

# THE LIVELIEST HAMLET

## THE CENTER FOR DISCOVERY PURCHASES ROCK HILL LANDMARK

**HARRIS** – The Center for Discovery has purchased an iconic Rock Hill landmark for repurposing as its soon to be constructed Children’s Specialty Hospital and the expansion of its internationally recognized research initiatives.

The Center closed on the former Frontier Insurance headquarters in late October and held a news conference to announce the purchase a week later. TCFD officials say the building will house a Special Education Academy (853 school), a Children’s Specialty Hospital, and The Research Institute for Brain and Body Health, with an expected completion date in 2020.

The first floor of the building will be converted into an Education Academy, an expansion of TCFD’s existing school program. The academy will allow TCFD to serve at least 42 additional students with complex disabilities from the surrounding communities, including Orange, Rockland, and Westchester counties. The school expansion will also feature classrooms and a gymnasium, athletic fields, and paved walking and biking paths.

The building’s second floor will house the new Children’s Specialty Hospital, which will be at the forefront of connecting



**Patrick H. Dollard, President and CEO of The Center for Discovery announces the purchase of the former Frontier Insurance Building in Rock Hill.**

research and innovation. Currently, there are no short-term inpatient assessment programs anywhere in the state for children with complex developmental disabilities. Improved understanding of underlying physiological, medical and mental health problems will lead to more targeted treatments and interventions, all with the goal of

enabling children and adolescents to stay at home, in school, and integrated in the community. This subacute, short-term hospital is a new model of care that is expected to save New York taxpayers millions of dollars each year.

The third floor of the building will be converted into a state-of-the-art Research Institute for Brain

and Body Health. In partnership with leading national and international physicians, research scientists, academic colleagues, and philanthropic partners, the Research Institute will significantly expand TCFD’s already robust research program.

“Our overarching goal for this multi-faceted project is to implement groundbreaking new models of care for complex conditions, which can ultimately be replicated throughout New York State and the nation,” Patrick H. Dollard, The Center’s President and CEO, said. “We are grateful to Ira Steingart and the Sullivan County IDA, along with William Rieber and other local officials, for their tremendous leadership and support in moving this project forward.”

“This facility will bring a wide range of economic and community benefits to Sullivan County, providing much-needed services, creating high-quality jobs, improving health outcomes, and bringing back to life a prime commercial property that has gone unused for several years,” Mr. Steingart, District 8 Legislator and Chairman of the Sullivan County Industrial Development Agency, said. “From the perspective of the IDA, it’s a fantastic project.”

## HURLEYVILLE’S HOLIDAY HAPPINESS SET FOR DECEMBER 1

by Elaine Corrington

**HURLEYVILLE** – Plans are currently underway for the second annual Holiday in Hurleyville event, scheduled this year for Saturday, December 1.

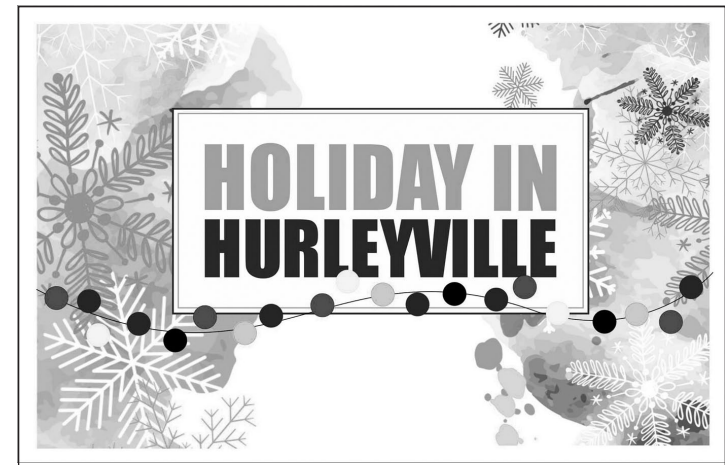
By all accounts, last year’s Holiday in Hurleyville was a wonderful adventure for everyone, far exceeding expectations for a first time event. This year, it is expected there will be even more activities, opportunities to purchase unique gifts (many handmade), to sing, dance, make holiday decorations, and start to enjoy the whole holiday season. Organizers say laughing is guaranteed!

Events will get underway at 11 a.m.

Fiber on Main, located at 227 Main Street, will have the Buck Brook Alpacas at Fireman’s Park, and will feature a Pop-up Shop, as well. There will be a special holiday sale at Pinwheels, located next door.

The Hurleyville Maker’s Lab and Innovation Incubator at 202 Main Street will offer wreath-making classes by Friends of the Garden, and a chance to see the many amazing creations and inventions that are being made there. There will also be an extensive model train layout on display.

A second model train layout will be featured at the Sullivan County Historical Society’s Museum at 265 Main Street, and



the Historical Society will also be unveiling a special temporary exhibit detailing how the railroads impacted Sullivan County’s history.

An outdoor Christmas tree lighting, complete with caroling will take place beginning at 1p.m. at the Rail Trail Head by the Pickled Owl.

Sullivan County Historian John Conway and Eve Minson, Healing Gardens Coordinator for The Center for Discovery, will be leading a walk along the Rail Trail beginning at 2 p.m. A similar walk in the other direction last year drew a substantial crowd, and no one left unsatisfied.

Among the many historical topics to be addressed during the narrated hike will be the impact the railroad had on local farms and resorts, the 1907 explosion and train wreck that left three crew members dead, and the railroad’s attempt to rechristen the community as Luzon.

Ms. Minson’s topics will include a description of the diverse eco-system

surrounding the wetlands along the trail, and the impact that the natural landscape has had on the area’s economy over the years.

The Hurleyville History Hike will take about an hour.

The Hurleyville Market, 238 Main Street, will have eats, treats, and hot drinks in case the temperatures are a bit cold, and will also feature a number of unique gifts.

Cory and Perry Gips of PartyMaster will be providing the public address system so that a line-up of musicians can offer holiday favorites throughout the afternoon.

The Hurleyville Arts Centre will offer a dance performance in the upstairs ballroom from 4 - 4:30 p.m., and a showing of the holiday classic “It’s a Wonderful Life” beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The beloved Christmas movie stars James Stewart and Donna Reed, along with the proverbial “all-star cast” in a story about a small town hero who becomes despondent at some

of life’s cruel twists, only to be rescued from his suicidal depression by a well-meaning but hapless guardian angel who shows him what the world would be like if he had never been born. The 1946 classic was nominated for six Academy Awards, including Best Picture, and won a Golden Globe for Frank Capra as Best Director. Although it is shown often on television during the holiday season, this is a rare opportunity to see it on the big screen.

If you would like further information about any of these events, as well as plans that have not yet been finalized, visit the Fiber on Main page on Facebook.

Even the kids will be excited enough to put down their electronic media to play at the wonderful new children’s park and perhaps take part in a family Pickleball game at the court adjacent to it. All of the activities are planned to take place right along Main Street, and there is plenty of parking available in municipal lots on either side, adjacent to the Pickled Owl and just past the Hurleyville Arts Centre on Railroad Avenue.

If you have never been to Hurleyville or have not been in a long time, you will be amazed at the wonderfully exciting and beautiful community that is being developed. Holiday in Hurleyville is a great way to spend December 1.

## LET’S TALK SULLIVAN COUNTY

by Luis Alvarez, Chairman Sullivan County Legislature

### THE CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY IN PREPARING A COUNTY BUDGET

By the time you read this, the Sullivan County Legislature will very likely be poring over the Tentative 2019 County Budget as proposed to us by County Manager Josh Potosek. It’s a huge document that the County Manager and every division, department and unit in County Government have been working on for months.

What dominates legislators’ minds is how to balance a budget between taking care of our employees and taking care of our taxpayers. We can’t do that on the backs of either group (some of whom are one and the same), but the challenge lies in providing our hard-working staff a good salary and benefits

that won’t unduly burden taxpayers.

Costs are rising exponentially, even during a time when the County has benefitted from increased wages and tax revenue (particularly sales taxes). Healthcare and services we are State-mandated to provide are steadily eating up much of the increased funding we’ve gained.

Our crew of more than 1,000 employees deserves a livable wage – they’ve certainly earned it. They work hard, do what is right, don’t give up, and provide compassionate, competent service day after day. We have several 24-hour departments: the Sheriff’s Office (Patrol and Jail), the Care Center at Sunset Lake, the 911 Center, and when conditions demand, our Division of Public Works. If no one is available to relieve them at the end of their shifts, they cannot go home, no matter what responsibilities,



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gatherings or needs await them.

I witnessed this firsthand when I was a Sheriff’s deputy, and I still do, even though I’m now retired. I’ve watched deputies wonder if they will have to miss their children’s birthday parties, not to mention a simple family dinner. It’s an incredibly tough situation that you never truly get used to, even though the job demands it.

But even then, these folks remain on duty, serving with pride, care and professionalism. That level of service deserves proper pay, benefits and praise – not just for a job well done but to ensure we keep the kind of people who give their best every day, no matter the circumstances.

Sullivan County cannot keep losing the best we have – the backbone of our staffing – to other places that pay better. Our citizens deserve the best, and so do our employees. They ARE Sullivan County. And I assure you this Legislature will keep that in mind as we near the December adoption of the 2019 County Budget.

*Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez keeps readers up to date on what is happening in county government with his regular column in the Hurleyville Sentinel.*

## WALTER J. SCHERR, MAKER’S LAB BENEFACTOR, PASSES

*Businessman, Philanthropist, Author was 94*

**LONG ISLAND** – Walter J. Scherr, the Long Island philanthropist whose major gift helped make the Hurleyville Maker’s Lab and Innovation Incubator a reality, has died. He was 94.

Mr. Scherr was born on June 28, 1924 in Ozone Park, Queens, to Walter and Helen Scherr, and had three sisters, Janet, Audrey, and Helen. He was married to Vera Kessler Scherr for 50 years before her passing on November 8, 2003. Walter and Vera had four children, Douglas, Walter III, Laura and Robert. Walter started his career as an accountant at Sperry Rand but eventually went on to start many businesses over his 70 plus years of business career. Most notably, Walter and a few friends left Litton Industries to start a company called Visual Sciences, and they were



**Walter J. Scherr**

the pioneers in bringing the fax machine into every business in America. In addition to being a very successful business man, Mr. Scherr was committed to giving back to the community. Along with his late wife and their children, he established the Vera and Walter Scherr and Family Foundation to provide resources for people with developmental disabilities and their caretakers. The foundation was particularly generous to The Center for Discovery, which they recognized as a world class facility, and was one of the principal benefactors in the cre-

ation of the Hurleyville Maker’s Lab and Innovation Incubator.

At the age of 90, Mr. Scherr authored a book called “Walter’s Way,” which chronicles his life. He dedicated the book to the caretakers of the world, and all the proceeds from the book go to The Center for Discovery. The book is available at the Hurleyville Market, from The Center for Discovery’s website and from waltersway.org.

Following a funeral mass on Saturday, November 3, Mr. Scherr was buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Coram.



## The Inquiring Photographer

by Heather Gibson



Q. With Thanksgiving approaching, what are you most thankful for?



**Blu Saravia**

"I am thankful for health, happiness, and my growing family. I feel extra blessed this year growing a life inside me!"



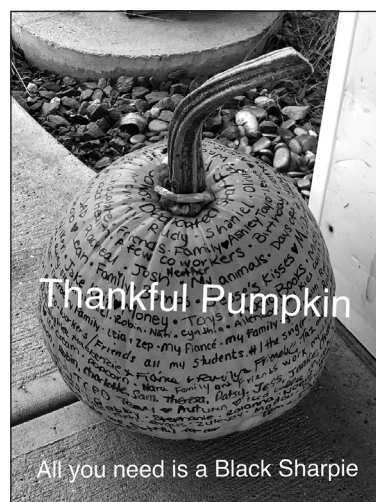
**Lina Cerbone**

"I am thankful for my life and my family."



**Keilyn Portillo**

"I'm thankful for many things, but I'm especially thankful for my family, because without them I wouldn't be where I am today."



### Note from Heather:

"We are doing this at work! What a great idea for the month of November, and great to do with kids."

## FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



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

Here are some weather prediction myths for November:

"A heavy November snow will last till April." In other words, if it snows starting in November, there will be snow on the ground until April.

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

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

Of these three sayings, this

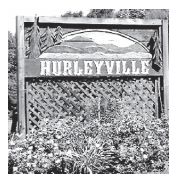
last one rings most true. I have seen many late blooms around town this year such as daisies. Yikes, winter could be rough.

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

This is John, the Weather Man saying, "see you again in next month's Sentinel!"

## Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



HURLEYVILLE - Sullivan First will hold the 22nd Annual "Deck the Doors" Holiday Decorating Contest on Thursday, December 20. Judging will begin at 6 p.m. All holiday-decorated doors in the hamlet, both residences and businesses, are eligible. Winners of the contest will be awarded prizes provided by Hurleyville business owners and members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First.

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 who is interested in the revitalization and beautification of Hurleyville.

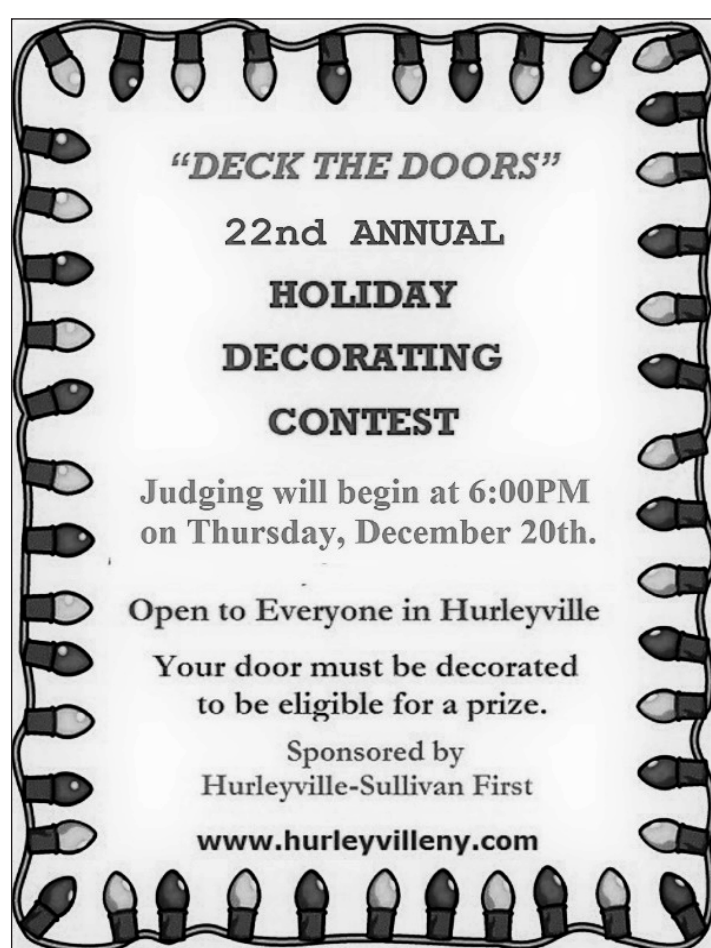
For more information about Hurleyville and Hurleyville-Sullivan First, please visit the group on Facebook or at [www.hurlevillyleny.com](http://www.hurlevillyleny.com).

The Sullivan County Historical Society will open its annual Holiday Theme Tree Exhibit at the Sullivan County Museum on Sunday, December 2. The event will feature holiday-themed trees decorated by individuals and organizations. The trees can be set up between November 23 and November 30. Please call 845-434-8044 for information on setting up a tree.

The Historical Society has started an email notification list for upcoming events at the Museum. Please send an email to [info@scnyhistory.org](mailto:info@scnyhistory.org) asking to subscribe, or use the form at [www.scnyhistory.org](http://www.scnyhistory.org) to send your request.

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

The Museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, is open Tuesday through Saturday from



10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Please visit [www.scnyhistory.org](http://www.scnyhistory.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.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the Hurleyville United Methodist Church is open each Thursday (except the first Thursday of each month) from 4 – 6 p.m. The volunteers at the food pantry also provide free clothing for families in need on the last Thursday of each month. Volunteers at the food pantry will distribute food for Thanksgiving dinners on Tuesday, November 20 at 4 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 until 8:30 p.m. Young people are invited to join in a variety of activities including board games, trivia, movie nights, arts

## FROM THE FARM

by Eve Springwood Minson



Well, it had to happen – we got our first frost of 2018! Soon the ground will start to freeze and autumn will begin to recede into our memories. Sadly, due to overcast skies and rain this year we didn't even get the usual spectacular show of foliage which is the high point of the fall season that we all wait for!

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

## The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

What an exciting October it's been! Let me tell you what I've been doing.

My favorite Brit was back in town on October 5. Cabernet Frank's attracts performers from all over, but I believe Richard Young comes the farthest...all the way from the British Isles, where he works constantly. A consummate musician and songwriter, his performances are always fresh and it's a pleasure to hear him.

The following week, October 13, I was in Kingston for the Living History Cemetery Tour at the Old Dutch Church. One-hundred-and-twenty-five people visited six "ghosts" of Kingston natives or residents of historical note as they related their stories. Absolutely delightful! This is the fourth season for this show, always on Saturdays in October, and the "ghosts" change each year. Put on by Theatre on the Road, they can count on me showing up again next year.

October 17 was the last night of performances at Heartbeat, The Music Hall of Grahamsville, until it re-opens in March. Many hearty souls traveled out in the first 30 degree weather of the season to attend this Open Mic, most notably Grahamsville's own ALBI who told a heartwarming story of how David Trestyn bestowed an amp and a Stratocaster guitar on him as a teenager... and he had no idea how to play! ALBI is now one of the best performers around. You can catch him November 24 at the Pickled Owl in Hurleyville, 6:30 p.m.

There was an added bonus to this night: the appearance of Matthew Gray Gubler, who came by after the performance specifically to see the Old Dutch Church. Most of you will know him better as Dr. Spencer Reid of the TV show, "Criminal Minds."

And now for this month: Thursday, November 8 at 6:30, historian John Conway will present "The Honeymoon Murder and Other Activities of Murder, Inc. in Sullivan County" at the Fallsburg Library. This will explore the connection of Murder, Inc. to Sullivan County in the 1920's and 1930's. You can register for this fascinating talk through the library's website, by calling or stopping in. I have my seat, hope to see you there.

Another marvelous event begins this month is A Gilded Age Christmas in Staatsburgh. This recreates Christmas in the lavish style of the rich in the Gilded Age of the late nineteenth century. One can tour the mansion between 12 and 4 p.m. every Thursday thru Sunday from November 23 to December 31, with the exception of December 24 and 25. Admis-

sion is \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors. Yes, it seems I'm on a history journey since I plan on seeing this too, weather permitting.

This taste of the coming winter we are experiencing seems to have everyone scurrying into early hibernation. Don't do it! Bundle up, get out there. See some music. See something historical. There will be plenty of time to hunker down later, trust me.

**FOR NOVEMBER:**  
**Every Monday**  
Dutch's Open Mic: 205 Rock Hill Dr., Rock Hill, 7 p.m.

**Tuesdays**  
Every Tuesday: OdD Tuesday with The Greater Sullivan County Search and Rescue Orchestra (Johanna Gass, Steve Schwartz, Kenny Windheim, and Eric Neis), Brew, 280 Rock Hill Dr., Rock Hill, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays**  
Every Wednesday:

Cab'aroke at Cabernet Franks; 38 Main St., (Exit 98 off Rte. 17W) Parksville; 6-11 p.m. Come in costume!

**Thursdays** Nov 8: "The Honeymoon Murder;" The Fallsburg Library; 6:30 p.m.

Every Thursday: Cabernet Frank's Open Mic; 38 Main St., (Exit 98 off 17W) Parksville

Nov 2, Nov14 and Nov 29 hosted by Little Sparrow

Nov 8 and Nov 22 hosted by Fisher and Kean

**Fridays:**  
Every Friday: Sorella: Jazz Standards with Defino and Ravdin, and great Italian food! 6 – 9 p.m., 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake

Nov 23: Gilded Age Christmas; Staatsburgh State Historic Site, 75 Mills Mansion Drive Rd 1, Staatsburgh, 12-4 p.m.

Cabernet Frank's; 38 Main St., Parksville

Nov 2: The Alyx Coe Trio, 7:30 p.m.

Nov 16: Empire of Light, 7:30 p.m.

(Check their Facebook page or their website as they are awaiting confirmation on several other dates)

**Saturdays:**

Saturday, Nov 3 and Dec 1: Open Mic/Home Grown: host Kevin McDaniel, WJFF 90.5FM, 12 – 1 p.m.

Every Saturday: Sorella: Jazz Standards with Defino and Ravdin, 3562 State Rte 55, Kauneonga Lake; 6 – 9 p.m.

Nov 24: Gilded Age Christmas; Staatsburgh State Historic Site, 75 Mills Mansion Drive Rd 1, Staatsburgh; 12-4 p.m.

Pickled Owl, 218 Main Street, Hurleyville; 6 – 9 p.m.

Nov 3: Marc Delgado

Nov 10: Chrissy Aliventi

Nov 17: The Acquaintances

Nov 21: Acoustic Steel

Nov 24: ALBI

Cabernet Frank's, 38 Main St, (Exit 98 off 17W) Parksville 7 p.m.

(These are confirmed so far for Saturdays. Please check their Facebook page for additions)

Dec 1: Slam Allen

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

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

Sunday, Nov 24: Gilded Age Christmas; Staatsburgh State Historic Site, 75 Mills Mansion Drive Rd 1, Staatsburgh; 12 – 4 p.m.

Let the Holidays Begin! Until next time....

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# FALLSBURG DEMS HONOR TWO

ROCK HILL – The Town of Fallsburg Democratic Committee honored two of its longest serving committee members on Sunday, October 14 at a gala luncheon at BHR in Rock Hill.

Charles Cohen of Woodbourne and Verb Konviser of Woodridge each served on the town committee for more than six decades. Net proceeds from the special event will be donated to the Timothy Hill Scholarship Fund and will be awarded to a deserving Fallsburg High School Senior in June, 2019.

Among the guests were Honora Wohl, representing Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Jen Metzger, candidate for New York State Senate, Steve Vegliante, Fallsburg Supervisor and



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Attending the Fallsburg Democratic luncheon were (left to right) Rebecca Pratt, candidate for Town Board, Honora Wohl (representing Aileen Gunther Assemblywoman), Nathan Steingart, Town Councilman, Ivan Kalter, Chairman of the Town of Fallsburg Democratic Committee, Jen Metzger, candidate for NY State Senate, Steve Vegliante, Town Supervisor, and Chairman of the Sullivan County Democratic Committee, Michael Weiner, Fallsburg Councilman, and Joe Levner, Fallsburg Councilman.

Chairman of the Sullivan County Democratic Committee, current Fallsburg Town Board members Na-

than Steingart, Michael Weiner, and Joe Levner, Ivan Kalter, Chairman of the Town of Fallsburg Demo-

cratic Committee, and Rebecca Pratt, Democrat candidate for the Fallsburg Town Board in the 2018 election.

## SPOTLIGHT ON A HURLEYVILLE TREASURE

by Kathleen Sullivan

### “WALTER HERZBRUN”

Always smiling and always ready to help others, Walter Herzbrun was born on February 24, 1928, in Brooklyn.

The son of Samuel Herzbrun and Gertrude Rosenberg, Walter proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Antietam during the Korean War.

A plumber by trade, Walter worked as a building inspector for the City of New York until his retirement. His duties included performing complete checks on public buildings to ensure compliance with building regulations and codes. He served as the Heating and Ventilating Inspector for the renovation project at the old Yankee Stadium in the Bronx in the early 1970s.

Walter married his wife,



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Walter Herzbrun, one of Hurleyville's treasures.

Ann, in 1953. Walter and Ann had three sons, Barry, Stuart and Leonard. They bought a home in Loch Sheldrake in 1959. Ann and their sons spent summers there. Walter worked in New York City during the week and would visit Loch Sheldrake on weekends.

Ann and Walter lived in Brooklyn before moving full-time to Hurleyville in 1984 to be near their son, Barry, and

their daughter-in-law, Lois.

Walter was an active volunteer throughout his life. He was a member of the Hurleyville Fire Department, the Sullivan County Volunteer Fire Association and the Hudson Valley Volunteer Fire Association. Walter was a life member of the Royal Order of the Moose.

He belonged to Congregation Anschei Hurleyville,

the Jewish War Veterans, the South Fallsburg Seniors and Avenue N Jewish Center in Brooklyn.

Walter passed away on June 23, 2018, at the age of 90.

Walter is one of Hurleyville's many special treasures.

Visit [www.hurleyvillenyc.com](http://www.hurleyvillenyc.com) to find more treasures in Hurleyville.



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Walter with his wife, Ann, daughter-in-law, Lois, and sons, Barry, Stuart and Leonard.

## BOY SCOUTS HONOR THREE

### First Sullivan County Distinguished Citizen Award BBQ & Bonfire

BETHEL – The Boy Scouts of America feted three Sullivan County residents at an awards presentation in Bethel in October.

The Hudson Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America held its first ever Distinguished Citizen Award Barbecue and Bonfire at the Catskill Distilling Company in Bethel on the evening of Thursday, Octo-

ber 25, during which awards were presented for lifetime achievement, distinguished citizen, and Eagle Scouting.

Gary Schmidt of Monticello was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Schmidt is the chairman of Schmidt's Wholesale, Inc. in Monticello.

Patrick H. Dollard, President and CEO of The Center

for Discovery, received the 2018 Distinguished Citizen Award. Mr. Dollard earned the rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 101 in Rock Hill more than 50 years ago.

James Steinberg, Sr. of Forestburgh was the recipient of the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award. Among other things, Mr. Steinberg is a retired Highway Superintendent in

his town.

The event was conducted as a fundraiser for Hudson Valley scouting, with approximately 85 per cent of the money raised going to direct youth services, including year-around operation of Boy Scout camps, program materials and equipment, and training of volunteers and staff.

## Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

Come October, we tied the cornstalks to the porchposts, where they stood like guardians over our household. After growing and harvesting and consuming the corn, we were happy to have the stalks around for a while longer yet – emblems of our labors in the garden and the lateness of the season. They

went quickly from upright spears of green to limp wav- ing fronds of no discernible color, perhaps done in more quickly by the unnatural cold of this year's autumn.

The custom of tying them up like this – where did it come from? What did they symbolize? Did old Joseph Divine, when he settled into the Loch Sheldrake region at the tail end of the 18th

century, tie up cornstalks as custom to welcome or ward off the spirits of the wilderness?

The stalks took on a spooky cast in the frigid air. Our neighbors down the road combined their stalks with Halloween hosts – ornamental ghosts and witches and skeletons – as if cornstalks had a role to play in some unwholesome rituals.

Maybe, way back, they had; here, on our porch, as they waved and frayed, they reminded me of the blessings of home and the passage of time, taking us across the threshold of the new season, as far as they were able, before they, too, would need to come down and be returned to soil, to nurture next year's crop. They've been good company, our cornstalks.

## Fallsburg's BCES Participates in National Unity Day

FALLSBURG – National Unity Day is the signature event of National Bullying Prevention Month, and it has been recognized in the United States since 2011. To participate in Unity Day, individuals, schools, communities, and businesses wear or display orange to show support for students who have been bullied. One in five school-age children report being bullied at school.

Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School and Jr/Sr High School have been supporting this special day for the past several years. Students and staff wear something orange to demand an end to bullying. It is an orange message of hope and support that in the local school district, the nation, and the world, society believes that no child should ever experience bullying.



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The third grade class of Ms. Ashley Hoag-Irwin in front of the National PE (Physical Education) Unity Tree created by Benjamin Cosor Elementary School PE Staff. Throughout the day, various classes came to the school gym and talked about unity and being kind to each other. In the photo is PE teacher Ms. Vanessa Marsilio who led this particular group.

### EMS Beat

by Albee Bockman, AEMT-P



### “YOU’RE CRUISIN’ FOR A BRUISIN’!”

The colors blue and purple are attractive on clothing, flowers, and even some people's hair nowadays. However, it's not very appealing on our skin - - especially when it is associated with pain.

Yes, I'm referring to bruising upon our body. Simply put, a bruise is a common skin injury that results in discoloration of the skin. Blood from damaged blood cells beneath the skin collects near the surface of the skin resulting in what is commonly called a “black and blue” mark.

We typically get a bruise when we bump into something or when something bumps into us.

Athletes, weight lifters, or even light exercisers like you and me can get a bruise. They occur from microscopic tears in blood vessels under our skin. Now, unexplained bruising, the ones we surprisingly find when we happen to notice them in the mirror and appear out of nowhere, may indicate a bleeding disorder especially if accompanied by frequent nosebleeds or bleeding gums. In these cases, immediate medical attention is needed.

Th elderly pose a different situation. Bruising is more common among our senior population because their skin has become thinner with age. The tissues that support the underlying blood vessels have become more fragile. Those of us who take “blood thinners” because of some cardiovascular issues may find bruising quite common.

Another interesting fact you may not be aware of, a bruise the size of your fist represents a 10% blood loss. A 30% blood loss is considered life threatening. So, bruising is nothing to overlook.

Now, let's look at when


we should seek medical attention for a bruise. Of course, with the scenario above, you should see your physician without delay. Generally, a bruise is tender and sometimes even painful for the first few days. It may be reddish in color initially and then turn blue or purple. You know healing is taking place when it turns yellow or green. And because the skin is not broken, there is no risk of infection. However, you should see your doctor if the bruise does not improve within a couple of weeks or doesn't completely clear after a month. Of course, call 911 and ask for Paramedics should you think you have a broken bone along with the bruise.

If a bruise - - sometimes called a “goose egg” - - occurs on the head and the person did not pass out and remembers how things happened, then it is unlikely that a serious head injury has resulted. On the other hand, if the person CANNOT remember how the injury happened, one should suspect a concussion and the individual should be transported to the hospital. Should two black and blue eyes begin to appear, commonly referred to as “raccoon eyes”, this may be an indication of a serious head injury. Transportation by ambulance to the hospital must be considered. X-rays, CT Scan, and MRI may be required for proper diagnosis.

In any case, all injuries with bruising should be suspect, and those afflicted should seek medical attention. Never hesitate to call 911 for assistance and requesting Paramedics for an evaluation. It could very well be the best decision you could ever make.

Stay well and safe, Hurleyville!!!!

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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.

Speaking of training, I was part of the committee to set up the Bureau of Fire's Chief Conference, in which 60 Fire Department Line Officers from 20 Sullivan County Fire Departments attended a Sullivan County Fire Chiefs Conference in the Seeling Theater at Sullivan County Community College.

This event was sponsored by the Sullivan County Bureau of Fire in conjunction with the Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

Keynote speaker Jerry Knapp talked about tactics that we have used and are using in fighting a structure fire. He backed up these different tactics with science gathered from test burns that measured the progression of a fire in a single family home. The information was presented in a way all could understand and take home and use.

Our second speaker, Jale Oreshan III talked about traumatic stress and how it relates to us, the first responder, and our family. He spoke about his real life incident and how it affected him, his brother and sister firefighters, and his family. It was a riveting presentation and you could hear a pin drop as he spoke from his heart.

Our third speaker was Chief Jeff Holmes, who spoke about generational



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Sullivan County Fire Coordinator John Hauschild (left) thanks keynote speaker Jerry Knapp.

differences in the fire services. He said our leaders in today's fire service need to adapt and change communication styles. We need to understand the differences in the generations that are in today's fire service. Gaining an understanding will hopefully make you a better communicator, which in turn will make you a better leader.

Those in attendance provided positive feedback to John Hauschild, the Sullivan County Fire Coordinator, and offered some topics that they would like to see at next year's conference.

By the time you are reading this, you should have changed your clocks. Did you change the batteries in your smoke detectors and CO alarms, too?

Let's go back to an old subject, the Morningside four corners traffic light.

It was calm just about all summer, but most recently we had a call at the corner. It appears someone tried to beat the light and didn't, two people were taken to the hospital.

You read about fire prevention safety hints in all forms of the media. Do you use any of them? That is, in part, what this column is all about.

We had a couple of cold days in September and there was a chimney fire. Did you clean your chimney yet? Can you find a flashlight right this second that WORKS?

Let me leave you with a very important safety hint: This is and was a big fire prevention campaign for many years. "CLOSE THE DOOR!" Sadly most people who die in a fire die from the smoke, not the fire.

Close the door when you leave your house when it is on fire. This will cut down the flow of oxygen to the fire.

Close the door to your bedroom. By closing the door it will help slow the spread of the fire toward you and may save your life.

Doors have what is called a fire rating. It is how long it will last before a fire burns through it. Different doors have different fire ratings. A solid wood door will offer more protection than a hollow core wooden door.

Close the door to keep the smoke on the other side of it.

Close the door to keep flames away from you.

Close the door and it could give the firefighters a chance to get you.

"CLOSE THE DOOR" and be safe.

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October 15, 1937

## New President of County Bar Association

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sullivan County Bar Association which was held at the Courthouse this week, Lazarus I. Levine, former Special County Judge, was elected president for the ensuing year. Other officers elected at the meeting were Ellsworth Baker of Monticello as Vice President and Ralph L. Smith, Clerk of the Surrogate's Court, as Secretary; Harry M. Beck of Liberty, Treasurer.

## Veteran Editor and G.O.P. Leader Dies Suddenly

John Thompson Curtis, former Assemblyman and chairman of the Republican County Committee, who for twenty-five years published the Sullivan County Republican newspaper, died at his home in Monticello Friday afternoon. Death followed a stroke last Thursday night after he had supervised publication of the newspaper.

A man of singular individuality, Mr. Curtis made a secret of his age and never permitted anyone to refer to it, but it is believed he was born sixty-nine years ago in Callicoon. He was the son of William H. Curtis, once a Sheriff of the County, and Mary Busch Curtis.

His knowledge of County government was exceeded by no other man, and in 1931 he defeated William Whittaker, South Fallsburg Democrat, and became Assemblyman for Sullivan County. The year after, however, he lost the election to Ben R. Gerow of Liberty.

In November, 1936, former President Herbert

Hoover was snowbound overnight in Monticello, and it was Mr. Curtis who spent more than three hours in conversation with him at the Monticello Inn.

October 22, 1937

## Third Central School Now Approved For Sullivan County

Approval of the proposed central school at Jeffersonville was given Monday night by 726 votes. The opposition recorded 162 ballots. Plans call for an early bond issue to finance the district's share of construction costs and for approval and purchase of a site for the building, which will cost in excess of \$460,000. The Federal government has pledged a grant of \$187,875 toward the total. The State will contribute 25 per cent of the remainder.

The district, which includes ten school districts in six Sullivan County towns, is the third to vote for a central school within five months. Roscoe decided in May and Livingston Manor in June to build. An overwhelming vote was recorded in each case.

October 29, 1937

## Restaurants Up in Arms On Hillig Labor Vote

A new provision of the State Labor Law, invoked in Liberty and elsewhere last week to prevent waitresses in restaurants from working after midnight, has stirred a storm of protest both among workers and employers and has put Assemblyman Otto Hillig "on the spot." If pressed by the Labor Department, the law will cost scores of waitresses their jobs. It already has cost them the major share



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Liberty photographer Otto Hillig, left, with pilot Holger Hooris prior to their 1931 trans-Atlantic flight. Hillig served in the NYS Assembly in 1937.

of their income from tips, they assert.

By action of the Assembly, on April 21, with Mr. Hillig voting in favor of the measure, amendments to section 182 of the Labor Law were adopted which stipulate the hours of labor for women employed in restaurants as follows: "No female shall be employed between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. in or in connection with any restaurant excepting hat check girls, flower girls, cigarette girls, ladies cloak room attendants, or females employed in the kitchens or dining rooms of hotels."

The move has caused consternation among restaurant owners who for years have employed waitresses and has created resentment against Mr. Hillig for aiding in the adoption of a measure which apparently will have far reaching effects in one of the county's most important industries.

Restaurant proprietors and waitresses both blame Assemblyman Hillig for their predicament. Mr.

Hillig reputedly has admitted he did not read the bill carefully and is said to have excused his recorded vote in favor of it by saying that the measure was one of those proposed in the closing minutes of the last session and rushed through with so much other legislation he did not know what it contained.

According to advices from Albany, the measure passed the Assembly on April 21, more than two weeks before adjournment. Opponents of Mr. Hillig charge he voted as the (Democratic) organization ordered without investigating whether the bill would hurt Sullivan County.

[Editor's Note: The backlash over this issue, which was fully exploited by Mr. Hillig's opponent in the 1937 election, town of Nevversink Supervisor William A. Chandler, is generally considered to have cost the Liberty photographer his re-election bid, as Chandler defeated him by nearly 1100 votes.]

# FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Kelly Wells & Amanda Letohic



November is Picture Book Month, a month celebrated internationally by both young ones and those who are young at heart. Picture Book Month was founded by a group of authors and illustrators who wanted to promote the importance of print literacy in our increasingly digital age. There's nothing quite like the feeling of flipping through the pages of a picture book, and with so many great ones to choose from, there really is something for everyone.

In honor of Picture Book Month, we have a few announcements to make that we're really excited about. First, coming in spring, 2019, the Fallsburg Library will be joining the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" initiative. All we'll say at this point is that dragons and tacos will be involved because "Dragons Love Tacos!" Stay tuned for more information.

Second, be sure to save the date of Saturday, May 25, 2019 for a Sullivan County Youth Book Festival

to take place at the E.B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello. The public libraries of Sullivan County are collaborating with school libraries, Literacy Volunteers of America, and other community organizations and volunteers to put on a Youth Book Festival. "It'll Be Lit!" Save the date and stay tuned for more information!

In the meantime, you can celebrate Picture Book Month by checking out all the great picture books available here at the Fallsburg Library. You can also join us for "Preschool Story Hour" at 10 a.m. every Tuesday. We read a story, and then do a fun craft which helps to develop fine motor skills among preschool-aged children. We also have some great programs planned for this month, all of which are FREE! Be sure to check them out, as well.

On Thursday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m., adults age 18+ can come join us for a presentation by Sullivan County Historian John Conway entitled "The Honeymoon Murder and Other Murder Inc. Activities in Sullivan County in the 1930's." On Wednesday, November 14 at 7 p.m., teens & preteens ages 11+ can come in and make an awesome 3-D owl.

Wednesday, November 28 at 6 p.m., bring in the family to make a Dreidel Box just in time for Hanukkah. It can hold little trinkets or candy, plus it can spin! Thursday, November 29 at 6 p.m. is our S.T.E.A.M. Night for ages 6+. We'll be making crystals form on some beautiful fall leaves. As always, our Children's Craft Night is every Monday at 6 p.m. Don't miss out on our fun programs this month!

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@rcsls.org, stop in: 12 Railroad Plaza, South Fallsburg, or follow us on social media!

A note about our holiday closings this month: We will be closed Sunday and Monday, November 11 and 12 in observance of Veteran's Day. Also, we will be closing at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21 and will remain closed until Sunday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy holiday season!

by Jack Halchak

ASHEVILLE, NC – The Fallsburg Class of 1969 held its 50th class reunion in Asheville, North Carolina in October. It was a little early so it was ACTUALLY forty-nine and a half years.

Back in April, it was decided to have a destination reunion, so we did.

Ginny (Charlow) Poveromo was our organizer, tour guide, group leader, toastmaster, etc. and did an outstanding job in putting the weekend together.

On Friday, some of us went on a comedy tour of Asheville on the Lazoom bus. It was a hilarious ride through the city. Afterwards, while walking with Ginny in a shop in downtown, we found two pictures of the old Grossinger's hotel. One of the abandoned pool and one of the coffee shop. Who knew?

We then met at Pack's Tavern for food, drink, catching up, and storytelling.

Saturday was busy as



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Left side, top to bottom: George McGuire, Paul Kross, Brian Gummoe, Paula (Levine) Jaffe Middle, top to bottom: Kathy (Kile) Adkins, Tim Hanofee, Wayne Pinos, Paul Blumberg, Ginny (Charlow) Poveromo and Steffi Kross Right row top to bottom: Mark Carlson, Jack Halchak, Donnie Simmons, Gary Lederman, Jan Madnick, Gayle (Domfort) LaSalle and Barbara (Fabian) Fleischer.

there were many different sites and activities to see and do. Most of us walked around downtown. MaryAnn and I went to a craft show, checked out the local shops and went to the glassblowing factory. Of course, there were many breweries to check out. It seemed that there was a craft brewery on every street corner.

Saturday night at the Hyatt Place was the high-

light. Ginny had a slideshow for which everybody provided pictures. We had a good southern meal with pulled pork and Bar-B-Q chicken and all of the fixings.

Ginny even provided some black and whites (cookies), almost like we used to get from Madnick's bakery in South Fallsburg. And we all got name tags, just in case....

Ginny then gave out a few awards. Youngest child went to Paul Blumberg (15), most broken bones went to Donnie Simmons (8+), most published papers went to Tim Hanofee (5), Jan Madnick received an award for the most times moved (8), Paula (Levine) Jaffe traveled the farthest (800+ miles), and the coolest job went to Paul Kross (gynecologist).

A chair was left empty for our classmates who have answered their last late bell. Out of a class of about 97, there are 15 who are no longer with us: Mike Hussey, Wesley Cauthers, Robert Donnelly, Greg Radinoff, Judy Oberman, Ronda Slobodow, Merle Dill, Gary Fleisher, Bethany Quiet, Mark Spitzer, John Skubon, Lynn (Krieger) DeGraw, Dale (Kaplan) Gray, Louise ( Dischlati) Magie and Steve Papkoff.

On Sunday, we invaded an IHOP, just like we used to invade HoJos in Liberty on fish fry and chicken fry night, and then we parted ways.

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# THE LITTLEST EAGLE

An Original Short Story by Jim Red Fox

There was once a mother eagle who had six eggs in her nest. It was high up in a very tall pine tree.

She was a very good mother. Regardless of the weather, she remained on those eggs. Mother eagle checked the eggs and noticed that one had started to move. A few days later, she was awakened by a pecking noise beneath her. She stood up and checked her eggs once again. Sure enough, one egg had a little baby beak sticking out of its shell. Little by little, he kept working at it until eventually he was free. No sooner was the first baby eagle out of its shell, when another broke free. The mother wanted a very clean nest for her babies and thus would throw out all the empty shells.

She was very busy now going back and forth finding food for her babies. They never seemed to get full. The days passed and the babies started showing characteristics that would reveal their pecking order. The biggest chick would always try to eat first. There is always one who seems to be the smallest, and so it was with these baby chicks. He continuously got pushed around by his brothers and sisters. Sometimes, because they are the last to eat, there isn't anything left for them and they starve. This littlest eagle was different. He was going to show them that he was going to survive.

The days seemed to pass faster now, and before their mother realized it, the babies

were ready to fly. The largest one stood on the edge of the nest and opened his wings. While the rest of the young eagles looked on, he began to flap his wings up and down. When he felt ready, he jumped out into the air and started flying. The others were all excited. They all wanted to join their brother in the wide open sky. One after the other, they stood on the edge of the nest, flapped their wings up and down a few times and then jumped. The fifth one left the nest and then it was time for the littlest eagle. He stood on the edge. His brothers and sisters called to him to jump as his mother watched with concern. He opened his wings to try them out. Mother eagle's eyes opened wide as she no-



PHOTO PROVIDED  
The littlest eagle in the nest grew into the most magnificent bird in the sky.

ticed his wings were half the size of his siblings. The little eagle noticed, too. He tried flapping them up and down,

but he knew they would never be able to carry his weight. The other eagles laughed at him as they flew around

the nest. He held his head in shame, wanting more than anything to fly with them in the wide open blue sky. Mother eagle knew how he felt and found a road kill rabbit to cheer him, but after eating, he still felt sad.

A few weeks went by and one day his mother told him it was time. He slowly got up on the edge of the nest. His brothers and sisters saw him standing there. He really didn't want to do this. The thought kept going through his mind that his wings were still too small and he would be teased again. He looked over to his mom as if to say, "Do I have to do this, Mom?"

She just nodded her head, yes.

"OK, here goes," he thought. He threw his wings

open and no one said a thing. They just stared at his wings. Standing on the edge of the nest was the grandest, most distinguished, most imposing eagle anyone had ever seen. Mother could hardly believe that this was once the littlest chick in her nest. How proud she was for him.

He glanced back and forth at his wings.

"This was just a dream, wasn't it?" he thought.

Then he moved them up and down a few times and when he felt ready, jumped. He held them open as he glided on the wind, knowing that no one could tease him again.

The littlest eagle in the nest was now the most beautiful one in the sky.

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

## A Bowl of Snakes and Other Stories from Summer Camp

### What Kids Learn at the Maker's Lab and Innovation Incubator

By Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE – For six weeks during July and August, the Maker's Lab and Innovation Incubator became the exciting and noisy center of a children's pilot program in design thinking and STEAM – science, technology, engineering, arts and math.

Creative weekly activities were framed by design thinking – an approach to learning and engineering that includes considering real-world problems using empathy, creativity, prototyping and testing.

Employees at The Center for Discovery (TCFD) are able to enroll their children aged 5 to 12 in a wonderful summer camp program filled with fun learning activities and field trips.

Employees pay tuition for the summer camp, and their children, who come from all over the Hudson Valley, get to know each other and form new friendships. The program is orchestrated by the dedicated and busy educators who administer the year around education of TCFD residents and students.

Our task at the Maker's Lab was to add some additional awesome experiences to an already great summer program. Mission accomplished!

A small budget allowed us to buy some reusable and quite ordinary household supplies that provided high caliber fun and creativity. Most items can be found in a dollar store. For example, pool noodles and toothpicks can be used over and over to build models or prototypes (or monsters, as the 5 year old boys informed me). By cutting 6 pool noodles into one and two – inch pieces, we filled 2 large bins with light and colorful building



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A group of summer camp kids learning weaving at Fiber On Main.

blocks. Using toothpicks to connect the pieces together, kids created table-top towers in teams of two to five. Along the way, they figured out that a wide, sturdy base would support a tower as high as 45 inches!

One young man guaranteed that a tower with spiky arms would protect any princess that might be living in a tower. Good to know. The pool noodle pieces were by far the most used (and loved) tools for creative building during the summer. Camp kids completed 12 different design thinking challenges with these tools alone. Challenges like, "something that moves," "something to hide inside," and "something funny" provided lighthearted and hilarious sessions that fostered creativity and open-ended discovery in all age groups.

The maker's lab pottery studio was also a big hit with the campers. With a little imagination, simple

pinch pots became unicorns and turtles. One camper built a tiny watchman to protect his pot, and another simply named his, "a bowl of snakes." The kids marveled at the shiny magic of glaze and the transformation of their pieces after kiln baking.

Older campers (9 to 12 year olds) created laser cut signs using Adobe Illustrator as a design instrument. Being digital natives who have always had computers in their world, they were unafraid of trying out the design tools, fancy text fonts and graphics in what can be an intimidating software tool. They also learned basic weaving and how to warp a small loom at Fiber on Main with Annie Cadden.

The younger campers created their own board games, using cardboard, magic markers, pipe cleaners and whatever else they could find in the bins. They incorporated their favorite game rules and objectives

while adding some crazy elements like tornados and ghosts.

Over six weeks, these exuberant 5 to 12 year olds became tinkers, apprentices, designers and engineers, (mostly) unafraid of failure. And the principles learned along the way through discovery were important and varied. For example, the practice of working on a team - in any age group - fosters flexibility and responsiveness, as well as the development of good communication skills. Few jobs today don't involve working with a team, which is why this key 21st century skill is so important. Teamwork was hard for the littlest camper-engineers, some who were still learning to take turns after just completing kindergarten. This youngest group completed the team tasks with the help of camp counselors, and after 5 weeks there were fewer arguments and more celebratory dabbing when a project was finished.

It was obvious that the 8 to 12 year olds had experienced team projects before. They formed easy alliances, so we swapped the members on each team as the weeks went by to create new groupings. This produced opportunities for kids to use persuasion and influencing skills, as well as conflict resolution skills – all important as they grow up and do jobs that haven't been invented yet.

The summer design thinking / STEAM pilot program was a success. It was also messy and exhausting, and loads of fun. Kudos to the leadership at The Center for Discovery for dreaming up the idea and letting us run with it at the Maker's Lab and Innovation Incubator. Hopefully, 2019 will be even better and more fun.



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One class of seventh graders pose with School Resource Officer Jason Edwards (back row, left of center)

## Fallsburg Seventh Graders Receive DARE Graduation Certificates

FALLSBURG – An important part of the anti-drug and positive decision making effort at Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School is providing the DARE Real Refusal Strategy Program to all seventh graders, one of the most vulnerable ages in our society.

On October 10, 2018, Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School

Resource Officer (SRO) Jason Edwards awarded certificates of completion of this valuable program to the entire class of 126 students.

The essential parts of the ten-session training are contained in the acronym, REAL. REFUSE is saying no, I don't want to do something. EXPLAIN is saying why I don't want to do

something. AVOID is keeping away from a situation I don't want to be involved in. LEAVE is taking me out of a situation I don't want to be in.

On hand for the ceremony were FCSD Super-

intendent Dr. Ivan Katz, Junior/Senior High School Principal Dalila Serrano, Assistant Principal Frank Godlewski, and Fallsburg Police Department Officer Chris Rosa.

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# SENTINEL SPORTS

Adele Berger, Sports Editor



## WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

### Local Women Lead SUNY Sullivan to Mid-Hudson Cross Country Championship



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The SUNY Sullivan women's team captured the school's first-ever Mid-Hudson Conference Cross Country Championship on October 20. The five Lady General runners finished in 2nd thru 6th place.

by John Conway

STONE RIDGE – Sophomores Rachel Rivera and Gem Helper pushed each other from start to finish, and ended up placing second and third to pace the SUNY Sullivan women's cross-country team to the Mid-Hudson Conference championship at Ulster County Community College on Saturday, October 20.

Second year coach Ashley Weintraub's Lady Generals also captured fourth, fifth and sixth place in the meet.

Ms. Rivera, a 2017 Monticello High School graduate, recorded her best ever time of 26.11 over a 5K course in finishing behind the winner, Kylee Kresge of SUNY Orange. Ms. Kresge's time was an impressive 21:30:00, and

earned the Colt runner MVP honors. Ms. Helper, from Livingston Manor, finished third with a time of 28.05.

"These women have been training hard all season and presented some healthy competition early on," Ms. Weintraub said last week. "They have pushed each other to compete at a higher level and it has truly paid off."

The pair was followed to the finish line by three freshmen, Jamilla Woods and Nadia Packer, both from Brooklyn, and Prue Sanders, from Monticello, who were separated by just 13 seconds. All five of the Lady General runners were named to the All-Conference team as a result.

The Mid-Hudson Cross Country Championship is

the first ever for the SUNY Sullivan women, and Ms. Weintraub said it came despite less than ideal conditions.

"The course presented some challenges," she said, "however our training this season prepared us to run on all terrain."

Ms. Weintraub, who also coaches the Generals track team in the spring, said this championship is indicative of the growth of both programs in recent years.

"It is great to see our program continue to thrive," she said. "I am very excited with the direction it has taken."

The Region XV cross country championships were scheduled for Saturday, October 27, but were not held due to the weather.



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The SUNY Sullivan women's cross country team pose with their Mid-Hudson Conference Championship plaque. Standing (left to right): Gem Helper, Rachel Rivera, Prue Sanders, Coach Ashley Weintraub. Kneeling: Jamilla Woods (l) and Nadia Packer.

## WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD Generals Begin Life as a Division II Basketball Team

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE – The SUNY Sullivan men's basketball team will open its 2018-2019 season on Saturday, November 3, when they play host to Mercer (NJ) Community College at Paul Gerry Field House. That game starts at 6 p.m.

Raritan Valley Community College of Branchville, New Jersey is in town on Sunday, November 4 for a 5 p.m. contest.

Coach Brent Wilson's Generals will be competing in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division II for the first time this season, after dominating play in Division III for more than two decades. The Generals won four Division III National Championships, more than any other school, including back to back titles in 1995 and 1996. Twice, the Generals finished their seasons without a single loss.

Last year's team ended up

26-5 overall, and was ranked as high as number two in the nation at one point, playing their way into the Region XV semifinals.

This season's team will feature seven sophomores, four of whom are suiting up for SUNY Sullivan for the first time. Tops among them may be 6'4" guard Jamarr Joseph, who averaged 21.1 points and 12 rebounds a game at Middlesex County Community College last year, earning selection to the second team Garden State Athletic Conference all-star team and Division III Second Team All-Region XV honors.

Mr. Wilson is also expecting big things from freshman Christopher Volo of Westbury, NY, a 7-foot 270 pound center.

Among the returning players from last year, Terrin Roy, a 6'2" guard from Woodmere (long Island) High School, averaged 8.9 points per game last year, shooting better than



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Arafat Shaibu



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Terrin Roy

55 per cent from the field. Arafat Shaibu, a 6'9" forward from Queens, averaged 8 points and 7.5 rebounds per game last year, and recorded a triple-double against Bronx Community College, with 14 points, 17 rebounds and 10 blocked shots.

Following the two home games, Sullivan travels to the campus of Monroe Community College in Rochester, NY where they will take on

Mohawk Valley Community College and Cecil College on November 10 and 11. The Generals then return home for a 7 p.m. contest against Lackawanna (PA) College on November 15.

Sullivan's Lady Generals also open their season on November 3 and 4, hosting the same two New Jersey teams as the men. The women's games start at 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 3 p.m. on Sunday.

## ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE

### Rail Trail Signage Being Installed

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – What is being hailed as another milestone in the improvement of the Milk Train Trail in Hurleyville is underway, with the installation of ten interpretive signs along the trail.

The signs, sponsored by The Center for Discovery, will feature text and graphics explaining various historical events, legends and folklore, and elements of the natural landscape.

Among the historical signs is one describing the tragic explosion of the boiler on an O&W Railway passenger train on February 13, 1907 that killed three crew members and another explaining the impact of the rail-

road on the farms and resorts in the Hurleyville area.

Folklore and legend signs outline the story of the so-called Alvin Stone, which was discovered several years ago just a short distance from the trail, and is believed to be a Native American artifact, and the alleged paranormal activity in and around the Smith Hill Cut, not far from where the 1907 train wreck occurred.

Signs dealing with the natural environment include separate descriptions of the water features adjacent to the trail, the various plants found in the vicinity, and the different types of trees that make up the forests in the area, including the impact those re-

sources have had on the region

over the years. "The signs will enhance the experience of anyone walking the trail in either direction," said Eve Minson, the Healing Gardens Coordinator for The Center for Discovery, who helped create the signs. "For example, wetlands were disdained for hundreds of years because they were seen as creepy crawly places where diseases like malaria originated. Now we understand they are the lungs of the natural world, the place where all critters meet."

"The signs will help to bring to the public eye the fact that plants are tools for living and not just objects that are pretty to look at."

Ms. Minson, who has two Masters degrees from Cornell,

says collaborating on the signs was a learning experience for her and she hopes they will educate others, as well.

"The Catskills are known for the leather that was tanned here in the 19th Century, and the tremendous impact that had on the nation's economy and our history," she says. "That form of tanning was all about the trees," she said. "That's a great story, and I think it will be a revelation to a lot of people."

Although the timetable for installation is currently up in the air, it is hoped that the signs will be in place for the Hurleyville History Hike scheduled as part of the Holiday in Hurleyville festivities on Saturday, December 1.

## BCES Trail Officially Opens in Fallsburg

FALLSBURG – On a crisp autumn morning of October 23 at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES), students, teachers, staff and specially invited community guests came together to celebrate the fulfillment of teacher Leah Exner's dream—to clear the overgrown hiking trail behind the school building and create a new one. Two and a half years ago, she looked at the "trail" and thought, "We can create change!"

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz welcomed everyone and thanked them for honoring the completion of a special project, getting right to the main point—to thank and acknowledge Ms. Exner, for her inspiration, her perseverance and her dedication. She truly championed the BCES Trail.

Next Ms. Exner acknowledged former teachers Jessica Erickson of 25 years ago, and Lee Smas-sanow of 10 years ago as teachers who believed that "you could take students out of the classroom to teach them through the outdoor world around them!"

Ms. Exner said she was inspired to act on this vision, and began the process by obtaining a Sullivan Renaissance Healthy Community Initiatives Grant, with the help of fellow teacher Mark Spina.

"That grant would start us off on the path to creating a one-mile trail with three-quarters-of-a-mile around the perimeter of the school and one-quarter-of-a-mile into the wooded section alongside of a creek," she said.

Soon, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County began assisting BCES through the Creat-



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BCES teacher Leah Exner cuts the ribbon officially opening the Trail while others look on. In the photo are (left to right) BCES student Brianna Noller, SC Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) Board Member Jonathan Schiller, Chamber Executive Staff Marie Smith and Dawn Ciorciari, Ms. Exner, Chamber President Jaime Schmeiser, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, students Dylan Osborne and Layla Hermann, and FCSD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz.



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Among other specially designated areas along the route of the Trail, Storybook Sapling Outdoor Arena provides a quiet place for learning and reading.



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NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (far right) addresses the crowd as a group of students look on at the grand opening of the BCES Trail on October 20.

ing Healthy Schools & Communities initiative. Other grant opportuni-

ties and student groups kept growing. As a member of the teaching soci-

ety for women eucators, Ms. Exner applied for and obtained The DKG NYS Educational Foundation Grant. Within the last year, FCSD was also able to assist with the trail through The Empire State Afterschool Grant.

Meanwhile students from multiple grade levels and school maintenance community partners became involved in trail projects as well as snowshoeing, through the district's Extended Day program.

Ms. Exner thanked the community for rallying around this trail since day one. She acknowledged the voluminous donations of material, equipment, time, and expertise from more than 25 members of Sullivan County.

There are also many who have adopted The BCES Trail. This trail brings to life thoughts, ideas, and opportunities across curriculum, wellness, and relaxation. She especially thanked her family for all of the week nights and many weekends over the last two-and-a-half years that they've spent building the trail. In conclusion, Ms. Exner reaffirmed to all, "Yes, we can create change!"

Special thanks were offered to Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther for acknowledging Ms. Exner and FCSD for their focus on health and well-being in Sullivan County and for sharing this wonderful idea with other school districts. The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce had four administrative members handle the ribbon cutting ceremonies, with the help of sixteen BCES students from all grades that contributed hands on volunteer work to create the Trail.