

HOLIDAY IN HURLEYVILLE

FULL SLATE OF EVENTS ON SATURDAY

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – Organizers say the third annual Holiday in Hurleyville festivities set for Saturday, December 7 will have something for everyone, and with attractions ranging from apacac to wreath-making and yoga —with quite a bit in between— who can argue?

Of course, no holiday event this time of year would be complete without an appearance by Santa Claus, and the red-suited fellow will be on hand at the Hurleyville Arts Centre from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. The Arts Centre will also feature a yoga class at 12 noon and an essential oils demonstration at 1:15 p.m. and will offer the newly released Disney movie, “Frozen 2” in the cinema at 2 p.m. and again at 6 p.m.

Live music will be provided at a number of locations throughout the day by a rotating array of local musicians, who will

be performing at THINC, the Pickled Owl and in the mini-park on Main Street near the Hurleyville Dove.

“I’m super excited that David Rosenberg put in his time to arrange the music this year,” said Heather Quaintance, who is coordinating the HiH events. “David has arranged to have a number of local musicians perform both outside along the Rail Trail and indoors at THINC. We are grateful for his efforts as well as the efforts of all the musicians who are donating their time to be here. And thanks to PartyMaster for donating the PA system!”

Those looking to do some holiday shopping while enjoying the day’s activities will also find a selection of unusual opportunities, according to Ms. Quaintance.

“We’re also happy to offer a bit more retail-wise this year so our community can really get a head start on their holiday shopping — with the addition of the Hurleyville General Store



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY

A banner across Main Street announces the upcoming Holiday in Hurleyville festivities, scheduled for Saturday, December 7.

offering a great selection of gifts hand-selected by

Denise Lombardi, plus a Crafter’s Village at THINC,

an art sale at Gallery222, a variety of foodie gifts at the

Hurleyville Market, and the Buck Brook Alpaca Pop-

Up, you’ll find something for everyone on your list.”

And if it’s food you’re searching for, this year’s Holiday in Hurleyville has got you covered, including offering the old Catskills stand-by, the Chinese Roast Pork on Garlic Bread sandwich, revived just for the day.

“We have a great selection of “to go” dining options available so you can have a bite to eat while enjoying all the outdoor activities,” Ms. Quaintance says. “People can pick up their “RPG” sandwich and soup or chili at the kitchen door of the Pickled Owl, or fill up on some Mexican bites at the Catskill Food Truck. They’ll also have the opportunity to sample the delicious handcrafted charcuterie at the soon-to-open La Salumina. The Hurleyville Market will also have a healthy and delicious soup option or two, and you can always pick up a slice (of pizza) at Frankie’s and Johnny’s.”

Other planned activities include ornament-making and hot apple cider throughout the day along the Milk Train Trail, a wreath-making workshop at noon at THINC, where rock painting will also take place from 11 to 4, a dance performance by Main Street Dance in the Arts Centre ballroom at 4:30 p.m., and the fourth annual Hurleyville History Hike on the west side of the Milk Train Trail at 2 p.m.

The annual tree lighting will take place at 5 p.m. in the mini-park on Main Street and the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop will present “Santa’s Cookie Problem” and “Auntie Scrooge: A Twisted Christmas Carol” at the Sullivan County Museum at 7 p.m.

Organizers hope that with so much going on, and such a variety of offerings, no one will leave this year’s Holiday in Hurleyville disappointed.

THE 5TH ANNUAL HURLEYVILLE CANDLELIGHT WALK SCHEDULED

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – Jim Cashen, who has been the primary organizer of all five of the annual events, says the Winter Solstice Candlelight Walk is a great way for the community to unwind from the pressures of the holiday season.

“The event is intended to

encourage a peaceful walk and reflection while quieting our minds during what can be a hectic and sometimes stressful holiday season,” Mr. Cashen says. “It is an experience that can bring joy and light in the simplest of ways.”

Mr. Cashen says he became aware some time ago that the stress of preparing

for the holidays and the unpredictable winter weather can get people down, and he heartily recommends the walk as a time-tested remedy.

The self-guided walk is scheduled this year for Saturday, December 21—the winter solstice and the shortest day of the year—beginning at 4:30 p.m. at

the Milk Train Trail just off Main Street in the center of Hurleyville.

“It is a lovely tradition that we hope will bring people of all ages together, outdoors in nature, guided by candlelight,” Mr. Cashen says.

As is always the case, the centerpiece of the event will be the Luminaria, set

up along the rail trail heading east toward the Smith Hill Cut. Mr. Cashen says the soft candle light provides an opportunity for a peaceful evening stroll. There will also be a campfire at the Trail Head, and live music outdoors. Mr. Cashen says there will also be an opportunity for folks who are so inclined to read

or recite their favorite poems, preferably with a winter or holiday theme.

“It is an opportunity to usher in the start of the winter season together as a community,” Mr. Cashen says.

The candlelight walk is free and open to the public.



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ALVAREZ WINS CLOSE ELECTION

Will Once Again Represent District Six on Sullivan County Legislature

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – It wasn’t settled until two weeks after Election Day, but District Six Legislator Luis Alvarez has been re-elected for a second term.

Mr. Alvarez bested challenger Miranda Behan, Hurleyville business owner, by just 10 votes.

Election Day had ended with the incumbent leading by 107 votes, 680-573, but there were a number of absentee ballots yet to be counted. Those votes were tallied on Tuesday, November 19, and Ms. Behan closed the gap to 10.

Mr. Alvarez has served as the Chairman of the Legislature for the past four years. It is the second time that he and Ms. Behan have squared off for the Legislature seat. He won by 85 votes in 2015.



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District Six legislator Luis Alvarez

“I am sincerely grateful that the voters of District Six have again chosen me to represent them for the next four years,” Mr. Al-

varez told The Sentinel. “I will continue to try to represent all of my constituents as we strive to make Sullivan County an even

better place to live, work, and play.”

Ms. Behan said she was proud that she had run “an honorable, clean and fair campaign.” She promised to remain involved, watching elected officials to make sure they keep their word to their constituents.

“I will be watching and in 4 years, I will be back,” she said.

Mr. Alvarez wanted to let residents know that he is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week through his office phone number, 845-807-0177.

The Legislature will reorganize shortly after the first of the year, at which time it will elect a new chairman. There are four new members who will take their seats on the nine-member body in January.

SCHUMER VOWS TO ASSIST WITH SPECIALTY HOSPITAL

WASHINGTON, DC – During a meeting in Washington with leaders from The Center for Discovery, U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer proclaimed The Center as one of the leading providers of healthcare and educational services for children and adults with complex medical conditions and autism spectrum disorders. Currently, The Center is constructing a new Children’s Specialty Hospital in Sullivan County, scheduled to open next year. The hospital will be the first short-term inpatient assessment program for children with complex developmental disabilities, including Autism Spectrum Disorders and medical frailties, in New York State. Schumer received positive updates on The Center for Discovery’s work on this desperately needed facility and vowed to help as it seeks to expand federal partner-

ships with agencies like the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Finally, Senator Schumer thanked The Center for its unyielding commitment to serving individuals with complex developmental disabilities.

“As a repeat visitor to their amazing operation in Sullivan County, I was thrilled to have leadership from The Center for Discovery come down to Washington and update me on the progress of its first-of-its-kind children’s specialty hospital,” Mr. Schumer said. “This world-class organization’s mission of serving and improving the lives of individuals with complex disabilities is an honorable one that I’m going to support through every means possible. I look forward to continue working hand-in-hand with The Center for Discovery to improve



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U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer (second from left) met in Washington last month with officials from The Center for Discovery, including Executive Vice President of Marketing and Communications Michael Rosen (left), Associate Executive Director Theresa Hamlin, and Board of Directors Chairman Edward Sweeney (right).

educational and health care services for the individuals who need them most in Sullivan County and across Upstate New York.”

Mr. Schumer most recently visited The Center

for Discovery in 2018, and in 2016 toured the then-new Maker’s Lab in Hurleyville, since re-christened the Technology Hub and Incubator (THINC).

The Inquiring Photographer

by Kathleen Sullivan



Q. The holiday season is a special time for families and friends to gather and celebrate. What is your favorite holiday tradition?



Annie Cadden
Being with my family. They're all musicians. We gather together and sing traditional Christmas carols. Although one year we covered the Eagles' Greatest Hits album.



Toni Carnesi-Montemurro
I love cooking traditional Italian holiday food for everyone.



Denise Van Dormolen Lombardi
I enjoy decorating for the holidays. My son loves all the lights.



Ginger McCarthy
The Turner family always shares a holiday dinner on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Family is everything for the holidays.



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Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



Hurleyville Fire District Election

The annual election of the Hurleyville Fire District will take place on Tuesday, December 10 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Hurleyville Fire House. The purpose of the election is to elect one Commissioner for a five-year term, beginning on January 1, 2020, and ending on December 31, 2024. All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections on or before November 19, 2019, and residing within the Hurleyville Fire District are eligible to vote.

Hurleyville United Methodist Church

The Christmas Eve service at the Hurleyville United Methodist Church will begin at 6 p.m. The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the church is open on the third and fourth Thursday of each month from 4 - 6 p.m. The volunteers at the food pantry also provide free clothing for families in need on the fourth Thursday of each month.

"MESSY CHURCH," a different kind of family church, is held on the second Saturday of each month at 5:30 p.m. The next date is December 14. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy an evening of fun activities, songs, games, crafts, stories and refreshments.

Services are held at the church each Sunday from 9 to 10 a.m. A women's group meets after the service on the third Sunday of each month. 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 to 8 p.m. The church also hosts a Youth Group on Fridays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Dates will be announced on the church's Facebook page. Young people are invited to join in a variety of activities including board games, trivia, movie nights, arts and crafts.

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

The Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum

The annual Theme Tree Exhibit at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville will be on display until the week of January 5.

The Museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, is open on Tues-



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Bonnie Makofsky, Nora Rausch, Dennis Raymond and Evelyn Raymond (left to right) decorated the CHNA tree at the annual Theme Tree Exhibit at the Sullivan County Museum.

day through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

The gift shop at the museum offers an assortment of Sullivan County-related books, maps, posters, postcards and memorabilia.

Please visit www.scny-history.org for more information on the Sullivan County Historical Society and the Sullivan County Museum. You can also visit the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum on Facebook.

Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance (CHNA)

Steve Gordon, a charter member of CHNA and Fallsburg's Future, passed away in November. An ardent advocate for our community, Steve impressed everyone with his kindness, his intelligence, his dedication and his creativity.

Steve touched many lives as an amazing and beloved educator and as an extraordinary friend. He was an accomplished cook and loved hosting his family and friends.

He could talk for hours about philosophy, spirituality and politics. However, he always preferred to talk about his family and his garden.

Steve will be greatly

missed by all who were fortunate to know him.

The members of CHNA met with Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther in November. They shared their concerns with unsustainable development with her. Aileen plans to invite representatives from appropriate state and local agencies to a meeting with CHNA.

The attorney for the Town of Thompson announced at a recent town board meeting that a settlement conference will be held on December 5 pertaining to the litigation brought against the town by Catskill Mountainkeeper and The Center for Discovery.

A group of cultural resource consultants is conducting a cultural and archaeological survey of Columbia Hill in November. They were hired by the developer of the Gan Eden project to determine if there are any significant cultural, architectural or historical artifacts on the property that might impact development.

Visit CHNA at www.columbiahill.org or on Facebook to learn how you can help to protect your environment and your community.



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The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville

by Jane Harrison



This last month we in the music community said goodbye to a friend. Gary "Train Wreck" Budnick left us suddenly after 46 years on this earth. And we will miss him. Many will remember him as the "brewer" of his hard apple cider...which is how I first met him, selling this at the Rock Hill Farmer's Market shortly after I moved here. Life is too short not to do what makes you happy.

WJFF radio held a fundraising "Barn Dance" at--where else-- the DOWNTOWN BARN in Liberty on November 15. The band was LITTLE SPARROW, but not like you're used to seeing them, with just Carol and Aldo. This was a truly full band of outstanding musicians! The bass man, JEFF ANDERSON, is most recently with SLAM ALLEN, but if you can name some of the greats, he's most likely performed with them. JAY GANZ, one fine pedal steel player. No drummer, but they didn't need one, not with ELLEN IOVANA out of Hartford, Connecticut on the congas and percussion! And then there was the superb pickin' of VAN MANAKAS, whose discography has him on CDs and albums from everything from big bands to jazz.

The audience and I were treated to a few songs by the great singer, MICKEY BARNETT. I don't know what he sounded like live when the hotels were flourishing, but I do know that Friday night his voice was rich and full, and should be the envy of most songsters. There's only one other "show" voice in Sullivan County that has that kind of depth, and that's JOANNA GASS...who you can catch Tuesday nights at BREW in Rock Hill.

I have my wish! Buck Brook alpacas will be at HOLIDAY IN HURLEYVILLE thanks to FIBER ON MAIN. So, if you want to find me on Saturday, December 7, I'll be hanging with my fuzzy friends! So much to do!! Rock painting, ornament

making, train displays at the museum and Santa at the Arts Centre! Come enjoy it all!!

This is what's coming up in December (All events are subject to "weather permitting".)

Every Monday:
DUTCH'S OPEN MIC:
205 Rock Hill Dr., Rock Hill, 7 p.m.

Every Tuesday:
THE GREATER SULLIVAN COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA (Joanna Gass, Steve Schwartz, Kenny Windheim, and Eric Neis), BREW, 280 Rock Hill Dr., Rock Hill, 6:30 p.m.

GAME NIGHT at CABERNET FRANK'S! Board games, cards or dominos... they have you covered. Hosted by Anna.

***NEW YEAR'S EVE* ELECTRIC MAGIC NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION!!!** CABERNET FRANK'S, 38 Main St., Parksville; 9 p.m.

TALKING MACHINE at THE PICKLED OWL, 218 Main St., Hurleyville; 8 p.m.

Every Wednesday:
CAB'AROKÉ, CABERNET FRANK'S, 38 Main St., Parksville; (hosted by Sullivan Catskills)

Thursdays:
CABERNET FRANK'S OPEN MIC; 7 p.m. (hosted by SULLIVAN CATSKILLS)

Dec 5: hosted by BOB TELLEFSON
Dec 12: hosted by FISHER/KEAN

Dec 19: hosted by LITTLE SPARROW
KNOW IT ALL NIGHT (Trivia Night) at RAFTERS TAVERN, 28 Upper Main St., Callicoon; 7 p.m.

TRIVIA NIGHT at the PICKLED OWL, 218 Main St., Hurleyville; 7 p.m.

Fridays:
Every Friday: "The Great American Song Book" with DEFINO and RAVDIN, and great Italian food! SORELLA'S, 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake; 6-9 p.m.

Dec 20: Live music and Jukebox Karaoke-along at BUM & KELS LAKE-SIDE TAVERN, 1132 State



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Just in time for Thanksgiving, Town of Fallsburg Lions Club Board of Directors member Tim Pantel brought generous donation checks to Hurleyville Food Bank, Federation for the Homeless and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Food Pantry in South Fallsburg. Mr. Pantel is shown presenting a check to Cynthia Johnston at the St. Andrew's Food Pantry.

Rte. 52, Loch Sheldrake; 7 p.m.

THE RUSSIAN MULE BREWERY, 1465 Denning Rd., Claryville (in the Claryville Arts Center)

Dec 6: ALBI; 6 p.m.
RAFTERS TAVERN, 28 Upper Main St., Callicoon
Dec 6: CASWYN MOON; 8 p.m.

Dec 13: GEORGE KILBY; 8 p.m.
ROSCOE BEER COMPANY, 145 Rockland Rd., Roscoe

Dec 6: BJ & GREG; 6 p.m.
Dec 20: BJ & GREG; 6 p.m.

CABERNET FRANK'S, 38 Main St., Parksville; 8 p.m. (unless otherwise specified)

Dec 6: SNAKE CANYON
Dec 20: Happy Holidays with SLAM ALLEN; 7:30 p.m.

Every Saturday: "The Great American Song Book" with DEFINO and RAVDIN, and great Italian food! Sorella's, 3562 State Rte. 55, Kauneonga Lake; 6 - 9 p.m.

Saturdays:
Dec 7: HOLIDAY IN HURLEYVILLE!! All businesses in Hurleyville participating. Come, browse, make things, see things, sing things...and pet an alpaca!

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Dec 6: THE ACQUAINTANCES; 6 p.m.
Dec 21: BJ 7 GREG; 6 p.m.

RAFTERS TAVERN
Dec 7: JAIMIE LILY; 8 p.m.

Dec 14 O&CO XMAS SPECTACULAR; 8 p.m.
PICKLED OWL, 218 Main St., Hurleyville; 6 - 9 p.m.

Dec 7: For HOLIDAYS IN HURLEYVILLE
BJ & GREG for the brunch crowd 1 - 4 p.m. (Acoustic Modern & Classic Rock)

THE JOHNNY JULES BAND for the evening crowd 6 - 9 p.m. (Americana)

Dec 14: MARC DELGADO
Dec 21: GABE RICKARD

Dec 28: ALBI
CABERNET FRANK'S, 38 Main St., (Exit 98 off 17W) Parksville; 8 p.m. (unless otherwise specified)

Dec 7: '80's Dance and Costume Party with DJKO and MC Kimburlee Jo (hosted by Cabernet Frank's and Sullivan Catskills)

Dec 14: YASGUR
Dec 21: THE FAR TRIO
Dec 28: GAYLE DONNELLY

Every Sunday:
MUSIC WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT: De-Fillipis Bakery, 506 Broadway, Monticello; 11 a.m. - 1:30ish

RAFTERS TAVERN, 28 Upper Main St., Callicoon
Open Mic; hosted by ELIZABETH ROSE; 3 - 6 p.m.

THE HAL GALPER TRIO; 6:30pm
The Hippiest of Holidays to you!
Until next time.....

THE MAN BEHIND THE MUSIC

HOLIDAY IN HURLEYVILLE WOULDN'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT IT

by Elaine Corrington

HURLEYVILLE – The Holiday in Hurleyville festivities on December 7 will feature music in several venues virtually all day long. All of the events that day are the result of people who volunteered to organize special attractions (some wildly happy to do so, and some wildly kicking and screaming). It is fortunate that an anonymous friend of David Rosenberg was able to lasso the talented and generous musician into organizing the music for the day.

Mr. Rosenberg, a Monticello architect, was a private musician for

many years. As many people do, he went through a mid-life crisis and a prolonged deep depression that led a dear friend to take him to an open mic in Rock Hill about nine years ago.

"It changed my life, that single Thursday evening," he says. "From that moment on, I wanted to see if I could someday play the guitar and sing in front of others, but most of all, be part of this amazing local community of wonderful musicians, people who share my love of music, and who are now many of my dearest friends."

Thanks to The Center for Discovery and their

CSA pick-ups on Saturday mornings in Hurleyville, he had the honor and pleasure of performing and hosting other musicians one growing season next to the Hurleyville Market; and then two growing seasons in the courtyard of what is now THINC. He says it was "a joy to sing to and for all those who came to pick up their freshly grown produce and to share smiles and laughter with them. It was also an opportunity to showcase many wonderful local musicians."

So, when asked, how could he refuse to line up wonderful local talent for the Holiday in Hur-

leyville event? Well, he didn't-- or he couldn't-- and whichever it was, it is a great gift to this increasingly bustling and creative community. Some of the musicians who will be performing that day are long-time friends, and some are new. Almost all are acoustical guitar players, singers, and songwriters-- a variety that will bring joy to people who enjoy many different kinds of music.

There are 12 musicians who will perform one or two 30-minute sets indoors at the THINC Building or outside on Main Street by the head of the Rail Trail where

the tree lighting will take place. Three Hurleyville musicians, Kali Seastrand, Veronica Ann and Jillian Elise will join, and in addition, Carmine Pace will be leading all the performers and community in singing the wonderful Holiday favorites during the tree lighting. The Hurleyville Ukulele Orchestra will have a sing-along before the lighting takes place.

Wonderful foods, gifts, talent acts and music are all coming together to create wonderful traditions in Hurleyville-- and you will be smiling and laughing the whole time you are here. A great send-off into the season!



David Rosenberg is a Monticello architect by day, but a passionate musician by night.

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COOKE KINDERGARTNERS HOST FIRST RESPONDERS

MONTICELLO – When you're a first responder, there's really no such thing as a guaranteed day off. Emergencies happen every day, even on holidays, and these brave men and women stand ready to sacrifice their own family time to serve others. Because of this, community helpers often are not home to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner with their loved ones.

To show their support and gratitude, the kindergarten students of George L. Cooke Elementary School in Monticello invited some of these community helpers to a Thanksgiving lunch on Monday, Nov. 18. The students helped to prepare and serve a feast for members of the Monticello Fire Department, Monticello Police Department, Sullivan

County Sheriff's Office and MobileMedic EMS. Each guest left with a homemade card of appreciation.

"It was a great lesson on the importance of community and kindness," Cooke School Principal Chris Palmer said. "These folks serve us every day, so it was nice to be able to give them a break and serve them for a change."



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FCSD Gets Valuable Classes on Nutrition before Thanksgiving

FALLSBURG – As part of the FCSD Wellness Committee and just prior to Thanksgiving, Bee Moser, M.S., Nutritionist for the SNAP-Ed New York, Hudson Valley Region at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCE), spent time at the District on healthy eating, drinking and exercise at both Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) and Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School.

On November 15, Ms. Moser worked with sixth-graders in a program called "My Plate."

In the BCES Alternative gymnasium, students learned how to increase consumption of nutrient dense fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean meats and low-fat dairy products. Ms. Moser used a colorful plate with these food group names when she asked the students what they knew about each type of food. The discussion was lively and thoughtful.

In the second half of the class, the Nutritionist became Physical Fitness Trainer. She took simple pieces of filmy material and demonstrated some fast-moving exercises with one of the sixth-grade teachers. She then had the children work in pairs with classmates while she shouted out steps to take in the exchange of the material in each pair. The kids were totally involved, passing the object overhead and between the legs



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Ms. Moser, in front of one of the high school PE classes, adding one of the seven tablespoons of sugar that are part of the soda in the empty bottle she is holding.

to each other and getting quite giddy. At the end of the class, the students had learned valuable lessons about healthy eating and physical exertion, a great combination for well-being.

During two full days the following week, Ms. Moser, assisted by CCE's Beth Clancy-DiBartolo, met all junior and senior high school physical education classes to demonstrate how much sugar is in many of the soft drinks they consume regularly and how dangerous and unhealthy they can be. A few students had soft

drinks with them, and she amassed a collection of the bottles for her demonstration table. The discussions were quite animated.

Students learned of alternatives to sugary drinks. At the end of each class, the CCE staff gave out a one-sheet do's and don'ts on healthy and non-healthy beverages as well as a plastic SNAP-Ed infused water bottle. They can place cut up fruits or vegetables, put them in an infuser in the middle of the bottle and pour in cold or hot water for a refreshing drink.



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More than 100 Fallsburg students pose in the Capitol building with State Senator Metzger and Assemblywoman Gunther.

Fallsburg Seventh Graders Enjoy Trip to Albany

FALLSBURG – On November 7, nearly 100 seventh grade students from the Fallsburg Central School District and their teachers had the opportunity to travel to the New York State Capitol in Albany. Students visited the NYS Museum before meeting with NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and NYS Senator Jen Metzger and touring the Capitol building, including

the floors of both the Assembly and the Senate.

This was a great opportunity for students to learn more about our governmental process and recognize that there are real people in Albany who want to hear from students. Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Principal Dawne Adams says she hopes to bring more students for a visit when the legislature is in session.

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by Jonathan Shimkin

The first Christmas gifts were borne by the Magi and we've been bearing them ever since. The frankincense, gold, and myrrh were emblematic of something more than themselves; they were tokens of recognition and regard. That's the way of gifts; they can elate or disappoint; they carry a charge that can make us feel seen, or invisible; remembered, or forgotten. Whether we're the giver or the receiver, the right gift given at the right time can be a catalyst for transformation.

My father was a heedless gift-giver, often last-minute and perfunctory. The assortment of ill-fitting and inapt garments I received from him over a month of Christmases have all vanished, none kept for a keepsake, even. There was no remembrance in them. But on occasion he was inspired, his timing and acuity spot on. Such was the Christmas of 1967. I was 14 and in the first throes of

a passion for reading that would endure throughout my life, outlasting many other forms of spiritual enthrallment. My father, I believe, saw this in me and recognized the literary avidities of his own youth. The walls of his apartment were lined with the books of his student days, their title pages labeled with blue "Columbia" stickers, pennant-shaped, affixed above his signature.

That Christmas he presented me with a compact square box, rather heavy (no seasonal sweater, this!), which contained about a dozen carefully chosen books – well-curated, as we now say. Each volume was inscribed by my father with a considered phrase bearing upon its book or author. Each volume opened up a world that enlarged my own, giving me that privileged access to the consciousness of others that is one of literature's great gifts.

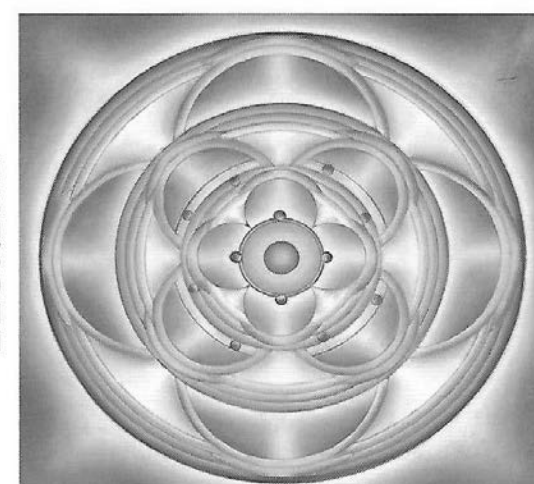
Despite all the vicissitudes of time and relocation, I still have several of

those books – Willa Cather's "Death Comes for the Archbishop," in which my father wrote: "Jon – This is how a good novel should taste." And taste good it did! Cather's restrained and lucid style is a taste that has stayed with me since.

My favorite inscription appeared in Mann's "The Magic Mountain," whose protagonist, Hans Castorp, is identified in the novel as "a delicate child of life." My father wrote: "May you never be a delicate child of life, but always treat life as a delicacy" – words that have swelled over the years from well-meaning sentiment to something more potent: as we enter the maelstrom of 2020, to treat with a little delicate respect and acknowledgment the life and lives we encounter, including the life of the planet in its wholeness, seems both good prescription and urgent injunction.

A few weeks before Christmas, in 2006, my father died, at home and at peace. For me, the season is always full of the sense of him – his heedlessness, his scattershot generosity. It's a season in which I bear the one gift I can still give him – my remembrance.

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From the Firehouse

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



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

The "Holiday Season" is upon us and we must be more vigilant on fire safety and common sense safety. Unfortunately the holiday season, heating season and winter make for the perfect storm of potential deadly fires.

Let's look at a few safety concerns for the holiday season.

Candle Safety -

- Make sure candles are held firmly in a fireproof holder on a fire proof surface
- Don't place them near curtains or other fabrics that can ignite
- NEVER leave a candle unattended
- Make sure they are out before going to bed or leaving

the house

- Try using a batter operated one

Xmas Tree Safety-

- Pick a tree that fits the room
- Water your tree. A dry tree is a torch waiting for an ignition source
- Keep heating devices away from the tree

Electrical Safety -

- Check your electrical cords on ALL of you holiday decorations, especially on the lights for the tree. Tree lights are the leading cause of Xmas tree fires.

- Do not string together multiple extension cords to make a connection
- Don't run electrical cords under a rug
- Don't over load the circuit. If you trip a circuit breaker or blow a fuse, fix the problem. Don't just reset the breaker or replace the fuse.
- Only use outdoor lights outside
- Place electrical cords up against the wall to prevent



tripping

Decoration Safety -

- Most decorations are highly flammable. Keep them away from a heat source
 - Don't let them block your way out of a room or your house
 - Turn off or unplug decorations when going to bed or leaving the house
- ### Wrapping Paper -
- Nerve put your wrapping paper in the wood stove or

fireplace

- Dispose of it properly, recycle it if possible

I could go on and on but I think you get the message. Use good common sense when decorating for the holiday season.

On behalf of myself, Mary Ann and Austin we wish you a **Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a SAFE Holiday Season.**

HELPING MAKE HOLIDAY IN HURLEYVILLE HAPPY

Digital Decorations made at THINC

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE – When the community tree in the center of Hurleyville is lit just before sunset on December 7, take a look at the star topper and the myriad of large glittery snowflakes and icicles hanging on the tree. Crafted by members of TCFD's Recreation Department, most of these decorations began as digital files on a computer at the THINC lab.

The CNC router at THINC has been running non-stop in the weeks leading up to Holiday in Hurleyville, cutting dozens of snowflakes out of sheets of Luan, a tropical hardwood plywood. The process began with a clip art snowflake image on the internet, which was then "cleaned up" in Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator. Imported into SketchUp design software, the snowflake was then duplicated many times until a 4-foot by 8-foot Luan sheet was filled with them. Each sheet was



PHOTO BY DENISE SULLIVAN

secured on the CNC router, which cuts out all the shapes in the digital file. A small crew from The Center for Discovery's Recreation Department spray painted them and covered them in glitter.

The star topper on the tree, designed by THINC designer Mark McNamara, is a four-piece, 3-Dimensional object that is first laser cut, folded,

glued and painted, with lights enclosed on the inside. It will be inserted into a tube secured in the center of the tree.

Led by Sam Rose, director of the Recreation Department, this team works very hard behind the scenes of every student performance, play or event in Hurleyville. They also create and provide each TCFD classroom with a holiday decorating challenge each year, and work one on one with TCFD adult residents to explore creative interests and skills, often in crafting or woodworking.

Community members can get involved in decorating during Holiday in Hurleyville on December 7 by participating in a "make and hang" activity with the Recreation Department. Each participant will create a large beaded icicle and hang it on the community tree. If that doesn't help get you into the holiday spirit, you can sing and listen to Christmas carols right before tree lighting. Happy Holidays!

FROM THE FILES OF...

THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

The Only Newspaper Published in the Town of Fallsburg

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December 6, 1916

Narrow Escape from Drowning

Three small children of South Fallsburg, who had been excused from school Wednesday afternoon a short time previous to the regular hour for dismissal, had a very narrow escape from drowning in the Fallsburg Lake. Grant Warren, the caretaker, heard their screams and discovering the little ones in the water called loudly for help, whereupon J C Reynolds, who heard him, went immediately to his assistance. By wading into the water up to his neck, Mr. Warren was able to reach them and they were carried to the school house and their parents notified. They were then sent home in automobiles. They were Irving Stratton, aged nine years, son of Lorenzo Stratton and Sylvester Bonney, age six, and William Bonney, age eight, sons of Harry Bonney.

from start to finish, the Roscoe quintet rang up its first victory in the Catskill Mountain League at Roscoe. Both teams fought hard, but Roscoe, the better team, won.

Hurleyville was the first to score when our dashing forward, Charles Yavorofsky made two foul shots. Immediately after this, Al Keating broke loose and made a nice hang shot making the score 4-0. At this point Roscoe began using its scoring ability and quickly sprang into the lead.

In the second half, our boys fought hard, but could not make their shots good. They kept Roscoe's scoring down, but could not add any points to their own score. The final score was 25-14.

There was a preliminary game between the girls of both schools with victory for Roscoe. Both teams, scrapping hard, made the game a treat to the eye. The score was 19-12.

People You Know

Among those who attend college and are spending the Christmas vacation with their parents are: Rose Cohen, Sylvia Garelick, Rose Wizwer, Lillian Lawrence, Herbert Billowitz, George Schmuckler, Milton Schmuckler, Betty Simons, and Paul Raskin.

December 27, 1930

Hurleyville Girls Hurt in Auto Crash

Miss Sarah Hillman, twenty, suffered severe lacerations of the face and body, and Pearl Jacobson and Mary Schubert, her companions, also of this village, were slightly injured Friday of last week when a car driven by Miss Hillman was struck by a Hi-Land bread truck at the intersection of Loch Sheldrake and Hurleyville roads. A brother of Miss Hillman was drowned ten days ago while skating on Morningside Pond.

January 1, 1937

Breaks Ankle When Pet Dog Trips her

While strolling along the highway on Monday with her pet dogs, Mrs. Amoretta Jones of Hurleyville, fell and fractured her ankle when one of the dogs playfully tripped her. The elderly woman was found lying on the highway by hotel guests who passed by on horseback. They re-

High School Notes from the Announcer

Outplaying Hurleyville

THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

MONTICELLO – On Monday, November 25, more than 120 members of the Monticello community gathered for the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) program's annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Families, friends and businesses enjoyed a free Thanksgiving meal and a night of fun and friendship complete with giveaways, games and a turkey to bring home.



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The event was made possible by the Monticello MBK program with support from the NAACP and Dream Tank.

"Events like this help our students and their families feel connected and supported," MBK Coordinator Rachel Blount said. "That sense of connection can help to transform futures. In the spirit of the holiday, I have to say how grateful I am for the MBK staff, Judge Finn, Elaine Williams and Dana Taylor for bringing this event together."

The Monticello My Brother's Keeper Program provides after-school activities, opportunities for personal and professional development, community events, field trips, and

advocacy with an emphasis on equity and a culturally-responsive education. Our mission is to build trusting relationships between families, school and community through empowerment and mentorship focused on improving outcomes for young men of color. Our vision is that all students and families will achieve their goals together, in partnership with the school and community, while graduating high school being life ready and prepared for success. Visit <https://www.monticelloschools.net/about-us/my-brothers-keeper/>



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Fallsburg Lake

moved her to the home of Mrs. Fred Mittee who notified Dr. Harry Jacobs at his office here. Mrs. Jones was taken to the Monticello Hospital where her condition is reported as satisfactory. She remains under the care of Dr. Jacobs.

the real old-fashioned way. Christmas Eve, by the light of the brilliantly lighted Christmas tree, welcomed the visit of Jolly Old Saint Nick, who visited each and every person in the institution bringing gifts that made joyous each one's heart. After singing Christmas hymns, several of the inmates contributed a song or piece to make the evening a pleasant one.

Engagements Announced

Three engagements involving Hurleyville residents were announced during Christmas week.

The betrothal of Miss Frieda Wichinsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wichinsky and Jerry Lax of New York was made public. The couple plan to wed in June.

On Christmas Eve, the engagement of Miss Marion Metcalf of Monticello, to Edward Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reynolds, was announced. They plan to marry soon.

A little later, the Truth-seekers' Club of Mountindale sang Christmas carols under the windows of the sick in all three of the buildings. The menu for Christmas day for the old folks was chicken, biscuits and gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, cranberry sauce, mustard pickles, mince pie, tea and coffee. There were seventy-eight at the home.

Mr. and Mrs. B.M. Case of Rock Hill have announced the engagement of their daughter, Gladys, to Earl Peck of Monticello.

Miss Case, a school teacher in the Mitteeer district in Hurleyville for the past four years, is a sister to Mrs. Peter LaBaugh. No date has been set for the wedding.

Grahamsville Man Celebrated his 100th Birthday

This past Christmas Day brought to Charles H. Hall of Grahamsville a present he has been waiting just 100 years to receive—his centennial birthday. The centenarian had been conserving his strength for days in anticipation of being able to greet the scores of friends and neighbors who called Christmas morning to combine their Christmas greetings with birthday wishes.

Christmas at the County Home

Christmas was celebrated at the Welfare Home in

FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Kelly Wells & Amanda Letohic



The holiday season is upon us once again. As we prepare for the hustle and bustle that this time of year brings, we wanted to take the time to thank you all for another wonderful year! We had a great 2019 and we're looking forward to an even better 2020.

We also know that this time of year, many of us look to buy new appliances, cars, etc. for ourselves or loved ones, so we wanted to remind you of an excellent online resource you can access from the comfort of your own home...for FREE...with your library card. Consumer Reports Online is available to all library patrons within the Ramapo Catskill Library System. Consumer

Reports is an excellent resource for comparisons and reviews of many popular products. Take the time to look over products with Consumer Reports to ensure you're making the best choice for you. If you are a Fallsburg Library card holder, you can access Consumer Reports by visiting our website, www.fallsburglibrary.org, and clicking on the "Consumer Reports" icon along the left side of your screen – you may have to scroll down a bit to see it. Then just enter your Fallsburg Library card number and you are free to explore all the Consumer Reports has to offer! If all that scrolling makes you want to take a break, then come check out some

of these great programs we have coming up this month at the library.

On Wednesday, December 4 at 6 p.m., bring the whole family to make a few holiday ornaments. There will be several ornament instructions available. Thursday, December 5 at 6 p.m. is our Ladies Night. We'll be making cute little elves out of terra-cotta pots just in time for the holiday season. Ladies ages 18+ are welcomed to join in. Wednesday, December 18, adults ages 18+ can come in and make a little reindeer and angel out of corks. On Thursday, December 19, kids ages 7+ can come make a fun pasta snowflake ornament. As always, most Monday nights at 6 p.m.,

we have children's craft for ages 6+ and Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. is our pre-school story time.

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! Please note, sometimes winter weather may make us reschedule a program – so be sure to call before heading out if the weather looks iffy. Have a very safe, happy, and healthy holiday season!



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A HUNTING STORY

by Christopher Frey (Based on an actual incident that took place in Sullivan County)
Illustration by Carol Smith

During the 1955 big game hunting season at Maple Grove Farm in Barryville the deer harvest was typically successful—as usual, Sullivan County led the state in the number of bucks taken by rifle. Many of those trophies hung from the rafters of the big red barn at Maple Grove while the proud hunters enjoyed their dinners and celebratory drinks in the dining room.

But that year there was an anomaly waiting to be butchered and packaged for the long drive home to Brooklyn. An enormous black bear had been shot by one of the Maple Grove guests and, as it hung in the cool dryness of the barn, other hunters from other boarding houses and nearby towns showed up with their Kodak Brownie cameras to capture the moment.

My brother Tom and I had an inside track to the excitement; our grandparents owned Maple Grove Farm and we relied on them to keep us aware of

the latest big game prize to be dragged in from the hunting fields. We had never seen a black bear—dead nor alive—so as we pushed open the barn door and squinted into the darkness, we were shocked at the size of the animal dangling just above the green and white ping pong table.

Its eyes were still open and its fur still warm and we began to wonder if the decidedly amateur hunters from Brooklyn had actually finished the job of dispatching the bear to its heavenly reward.

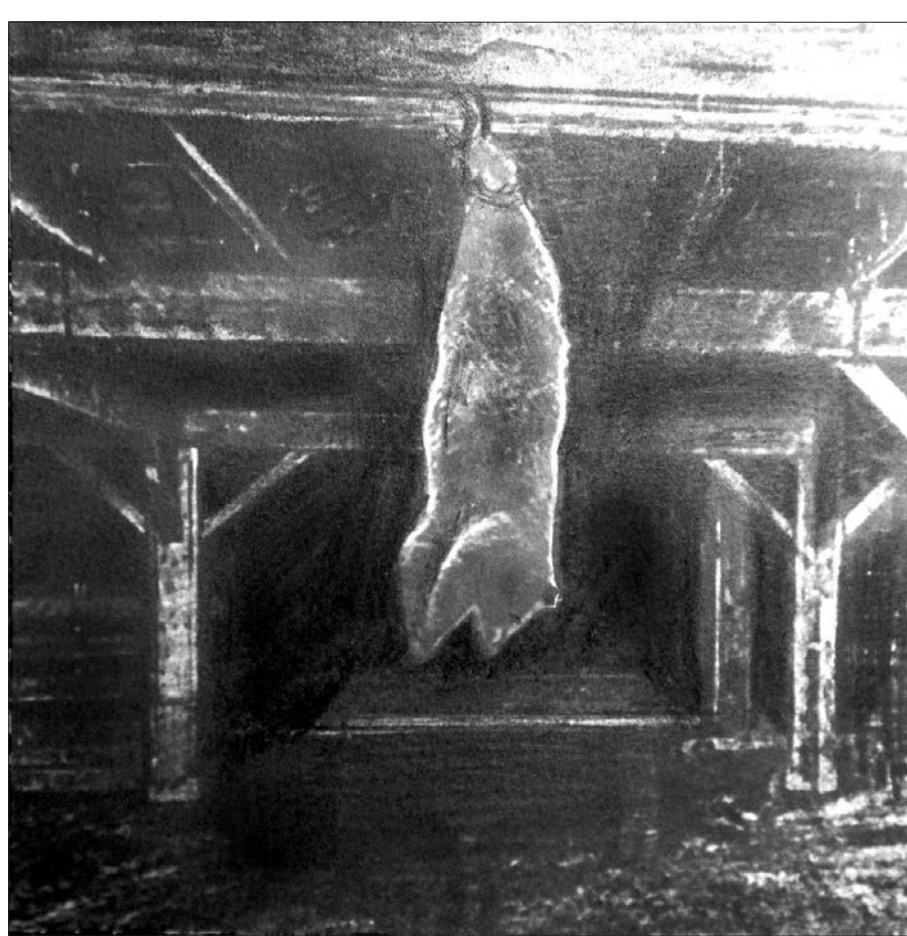
Tom grabbed a rake from the tool room and used the handle to prod the carcass, testing it for the spark of life. As the black bear twirled on the rope just above our heads, we expelled our nervous little laughs and assured each other that certainly the hunters would be able to tell a live bear from a dead one.

We were wrong. The bear emitted a horrifying growl; all four limbs contracted and contorted at

once as it used all its remaining strength in a gymnastic act worthy of Olympic competition. With its forelegs and paws it grabbed onto the rope attached to the rafters and pulled.

As the ancient sisal rope snapped and the heretofore dead bear dropped to the cement barn floor directly between the barn door and us, Tom and I regained our collective wits and dove for the safety of the tiny bedroom in the corner of the barn. As the bear shook its head repeatedly and figured out it was free, we slammed the door behind us and huddled on the tiny iron cot.

This was the room that housed the city kid who spent every summer washing dishes in the Maple Grove Farm kitchen in exchange for



We were shocked at the size of the animal dangling from the beam above us.

two months in the clean air, room and board, and train fare back and forth. For Tom and me, at that moment, the flimsy door of that cubicle was the

only thing separating us from a very angry wounded animal.

This was not the time to debate the eating habits of the black bear. Berries or boys?

Which would it be? We did not want to find out. The room had a fixed window with the dimensions of your average comic book. I grabbed the pillow from the cot and, with one adrenaline-fueled push, broke through the glass.

We wiggled through the window into the field below and ran to the main house. As we burst into the dining room full of smelly men in plaid hunting jackets, we realized we might not be seeking help from the most reliable people, but what choice did we have?

We led the brigade of disbelieving Brooklynites across the lawn to the barn, halting just outside the enormous door. The sounds of the ram-paging black bear within convinced the men that we had

not set them up for a country folk versus city folk prank (of which there are many) and they half-drunkenly agreed that they needed their hunting rifles for one more try at sending this bear to the heavenly berry fields once and for all.

Minutes later, the designated and appropriately armed William Tell carefully opened the barn door. The rest of us remained outside and ready to run to all compass points if the shooter missed and the bear figured out how to open that door.

The crashing and crunching symphony continued as, we assumed, the hero hunter aimed and re-aimed. Soon we heard the crack of the rifle shot and a muffled thud as the burly bear landed—for the final time, we hoped.

After a reasonable amount of time, calibrated by the increasing courage of the mob outside the barn, we opened the door and trooped inside.

Sprawled on the ping pong table the black bear, now

quite believably dead, appeared to be wearing the ping pong net as a grass skirt. The hero hunter was leaning breathlessly against the wall with the stunned look of an aged palooka just finishing the tenth round.

The chorus of Brooklynites applauded and whistled, even as they stepped gingerly around the ping pong table and the now legendary black bear.

I hope that, somewhere in the rubble of the Maple Grove Farm barn, which collapsed decades later under the weight of an historic snowstorm, someone found the plaque Tom and I made that winter many years ago: *In Memory of Lazarus, The Black Bear That Would Not Die.*

Christopher Frey was a standout basketball player at Eldred High School in the 1960s and played college basketball at St. John's. He is retired and currently lives in upstate New York.

THE MILK TRAIN TRAIL

A Walk That Brings Health, Peace, Wonders, and Laughs!

by Elaine Corrington

HURLEYVILLE – Are you coming to Holiday in Hurleyville on Saturday, December 7 or another time soon? If so, you should consider taking a walk down the Rail Trail that goes right across Main Street.

The Hurleyville Milk Train Trail is built on the right of way of the old O&W Railway that began operating in 1872, bringing to the Catskills people from all over who wanted good health during horrible epidemics, or mountain adventures exploring amazingly beautiful territories unavailable to most. In the days before paved roads and the automobile, this area was very hard to get to, hard to live in, and hard to sustain life for the families who were looking for that possibility. Winters then, more than now for sure, demanded preparation, fortitude, creative problem-solving and perhaps more than a few curse words. When the railroad came into this countryside, it also allowed local farmers, hunters, business people and artisans to bring in the goods they needed, and to ship goods out to make a living. It still wasn't easy, just easier!

The railroad came through Hurleyville and progressed farther, past rather shallow lakes that made homes for many birds and animals. A long and very high open-topped tunnel was cut through a granite hillside known as Smith Hill so the train could go through. Trees, uneven walls of bluestone, many kinds of vegetation, streams along the sides and moss covered ground, rocks, and fallen trees provided the backdrop.

There was a horrendous train wreck just outside the rock cut on February 13, 1907 that killed three rail-



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

The Smith Hill Cut is just one of the many things about the Milk Train Trail that make it a wonderful place to visit.

road workers.

Health entrepreneurs used the railroad to promote and transport patients with deadly illnesses for treatment. Tourism followed and scores of resorts brought more visitors. As automobiles took over the transportation life of more and more people looking for beautiful adventures, roads were built and railroads became less and less popular. This O&W Railway ceased operation in 1957.

Despite the end of train service, the right-of-way still adds to the quality of life in the region nearly 150 years after the railroad arrived. As the rails and hardware holding them together disappeared to be re-used, re-purposed, or kept as souvenirs of times past, the trails became overgrown and scary to travel once again. Huge metal pipes were put in place to aid with water movement, and climbing over them to get to the next part of the trail was hazardous and impossible for many.

The greatest loss was the rock cut. It is an unintentional work of art from nature and the intervention of people. It was gorgeous, and with changing vegetation and rock falls it became very easy to stare at and find faces and bodies representing the serious and comic angels and demons in your brain. At places where new roads crossed the path,

people had easy access to dump old tires, old boats, and unwanted items of all kinds. The beauty was in danger of being made forever invisible due to overgrowth, inaccessibility, and litter.

In 2017, The Center for Discovery went to work on their dream of making the beauty of the Rail Trail accessible to all people. The process of clearing and paving the pathway and taking away dead vegetation so that longer views could be enjoyed was a huge job. Taking away the half sunken boats and the hundreds of tires and many loads of litter was accomplished. The now paved and flat trail can be navigated for a wonderful long adventure on foot, skateboards, bicycle, skates, wheelchairs, strollers, skis, yaktrax, and snowshoes— and you will see sights every season that will draw you back again and again.

To know you are in the mountains, just look up all around you as you move easily along. It does not ever disappoint. Heading toward Fallsburg, the seasonal changes to vegetation and views are magnified as you enter the rock cut. It feels much cooler in there in the summer, colors are vivid in the fall and leaves blow through in gentle clouds. In the winter, there are frozen waterfalls along the very high walls of the cut. In the spring, new growth and

colors spring forward. The walk is easy enough and long enough that you have done a favor to your body. Birds and Snapping Turtles lay eggs and cross the trails. All kinds of animals love this area. If you sing or play an instrument, the acoustics are unique. If you pick up a little litter along the way, you have availed yourself of a proud TWO-FER; beautifying Hurleyville, and doing something healthy for your body. The perfect combination of Sullivan Renaissance Meets Sullivan 180!

You can also take in the historical and environmental information on the new signs that are on the trail-- take your picture in the beautiful spots and the train wreck location. If you cross Main Street and head toward Liberty, that trail is also paved and has wonderfully informative signs-- but not all the way to Liberty, so full accessibility to all is not possible once you get to the end of the paved area two miles from Main Street.

There are several walking groups that have met at the Rail Trail for group efforts. Right now, Neighborhood Walkers organizer Corinne Brooks meets with people (and their welcomed leashed dogs) who would enjoy this experience by the Peace Dove at the parking lot by the Rail Trail. Also in the same area are the Children's Park, and basketball and pickle ball courts. She meets from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, weather permitting for safe access.

Children love joining their families for exercise and fun on the trail and at the other connected recreation spots, and on those days when a little calming down would be welcome, here is the perfect opportunity...for all of you. Or just go by yourself—it is incredible fun either way!

PHOTO PROVIDED

New Hope Community staff and residents helped unload 5,000 pounds of food just in time for Thanksgiving. NHC has been supporting the Food Pantry at South Fallsburg's St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for the past ten years. The people in the photo are showing how strong they are and were very pleased to be providing so many citizens of South Fallsburg with food for a Happy Thanksgiving.

Warming Centers Will Be Open All Winter in Liberty, Monticello

MONTICELLO – As part of New York State's "Code Blue" mandate, Sullivan County will begin operating overnight warming shelters seven days a week with partner agencies in Liberty and Monticello.

"Our Department of Family Services is collaborating with the Federation for the Homeless, the Village of Monticello, and two churches in Liberty to ensure no one suffers one night out in the cold this winter," said District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, chair of the Legislature's Health & Family Services Committee, which passed the authorizing legislation.

The County will pay a total of \$119,000, reimbursable by the State, to the following partners to provide staffing, heat, shelter, cots, blankets, bathrooms, light food and water at these locations every night from November 18, 2019 to March 31, 2020:

- Ted Stroebele Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello – operated from 7 p.m.-7 a.m. by the Village of Monticello and the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless
 - United Methodist Church, 170 North Main Street, Liberty – operated from 7 p.m.-8 a.m. by the Liberty United Methodist Church and New Beginnings Community Worship Center
- "The warming centers are

open to all," Health & Family Services Commissioner Joe Todor said. "We are very pleased to be able to work once again with our community partners to provide this expansion of our program."

During daytime hours (8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday thru Friday, except holidays), the Federation for the Homeless at 9 Monticello Street offers food and warmth, as well, and the Government Center and local libraries welcome folks during normal business hours.

A comprehensive and interactive map of these locations is available on the County website at www.sullivanny.us/Departments/RealProperty/GISData. Click on the "Warming and Cooling Center Locator" app button at the bottom of the page.

In addition, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) – which can provide funds for fuel and heating system repair/replacement – continues Countywide, including aid for emergency heating situations. For more information, call 845-807-0142.



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SENTINEL SPORTS



GENERALS MEN NATIONALLY RANKED

VOTED 7TH IN LATEST NJCAA POLL

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE – Led by a pair of sophomores, forward Kendall Robinson and guard Darius Lee, the SUNY Sullivan Generals men's basketball team has raced out to a 7-1 mark thus far this season, and are currently ranked number 7 in the nation among Division II junior colleges. Sullivan had been 14 in the previous poll.

"This is the first time

since transitioning to the DII level that we have been ranked inside the top 10 finishing at #7 in (the most recent) National Poll," said head coach Brent Wilson. "This is on the heels of an excellent win against the #22 team at the NJCAA D1 level, Harcum College."

The Generals have won five games in a row, while scoring more than 100 points in their last two games (as of press time) and three times overall

this season. They have managed 96 points in two other victories.

"Our team is currently outscoring opponents by 25 points per game, averaging 96 ppg while are opponents are scoring 71.8 ppg," Mr. Wilson says. "We are holding opponents to 36% shooting from the field and out rebounding them by 12 per game."

Individually, Mr. Robinson, a 6'6" graduate of Bellport High School

in Bellport, NY, has averaged 20.0 points per game through the early going, and has added 8.1 rebounds per contest. Mr. Lee, a husky 6'6" graduate of St. Raymond High School in the Bronx, is averaging 19.6 points per game on better than 67 per cent shooting.

Two other Generals averaging in double figures for the season. Freshman forward Jordoan Drain is scoring at an 11.3 ppg clip, while sophomore

guard Jasiah Lewis is contributing 10.1 points per contest.

In the Generals most recent victory as of press time, a 106-79 win over Harcum College, Mr. Lee led the way with 23 points, with Mr. Lewis adding 20. Mr. Robinson scored 18, and Mr. Drain 15. In all, six Generals scored in double figures in the game.

Sullivan is next in action on December 3 when they take on Westchester

Community College in Valhalla. The perennially tough Vikings are 7-4 on the season. The Generals then host back-to-back games at the Bunker in Loch Sheldrake, taking on SUNY Orange on December 5 and Bunker Hill Community College on December 7.



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Sophomore forward Kendall Robinson

SULLIVAN WRESTLERS HOLDING THEIR OWN

by John Conway

LOCH SHELDRAKE – The SUNY Sullivan wrestling team continues to establish itself in tough competition, starting out the 2019-2020 season with a winning record and some impressive individual performances.

At press time, the Generals stood at 3-2 on the season in dual meet competition.

The Generals started the month of November at the Brockport Open tournament, where they garnered a third place finish and three fourth place finishes in a tournament with ten teams, including a number of four-year schools. 133-pounder Pedro Morales was the third place winner, going 3-1 in the tournament. Liam Bullock at 125, Adonis Morano at 174 and Brian Mascaro at 184 picked up fourth place medals.



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SUNY Sullivan 141-pounder Zac Rosenthal controls his RPI opponent.

Head Coach Anthony Ng called the tournament a "great competition to start off the season."

Sullivan then opened its home dual meet season by hosting Middlesex County College of New Jersey, a team that finished in the top

ten nationally last year. The Generals came away with a 38-14 victory over a depleted Middlesex squad, with 157-pounder Destin Morano picking up a pin.

Following a 33-21 loss on the road to a tough Thaddeus Stevens Institute of

Technology team in which Zach Rosenthal, Nick Currier, Liam Bullock and Brian Mascaro all picked up victories, the Generals split a home meet with the University of Connecticut and RPI, losing to the Huskies 44-10 and downing the Engineers 42-10. The Generals then traveled to LaPlume, PA to take on a Division III four-year school, Keystone College, and came away with a 33-21 win.

It was the first victory over a Division III school in the

wrestling program's brief history.

The Generals closed out the month of November with a trip to Oswego for the New York State Collegiate Championships, and came away with three All-State wrestlers, meaning they finished in the top eight in their weight class. Pedro Rosales captured a seventh place at 133-pounds, Adonis Morano was seventh at 174, and Bryce Moore was eighth at 285. Also picking up wins on the day were Zac Rosenthal (141) and Greg Salavec (174).

"The team has been improving collectively since pre-season, and remains very tight knit," Mr. Ng says, singling out 125-pounder Liam Bullock's 8-2 record and 184-pounder Brian Mascaro (7-3) as highlights on the year so far.

The Generals return to action on Friday, December 6 when they take on Hunter College in New York City. They then travel to Centenary College in Hackettstown, New Jersey for the Bob Quade Open on December 8.

INFINITY HAMMONDS LEADING LADY GENERALS

Freshman Guard is third in the Nation in Scoring

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE – Freshman guard Infinity Hammonds is only 5'3" tall, but casts a big shadow on the basketball court for SUNY Sullivan, currently (as the Sentinel went to press) ranking third in the nation among Division II NJCAA players with a 27.7 points per game average.

Furthermore, Ms. Hammonds, a Criminal Justice major from Mount Vernon, NY has played just a bit over 10 minutes per contest, and her incredible 103.8 points per 40 minutes of play is the best in the nation.

Traynise Delaney, the leading scorer for last year's Lady Generals, is averaging 14.4 points per game through the first six contests. The sophomore guard from the Bronx was a third team NJCAA All-American in 2018-2019. She also currently leads the team with 5.6 rebounds per game.

The Lady Generals have



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SUNY Sullivan freshman Infinity Hammonds (second from left) drives to the hoop for two points.

played well in the early going this year, accumulating a 5-2 record, including an upset 85-77 victory over Division I Monroe College. Ms. Hammonds came off the bench to score 33 points in the win.

In their most recent contest on Monday, November 25, the Lady Generals dropped a 90-79 decision to Harcum

College of Bryn Mawr, PA at Paul Gerry Fieldhouse. It was the last game for Sullivan before the Thanksgiving break.

The Lady Generals travel to Valhalla for a game against Westchester Community College on December 3 and then return home for a game against SUNY Orange on December 5.

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FALLSBURG COMETS TO OPEN BASKETBALL SEASON

by John Conway

FALLSBURG – The Fallsburg High School boys and girls varsity basketball teams are both ready to spring into action for the 2019-2020 season. The boys' team opens its

season with a non-league contest in Livingston Manor on Tuesday night, December 3. Game time is 6:30 p.m. The Comets then open their home schedule on Thursday night with a 6:30 league contest against James

O'Neill High of Highland Falls. The Comets are home again on Thursday evening, December 5, hosting Liberty in another league game.

On the girls' side, the Comets open their season with a tournament at S.S.

Seward in Florida, NY on Thursday and Friday, December 5 and 6.

The action shifts to the Fallsburg gym on Tuesday, December 10 for a league game against O'Neill. Home games typically start at 6 p.m.



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