LGBTQ community. It's important to take a stand for equality, Mr. Sturtecky said, and as an author he can do that in creative ways, like writing a positive romance that features an LGBTQ couple.

"The community is going through a tough time right now and they need to know they have a backer," Mr. Sturtecky said. "They got me."

Get a taste of "Swim" with an excerpt on page 5.

NYS Voters to Decide on Constitutional Convention

by John Conway

One of the most hotly debated questions to be decided by New York State voters on this Election Day is whether or not to hold a Constitutional Convention.

State law now requires voters to decide the question every 20 years. Previous conventions have been held in 1938 and 1967. The last time the question appeared on the ballot—in 1997—it was rejected by approximately a 3 to 1 margin. If the call for a convention is approved this time around, it would likely be held in the spring of 2019. If the question is voted down, it will next appear on the ballot in 2037.

There are myriad voices on both sides of the issue, and—at least in terms of the opposition—the issue has brought to light the old adage that "politics makes strange bedfellows." Groups opposing a convention span the political spectrum from public employee unions, the New

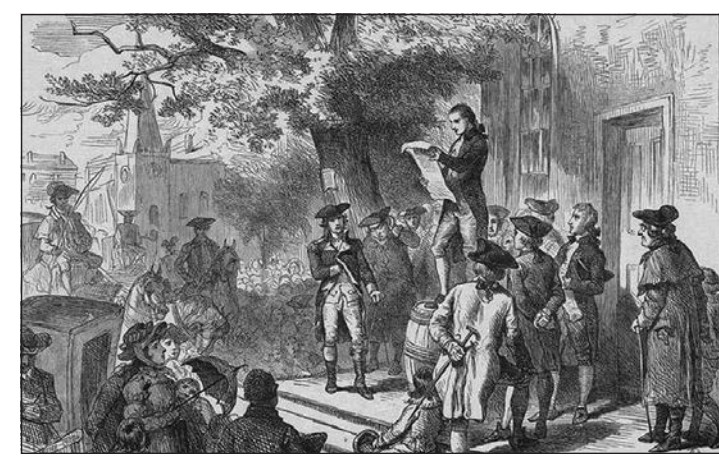


PHOTO FROM NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Members of New York's first constitutional convention gather in front of the Courthouse in Kingston on April 20, 1777 to hear the convention secretary, mounted on a barrel, read the newly ratified constitution to the public.

York Civil Liberties Union and a number of environmental groups to the state Republican and Conservative Parties, and rifle and pistol associations.

While their reasons for opposing the convention are as varied as the groups' mission statements, the common thread is a fear of a convention overrun by special interest groups that would undo protections already in place. Some opponents

also point out there is another, less dangerous way to change the state constitution through the amendment process, which while rigorous, is practicable.

It was through the amendment process that casino gaming was finally legalized in New York in 2013.

Proponents of the convention include a number of anti-corruption groups, the League of Women Voters, and the Citizens

Union. Their arguments include the notion that the convention is an unparalleled opportunity to lessen the governor's sway over the budget process, and to enact progressive change without facing the daunting and uncertain process of going through the state legislature. They also point out that any measures proposed at the convention would have to be approved by voters at a subsequent election, providing an additional protection against unwanted change.

A Siena College poll conducted in October showed that roughly 44 per cent of state voters favor holding a Constitutional Convention, while approximately 39 per cent are opposed, but that gap has been steadily shrinking since earlier polls. Upstate voters were slightly against the convention in that same October poll.

For or against, most everyone agrees it is important to take advantage of the opportunity to make your voice heard by voting on Tuesday, November 7.

The Inquiring Photographer

by Heather Gibson



Q. "What is your favorite Fall Recipe?"



Amber Sircable

"I am thankful for my new nephew, Rhett, he has made me look at life from a different perspective. I cherish life more and I have grown into a more loving and responsible person because of him."

"I am thankful for kindness. We don't always see kindness in the world. I try to gravitate toward people who are kind because it leads people in the right direction; making our world and the people in it feel good. I am thankful to be surrounded by people like this."



Darlene Kehrley

"There is so much to be grateful for! I am very grateful for my husband, Kris, our health and the many blessings that have come our way over the past few years. We are both beyond grateful for our family and friends that surround us with so much unconditional love and support"



Hailey Merklin

"This year I'm grateful for life. I'm grateful to be able to live a happy and healthy life full of blessings. Most of all, I'm grateful to have the ability to create a life. I know not everyone gets an opportunity to carry a baby, with that, I am over the moon to become a Mother in the coming weeks before Thanksgiving."



Alicia Melendez

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



Hurleyville-Sullivan First will hold the 21st Annual "Deck the Doors" Holiday Decorating Contest on Thursday, December 21. The group will tour every road in Hurleyville and judge doors decorated for the holidays. All holiday-decorated doors in the hamlet, including residences and businesses, are eligible. Winners of the contest will be awarded prizes provided by Hurleyville business owners and members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First.

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

Please visit www.hurleyville.com for more information about Hurleyville and Hurleyville-Sullivan First.

The Sullivan Paranormal Society and their paranormal friends will hold a "Haunted Afternoon" at the Sullivan County Museum on Saturday, November 4, from 1 - 4 p.m. Admission is free. Visitors will be able to explore the building and see evidence of true New York ghost stories collected by paranormal teams. Vendors will be at the event with "spooky" goodies.

The Sullivan County Historical Society and the Professional Women of Sullivan County will present "An Evening of PDA's - Public Displays of Affection, Anger and Art in America" as photographed by Sullivan County resident Jonathan Hyman, on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the museum. The slide show and lecture will be followed by a Q & A.

There will be a "Holiday Open House" at the museum on Sunday, December 3 from 2 - 4 p.m. The event will feature holiday-themed trees, wreaths and exhibits decorated by individuals and organizations.



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dividuals and organizations. Please call 845-434-8044 for information on setting up a tree or exhibit.

The Sullivan County Historical Society is holding an "auditorium sale" at the museum. Items for sale have been acquired in various ways that do not fit in with the purpose of the society. No donated or accessed items are for sale. The items for sale can be found in the auditorium and will be available for purchase until Saturday, November 11.

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 museum's phone number is 845-434-8044. The museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, is open on from Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

The Hurleyville United Methodist Church will host its annual Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, November 4. The

dinner will begin at 4:30 p.m. and end when all the food is gone. Proceeds from the dinner will be used for maintenance of the church building.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the 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.

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) want to remind everyone that Election Day is Tuesday, November 7. This is an opportunity for everyone to vote for candidates who support wise and measured planning to ensure Hurleyville and the towns of Thompson and Fallsburg grow strong for the long term.

The volunteers in CHNA continue to work for sustainable development that will, in turn, preserve the quality of life in our community.

Visit CHNA at www.columbiacountyalliance.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



One year ago, in October I embarked on a personal experiment of writing a monthly column on live music in the area. I have to admit that I've surprised myself by having the discipline and dedication to actually have written for you, the readers, for an entire year! Thank you all for your continued support!

Most of you also know that the autumn is my favorite time of year, with the vibrancy of the leaves against the slightly muted cerulean sky. This year, however, it has been tempered by my beautiful 20 year old granddaughter going to the Emergency Room thinking she had pneumonia and never coming home. I will not dwell on this, but it is more an explanation for my not being out and about as much as usual and why this column will be shorter than usual.

That, and with the approaching winter, many venues offering live music shutter up tight.

Hurleyville's own Pickled Owl is not one of them. Nestled in on Main Street, across from the Hurleyville Arts Centre, it signifies the renovation of this hamlet-- a pioneer, if you will. As far as live music goes, they have always provided the area with some of the best talent available and will continue to do so on Saturdays throughout the winter.

For November, the schedule is not yet in my hands so feel free to give them a call (45-693-5322) to see who is there on Saturdays this month.

Another bright spot that will be open and offering live music throughout the bleak winter months will be Cabernet Frank's in Parksville. I made my way down there last week and caught some of their Cab' oroke. Even though that's not my thing, it was not what I have come to know as Karaoke and what a fun night! Especially since I ran into old friends I haven't seen in a while, Frank and Linda Commando from the Grahamsville Townsman and drummer extraordinaire Nicky Redd. If you haven't heard Frank sing Sinatra, you don't know what you're missing!

DeFillippis will also continue to offer their Music Where You Least Expect It on Sundays, a showcase of some of the best talent in Sullivan, Orange and Ulster Counties.

Brew is on the fence about extending the Odd Tuesday featuring Joanna Gass and the Greater Sullivan Search and Rescue Orchestra. You'll have to give them a call (845) 796-2222.

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Cabernet Frank's, 38 Main St., (Exit 98 off Rte. 17W) Parksville; 8 p.m.

Nov 3: Johnny Jules Band

Nov 10: Glass House

Nov 17: Cabernet Frank's Jazz Revue; Karabas Barabas (10 p.m.)

Nov 24: 7 with Drew North

Saturdays:
Sorella: Jazz Standards with DeFino and Ravdin, 3562 State Rte. 55, Kauneonga Lake; 6-9 p.m.

Cabernet Frank's, 38 Main Street (Exit 98 off Rte. 17W), Parksville; 7:30 p.m.

Nov 4: Joshua Tree

Nov 11: The Ramblers with Laura Garone

Nov 18: The Cameramen NFS (10 p.m.)

And save Dec 8 on your calendar for Little Sparrow at 7 p.m. and MIZ at 8 p.m.

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

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

FROM THE FARM

by Eve Springwood Minson



Well, it had to happen - we got our first frost of 2017! Then, more summer weather blessed us. Some plants have survived and now we have another few weeks of tolerable weather before the next frost which usually dips low in temperature and takes out the rest of the green growth. Soon after, the ground starts to freeze and we have officially left autumn behind. Before that happens, there's still a lot to get finished and then we can officially take a break.

So here's the end of the gardening season list:

Keep harvesting fall veggies, put cold frames over beds or put up low hoops and row covers. Leave ornamental grasses up and perennials that have seeds and architectural features and seeds for winter - think about the snow lightly resting on branches!

Finish bulb planting - put in labels so you remember where they are. Plant garlic if you haven't already and cover with straw for the winter. Mow and

cover strawberries with straw. Leave raspberry canes intact for winter - you'll prune in the spring. Wrap fruit trees with plastic or paper barriers to prevent rodent damage over winter.

Mound compost around base of roses for more protection. Continue to transplant perennials. Last mowing - put on compost pile along with chopped leaves and turn the pile well before winter. Take out bird feeders and feel good about feeding our feathered friends as resources

begin to dwindle in nature.

Drain hoses and put away for season. Turn off outside spigots and in the basement. Dump debris buckets. Clean and oil garden tools - linseed on handles, sharpen blades on shovels and hoes. Winterize and clean/scrape mower and sharpen blades. Clean out house gutters and compost leaves. Winterize water features or drain for winter.

Exhale. Put your feet up. Have a nice cup of tea and rest. You've had a great year in the garden!

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PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET ADDS TO PUBLIC SAFETY, ROADS AND BRIDGES, BEAUTIFICATION

Tax Increase Under State Cap

MONTICELLO – Ambitiously setting a goal to fund expanded services and programs while limiting the growth in property taxes, Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek has delivered the 2018 Tentative Sullivan County Budget to the Legislature.

“As proposed by my office, the 2018 Tentative Sullivan County Budget invests heavily in what’s important to our residents: highways and bridges, public safety, economic development, community beautification, and health & wellness,” Mr. Potosek said. “It does so, however, without significantly increasing property taxes, the burden of which, as a County resident myself, I understand.”

The \$226,143,143 budget, as currently proposed, stays under the state-mandated property tax increase cap, with an estimated tax levy increase of 2.3%. Full details of the budget are available at www.co.sullivan.ny.us (click on “County Manager’s Office” in the dropdown “Find a Department” menu, then click on “Budget” in the left margin).

Highlights include:

- \$28.2 million in capi-



Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek presents his proposed budget to Legislators.

tal infrastructure investment, including cash and bond payments supporting an unprecedented \$10 million to replace deteriorating bridges, \$6.2 million to pave more County roads and \$350,000 to replace the County Courthouse’s sidewalks and heating/ventilation system

- \$750,000 for two additional Assistant District Attorneys and five additional Road Patrol Sheriff’s Deputies in order to promptly catch and prosecute criminals
- Two new Caseworkers

in Child Protective Services

- \$50,000 to begin an Attraction and Retention Incentive Program for EMS personnel
- \$530,000 to repave the Adult Care Center’s parking lot, improve the facility’s exterior, and renovate showers, along with marketing and promotion of the to-be-announced new name
- \$100,000 for the enhancement and expansion of the O&W Rail Trail system
- \$100,000 for new Public Transportation routes

- Add a clerk in the Department of Motor Vehicles Office to reduce wait times
- \$75,000 for a Municipal Growth Incentive Program to streamline commercial zoning and approvals, thus accelerating growth of our crucial commercial tax base
- \$75,000 in matching grants for towns and villages who commit to improving gateways and welcome signage
- \$75,000 for a new Municipal Blight Program, which will allow municipalities to dispose of

condemned buildings’ debris free of charge at the Monticello Transfer Station

- Funding to gradually increase the minimum wage for County employees to \$15 an hour, beyond the state mandate, in order to attract and retain qualified personnel in a newly competitive market

The budget also takes into account costs that are out of the County’s control, including a 9.5% hike in health insurance premiums. A larger property tax hike is being avoided by the use of \$350,000 from County proceeds of the Resorts World Catskills Casino’s license fee, \$2.9 million from the growth of sales tax receipts, \$200,000 in increased room tax revenues, and no raises for County management.

The County continues to maintain a healthy \$11.8 million fund balance (surplus) for unanticipated expenses.

Legislators have until December 20 to review, discuss, and adopt the budget. A series of to-be-announced public meetings and hearings will also allow taxpayers and residents the opportunity to comment.

Sullivan County Veterans Day Events 2017

WOODBOURNE – Saturday, November 4 – The 19th Annual Veterans Day Parade, sponsored by The Woodbourne Fire Company No. 1. Line up: 12:00 p.m. – Step Off: 1:00 p.m.; Route 42/52 (Main Street), Woodbourne. Service to follow at Woodbourne Firehouse.

LIBERTY: Saturday, November 11 – 5:00 p.m. Liberty Elks Lodge 1545, Annual Veterans Dinner (Spaghetti and Meatball). Veterans Eat Free, Guests \$7.

MONTICELLO: Saturday, November 11 – 10:30 a.m. “Vet-

erans Day” Services will be conducted at the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello. Hosting the local service will be The Ruddick Trowbridge Post #73, The American Legion, The Jesse Brams Post #206, Jewish War Veterans and The Bailey-Richman Post #9588, Veterans of Foreign Wars...all based in Monticello. Keynote Speaker will be Gary Schacher, incoming candidate for New York State Commander of The American Legion for the 2018 – 2019 Administrative Year. The Public is cordially

invited to attend. Refreshments follow at the Monticello Elks Lodge.

Al Etkin is Master of Ceremonies. For further information, (845) 807-3351.

NEVERSINK: Saturday, November 11 – 11:00 a.m. – Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, on Rt. 55 in Grahamsville – Flag Exchange Ceremony: Fred Ahrens Flag will come down, Fernando (Fred) Costa’s Flag will be raised. Following the ceremony, there will be refreshments at the Town of Neversink Town Hall.

Human Rights Commission and Legislature Honor Hispanic-Americans

MONTICELLO – The United States celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15. Approved by President Lyndon Johnson, and later expanded by President Ronald Reagan to a full month, the month is set aside to celebrate the customs, traditions, and successes of United States citizens of Hispanic ethnicity. Hispanic-Americans such as writer Julia Alvarez, actor Edward James Olmos, musician Gloria Estefan, activist Cesar Chavez, and many more have used their success to serve as positive role models.

During this celebratory month, the Sullivan County Human Rights Commission recognized local Hispanic-Americans/Latinos who selflessly demonstrate, through their careers and daily lives, the importance of giving back to the residents of Sullivan County.

On October 20, the Human Rights Commission and the Sullivan County Legislature lauded Ariel Escobar (NYS-DOCCS), Lorraine Lopez-Janove (Orange, Sullivan, Ulster Community Colleges), and Yempha Smith (BOCES) as outstanding citizens of the County.

“The positive contributions made by these individuals to our diverse community embodies the spirit and responsibility of citizenry,” said Ari-Mir Pontier, Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission. “They are role models for all ages,



From the left are Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez, Deputy County Manager Dan Depew, Legislators Mark McCarthy, Ira Steingart and Joe Perrello, honoree Ariel Escobar, Legislator Alan Sorensen, honoree Yempha Smith, honoree Lorraine Lopez-Janove, Legislators Scott Samuelson and Terri Ward, County Manager Josh Potosek, Legislature Vice Chair Nadia Rajsz and Human Rights Commission Executive Director Ari Mir-Pontier.

all backgrounds, all ethnicities, and they make us proud.”

“It is citizens like these who make a difference every day in and around Sullivan County,” added Legislature

Chairman Luis Alvarez. “As a proud Hispanic-American myself, I am honored to represent them in County government, and on behalf of the entire Legislature, I say ‘Thank you!’”

SYDA Foundation Honors Les Kristt

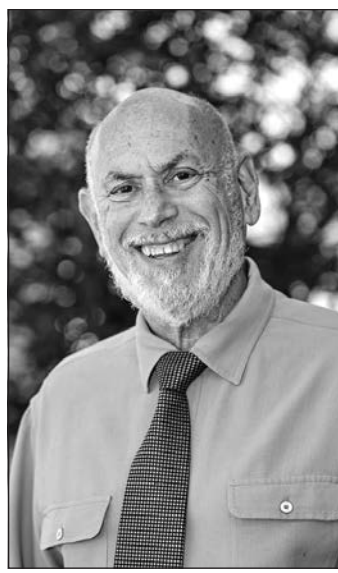
SOUTH FALLSBURG--The SYDA Foundation announces that Les Kristt of Monticello has been selected as the recipient of the 2017 SYDA Foundation Community Service Award.

The award will be presented to Mr. Kristt on Thursday, November 16, at 2:00 p.m. at the monthly meeting of the Sullivan County Legislature, at the Government Center in Monticello. The public is invited to attend.

Since 1986, the SYDA Foundation has sponsored this annual award to recognize and honor local citizens for outstanding community service. A committee of past SYDA Foundation Community Service Award recipients and local civic leaders make the selection.

Mr. Kristt is a Sullivan County native who graduated from Monticello High School in 1964 and continued his education at Cornell University in the School of Electrical Engineering. After college, Mr. Kristt returned home to Monticello to help his father run the family business. Mr. Kristt, along with his partner, Gene Kelly, grew the business into Kristt Kelly Office Systems, a successful office supplies, art supplies and office systems company that employed hundreds of local residents over the years.

For more than four decades, Mr. Kristt has served in many leadership roles in the community. He was president and treasurer of



Monticello businessman Les Kristt will receive the 2017 SYDA Foundation Community Service Award on November 16.

the Monticello Rotary Club and received the honor of Monticello Rotarian of the Year five times. He currently chairs the committee that organizes the annual Monster Run 5K, which last year raised more than \$8,000 for the Sullivan County Veterans Coalition, benefitting local veterans in need.

Mr. Kristt was chair of the Monticello Bicentennial Committee, the Sullivan Hospitality Program and the Monticello Hall of Distinction. The Sullivan County NAACP honored Mr. Kristt twice, in 1988 and 2003.

Mr. Kristt has been a tireless organizer of fundraisers, including the WSUL/WVOS Heart-a-Thon, which has raised more than \$70,000 per year to enable the Catskills Regional Med-

ical Center to purchase specialized cardiac equipment that saves lives and contributes to the health of Sullivan County residents.

Mr. Kristt has also served on the steering committee for the Boys and Girls Club Celebrity Dinner, which raises over \$40,000 per year to ensure that young people in Sullivan and Orange counties, especially those in need, have the support they need to be productive, caring and responsible citizens.

Mr. Kristt is committed not just to the well-being of the people of Sullivan County, but to the well-being of its animals as well. He and his wife, Amy, rescue and find homes for stray dogs and exotic birds. They have opened their own home to seven rescued parrots and four dogs, and are currently fostering a dog with special needs.

Les and Amy have four children, Dara, Eric, Cody and Catie, and one grandson, Calvin Hebert.

The SYDA Foundation, located in the Town of Fallsburg since 1979, is a not-for-profit organization that makes Siddha Yoga meditation available to students around the world and contributes to the community through regular monetary donations to the local volunteer fire departments, police, school district, and hospital, and through its philanthropic expression—PRASAD Children’s Dental Health Program.



Six year old drummer Vinny Van Lowe will be performing at the Sullivan County Museum on November 18.

WOODSONGS COFFEEHOUSE AT SULLIVAN COUNTY MUSEUM

HURLEYVILLE – The Woodsongs Coffeehouse will present “The Drummers” at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville from 6 – 9 p.m. on Saturday, November 18. The drummers in this case are Robin Rabii and members of his family and friends, performing in an all-drum ensemble. Their compositions are based on themes that invoke liberation, inspiration and transformation. The conga drum is the primary instrument of the ensemble, and the music becomes a powerful vehicle for spreading the message of harmony.

“Little Sparrow” opens the show, and their performance will feature a Woodsongs debut by rising star, Vinny Van Lowe, a/k/a “Vinny Sticks.” Vinny is a six year old drummer who started playing at the age of two, or according to his Mom “as soon as he could hold the sticks.” Vinny currently wakes up every morning before school and goes

right to work, practicing his drums. Vinny’s Grandpa is the famous drummer Mike Cervone of Jazzmosis and Little Sparrow.

Woodsongs is entering its tenth year of presenting concerts, and as a way to say “thanks” the first 30 folks to show up get a free pasta and meatball dinner, included in the \$8 price of admission. Coffee, tea and baked goods will be available as well. Doors open at 5 p.m.

The concert and pasta dinner will be held at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York. The show is co-sponsored by the Sullivan County Historical Society.

This project is made possible with funding from a Sullivan County Arts and Heritage Grant, funded by the Sullivan County Legislature and administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

For more information call 845 434-8044.

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FORWORD BY DR. TEMPLE GRANDIN AND DR. JOHN BARRY
THERESA HAMLIN
AUTISM AND THE STRESS EFFECT
 A 4-STEP LIFESTYLE APPROACH TO TRANSFORM YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND VITALITY

In “Autism and the Stress Effect,” Dr. Theresa Hamlin, Associate Executive Director at The Center for Discovery, explores a revolutionary life-style approach to treating autism that can benefit the whole family.

From the Firehouse

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



The Hurleyville Fire Department is always looking for help, to fight fire or support those that do. We even supply all of the gear and provide all of the training needed, for free. Stop by any Monday night and find out how you can help.

On Saturday, October 7, the Fire Department and the Ladies Auxiliary went to the 89th Annual Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighter's Association parade in Wurtsboro. The parade was hosted by the Wurtsboro, Summitville and Bloomingburg Fire Departments. Saturday brought a sunny day in the mid-seventies, pretty nice for October. Lineup was on the back streets of Wurtsboro and we marched down Sullivan Street, which was lined with hundreds of spectators. This was one of the largest crowds in recent years.

We ended the parade by the post office and then went to the Town of Mamakating Park for the festivities and trophy presentations. We had a pretty good day. The men won second place marching in the fourteen and under dress regulation category, the ladies auxiliary won first

place marching in the seven and under category and our truck 11-31 won best in appearing apparatus in the 1 - 10 year category. We adjourned to our firehouse and had a fine meal to celebrate our success. Next year's County Parade will be held in Roscoe.

Up next on Sunday, November 5, the fire department will be hosting our annual pancake breakfast. I don't know how many years we have been hosting our breakfast, but I have 47 years in the department and I remember going to it in the old firehouse as a kid.

We will be serving our world famous buckwheat pancakes, sausage, eggs any way you like them, OJ, coffee and tea from 7:01a.m. until one minute after noon. It is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children and free for children under five.

On November 24, we will travel to the annual James Dworetsky Holiday Parade in Jeffersonville. This is a fun parade where all of the fire trucks are decked out with Christmas lights.

Daylight savings time begins on November 5. Change your clocks. **Check Your**



PHOTO PROVIDED

Hurleyville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary with their first place trophy (left to right) Sonya Robinson, Mari-Jane Conklin, MaryAnn Geary-Halchak, Pat Gibson. Missing from photo is Jamie Decker.

Batteries in Your Smoke Detectors and CO Detectors.

Remember you need a smoke detector on every floor of your home and should have one between your bedroom and the way out.

Get that furnace cleaned, check your chimney, and in general get ready for the heat-

ing season. Cold weather is coming (I think).

All has been well at the Morningside Four Corners. Maybe if I keep writing about it we won't have any calls there.

Planning ahead: The Annual Ice Fishing Contest is February 10, 2018.

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Hurleyville firefighters pose with their 2nd place trophy at the County Parade.

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THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

The Only Newspaper Published in the Town of Fallsburg

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

OCTOBER 11, 1917

To be Voted on November 6

The 96 names of voters in the Town of Fallsburg necessary to have the Local Option Questions submitted at the coming elections November 6 have been secured and the following four propositions will be voted on at that time.

Question 1 - Selling liquor to be drunk on the premises where sold

Shall any person be authorized to traffic in liquor under the provision of Sub-division One of Section Eight of the Liquor Tax Law, namely by selling liquor to be drunk on the premises where sold, in the Town of Fallsburg?

Question 2 - Selling liquor not to be drunk on the premises where sold

Shall any person be authorized to traffic in liquor under the provision of Sub-division Two of Section Eight of the Liquor Tax Law, namely selling liquor not to be drunk on the premises where sold, in the Town of Fallsburg?

Question 3 - Selling liquor as a pharmacist on physician's prescription

Shall any person be authorized to traffic in liquor under the provision of Sub-division Three of Section Eight of The Liquor Tax law, namely, by selling liquor as a pharmacist on a physician's prescription in the Town of Fallsburg?

Question 4 - Selling liquor by hotel keepers only

Shall any person be authorized to traffic in liquor under the provision of Sub-division One of Section Eight of The Liquor Law, but only in connection with the business of keeping a hotel in the Town of Fallsburg, if the majority of voters cast on the first question submitted are in the negative?

This is simply giving the voters the right to decide whether they want or do not want liquor sold in this town. If you want to vote "Yes." If you don't vote "No." There will be special ballots for these propositions.

OCTOBER 25, 1917

Money Out of Your Pocket; Facts - Not Fallacies

The business side of the liquor question is, strange-

THE ELECTION IN SULLIVAN

HEMBDT, DEM., IS ELECTED SHERIFF

Voorhees, Rep., for Assembly, and Pelton, Rep., for County Clerk.

SUFFRAGE WINS IN COUNTY AND STATE.

Board of Supervisors 7 Democrats, 7 Republicans and 1 Independent.

SEVEN TOWNS IN COUNTY GO DRY

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A local newspaper headline announces results from the 1917 election.

ly enough, the side upon which the wets are arguing and also the side which has decided many towns, counties and states to go dry. To get down to the facts right near home, we call attention to the Town of Montgomery, Orange County, where the business men have signed a petition asking the voters to keep the town dry. Two years of no-license have been so pleasing in better business, paying of old bills, buying of homes and the lowering of taxes, that hard-headed businessmen do not want a return to former conditions. On the list are the names of big manufacturers of Walden and other towns as well as business and professional men.

Sidney was dry for two years but the cry "it hurts business to remove the saloons" was heard and they went back to the wet column. After two years, they got so sick they voted it dry by an overwhelming majority.

Voters and taxpayers of the Town of Fallsburg, this matter affects your pocket-books, as well as the character of your boys and girls. **Vote NO LICENSE!**

As evidenced by the above front page article, *Ralph Northrup, the editor and publisher of the Hurleyville Sentinel and no doubt a teetotaler, strongly supported the proposed temperance propositions placed before Town of Fallsburg voters on November 6, 1917. However, Northrup's Sentinel had little to say following*

NOVEMBER 9, 1917

(Liberty Register)

Liberty Votes Dry

Liberty went into the "dry" column Tuesday. It likewise gave a plurality for woman suffrage. The town was one of four along the O&W which smashed De-mon Rum on the beak for a clean knockout; the others being Rockland, for a second time, Fallsburg and Thompson. The drug stores alone were saved from ban-ishing liquor from their shelves, saloons, hotels and liquor stores all getting the gate so far as the sale of strong drink is concerned. Early official returns made it uncertain for a time as to whether or not Liberty had decreed that rum must go, but after a re-tabulation it was found that the saloons had been voted out by a plurality of 55, the liquor stores by 50, drug stores favored by 89 votes and the hotels rejected by 32....

Rockland remains dry by approximately 58, Fallsburg goes dry by 162 and Thompson by 23. Of the other town voting on the question Mamakating is wet by 60, Delaware by 113 and Fremont by 81...

the vote. The November 8th edition simply noted local results in a proposition-related headline "The Town of Fallsburg went dry on all four propositions." Sentinel readers would need to turn to the Liberty Register for more detailed results.

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11/10 7:30 The Dali Quartet with dance performance by Edgar Osorio The Dali Quartet brings its signature mix of Latin American, Classical and Romantic repertoire to the Hurleyville Arts Centre with dancing by ballroom dance champion Edgar Osorio.

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FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Kelly Wells and Amanda Letohic



Did you know that November is Picture Book Month?

Picture Book Month is an international literacy initiative that celebrates the beloved picture book. Come to the Fallsburg Library to celebrate by checking out some of our favorite picture books, revisiting old favorites, and discovering new ones!

You can also celebrate Picture Book Month by bringing your little ones to our Pre-school Story Hour and "Craft Tuesday," mornings at 10 a.m. or Tuesday evenings at 5 p.m. Please note that most morning sessions are also attended by a class from Head Start, although all pre-school aged children are welcome. Each week we read a couple of books and then create crafts based on the stories. The crafts we do help the children to develop fine motor skills.

On November 7, we'll be making Cheerio Corn on the Cob, on November 14 we'll be making Paper Strip Turkeys, and on November 28 we're going to be reading, and making a craft based on, Eric Carle's clas-

sic picture book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." Stop in on any of these Tuesdays with your little one and watch them learn and grow.

Be sure to check out some of these other great programs going on at the library. On Wednesday November 8, we'll have a talk for adults about ways to make your Thanksgiving healthier. On Thursday November 9, we have Medicare expert James Farnham here from 6 to 8 p.m. to teach you everything there is to know about Medicare. These two events are for adults only.

Families are welcome

to join us on November 15 to make a Reese's Turkey. Thursday, November 16 is Kids Wii Night. If you or your kids are interested in our STEAM programs, you can stop in on November 29 at 7 p.m. for a Thanksgiving theme STEAM night. November 30 will be our long awaited "Mystery Room" which is similar to the recently popular escape rooms.

As you can see, we have many great things coming up at the Fallsburg Library! Some programs have limited spots, so please call, email, or stop in to sign up. Here's a reminder of our

contact information, call: 845-436-6067, email: fbr@rcls.org, stop in: 12 Railroad Plaza South Fallsburg, NY or follow us on social media.

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SWIM

An Original Story by Evan Sturtecky
Illustration by Carol Smith

"Swim" is a new chapter book from 20-year-old author Evan Sturtecky, who lives in Ulster County. In the story, Sarah and Kate met as they graduated from trade school. Kate, a newly minted swim instructor, has offered to take Sarah on as one of her very first students, and Sarah is finally realizing her dream of learning how to swim. But even as her lessons and skills progress, Sarah's fears start to grow.

Later that day, Sarah was sitting in her room thinking about how she lost the swimming race to Kate. She couldn't believe that Kate beat her after she tried so hard. She wanted to race Kate again and wondered if Kate would accept the challenge. Sarah heard her stomach grumble and went downstairs to make a sandwich. After she was finished eating, she went into the living room and watched some television. She got bored with that, turned off the television, and went on her computer. She searched a website that gave tips about competitive swimming and took some notes then turned off her computer. She decided to go to Kate's house to ask her for a rematch, grabbed her keys, went out, and got in her car and drove off to Kate's house.

Chapter 10

When Sarah arrived at the pool the next day, Kate was already in the pool.

"Hi Sarah," Kate said. "We need to go over all of the swimming lessons we have learned so far. Are you up to it?"

"Before we do," Sarah said, "I want to race you using what I learned from all of the swimming lessons you taught me."

"Bring it on!" Kate said.

They both got onto the diving plates in the second and third rows at the deep end and positioned themselves.

"Ready, set, go!" Kate said.

Then, they both dived into the water and started to swim as fast as they could. They were even at first, and then Kate made the final five strokes and reached the other side of the pool first.

Sarah felt disappointed that she had lost and climbed out of the pool with Kate.

"Don't worry, Sarah," Kate said. "Just try harder next time. You still need to build up strength and endurance, but you'll get it. Now, let's review all that you have learned."

"Okay," Sarah said. For the next hours, Kate and Sarah went over all the swimming lessons and practiced building up strength and endurance by doing a lot of swimming. When they were finished swimming they left for the day.

Chapter 11

When she arrived at Kate's house, she saw that Kate was home. She turned off her car and went up to the front door. She hesitated a moment then rang the doorbell.

"Hi Sarah," Kate said. "What are you doing at my house?"

"I want a rematch in the swimming race!" Sarah said.

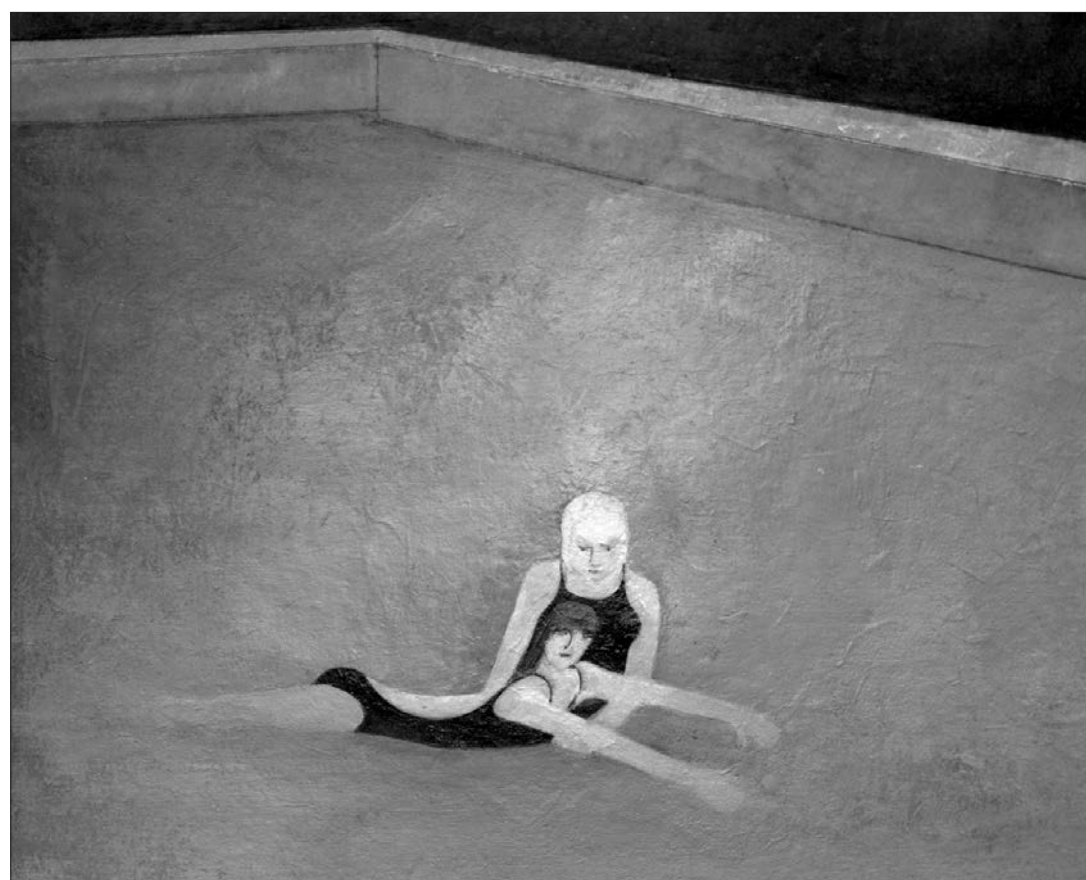
"Are you serious?" Kate said. "It's late, now go home and get some rest; we'll have a rematch tomorrow!"

"I'm just anxious," Sarah said.

"I know," Kate said. "We can do the rematch after warm ups tomorrow. Now go home and get some sleep."

Sarah went home and got ready for bed. Sometime during the night, she had a nightmare of drowning and because nobody helped her, she died.

Sarah woke up panting. She quickly looked around the room and exhaled. She felt sick to her stomach and went into the bathroom but nothing came up. She looked up at the clock and it was 4:00 a.m. She wiped her forehead with a cool, damp cloth and then went



Kate is teaching Sarah to be a great swimmer, but something is making Sarah increasingly nervous about being in the water.

downstairs to watch some TV. After a while, she went on the internet and thought about the dream she had of drowning and wondered why she had a dream like that.

Chapter 12

In the morning, Sarah got dressed, packed her swimsuit and then drove to the YMCA. Kate was already there waiting for her.

"Are you ready for that rematch?" Kate said.

"Yes, I am," Sarah sighed. "Sorry about last night."

"You're forgiven," Kate said. "I'm sorry for being rude."

"You're forgiven," Sarah said.

They did several warm up exercises then climbed out of the pool. They walked over to the diving markers and positioned themselves for the rematch swim. Then they both dived in and raced once again.

Sarah didn't want to lose as she swam with all her might. Panting she looked over at Kate as they raced. Finally, Sarah reached the end of the pool and won!

"You beat me!" Kate said. "That was a really great job Sarah!"

"Thank you Kate," Sarah said.

"Want to race again sometime?" Sarah said smiling. "I won't be upset next time if I lose."

"I would love to race you again," Kate said.

Chapter 13

When Sarah arrived home later that day, she thought about swimming with Kate. She realized how much she enjoyed swimming with Kate. She wanted to swim with her for fun but she wasn't sure if Kate would mind. She didn't want to race with her but just swim. She finally made up her mind and decided to call Kate.

"Hi" Kate said.

"Hey," Sarah said. "Do you want to go swimming at the YMCA with me just for fun? No lessons or racing, just swimming for fun?" Sarah was hoping Kate would say yes.

"Oh I would love that!" Kate said.

"Can you come in at seven a.m. tomorrow?" Kate said. "I

don't have any swimming lessons until two p.m., so I'll have time to just enjoy swimming for a change instead of teaching lessons."

"That sounds great Kate," Sarah said. "I'll see you tomorrow. Bye for now."

The next morning Kate met Sarah at the pool.

"You made it!" Sarah said.

"Yes," Kate giggled. "I'm looking forward to some free time swimming."

They both swam around for hours just for fun. They chased, raced and just swam calmly with each other. They enjoyed it so much that they lost track of time. Before they knew it, it was time for lunch.

"Wow," Kate said, "just look at the time. I have to have lunch with my mom and then get ready for my student at one p.m."

"Thanks for the free swim time," Sarah said. "I had a great time."

"You're welcome," Kate said. "I'm glad you enjoyed it. I loved it too."

They hugged and then they both went home.

Chapter 14

That night, while Sarah slept, she had that drowning dream again. She woke up sweating and panting. She put her hand up on her forehead and wiped the sweat away. She looked around, let out a big breath, sat up and positioned herself so that she was more comfortable. She put her head forward and held her hand to her forehead. It was the second time she had that nightmare. At first, she thought it was just a dream but now she thought that it was a warning. She thought about telling Kate, but she wasn't sure what Kate would say. She lay down again and thought about how her dream couldn't possibly happen in real life because she was getting better at swimming. She did have a feeling that something bad would happen. She could feel it deep inside. She didn't know what she would do if she ever got in that situation.

"I don't even know if Kate knows CPR," Sarah said aloud. Sarah saw an image of herself drowning and someone was pulling her out of the water. She saw Kate trying to wake her and not knowing what CPR was. Sarah couldn't sleep because of her dream. She got out of bed and got a book to read to take her mind off that horrible dream. It was weird that Kate never mentioned CPR. Maybe Kate forgot. She decided to ask Kate about the dream tomorrow hoping that Kate knew how to save a life.

Chapter 15

The next morning Sarah called Kate and told her that she needed to talk to her then drove over to Kate's house. Kate had left the back door open for Sarah, so she knocked and then went inside.

"Hi Sarah," Kate said. "What's the matter, you sounded really nervous over the phone."

"Kate, I had a bad dream," Sarah said. "It was a real bad

dream. It was the second time I had the same dream and it scared me."

Kate stood up and hugged Sarah. "I'm sorry!" Kate said. "I hate bad dreams too. What was your dream about?"

Sarah went over and sat down on the couch and Kate sat beside her. "Kate," Sarah sobbed. "I... I dreamed that I was drowning and you screamed. When you pulled me out of the water you tried to get me up, but you couldn't and I died in your arms."

"It's okay Sarah," Kate said hugging Sarah. "Fear is perfectly normal. It's just a bad dream. You don't need to worry about drowning because there is always a lifeguard on duty."

"What do you know?" Sarah screamed. Sarah pulled away from Kate and wiped the tears from her eyes. "Do you even know how to save a life? Of course you don't! You're not a lifeguard any longer! Besides, a lifeguard wouldn't be able to save me since it would be too late! They would pull my lifeless body from the water because I would already be dead."

"Sarah, listen to me!" Kate said. "In order for me to become a swimming instructor, I had to take a lot of swimming lessons and a lot of first aid

and CPR classes. If you ever looked like you were drowning, I would save you. I do know how to save a drowning victim and perform CPR. Trust me Sarah; I do know what to do in case of an emergency."

Sarah nodded her head. "Kate," Sarah said. "It was such a bad dream and it seemed so real. I'm so glad that I came over to talk to you. I feel much better now."

Sarah hugged Kate. "Thank you Kate," Sarah said. "You're a real good friend."

"I'll meet you at the pool tomorrow," Kate said. "I want you to think about what I said and try to calm yourself down. Take a long walk or a good hot soak in the tub and just relax."

"Ok, Kate," Sarah said.

"Thank you so much for calming me down. I'll see you at the pool tomorrow." Sarah waved goodbye and went home.

Read more of "Swim" in next month's issue of the Hurleyville Sentinel, and find out what painful secret is gnawing at Sarah and flooding her dreams. If you are interested in purchasing the book and supporting a new author, contact the Hurleyville Sentinel at hurleysent@hotmail.com, and we will put you in contact with Evan.

EMS Beat

by Albee Bockman, AEMT-P

"IT'S A PAIN IN MY . . . !"

Yeah, I know what you're thinking! But let's not go there, friends. Let's focus on the pain you may be feeling in your BACK. And, folks, it may not be muscular.

Back pain and heart attack may be related. The most common cause of heart attack is a blood clot that lodges in an artery and blocks blood flow to the heart muscle. This can cause a painful pressure, squeezing sensation in the chest. However, this discomfort can radiate or move from the chest . . . into the back.

You may feel chest and back pain together, or an aching or discomfort anywhere in your upper body without any chest pain at all. For our women counterparts, upper body discomfort - - without chest pain - - may mean you are experiencing a heart attack. Lots of us assume that back pain is caused by overdoing some sort of activity, such as yard work, lifting or twisting. However, there are many causes of back pain. Fortunately, most causes are not as serious as a heart attack.

It is difficult to tell if your back pain is caused by a back

strain or something more serious - - such as a heart attack - - without the assistance of Paramedics or your physician. If you are having ongoing mild to moderate back stiffness or back pain, DO NOT IGNORE YOUR SYMPTOMS!!! This discomfort, along with anxiety, fear, shortness of breath, sweating, sense of doom, may mean something much more serious than a strain. As a Paramedic for over 25 years, I have seen this scenario more often than I can count.

It is not uncommon to feel reluctant to call 911 because you may think your back pain is due to something minor. I can't stress enough the importance of calling 911 if there is ANY possibility that you are having a heart attack. Time is muscle! And I am referring to heart muscle. Paramedics will treat you as if you are having a heart attack until all your tests are complete. Also, do not get a ride or drive yourself to the hospital. Your Paramedic will treat you immediately to reduce your chances of permanent heart damage or death due to a heart attack.

Stay safe and be well, Hurleyville!

SPOTLIGHT ON A HURLEYVILLE TREASURE

by Kathleen Sullivan

"GINNY MAXWELL"

Virginia "Ginny" Maxwell, the daughter of Ralph S. and Mabel H. Court Young, was born November 7, 1931 in Manheim, New York.

A longtime resident of Hurleyville, Ginny and her husband, Edward, were the parents of four sons, Edward, Joseph, John and Patrick and two daughters, Jan

and Sandra.

Ginny was a co-owner of the Hang Out Saloon in Ferndale.

An active member of the Hurleyville United Methodist Church, Ginny was involved in everything that went on at the church. She cooked for the church's annual chicken barbecues and roast beef dinners-- her squash side dish was everyone's favorite. Ginny participated in every Christmas pageant at the church. Described as the "Church Lady", she helped clean the church and decorate it for special events and holidays.

Ginny was always ready to help those in need of food or a place to stay. A friend remembered meeting a family in Hurleyville one night before Thanksgiving. It was late, and the parents had no food for their family. One phone call to Ginny and the family was directed to a church where they found everything they needed for the holiday.

A devoted mother and grandmother, Ginny was always fun to be with. One of her grandsons preferred to

Who's Weird?

To The Editor:
Concerning your article, "The Hurleyville Horror" of Sept. 23-29, my conclusions upon reading said item are, either Harold and Gerri Kriegsmann visited one of our taverns - stayed too long - and had a "balmy" evening - or Mr. Hoffman missed his calling - and with two "whacky weeds" in each hand tried to write another Amityville Horror.

It seems before an article is written the source should be investigated, which only proves, "Don't believe half of what you read."

Number one - there is no town hall in Hurleyville; two - there is no church with a cemetery surrounding such (no cemeteries are visible from the highways - they must be driven into from the road); three - there are no deserted stores in the town and last but not least, this town of Hurleyville was not even thought of until the early 1800s (according to history the American Revolution was fought 1775-83), so we are comparatively a

new town as to many other towns in New York State.

Hurley Barly - my dear Mr. Hoffman - means turmoil or uproarious, not lurly.

For your information, Hurleyville was named for its founder, William Hurley.

Oh, yes - one more thing, not one person has their shades drawn - sorry to disappoint you - therefore us Hurleyvillians will be waiting for a retraction in your paper.

VIRGINIA MAXWELL,
Hurleyville, N.Y.

P.S. If this is an example of Queens Real People - spare us - stay down there - you're the ones who are weird.

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A faded clipping of Ginny's 1960s letter to the Long Island Tribune.

hand out candy with her on Halloween rather than to go "trick or treating" himself.

Ginny was a "no nonsense" lady with a great sense of humor. She was always ready with a good

joke or story.

In the 1960's, Ginny penned a letter to the Long Island Tribune correcting an article in that paper titled "The Hurleyville Horror" which described an unusual

and unbelievable visit to Hurleyville by some folks from Queens.

Ginny delighted in her walks, especially on Main Street with her grandsons, and visiting her neighbors and her friends.

A family member commented, "The whole world needs to know how impor-

tant she was to everyone in her family."

Ginny passed away on January 13, 2006.

Ginny is one of Hurleyville's many special treasures.

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Virginia "Ginny" Maxwell, another Hurleyville Treasure.

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NOVEMBER FLAG FINALS WILL BE A NIGHT OF CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL

by Bridge Morris

HURLEYVILLE-- After a tumultuous season wrought with participation challenges and intense on-field rivalries, the Sullivan County Women's Flag Football League, housed at Hurleyville's Morningside Park football field, will host a one-night playoff series on Monday, November 6 to determine the champions of the fall 2017 season.

In examining the standings ahead of the final games, Hurleyville's hometown team, the Pickled Owls, led the season undefeated and currently sit atop the board as first seed in the playoffs. Close behind them, with only a few losses in the regular season are the Brew Billionaires, the powerhouse team formerly known as "Les-behonest." Luzon Environmental (formerly sponsored by Matson Bar & Grill) and league veterans the Black Widows are currently tied for third place and will play their final two regular season games back-to-back against one another before the finals to determine which teams will face one another in the first round of playoffs.

Although the change in venue to the well-kept grounds of Morningside Park fostered a level of football skill that far surpassed the gameplay of seasons prior, participation challenges still plagued the league. Multiple forfeits due to lack of

players put a damper on the short ten-game season, and makeup games for cancellations further complicated scheduling at times. But through all of the shakeups that occurred, the players in the league, many of them new to the game, proved that football ability is natural for many women in this county.

Luzon Environmental, one of the two teams along with Pickled Owls that came about from the splitting of the Flag Hags in 2016, proved a force to be reckoned with this season when they beat the three-time defending league champions Brew Billionaires/Lesbehonest 7-0 during the regular season. Their new players have brought additional speed to their already strong defensive line, and quarterback Kiera Browne, who has played on different teams since the league's inception, has seemed to land a permanent home on Luzon. Her chemistry has been positive with Luzon's offense, as they have been responsible for some of the more impressive offensive plays this season, and she is currently ranked third in the league's QB overall statistics, a noteworthy feat for a quarterback supported by a line made up of so many new players. Should Luzon end up facing Brew or Pickled Owls in the first round of playoffs, they are the consensus wildcard pick for a big upset this season, and have good odds of advancing to the final game.



Despite their name change this season, reigning champions the Brew Billionaires retained most of their key players and saw little change aside from the addition of a few new girls. However, longtime coach Yovanni Fields, the man who has proudly seen his squad clinch three consecutive championships, took on more of a supporting role this season, and the Pickled Owls, Brew has still maintained a great season, with players across the gamut sitting atop the leaderboards in both offensive and defensive statistics. Further, Brew leads the league in receiving yards, much to the credit of their skilled wide receivers and the accuracy of quarterback Jamie VanderMeulen. Their short game has always been and remains unbeaten

by any other team in the league, but should Luzon Environmental beat out Black Widows for the third seed, Brew's first-round playoff game will see them face the team that handed them their biggest upset of the season. Advancing to the final game is crucial for the Billionaires, as they fully intend to remain the only team to-date to win a Sullivan County Women's Flag Football League championship, new name and all.

Currently the only flag football team to remain unchanged in name or sponsor since the league's very first season, Black Widows remain an experienced team with a strong competitive edge. Still led by head coach Desmond Chisom, the team has challenged the calls of the refs and disputed plays on the field, an attention to detail that can be attributed to their intense passion for

the game. With the advantage of having two skilled quarterbacks, Taylor Welch and Faith Mangiamelli, the Widows have had been hugely successful at gaining yards from completions, stacked with strong wide receivers that have continued to make impressive catches and run for key yardage. But for this veteran team to be successful no matter who they face first, the Black Widows must ensure their roster is set and ready to go before the playoffs, as participation contributed to a few struggles on the field and forfeits for the team this season. The Widows are the single most experienced team at competing in the league's playoff series going into the final games, and if they can advance past the first round and find themselves in the championship game warmed up, that is when the Black Widows are at their most dangerous.

For the Pickled Owls, their successful season has been to the credit of a well-balanced offense and defense, both of which have played critical roles in shutting down the opponents' tough offensive lines and advancing the ball down the field to edge out the competition and put touchdowns on the board. League rookie Katie Burns of Ellenville, quarterback for the Owls who stepped up to the intimidating role in former QB Chelsea Reuss' absence, has made a name for herself in the stats, especially

in completions, where she has landed more than fifty-percent of her throwing attempts. The Owls continue to thrive with a strong defense that exhausts the competition no matter how close they are to the goal line, and an offense powered by a running game that has yet to be surpassed. Oddly enough, the biggest challenge for the Pickled Owls going into playoffs will come if they are to face Black Widows first, because even though the Widows have not had their best season to-date, the Owls have only played them once this year (their second game was a win by forfeit), and the unfamiliarity could prove dangerous for them. Should they advance to the final round, however, the Pickled Owls, playing under the lights right in their hometown of Hurleyville, are more determined than ever to be the first team other than Lesbehonest to win a SCWFFL championship title.

Spectators, especially women ages sixteen and older interested in learning more about flag football, are encouraged to attend the playoff games beginning at 6:00 p.m. on November 6 to cheer on these incredible teams and watch these skilled football players leave it all one the field for the coveted championship.

The Hurleyville Sentinel looks forward to providing the game results from the SCWFFL finals in the December edition.



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SUNY Sullivan Head Men's Basketball Coach Brent Wilson

SULLIVAN MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CAGERS OPEN SEASON

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE-- The perennially powerhouse SUNY Sullivan Generals men's basketball team opens its 2017-2018 season with three home games at Paul Gerry Fieldhouse in Loch Sheldrake.

The Generals, who finished last season with a 22-7 overall record and 17-3 slate in Region XV play, took on Hostos on Thursday afternoon, November 2, and will play host to Onondaga on Sunday afternoon, November 5. Tipoff time for Sunday's game is 2 p.m.

The Generals then play Westchester at home at 7 p.m. on Thursday evening, November 9 before heading to Manhattan for a 2 p.m. clash with BMCC on Saturday, November 11.

Head Coach Brent Wilson's current squad looks to uphold the long winning tradition at Sullivan, which has won more National Junior College Athletic Association

championships—four, including back-to-back titles in 1995 and 1996 – than any other school in the country. The Generals have had two undefeated seasons in their history.

On the women's side, Sullivan opened the new season on Thursday evening, November 2 with a 6 p.m. home contest against Hostos before travelling to Syracuse where they will take part in the Onondaga Classic tournament on Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5. Play begins both days at 12 noon.

The Lady Generals then return home for a 5 p.m. matchup with Westchester on Thursday, November 9.

The Sullivan women finished the 2016-2017 season with a 22-4 overall mark, including a 17-1 record in Region XV play. The 2017-2018 squad will face the unenviable task of replacing leading scorer Kyla Given, a 5'9" swing player who was among the most honored athletes in the school's history.

Fallsburg Boys' Soccer Season Finishes Strong

by Julia Battista

FALLSBURG-- On October 16, the boy's Comets soccer team celebrated a great season with a senior recognition night on their home field, congratulating seniors Kelvin Nuñez, Jeffrey Gonzalez, Justin Mednick, and Jorge Tejada on a job well done. That same week on Wednesday, October 18, they played their final regular season game against Liberty, winning 2-0 and clinching the Section IX Class B Division IV title. Hoping to con-

tinue their victory streak, the Comets once again advanced to sectionals for the seventh year in a row.

In their first round of sectionals on October 21, they ironically faced Liberty again, winning 4-2 on their home field. With one win under their belt, later that same day, the Comets found out that Rhinebeck would be their next opponent.

"I remember first going against Rhinebeck my first year of varsity when I was in the eighth grade," began Kelvin Nuñez, Comets captain. "Now that I'm a senior and we were going against them in sectionals again, I knew it was going to be a completely different experience."

On Monday, October 23, the boys were dismissed from school early to make it to an 11 a.m. game scheduled an hour-and-a-half away from home. As Mr. Nuñez predicted, it was a completely different game indeed, and the boys lost 2-0. Although they unfortunately had to bring a loss back home that day, many of the players weren't as discouraged as one might think.

"On the day of the game



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Senior Jeffrey Gonzalez (10)

I know that we managed to hold Rhinebeck off for a good portion of it, but we made two mistakes in which they took the advantage," Brando Castro, number 21, confessed after the game. "As a junior, the plan for seasons in the future is to improve ourselves as soccer players as much as possible. I know that the seniors will no longer accompany us, and hopefully we'll be in a better position to make it back to sectionals and perhaps make it to the finals."

Ms. Lenzian, Fallsburg sports director, also had positive words about the season.

"I'm very happy about

this season and how successful it turned out to be. I'm also very glad that I had the opportunity to hand over the reins to Coach White, as well, to ensure the team's success this year." Ms. Lenzian beamed.

Even though the school season has officially reached its end, it still isn't the end of playing soccer for some of the players.

"Soccer was definitely a positive impact on me because there were many challenges that I had to go against in order to be a good member of the team," said Justin Mednick, number 28. "I do hope to pursue soccer in

college through a club too."

For Mr. Nuñez, a player who achieved remarkable accolades this season, hopes are high for a bright future in soccer.

"I definitely want to go to a Division 1 college for soccer. Just knowing that I'm part of a good, skilled team that goes up against decent competition makes me happy," he said.

Now that the 2017-2018 soccer season is over and the Comets have once again made their mark in Fallsburg history, it's time to look toward the future of the program.

"Although this season went extremely well, I do hope that next year all levels of the boys' soccer program - modified, junior varsity and varsity - will do just as well," said Ms. Lenzian. "I plan on trying to get all of our younger athletes involved as much as possible so that when pre-season arrives, we have a lot more participants willing to play."

Congratulations to the Fallsburg Comets boys' soccer team on their achievements this season.

SULLIVAN GRAPPLERS HEAD TO OCEAN STATE

Open Season With Ithaca Invitational Tournament

LOCH SHELDRAKE -- Second year coach Anthony Ng will lead a contingent of fifteen wrestlers into action at the 34th Annual Ithaca Invitational Tournament in Providence, Rhode Island this weekend as the SUNY Sullivan Generals open their 2017-2018 season.

Sullivan will be competing with a number of Division III four-year schools in the two-day competition, including tournament namesake Ithaca College, host school Johnson & Wales, Castleton (VT) University, Springfield (MA) College, Stevens Institute of Technology (NJ), Otterbein (OH) University, Rochester Institute of Technology, and Western New England (MA) University. Ithaca is the defending champion, having crowned six individual champions last year, including the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler.

"The competition will be stiff, with predominantly Division III schools, so it will be a good gauge for how our wrestlers will fare against juco (junior college) teams," Mr. Ng said.

The Ithaca Invitational is

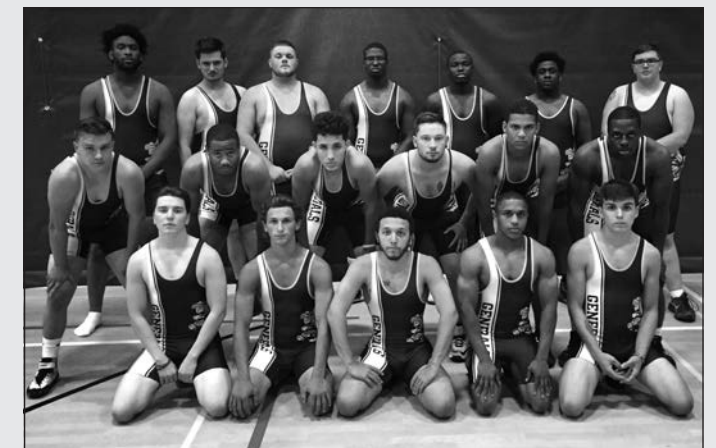


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The 2017-2018 SUNY Sullivan Generals wrestling team in their new uniforms.

typically held at Ithaca College each year, but the Bombers had a venue conflict, so Johnson & Wales agreed to host this year's competition at the PC&T Center in Providence.

Mr. Ng is pleased that each of the wrestlers entered in the Invitational is guaranteed to wrestle at least two matches, win, lose or draw. He is looking forward to seeing how his squad fares in competition after weeks of hard work in the practice room.

The Generals will follow up the Rhode Island trip with a dual match against SUNY Ulster in Stone Ridge. The Senators are in the second

year of a revived program and Mr. Ng says they have been very successful in recruiting top talent to the school.

"We expect a tough match," he says.

Sullivan opens its home season on November 30 with a dual match against Lackawanna College in the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse.

"We are working extremely hard, and while success in the short term is important, everything we do is intended to establish a culture here," Mr. Ng says. "It's not just about this year, it's about building a program that can be successful year after year."



Senior Justin Mednick (28) in action.