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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

GAN EDEN PROJECT MAY BE REVISED **CHNA Remaining Vigilant**

HURLEYVILLE - Discussion at the most recent meeting of the steering committee of the Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance was dominated by the ongoing litigation between the developers of the Gan Eden project and the Town of Thompson, and the possibility that the developers might be back before the Thompson Planning Board with a revised scope of work as early as this month.

The developer's original project, proposed to the Planning Board in 2007, called for 885 housing units to be built on the 210 acre site of the old Columbia Farm Hotel in Hurleyville. The property includes 197 acres in the town of Thompson and 13 acres in the town of Fallsburg. About 135 acres of the property are deemed buildable.

The Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance was formed in 2012, to advocate for responsible development, and to make sure people in the area were aware of the size of the Gan Eden project as proposed. The group held public meetings and campaigned at Thompson Town Board meetings, asking that the town's zoning for multi-family unit developments be rolled back to pre-2005 levels.



The 210-acre Columbia Hill property overlooks the hamlet of Hurleyville.

the Gan Eden developers "obtained stealth zoning changes in 2005 (as part of town-wide zoning code changes) and again in 2007 for the acreage in Thompson to go from RR1 (Rural Residential) to SR (Suburban Residential). The zoning changes allowed for much higher building density."

At least in part because of the CHNA advocacy, the Thompson Town Board passed a local law in November of 2012, scaling back the density allowances, to 4 town house units per acre and 1.9 garden apartment type units per acre.

In December of 2017, the Gan Eden developers filed

The group contended that a law suit against the Town, citing a number of complaints, and the lawsuit was amended with further complaints in February of 2018. Basically, the developers claimed that overly restrictive zoning was preventing the construction of much needed workforce housing in the town.

> The CHNA Steering Committee says that Thompson Town Attorney Michael Mednick advises them that the litigation is ongoing, but that progress is being made toward a possible settlement. Steering Committee members say Mr. Mednick told them a revised site plan, with a reduced number of units, could be presented to

the Planning Board in December.

Thompson Supervisor Bill Rieber says that at this time the Town has nothing pending from the developers for its December Planning Board meeting, but notes that if the developers "want to revise their plans to comply with our zoning code they have the right to do so."

The CHNA Steering Committee still has concerns about the project, especially regarding water use, and promised to remain vigilant in monitoring developments. Mr. Rieber said any discussion of such concerns would be premature "until there is a plan to review."

COMMUNITY ONCE AGAIN INVITED TO JOIN IN CANDLELIGHT WALK

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE - Although it is arguably the most wonderful time of the year, for many, the holiday season, and especially the often unpredictable winter weather, brings stress, as well. And sometimes the hectic pace of it all can get folks down.

If that sounds even just a little bit familiar, the 4th Annual Hurleyville Winter Solstice Candlelight Walk is definitely for you.

The self-guided walk is scheduled for Friday, December 21—the winter solstice and the shortest day of the year-- at 4:30 p.m. at the Milk Train RailTrail just off Main Street in the center of Hurleyville.



The community is invited to once again participate in the candlelight walk scheduled for December 21.

"It is a lovely tradition will be the Luminaria along that we hope will bring people of all ages together, outdoors in nature, guided by candlelight," says Jim and organizer.

As is always the case, the centerpiece of the event levville Arts Center will

the trail, which provides an opportunity for a peaceful evening stroll. There will also be a campfire at the Cashen, the event founder Trail Head, and live music outdoors.

In addition, The Hur-

features, as well as sound healing in their yoga studio from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

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

The candlelight walk is free and open to the public.

"We hope everyone in the community will come celebrate the winter solstice," he says. "This festival is intended to encourage a peaceful walk and reflection while quieting our minds during what can be a hectic and sometimes stressful holiday season. It is an experience that can bring joy and light in the simplest of ways."

rection to Heather Strauss

Snow Stars, Meritori-

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop Sweeps State Theatre Festival Awards

AUBURN, NY--Theatre groups from all around New York gathered the weekend before Thanksgiving, as they do each year for the Theatre Association of New York State (TANYS) Festival, a showcase of the best work in non-professional theatre the State has to offer. This Season, 104 shows were adjudicated by TA-NYS – some for "learning" only, and 47 "for Festival" in the hopes of not only getting critique and pointers from some of the most knowledgeable theatre types around, but also for the opportunity to bring their shows to the TANYS Festival. Only nine shows were chosen

and six short one-acts. This year, the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop had the great honor of having not two shows (both long productions) chosen to participate at Festival. And did both productions ever represent our area well!

Jonny Donahoe's "Every Brilliant Thing" (produced by NAMI Sullivan by the Sullivan County man, Derk Vanderwol-Dramatic Workshop) took TANYS by storm.

In all, the company Best Production of Festook home eight awards tival and earned People's earned with their Festi- Choice Awards for Best performances. "Ev- Performance (two more ery Brilliant Thing" (di- of the four chosen by the



The cast and festival crew of "Rabbit Hole" - Seated: L to R - Cole Phillips, John Neails, Terri Mateer, Carol MacAdam, Taylor Lamerand, Standing: L to R - Kat Phillips, Harley Phillips, Lori Schneider, Lou Silverman, Jenny Silverman, Jim Fedroff, Emily Klucinec, Julianne Porter, Jim Schmidt, Derk

Director – Christopher O'Sullivan) opened the Festival on Friday night. - three long productions, The performance earned Schneider a People's Choice Award for Best Performance (one of four, chosen by the audience). "Rabbit Hole" opened the Saturday morning performance session (directed by Lori Schneider, Technical Director/Sound – Jim Schmidt, Lights David Lindsay-Abaire's -Julianne Porter, featur-Pulitzer Prize-winning ing Terri Mateer, John drama, "Rabbit Hole" and Neails, Taylor Lamerand, Duncan Macmillan and Carol MacAdam and Cole Phillips. Stage Manager - Emily Klucinec, Assistant Stage Manager – Jim County, NY and co-spon- Fedroff, Festival Crew sored for one performance – Jenny and Lou Silver-

de, Kat Phillips, Harley Phillips). It was chosen

Lori Schneider, Technical and Carol MacAdam. Jim Schmidt earned the Festival Technical Director's Award – given to the company that the Festival staff most enjoyed working with, who took advantage of all the Festival site could offer and were well prepared. Emily Klucinec earned an Adjudicators' Discretionary Award for Props and Set Dressing. John Neails and Carol MacAdam earned awards from the three Festival Adjudicators for Outstanding Performance.

During the Banquet on Saturday night, Roving Adjudicator Awards earned during the 2018 Season were presented. These included for the One Act Play Festival (Excellence in Sound Design to Jim Schmidt, Excellence in Direction to Kim Schneeberger – Look Me memorable productions in the Eye, Excellence in with our Holiday show in Ensemble Acting – Look December and an exciting Me in the Eye, Meritori- 2019 Season. rected and performed by audience) for John Neails ous Achievement in Di-

ous Achievement in Ensemble Acting to the Cast of Snow Stars and Meritorious Achievement in Playwriting to Peter Nastasi for Locked Away). for Rabbit Hole (Excellence in Direction to Lori Schneider, Excellence in Technical Design and Execution to Jim Schmidt, Excellence in Ensemble Acting to the Cast), for Nevermore (Meritorious Achievement in Acting to Josh Rosengrant, Kristopher Rosengrant, Harold Tighe, Heather Strauss. Amber Schmidt, Mekayla Perneszi as the Players. Meritorious Achievement in Sound Design to Jim Schmidt, Excellence in Costume Design to Ed Berens), for The Game's Afoot (Meritorious Achievement in Acting to Constance Slater, to Kim Schneeberger and to Ellen Pavloff, Excellence in Scenic Design to Jim Schmidt and Harold Tighe, Excellence in Costume Design to Ed Berens) and Every Brilliant Thing (Excellence in Performance to Lori Schneider). The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop has

presented local audiences with quality, award-winning Community Theatre in our area since 1950. We look forward to bringing our audiences additional

LET'S TALK SULLIVAN COUNTY

by Luis Alvarez, Chairman Sullivan County Legislature

READY TO SERVE AT ALL HOURS AND IN **ALL CONDITIONS**

Sullivan County endured yet another damaging storm on November 15, making the evening commute a nightmare. And I heard and saw complaints that our roads were not properly cleared to ensure safe travel. I have to disagree. First

off, our Sullivan County Division of Public Works and its town and village counterparts had already prepared for a winter season potentially as brutal as last year's. Anyone who says we weren't ready ... well, they're just plain wrong. We couldn't have responded in any way to this storm if we hadn't spent the weeks before transforming dump trucks into plow trucks, refilling our sand and salt supplies, caught driving through and prepping our winter this serious storm (if not

road maintenance teams.

Our employees and our trucks were ready to go when this storm hit. The only thing they couldn't prepare for was an inaccurate forecast. The official predictions in the days and even hours leading up to the storm indicated the snowfall wouldn't be the foot we got but closer to 5-8 inches. And there was no warning it would fall at up to 3 inches per hour – blanketing roads just as soon as our plow trucks had swept through.

So we made do, as we always do in Sullivan County. And I think our road crews, our 911 dispatchers, our Sheriff's Patrol officers, our Care Center staffers, our firefighters and ambulance volunteers, and their counterparts in our many municipalities worked as hard as they ever have. Many of them stayed out just as late as those of us



Luis Alvarez is the Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature. He represents District 6, which includes Hur-

later). They should be folks - not even unfair commended for it.

their jobs. But let's dig wearying winter storm. a little deeper into that fact. Do you realize that oftentimes these folks have to work double shifts even when there isn't an emergency? Many of the above-mentioned County operations need staffing 24/7, so if someone's replacement happening in county govisn't available to relieve ernment with his regular them, they have to con- column in the Hurleyville tinue working. Their su- Sentinel.

pervisors also have to deal with it, often spending a good deal of time on the phone, calling and texting and emailing other personnel who may be able to fill in.

In short, they go out and serve, even when it comes at their own expense. In my book, they are our heroes, willing to risk everything when the situation demands. That deserves to be recognized, to be praised, to be thanked.

Nothing stops these complaints about their Sure, this comes with response to yet another Indeed, you can rest assured they will still be on the job when the next disaster strikes. God bless

> Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez keeps readers up to date on what is

The Inquiring Photographer

by Heather Gibson



Q. "What is the true meaning of Chanukah/Christmas in your home? What are you most looking forward to this Holiday



Kate Poley

"The true meaning of Christmas in my home is family. We all come together for food, laughs and love. I'm most looking forward to experiencing the magic of Christmas through my two young children's



Tiffany Carder

"The true meaning of Christmas and holidays in my home is a chance for my family to show appreciation to each other for all we've done for one another throughout the year. A chance for everyone to come together and show appreciation. Our favorite part of the holidays is having a chance to give back to the community by participating in a local food drive; it feels so good to help a community member who might need a little support during the holiday season. Happy holidays



Lee Karasik

"For me, the Holidays are all about creating memories with the people in my life (old and new) who matter most. This year, I'm most looking forward to hosting the first night of Hanukkah in my brand-new



Alexa Morris

"The true meaning of the Christmas holiday, for my family and me, is just being together. Being able to wake up that morning and spend time together. Every day leading up to that day is just as important as that day, itself. I love the innocence and joy our daughter has for this season. Being able to share the little moments with my family is the true meaning of this holiday. What I'm looking forward to the most, is the happiness and togetherness this brings. It's all about being thankful for what we have and for being together."

THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

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Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan

"DECK THE DOORS"

22nd ANNUAL

HOLIDAY

DECORATING

CONTEST

Judging will begin at 6:00PM

on Thursday, December 20th.

Open to Everyone in Hurleyville

Your door must be decorated

to be eligible for a prize.

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You know how it is when

there are people you really

like but you just don't see

them enough because your

schedules never seem to

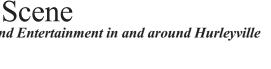
connect? Then one day,

you see them again and

you remember just why

you like them? Well that

happened to me last month.





HURLEYVILLE - Sullivan First will hold its 22nd annual "DECK THE DOORS' holiday decorating contest on Thursday, December 20. Judging will begin at 6 p.m.

Winners of the contest will be awarded prizes provided by Hurleyville business owners and members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First. All holidaydecorated doors in the hamlet, including residences and businesses, are eligible. Remember to turn your lights on!

The volunteers in Hurleyville-Sullivan First continue to work on projects contributing to the revitalization of our hamlet. Anyone interested in the future of Hurleyville is encouraged to join the group. Hurleyville-Sullivan meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Hurleyville Firehouse on Main Street.

For more information about Hurleyville-Sullivan First, please visit us at www.hurleyvilleny.com or on Facebook.

The Sullivan County Historical Society will present a concert and discussion with the Hudson Valley bluegrass band, Oxford Depot. The event will be held on Sunday, January 6 at the Sullivan County Museum. The snow date is Sunday, January 13.

Oxford Depot (named after a small community in Orange County) plays a mix of bluegrass...traditional, modern and original. The Depot has been pickin' and singing together for 10 years. The members are Leon Swyka on bass, Ed Ackerly on banjo, Carl Kubie on fiddle, Kevin Monahan on mandolin and Roy Streever on

The concert is part of the "First Sunday Music and History" series hosted by Little Sparrow. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and the music starts at 2

tions are always welcome.

The annual Holiday Theme Tree Exhibit is on display at the museum.

The Historical Society has started an email notification

FARM

list for upcoming events at the Museum. Please send an email to info@scnyhistory.org asking to subscribe or use the form

at www.scnyhistory.org to send

your request.

Anyone interested in exploring genealogy and the history of Sullivan County can contact the Museum for information on volunteering. The phone number is 845-434-8044.

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

Please go to 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

Christmas Eve service at the Hurleyville United Methodist Church will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The volunteers at the Bread Admission is free. Dona- of Life Food Pantry at the church distributed food for Thanksgiving dinners to 55 families this year. They also donated school supplies and 15 blankets to the Head Start Program in Woodbourne after 3

classrooms there were flooded.

The food pantry 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 to families in need on the last Thursday of each month.

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

join in a variety of activities including board games, arts and crafts, trivia and movie nights at the church. The dates in December for youngsters 7-12 are Friday, December 7 and Wednesday, December 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The dates in December for teens are Wednesday, December 5 and Wednesday, December 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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

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

I had heard through the grapevine that legendary guitarist Al Defino was going to be playing with extremely excellent guitarist Barry Scheinfeld at the Dancing Cat. My source

was almost right. They were actually in the Cat's Catskill Distilling Com-

Where I originally met

these two escapes me but I think it was the old Nadia's in Hurleyville (now the 222 Gallery). Al was the 'house band' there for a couple of years and was eventually joined by the accomplished sax player Larry Ravdin. And even if one was not particularly interested in music from the Great American Songbook, Al's mastery of his instrument transported one into a whole other realm. Not surprising once you know he spent many years backing greats like Sammy Davis, Jr, living in Belgium and playing to audiences all over Europe, as well as teaching in the prestigious

in Boston. Barry, was still a rocker when I met him, and I remember being blown away by his guitar riffs at the old Nugget in Monticello. Then he switched gears, moving into the Jazz realm. He spent a fair amount of time learning from the master, Al, and the result is a wonderfully sophisticated blend.

Berkley College of Music

Listening to either individually is pure pleasure,

is pure ambrosia. But wait, Jazz Standards with Defino honey on that ambrosia. Larry was part of the music in the hotel days in the Catskills before moving on to the cruise ships and the

I have never heard music in the Catskill Distillery before and I was impressed by the acoustics of the space. It makes me wonder if this part of the space was built with performers in mind. AND not only was the music great, the acoustics wonderful, but the food was excellent too!

Within the next few weeks, I will be visiting Sullivan County's newest animal rescue sanctuary. This sanctuary will be one of the few for neglected farm animals. ARTHUR'S ACRES ANIMAL SANC-TUARY near Parksville was featured recently in the Sullivan County Democrat newspaper, and Todd Friedman and I have been in contact for a while. I look forward to covering this good work.

Here's what's coming up in December:

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 (Joanna Gass, Steve Schwartz, Kenny Windheim, and Eric Neis), Brew, 280 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Every Wednesday:

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

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

Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 21 & Dec 28: A Gilded Age Christmas; Staatsburgh State Historic Site, 75 Mills Mansion Drive Rd 1, Staatsburgh, NY; 12 - 4 p.m. Cabernet Frank's; 38 Main St., Parksville

Dec 7: David Kraai, 7

Dec 14: Yasgur, 9 p.m. (Check their Facebook page or their website as they are awaiting confirmation on several other dates) **Saturdays:**

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in comes the sax man Larry and Ravdin, 3562 State Rte Ravdin to pour a little more 55, Kauneonga Lake; 6 – 9 Dec 1, Dec 8, Dec 15, Dec 22 & Dec29: A Gilded Age Christmas; Staats-

December 2018

burgh State Historic Site. 75 Mills Mansion Drive Rd 1, Staatsburgh, NY; 12 – 4 Pickled Owl, 218 Main

Street, Hurleyville; 6 – 9 Dec 1: Mark Delgado

Dec 8: Albi

Dec 15: Talking Machine (Check their FaceBook page for additional dates)

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

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

Dec 1: Slam Allen; 8 p.m. Dec 8: The Winstons; 8

Every Sunday Music Where You Least

Expect it: 11 a.m. – 1:30ish. DeFillipis Bakery, 506 Broadway, Monticello

The Catskill Distillery: Barry and Friends, Jazz Brunch, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., 2037 State Rte 17B, Bethel Dec 2, Dec 9, Dec 16,

Dec 23 & Dec 30: A Gilded Age Christmas; Staatsburgh State Historic Site, 75 Mills Mansion Drive Rd 1, Staatsburgh, NY; 12 – 4

Saturday, January 5: Open Mic/Home Grown: host Kevin McDaniel. WJFF 90.5FM, 12 - 1 p.m.



FROM THE FROM THE **WEATHER CENTER** by John Simon by Eve Springwood Minson

Now that days are short, there is time to be busy indoors without guilt that the outdoors needs attention. This time of year I enjoy taking care of things I've neglected for months like houseplants that need repotting or getting new amaryllis bulbs and Paper-White Narcissus for a winter thrill! These also make lovely holiday gifts for your plant-loving pals.

If it's not too cold you can still clean up your bird feeders for winter by soaking in a tub with soap and then dunking in a dilute vinegar solution for an hour. Rinse off and hang. Most birds waste grain mixes looking for sunflower seed so I just feed sunflowers. Thistle seed is fed to finches in a thistle feeder. Birds also love suet, along with fruit and nuts, though the squirrels and chipmunks might get the fruit before the birds do, so I put out fruit and veggie trimmings for them in winter far from the

If you are crafty you may have already made jams, salsas, herb-infused vinegars and oils for yourself and as holiday gifts. holidays!

Make nice labels and put festive ribbons around jars and bottles. Other DIY holiday gifts include wreaths and holiday arrangements. Use evergreen boughs, dried branches of Winterberry, red and yellow-twig Dogwood and others which look great in containers by your front door or painted silver or gold in arrangements. Place creatively into outdoor containers before the soil freezes along with juniper, cedar, curly willow, dried flowers and seed pods, pine cones and colored ribbons. Use only plastic containers outdoors in winter as pottery will crack and break when frozen.

If you saved culinary or tea herbs and dried flowers you can now work these into gift ideas. Friends will also love seeds from your favorite flowers. Write the name of the plant and year on the decorated envelope. There are many other fun winter DIY kitchen crafts you can now enjoy like soap-making or herbal salves or lip balms. You'll be so happy with what you've made with your own hands! Happy

day, December 21. The winter solstice, also sometimes known as midwinter, marks the day with the shortest period of daylight and the longest night of the year. It occurs when one of the Earth's poles has its maximum tilt away from the Sun. The date of the winter solstice varies from year to year because the tropical year- the time it takes for the sun to return to the same spot relative to earth-is

The winter solstice this year

will occur at 5:23 p.m. on Fri-

different from the calendar year. Not only does the solstice occur on a specific day, but it also occurs at a specific time of day, corresponding to the instant the North Pole is aimed furthest away from the sun on the 23.5 degree tilt of the earth's axis. The solstice is referred to in

some cultures as the "shortest day" or "extreme of winter." New York City will experience nine hours and fifteen minutes of sunlight, compared to fifteen hours and five minutes on the summer solstice. The North Pole has had no sunrise since October. The South Pole, though, will be basking in the glow of the midnight sun, which won't set until March.

The word solstice translates roughly to "sun stands still," deriving from the Latin "solstitium," containing sol, meaning "sun," and the past participle stem of sister, meaning "to make stand." This comes from the fact that the sun's position in the sky relative to the horizon at noon appears to pause in the days surrounding the solstice.

Ancient cultures viewed the winter solstice as a time of death and rebirth. The harsh winter months posed a real threat of starvation. Many early societies held solstice celebrations and rites that focused on the return of the sun and hope for new life. Cattle and other animals were slaughtered, followed by a feast on what would be the last fresh meat for several months. Scandinavian and Germanic pagans burned Yule logs as a symbol of welcoming back the light.

If you do burn a Yule log this month or sit by a fire, remember that the days actually start to lengthen after this December 21, even if our winters seem to last forever.





Fallsburg Maker's Club **Begins New Adventures**

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE - Students in grades 7, 8 and 9 at Fallsburg Junior/ Senior High School have a unique opportunity to explore quad copters, laser cutting, 3D printing and a host of other creative prototyping at THINC-- the Technology Hub and Incubator-- (formerly known as the Hurleyville Maker's Lab) during the 2018 – 19 school year.

The Fallsburg Maker's Club is part of Fallsburg's extended day program. These grant- funded programs offer participating students academic enrichment and support in Math, Science, Social Studies, ENL, Spanish, English Language Arts, Regents Review, as well as a variety of college preparation, career readiness, mentoring programs and college

The Fallsburg Maker's Club may be the only afterschool club that takes place outside of the school campus and inside one of the most interesting buildings in Hurleyville – the Technology Hub and Incubator. The club began in January, 2018 with a small group of students who focused on building a 3D printer. Bad weather caused many sessions to be canceled, but the group completed 80 per cent of the job. The new club members will benefit from that work when they print their creations using a plotter head, which will allow them to print in wet

The first meeting of this year's club took place on November 27 with a drone demonstration by Vinnie

materials, such as clay.



Vinnie Collura, senior assistive technologist at The Center for Discovery, discusses drones and quad copters with members of the Fallsburg Maker's Club.

Collura, senior assistive cific term used to refer to ing their habitat. technologist at The Center for Discovery. Mr. Collura is a recreational drone enthusiast and member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics - the world's largest model aviation association. Students in the club– 2 girls and 3 boys - learned about different types of drones and quad copters and their

used to describe any kind of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV). It can be used to describe both UAVs that are remotely controlled and those that are controlled by as well as researching the onboard computers. "Quad health of whales and other

"Drone" is a broad term

a drone that is controlled by

Drones are valuable and efficient tools for businesses and government agencies, according to experts forging careers around a growing drone economy. They see new uses for drones sparking job opportunities across a variety of industries.

Besides recreational flying and racing, drones and quad copters are currently being used for everything from real estate photography to disaster recovery, copter" is a more spe- marine life without disturb- burg Maker's Club!

In the courtyard outside THINC, the students each had a turn to watch what the drone camera saw by looking through goggles connected via radio frequency. As Mr. Collura guided the drone to rise, dip and flip in midair, each youngster smiled and giggled, comparing the feeling to being on a roller coaster ride. They were excited to learn that the lab is acquiring 4 recreational quad copters so that they can learn how to fly – a fun and marketable skill set for the 21st century.

More adventures are on the horizon for the Falls-

Students from Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Student Government Association are (left to right) Adam Frunzi, Jacob Espinoza, Yenci Ortez, Nancy Martinez, Isaac Hernandez, and Jarvin Nunez.

Thanksgiving Spirit Continues Strong in FCSD

FALLSBURG – For more years than present staff can remember, the High School collected the Fallsburg Central School food, which was delivered District (FCSD) has been to the Hurleyville Food collecting and provid- Bank and to the South ing non-perishable food, Fallsburg Food Pantry at turkeys and chickens for St. Andrew's Church. appreciative families in the Fallsburg communi- Advisors Peter Dworetsky ty. This year, the Student at Benjamin Cosor El-Government Associations ementary School (BCES,) as they have generously joy to the community.

(SGA) in both the Ele- and Co-Advisors Elisa mentary and Junior/Senior

Baum and Isabel Mejia at FJSHS, students, with the help of the school custodians, gathered all food at the High School. Rolling V Bus Company provided FCSD SGA. a bus and driver as they Under the guidance of have from many years SGA in both buildings are for delivery by a group of the SGA students. And,

done year after year, M&B Associates in South Fallsburg provided 30 fresh turkeys and 30 chickens to the Hurleyville Food Bank on behalf of the

School staff and the proud to support the spirit of giving and spreading

EMS Beat

by Albee Bockman, AEMT-P



"12 DANGERS OF CHRISTMAS . . . AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE!"

As joyous as the holiday season is, more than 10,000 people in the United States go to the Emergency Room with enthusiasm. Each year, our EMS service responds to Christmas and Chanukah emergencies disrupting the joy of being with family and friends. Let's review those dangers together so that we can look forward to a safe and healthy holiday period.

strands of lights. You have lights hanging from trees, windows, roofs, clothing, mothers-in-law, etc. These can create a significant choking hazard. Additionally, frays in the lights can cause electrical problems. Serious burns and other related injuries can occur as

ty tree ornaments. Some are small, some are large. They become a real concern if you have toddlers or young children who are reaching up to touch them. They are shiny, colorful, and attractive to those who love putting things in their mouths. This is a serious choking hazard, and may also cause bleeding injuries.

NUMBER 3: Poisons. That's right! Christmas flowers and plants are of concern. Poinsettias are not much of a concern; however, the ones that cause problems are mistletoe and holly. Children see the berries and may think they are ed-

occur, call 911 and request Paramedics.

NUMBER 4: Hot items each year for injuries relat- on the stove. Ladies and ed to the holidays. Although gentlemen, some of the our community knows me worst burns I have ever place." Well, I once had Tree. When you think about for my singing abilities, seen are when young kids to call the Hurleyville Fire it, you have a large piece of this is one song I won't sing reach up and grab a hot pot Department because I did dry wood reaching all the of boiling water and pull it down on themselves. With things so hectic in the house when company comes over, one can lose track of the kids running around. Keep an eye out for them!

NUMBER 5: Candles. Yes, candles smell nice and look nice. There are thou-NUMBER 1: Hanging sands of candle fires every year, but there a lot more during Christmas.

NUMBER 6: Alcohol. Need I say anything further!?!? We adults get it for sure. But we must be concerned about our children as well. Eggnog with alcohol in it, or other tasty drinks with alcohol are sometimes left out after a party, and NUMBER 2: Those preteven a small amount can be life threatening for a young child.

NUMBER 7: Finger foods, nuts, popcorn. These are choking risks for kids. Just keep an eye out!

NUMBER 8: Food poisoning. We can't wait for Santa Clause to arrive, but we sure can wait for salmonella! Raw eggs in egging or in pies can be of concern. Also, when cooking a turkey, if the stuffing is too tight in the bird, the turkey may not cook thoroughly. Food for thought, huh?

NUMBER 9: Batteries. You know those little "button batteries" we use in watches and other devices? ible. Parents, they are not! If they leak, these little dev-Ingesting them will cause ils can cause serious burns nausea, vomiting, and di- to the esophagus and the GI

arrhea. Should ingestion tract if swallowed. The gention medications. These are eral public does not know how bad they really are.

> NUMBER 10: Fireplaces. It is so easy to just say, "let's throw it in the firejust that. I threw wrapping paper into the wood stove and started a serious chimney fire. Flames were thrust into the air so far that the entire Main Street thought Columbia Hill was on fire. The issue involves sparks that may cause your home or your neighbor's home to catch on fire. Please heed this warning!

NUMBER 11: Visiting other homes. When you visit friends or elderly family members, their home may not be "childproof." Children wander and find household products that may be dangerous if ingested, or medicine cabinets that contain prescrip-

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things we think about in our own home that may not be thought of elsewhere.

NUMBER 12: The main attraction - - the Christmas way up to the ceiling, and you have lots of paper under it. It is a disaster waiting to happen! Just make sure to water the tree every day. It could take up to a gallon of water each day. Keep fire sources away from the

I was going to apologize for listing some of the negatives about the holiday season. But when I thought about it, these little suggestions and warnings will make the holiday enjoyable, safe, and memorable.

Have a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year, Hur-



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OUT DIVINE CORNERS WAY

by Jonathan Shimkin

The first snow comes early this year – a fierce storm in mid-November. As it fell, on the Thursday night, we saw a flash of fur and

brush-like tail skitter across deer (a family of three), the front lawn, as if some with whom we've shared creature was as disoriented the lawn all summer and fall, and the fat hedgehog by the sudden change in the weather as we were. I think it was a fox.

We're accustomed to the

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that emerges from beneath the house when it thinks no one is about, and the perennial mice. But a fox – this was something new, a harbinger of a new season. The snow changes every-

thing.

It slows down time and motion; it magnifies the sense of distance. Traveling to Hurleyville on such a day seems an Arctic undertaking, worthy of Peary setting out for the Pole. On Friday morning, after a couple of attempts to negotiate our comes.

ed by the kitchen window: the snow compels attention; I watch it, lulled at first by the rhythm of its falling and then, later, by the stark simplicity of a white world etched with lines of isolated objects, like strokes of wintry calligraphy.

driveway, I settle for being

housebound for a day. I dis-

cover my day's work, seat-

Such intent watching simplifies the watcher as well, bringing to mind Sim-

one Weil's words: "Absolutely unmixed at-

tention is prayer." I wonder, too, where the deer sleep when the snow





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From the Firehouse



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.

Training is and should be continuous for all firefighters. With that in mind, my son Austin and I went to Sullivan County Weekend at the New York State Fire Academy in Montour Falls. Eighty-four firefighters from 19 Sullivan County fire companies traveled north for some unique train-

Classes offered were: (self-contained SCBA breathing apparatus) Confidence, BEFO (basic exterior fire operations) Skills Workshop, Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC), Fire Officer Refresher and Handling Railroad Emergencies.

These are classes that are not normally offered at home at the Sullivan County Emergency Services Training Center. These classes are taught by some of the most senior and experienced instructor on staff at the Academy.

I attended the Fire Officer Refresher class and Austin attended the SCBA Confidence class, both classes were excellent and offered updated material on the subject matter in the classes.

The Academy offers a unique experience for all who attend. The instructors eat all meals with us and inter act with any student that has a question and or comment about the course content. Just as much is learned during and after meal conversations with each other and the instructors as in the classroom. Many of the departments that don't usually work together get to exchange tactics and information on the classroom topics and about problems back home in their own fire-

On top of all of that, Saturday night there was a

It's December which

means the holiday season is

upon us once again! As we

prepare for the craziness that

comes with this time of year,

we wanted to take a moment

to reflect on another won-

derful year that we have had,

cessful Summer Reading

Program this past summer,

and we're hoping to add to

that success next year as

we explore "A Universe of

Stories." Over the last year,

we enjoyed talks about re-

cycling and composting

with Bill Cutler from Sul-

livan County Department

of Solid Waste, we learned

about various ghost hunting

devices and local spooky

encounters from the guys at

Catskill Paranormal, and we

were taken back in time with Sullivan County history lec-

tures from Sullivan County

Historian, John Conway.

We're looking forward to

bringing you more great pro-

grams in the new year. In the

meantime, you can check

We had a hugely suc-

thanks to all of you!



Grease fires are very dangerous and difficult to get under control quickly if you do not know how to handle them. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire.

prime-rib dinner with all of the trimmings that was out-

Next year will be our twenty-fifth consecutive year of County Weekend and plans are already in the works to provide an outstanding program.

Thanksgiving is behind us and the holiday season is now going full bore. We all love to eat on all of the different holiday celebrations.

Cooking fires almost double on holidays and cause more property damage and severe injuries than home fires any other time of the year. Be smart and avoid these common causes of holiday kitchen fires and injuries.

- Leaving the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food - high temperatures and splattering fat are a ter-
- rible combination. • Wearing loose sleeves
- around the stove, fireplace, or grill - fabric can easily ignite if it touches a heat source. Fabric that is accidentally brushed over food can pick up grease, which is highly flammable.
- Placing paper towels,

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out some of these preschool

and children's programs we

have coming up this month.

10 at 6 p.m., children ages 6

and up are invited to come

make a salt dough ornament

that they can take home. On

Monday, December 17 at 6

p.m., we'll be making some

candy cane slime. Tuesday

mornings at 10 we offer a

preschool story time which

always ends with a fun craft.

On December 4, we'll be

building a paper snowman,

December 11 we'll be mak-

ing a snowflake crown, and

on December 18, we'll be

making a tissue paper orna-

ment.

On Monday, December

napkins, placemats, towels, oven mitts, plastic bags, paper, or plastic or cardboard food packaging too near the stovetop, oven, grill, or any heatgenerating appliance can cause a fire.

- Using a stove, oven, or grill that has a buildup of grease - grease fires are very dangerous and difficult for the homeowners to get under control quickly if they do not know how to handle them.
- Working on a crowded surface - too little room can cause dishes and utensils to fall onto the stove or the floor, resulting in burns, cuts, and damage to stoves, countertops, floors, and appli-
- Unsupervised children and love to be involved or electric cords, or leave toys on the kitchen floor a hurrying adult could trip
- Nonworking fire alarms - a smoke alarm is often

by Kelly Wells & Amanda Letohic

programs can be found on

our website, www.fallsbur-

glibrary.org. As a remind-

er, all of our programs are

FREE and open to the pub-

lic. 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.

closings this month, we will

be closed Monday and Tues-

day, December 24 and 25 in

observance of Christmas.

We will also be closing at 3 healthy holiday season!

As a note to our holiday

A more complete list of p.m. on Monday, December

New Year.

the first thing to alert you that something is burning. Make sure yours are working before you begin your holiday preparations. A battery is a very small investment in your safety.

The worst may strike even if you take care, so be sure to have a fire extinguisher easily accessible and NEVER use water to extinguish a grease fire, as water will lead to spreading of a grease fire.

If there should be fire in your home "Get Out and Stay Out" and Close the Door Behind You.

On the evening of Black Friday, the Hurleyville fire department along with many others departments decorated their apparatus in their Christmas light finest and traveled to Jeffersonville - children are curious for the annual Dworetsky Holiday Parade. The pain family events. Keep rade honors the memory of an eye on young children Past Youngsville Fire Chief to help ensure they don't James Dworetsky. It was a touch sharp or hot objects little cold, but a great start to the Holiday Season.

> From my family to yours have a safe holiday season. Be safe!

> 31, and will remain closed

Tuesday, January 1 for the

weather, and as a reminder,

we sometimes may need to

close early, delay opening,

or close altogether to ensure

the safety of our staff and

patrons. Although we moni-

tor what the Fallsburg Cen-

tral School District is doing

on winter weather days, we

do NOT always follow their

schedule. Be sure to check

our website, social media, or

call before venturing out on

iffy weather days. Wishing

everyone a safe, happy, and

Tis the season for winter

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January 2, 1932

Legs Diamond Killers Sought

Trooper D.H. Cady of Wurtsboro said recently he had been able to make virtually no progress at all on investigation of the circumstances surrounding the abandonment near Summitville of a car believed to have been that which whisked the slayers of Legs Diamond away from Albany early last Friday. Trooper Cady said he was awaiting information from New York and Albany police. Meanwhile, it was re-

ported a maroon colored car resembling one that left the Diamond rooming house just after the shooting and resembling also the one which was reported to have passed through Saugerties early Friday and the one abandoned near Summitville, stopped for gasoline in Ellenville Saturday. If the car seen in Albany and the one found in Sullivan County are the same, and police believe they are, it appears its occupants took two days to drive the seventy-five miles from Albany to the place where they left it. Apparently, they stopped for some time along the way.

The car had been driven only 1,063 miles according to figures on the speedom-

> Won't Tell Where **Stolen Jewels Are**

Although George Mills



Gangster Jack "Legs" Diamond was killed in Albany on December 18, 1931. The car that was believed used in the getaway was found in Sullivan County two days

has sent officers scurrying back and forth from Monticello, Kiamesha, and Fallsburgh, the diamond rings which were stolen from Mrs. Barbara Tyrell have not yet been recovered. All the loot from five robberies was recovered with the exception of the diamonds.

Meanwhile, Mills is in Sullivan County jail, awaiting the action of the grand jury on a series of burglary charges. The grand jury meets January 4 and will hear this case then. Mills, twenty-six year

old ex-convict, was arrested by Constable William H. Thorp in a Fallsburgh pool room last week. He was about to move from his quarters at Kiamesha the day of his arrest.

He confessed to breaking into the Atson T. Reynolds home on High Street (Monticello) and stealing a shotgun; the James Kelly home, the Tyrell and Miller house, from which \$25 in cash and more than \$1,000 in jewelry was taken; the Ralph Kerr place, from which a suit and gold watch was missing; the Ed Greene residence; Emma Heath's home, where Mills made off with \$50 in cash, old coins, and a gold watch; and the last place, the Jay Lynch home, from which a gold watch and revolver was stolen.

January 9, 1932

5,000 Visitors in County **Celebrate New Year**

Sullivan County entertained probably 5,000 New York holiday guests at the various year round hotels. It is reported the Grossinger at Liberty had 600 alone and the Flagler at Fallsburgh had 400. The other large hotels are patronized on the same generous scale.

Liberty Insurance Man Found Shot in Bathroom

Harry B. McLaughlin, proprietor of an insurance agency in Liberty, was found dead in his bathroom at noon Monday. Apparently he had committed suicide by shooting himself through the head.

Coroner G. Cameron Gain of Jeffersonville, Dr. Luther Payne, District Attorney William Deckelman, and Sheriff Benjamin Gerow were called at once.

Samuel McLaughlin, who Knapp, associate matron.

tablishment at Monticello.

conducts an insurance es-

January 1, 1937

Friday Evening Forum Re-Opens

The Jewish Youth League announces the re-opening of the Friday evening Forums which were so well attended last year. The Forum will be held Friday evening, January 8 at 8 p.m. at the Synagogue. Rabbi Isidore S. Meyer will officiate, and the topic of the his sermon will be "The Good Name."

Rabbi Meyer, who is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, is at present Miller Research Fellow in Jewish History at Columbia University and is Instructor in Jewish History and Religion at the Institute for Adult Jewish Education at the Brooklyn Jewish Centre.

Masonic Lodges Install New Officers This Week

Masonic Lodges in Monticello and in Liberty will install new masters and officers elected last week. Charles Horton was elected master of the Monticello lodge, and Albert Hadden master of the Mongaup Lodge, Liberty.

Wallace C. Budd, Summitville postmaster was chosen to head Wawarsing Lodge, Ellenville and was installed last week. Kiamesha Chapter, East-

ern Star of Monticello chose Mrs. Edna Davidson, The victim is a brother of matron and Mrs. Harriet

FORMER CATSKILLS HOTEL STAFF TO REUNITE FOR ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME REUNION

All Hotels, All Years, All Staff

CALLICOON - All former staff from the oncethriving Catskills hotels of Sullivan and Ulster Counties are invited to attend a long overdue, once-ina-lifetime reunion being planned for Saturday, May 4, 2019, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon.

The cost is \$90 per person. In addition, the Villa Roma is offering a special group rate for those who would like to spend the night or make it a weekend getaway. Additional activities and programs will be offered throughout the weekend.

The idea of a reunion for all former staff came about when Robin (Cohen) Kauffman attended an event with a few of her former hotel co-workers to promote the plans for a future Catskills Resort Museum in Ellenville. During her drive back



An aerial view of the Concord Hotel in Kiamesha Lake circa

home to Rhode Island, she felt pangs of melancholy; a yearning for those special days. Ms. Kauffman, who considers herself a Catskill Mountain Rat, vacationed in the Catskills growing up, worked at one of the hotels throughout college, and even met her husband at the Concord Hotel. She said those were not only magical years, but also influenced and shaped her life.

While the staff worked hard, they played hard as well. What they did not ture. When asked about their experiences and how

working in the Catskills influenced their lives, many share the same sentiment. As one staff person so eloquently said, "We were a family, diverse and vast. Like a family, all members influenced you in some way, some more than othtime and we were a unique group. Because of this, the Catskill's remain a special part of our lives. " This is most likely the last chance former hotel staff will gather together under one roof. Anyone who would like to take part in what will be an historic event, please contact

ers. We were all entwined

and became the sum of all

those thousands lives we

touched and whose lives

touched us. It was a unique

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realize was that during their time spent working in the Catskills they were making history; making an incredible contribution to the Borscht Belt Cul-

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THE TOMAHAWK

A long time ago, there happy if he came home with yellow rocks. lived a young Indian boy by the name of "Star Gazer." He acquired this name when he was about three or four years old. One night when most of the people of his village were sitting around a large bonfire, Star Gazer was standing, staring at the stars. From that night on, everyone called him Star Gazer.

Time went by quickly, and soon he had become a fine fourteen year old. Like most boys of his age, he wanted to accompany the braves when they went out on hunting trips. He knew that he would have to prove himself to the older braves. Star Gazer also longed for the time when he would get his own tomahawk, one just like the chief of his tribe owned. It was one of the most impressive tomahawks anyone had ever seen. All the braves hoped that when the time came for the chief to pass on, he would leave his tomahawk to one of them.

One day, Star Gazer decided to go fishing, as it shore, but something caught

some trout. As he sat on the river bank watching his line, he started to daydream. He dreamed that he owned the chief's tomahawk, and when all the boys his age saw him, they were envious. He stared into the crystal clear water while he daydreamed. In time, he noticed something very shiny lying on the bottom of the stream. It wasn't long before his curiosity got the best of him. He took off his moccasins and walked out to the middle of the stream. Star Gazer reached down into the water and grasped the object. When he opened up his hand, he realized it was just a very shiny yellow rock. It surprised him that the

little rock was so heavy. He first thought of throwing it back into the water, but decided he might find a use for it later on. A pouch he carried over his shoulder was used for storing things he found, like this rock. Star Gazer walked back to the would make his mother very his eye; more of those shiny

The more he looked, the more he found. There was no way he was going to pick up any more of those stones, as his legs were turning blue from the ice cold water. He caught six trout by the end of

When he arrived at his tepee, his mother greeted him and told him how happy she was with his catch. That night, just before he went to sleep, he took the bright yellow stone out of his pouch. It was about the size of a chicken egg. He wrapped it in deer skin and stuck it under his buffalo skin bed. In time, he forgot about the yel-

Summer was quickly replaced by fall. Everyone in the tribe was working feverishly to ensure that they had enough food in their tepees for the winter. The fall had not been very productive for the hunting parties. The chief was concerned that some of his people might not make it through the long, cold win-

One day, a white trader

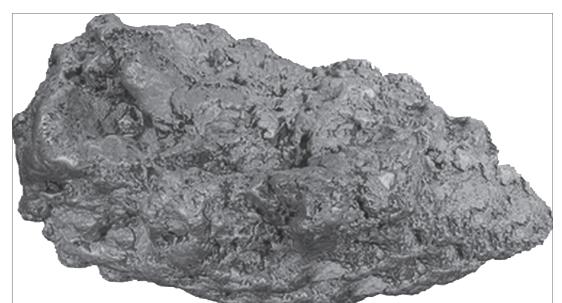


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Star Gazer's shiny yellow rock was about the size of a chicken egg.

came into the village to trade. Everyone came to see what he had with him. He sat with the chief in the large council tepee and showed him what he had to trade. When he brought out a large bag of flour, the chief's eyes

"This," he thought, "would help feed my people in the long, cold winter."

Next, the trader brought out a large bag of beans and a barrel of molasses. The chief's eyes got really big.

This impressed him. He turned toward the trader and asked him what he wanted for these things. The trader placed a few shiny yellow stones on a small mink fur he had brought with him. Star Gazer, who was way in the back of the tepee, saw the yellow stones. His eyes lit up as he remembered the yellow stone he had placed under his buffalo blanket. He slipped out of the council tepee and ran back to his own

He grabbed his yellow stone, still wrapped in the deer skin, and ran back to the meeting place. This time, he came through the main door. Star Gazer walked up to the chief and placed the yellow stone in front of him. The chief looked at the stone and then up at the young man who said, "My chief, if this is what it takes to feed our people, then take it. I alone know where we can get many more of these yellow stones."

The chief then spoke to the at it. Finally, he thanked the trader.

"Come back in one week and we will have enough of these yellow stones to buy all the food you can bring to

"Tell me," asked the chief, "What do you call these yellow stones?"

"Gold," said the trader as he rode away.

When the trader returned the following week, he found a large pile of gold stones waiting for him on a trading blanket. The chief was able to trade gold for enough bags of food for everyone in the village. No one went hungry that winter, and not one per-

son died. In the spring, the chief called all the people together by the bonfire. He then called Star Gazer to come forward. When he stood in front of the people, the chief said, "Because of your smart thinking, not one person starved last winter. To show our appreciation, I am hereby awarding you my own tomahawk."

The chief then handed it to Star Gazer, who just stared

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chief and then held it high in the air for everyone to see.

The white trader was there. also. He walked up to Star Gazer, put his hand on his shoulder, and said, "I know that you have your own Indian name, but I am going to give you a name from me, a white man. That name will be Evan."

"The Tomahawk" is taken from a book by Jim Red Fox entitled Native American Short Stories Book II, published by Author House in 2016. Jim Red Fox, who grew up in Sullivan County and now lives in Napanoch, is also the author of "Native American Short Stories," published in 2012. 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.

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Hurleyville Residents in Aktion

by Heather Gibson

HURLEYVILLE Hurleyville resident Tommy Abelson was recently installed as the new president of The Aktion Club, a service organization affiliated with Kiwanis Interna-

Kiwanis International is an international service club founded in 1915 in Detroit, Michigan. It is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana and is found in more than 80 nations around the world. Service is at the very heart of every Kiwanis Club, and members are actively involved in over 150,000 service projects for children, and raise millions of dollars a year for their communities, families and projects.

Kiwanis members believe that by working together, they can achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone.

"Our mission is really to help one child at a time," said Sue Kasofsky, past president of the Woodridge Kiwanis.

Kiwanis members like Ms. Kasofsky take a lot of pride in watching children thrive. It is understood that these children are our future, so setting them off on the path of community service is sure to make every small community a more loving one.

While the clubs in Woodridge, Monticello, Roscoe, Callicoon, and Ulster County were busy raising awareness and helping children in our school districts, the clubs in Orange County were growing another branch of Kiwanis Club known as The Aktion Club (pronounced like AC-TION). The Aktion Club is the only service club



ing, Secretary Lara Biella, Treasurer Francine Addorrisio, Directors David DeCroti and Kandi Elmore. Absent is Director Jeanne Bartolo.

for adults with disabilities, with more than 12,000 members worldwide.

Orange County quickly found out that these members were super excited about all projects, and eager to really dig in and help. Sullivan County heard of the great success stories spinning out of Orange County and began looking for a sponsoring agency. It was Sullivan ARC, under the direction of Regina McKenny-Snead, that took the lead in breathing life into The Aktion Club here in Sullivan County. Today, Sullivan ARC, The Center for Discovery, and New Hope Community all have several Aktion Club mem-

Sheila Lashinsky, Board Member for Kiwanis Club and Co-Advisor for Aktion Club, says the new officers are: President Tommy Abelson, Vice President Gary Walling, Secretary Lara Biella, and Treasurer Francine Addorrisio. New Board Members will be Kandi Elmore, Da-

Bartolo. "I feel like a proud Mother. Our local members are constantly being featured on the Kiwanis Club website," Ms. Lashinsky said. "Everyone who meets them can see how friendly they are. Their eagerness to help the community is contagious. They just love to help out."

Even more interesting, the members of Aktion Club have also supported Kiwanis Club events.

"They support us, just as much as we support them. We are one big family," Ms. Lashinsky said.

Aktion Club participants have visited local nursing homes, where they've shared their musical dance talents with residents who live there, brightening the day of all involved. They have been greeters and have helped out at The Interfaith Coun-

cil's Thanksgiving Dinner at the Monticello School vid DeCroti, and Jeannie District. They have held car washes, and participated in both The Alzheimer's Walk and The Walk for Hunger. Currently, they are each collecting items to put together Thanksgiving Food Baskets which will go to the schools or to the Federation for The Home-"The Aktion Club has

> provided an opportunity for our adults to expand their sense of community through participation in monthly meetings and community activities," said Alyce Sherwood, Aktion Club Coordinator for The Center for Discovery. "They have developed friendships with peers from the other participating agencies and the supporting Kiwanis members. Several of our adults have cultivated their leadership skills through the role of elected positions in the Aktion Club."



Eagle Scout Joe Conway addresses those gathered at a ceremony recognizing his achievement. He spent the summer of 2018 working at the Hurleyville Maker's Lab.

MAKER'S LAB INTERN IS EAGLE SCOUT

Spent Last Summer in Hurleyville

SPRINGS – Joe Conway, who spent the summer of 2018 working at the Hurleyville Maker's Lab (since renamed the Technology Hub and Incubator), has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He was honored in a special ceremony on November 24 at the White Sulphur Springs Methodist Church, which sponsors his Boy Scout Troop Number

conclusion of the ceremony, is a Registered Nurse at The Mr. Conway noted that he had received a lot of assis-

SULPHUR tance in attaining the honor and said that it is his goal to help other members of his Troop earn the Eagle Scout designation.

Mr. Conway, 18, is a graduate of Tri-Valley High School, and a freshman Engineering student at SUNY Orange in Middletown. He is the son of Joseph and Margaret Conway of Liberty. His father is an instructor at SUNY Delhi as well as Assistant Scout Master of In his remarks at the Troop 717, and his mother Center for Discovery





SENTINEL SPORTS



SULLIVAN WRESTLERS NATIONALLY RANKED!

GENERALS #26 IN LATEST NJCAA POLL

by John Conway

LOCH SHELDRAKE produced a number of mile-

als wrestling team.

On November 9, the Generals recorded a 33-15 home The 2018 season has already victory over the Senators of SUNY Ulster for the first stones for Coach Anthony home dual meet win in the Ng's SUNY Sullivan Gener- program's history. The tri-

umph also marked the first time the Generals had ever suited up a full line-up in a dual meet.

Following a 30-16 home win against Bergen County Community College on No-

> On Sunday, November 18, the Generals competed in the prestigious New York State Collegiate Championships at Cornell University. There were 24 teams represented in the 50th annual tournament, including a number of Division I four -year schools such as Cornell, Army and NYU. Sullivan finished 18th overall, and sophomore 184-pounder Jhavon Inno-

> vember 13, Sullivan was

ranked Number 26 in the

nation by the National Ju-

nior College Athletic As-

sociation. It is the first time

the SUNY Sullivan wres-

tling program has ever been

ranked.

Sophomore 141-pounder Rob Satriano went 2-2 on the day and recorded a 34-second pin over Brockport State's Kole Taylor.

cent placed sixth. It was the

first time a General wrestler

had ever placed in the tour-

The United States Mili-

tary Academy Preparatory School captured the team title in the tournament with 99 points, followed by Ithaca with 89.5. Army, NYU and Buffalo completed the top five finishers. Cornell, which had won the team title for six consecutive years, entered only four wrestlers and finished 11th.

On Sunday, December 2, the Generals competed in the Bob Quade Cyclone Open at Centenary College in Hackettstown, NY. Jhavon innocent, wrestling at 184-pounds, claimed a fourth place medal in the tournament, while Jonathan Perez, competing at 197-pounds, collected two wins on the day. Victories were also recorded by 165-pounder Antonio Collazo, and by Tom Hubmaster at 285-pounds.

Next up for Sullivan grapplers is a dual meet at home against Springfield Tech on Friday, December 14.



Jhavon Innocent (far left) finished in sixth place at 184-pounds at the highly competitive NYS Collegiate Championships at Cornell.

New Gym, New Beginnings for Fallsburg Boys and Girls Basketball

by Angelica Rodriguez

tough tournaments so far this year.

FALLSBURG – This upcoming basketball season for girls' varsity basketball will mean a fresh start with a new young team. Coach Daniel Redmond looks forward to a Class B Division 4 Williams and Amanda Zeno. Although the team lost last year's star player, Diamond Weeks, Coach Redmond has faith in this year's squad.

"The main goal for the season is to improve as a young team each and every game,"

"The team will be very different," Coach Redmond said. "You can't expect to replace a Diamond Weeks. But on the other side, I do have Amanda Zeno. She is a special player herself and I feel comfortable leaving the team in her hands."

This year, Ms. Zeno anticipates reaching 1,000 points, and she is only a junior. She is currently at 823 points, and Coach Redmond expects her "to make her mark very early in the season."

Sophomore SUNY Sullivan 184-pounder Jhavon innocent (right) placed sixth and fourth in two

The Fallsburg girls' first title for the fourth time with game will be at home on Dereturning captains Zariah cember 3, at 6 p.m. against Rondout Valley. The district will also dedicate its newly renovated gymnasium prior to the game.

The boys' varsity basketball team will also start fresh with a team largely made up of juniors. This season might be a struggle for them because of the loss of a number of valuable and talented players.

Coach Lionel White has confidence in his new young

"We have many talented players coming up from the



Fallsburg dedicated its newly renovated gymnasium on Monday evening, December 3.

junior varsity," he said. "I am very excited for this year."

Coach White said the team is looking forward to getting back into sectionals, and "the only way we can do that is by working hard in the classroom and on the court."

"My main goal for the

season is to continue with be at home on December 7 at the growth and success of the program," Coach White said. "Sportsmanship is a key component of what I teach the team, and I think they have shown a tremendous amount."

The boys' first game will

6 p.m. against Goshen.

Both Fallsburg teams are looking forward to a great season in their brand new gym. Good luck boys and girl basketball teams this year!



by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE - SUNY Sullivan's Lady Generals basketball team has started out its life as a Division II team in a strong fashion, winning six of its first nine games. Freshman guard Traynise Delaney has paced the team in scoring, averaging 20.2 points per contest.

Ms. Delaney, a 5'5" product of Holcombe L Rucker High School in the Bronx, has shot better than 50% from the field, and recorded a season high 36 points in the Lady Generals most recent game, a 90-89 overtime loss to Lackawanna College on

November 30. had won two in a row going into the home contest against Lackawanna,

which had been resched-

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Guard Traynise Delaney Leads the Way



Freshman Guard Traynise Delaney leads the Lady Generals in scoring with 20.2 ppg.

nity College of Maryland on the road on November 17, despite 21 points from Ms. Delaney and 17 from The Sullivan women Jayda Allen, the Lady Generals defeated Prince George's (Maryland) 52-40 despite Ms. Delaney being held to 9 points in uled from November 15. 21 minutes. Shatoya New-

After losing 73-67 to ine led the way with 12 points in that contest.

> Sullivan followed that win up with a resounding 96-40 victory over Dutchess County Community College at home on November 20. Ms. Delaney scored 25 points. Strong rebounding has

been one of the keys to success for the Lady Generals in the early going, with sophomore forward Jordan Meaurie Pickett, and freshman front courters Jade Walls and Jayda Allen all averaging nearly 10 rebounds per game.

The Sullivan women had three games on their schedule this week, with a home game against Rockland on Tuesday night, December 4, a road game against SUNY-Ulster on Thursday, December 6, and a contest against Connecticut-Avery Point on Saturday, December 8.

KEVIN SMITH LEADING GENERALS MENS' B-BALL

LOCH SHELDRAKE -The SUNY Sullivan Generals mens' basketball team has started the 2018 season strong, ending November with three straight wins and an overall 6-3 mark. Although not ranked in the Top

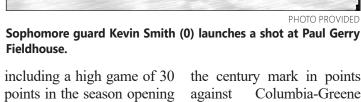


Kevin Smith

25 nationally in the latest NJ-CAA poll, the Generals did receive some votes.

Kevin Smith and Tyiek Rivers have led the Generals offense in the early going, averaging 20.2 points per game. Mr. Smith, a 6'2'sophomore guard who played last season at Pace University, has been amazingly consistent this year, with a high game of 26 points in an 89-82 home win against Dutchess County Community College on November 20, and only one game in which he did not hit for at least 20, a 17 point effort in a losing cause against Prince George's in Maryland on November 18.

Mr. Rivers, a 6'6 freshman guard from Monsignor Scanlan High in Brooklyn, has averaged 13.2 points per game,



win against Cecil College on November 11.

Freshman forward Darius Lee is the other General averaging in double figures scoring in 2018, tallying 12.4 points per game.

the century mark in points against Columbia-Greene Community College on November 27, recording a 110-72 home win. Mr. Smith played just 19 minutes in that contest, but still managed to score 21 points. Sophomore guard James Conteh contrib-The Generals topped uted 16 points, while Darvin

up that victory with an 87-73 home win over Monroe Community College on November 30. Mr. Smith hit for

Lovett scored 13 and Darius

The Generals followed

Lee 12.

24 in that game, with Arafat Shaibu, one of last year's stars, contributing 20 points along with 14 rebounds. Sullivan was at home against Rockland County

Community College on Tuesday, December 4, and travelled to Stone Ridge to take on SUNY Ulster on Thursday, December 6. They next return home for a match-up against Westchester on Thursday, December 13. Game time for that contest at Paul Gerry Fieldhouse is 7 p.m.