

SMALL TOWN, BIG IDEAS

BONACIC SECURES FUNDING FOR NEW SIDEWALKS

A portion of Hurleyville's Main Street will soon be getting badly needed sidewalk improvements as the result of funding obtained by NYS Senator John Bonacic.

Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) has announced that he has secured a \$100,000 grant for the Town of Fallsburg to help with the installation of sidewalks in Hurleyville. The grant was secured as part of the State Municipal Grant Program, funding for which was appropriated in the 2016-2017 State Budget.

The \$100,000 grant will be dedicated to the construction of new sidewalks and curbing along the easterly side of Main Street, between Thompson Street and Cunes Road. The scope of the work includes demolition and removal of existing concrete sidewalks, new concrete curbing, relocation of one fire hydrant, asphalt paving, and restoration work including topsoil, seeding, and mulching in disturbed areas.

"The hamlet of Hurleyville is undergoing a transformation, with millions of dollars of investment coming in," said Senator Bonacic. "This grant will help Hurleyville continue its ascendance, make it safer for pedestrians to get around, and save local taxpayers money."

Fallsburg Supervisor Steven Vegliante expressed his gratitude for the financial help with the project.

"The Town of Fallsburg is extremely grateful to Senator Bonacic for assist-

"...any assistance with improving our infrastructure, and in this case our sidewalks, is appreciated by our residents..."

Steven Vegliante
Fallsburg Town Supervisor

ing with this grant. Hurleyville is in the midst of an incredible transformation thanks to the investment of The Center for Discovery and others, and any assistance with improving our infrastructure, and in this case our sidewalks, is appreciated by our residents. Specifically, this grant and the improved sidewalks will benefit the entire community, but especially those who are mobility-challenged. All of our residents deserve to share in the re-born hamlet of Hurleyville, and this grant will help us make sure that can happen."

"Providing truly accessible sidewalks has been part of our vision for an improved Main Street since the beginning," said Patrick H. Dollard, President and C.E.O. of The Center for Discovery. "They are a key component in ensuring the community is open to everyone. The continued efforts by both Supervisor Vegliante and Senator Bonacic to provide a public partner to the private investment in the community have been instrumental in moving this rebirth forward."

A VISIT WITH HURLEYVILLE'S OWN "AUNT NENEE"

By Heather Gibson

It's cold outside. No, it's more than cold. It's bitter. It's icy. It's the first sign that Winter is looming around the next bend.

The Hurleyville Market is warm, and Denise is already nestled in at a table, waiting for me to arrive. The conversation is easy. It's like I know her already. No wonder everyone calls her their "Aunt." She represents the comforts of home in many ways. As we get to know each other, our conversation is interrupted several times so that local and loyal customers can meet the famous "Aunt Nenee." I welcome the interruption because it allows me to see just how popular her products have become.

Many decades ago, in the middle of Columbus Avenue on the West Side of Manhattan, Denise Larson found herself wide eyed and dreamy about a famous food store called The Silver Palate. She passed by the place constantly, and even on the busiest of days, she'd stop to admire the place that had caught her eye, always thinking to herself, "I'd like to do that one day. I'd like to own a place that puts out delicious homemade food; made with only the best ingredients."

At the time, Denise was working for Phoenix House as Director of Corporate Relations. During her tenure there she always had a hand in the food service department. She enjoyed fundraising, and found she had a real knack for getting things donated. Although she loved her job, there was something brewing in her blood line and her mind retreated back to baking time and time again.

Denise was born and raised right here in Hurleyville. Her grandfather came into this country carrying a bag of flour. His dream was to open a bakery, and he did. Her father, Sidney Wichinsky, was born in the back room of that bakery. And while you may have heard of her Uncle Louis "Lebel" Wichinsky, the inventor of the bagel machine, it was Sidney who always had his hands in the dough. He was probably best known for his Russian raisin pumpernickel bread and his rye bread, but Denise offers, "If you ask Jack Halchak, he'll tell you that my Dad made the very best Kaiser



Denise "Aunt Nenee" Larson with her sister, Cheryl Cantor.

rolls. Jack would come down often for a hot fresh one with butter. He still says there's nothing like it."

Wichinsky's was a Hurleyville fixture, located across from Bockman's Pharmacy, and next door to Perk's Market. Each day many delivery trucks left Wichinsky's carrying all sorts of breads to be delivered to the local hotels. In fact, it was Wichinsky's that fed tens of thousands of hotel goers during the Borscht Belt Era. Their best customers were The Kutsher's, The Brown's, and The Evans families.

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Denise "Aunt Nenee" Larson

As a young girl, "Nenee" would stroll along Main Street visiting all the store owners. They all seemed to have such affection for her and she was always greeted with a hug.

"That's how I still feel," she explained to me. "Hurleyville has always represented safety and love to me. I have such strong emotional ties to this town and it's still my favorite place to receive a hug. The store fronts are different, but the feeling is the same."

In fact, she let me in on a little secret. Whenever anyone in the family is going through something

and Cheryl helped with marketing, and packaging design.

Today, they sell at The Callicoon Market, The Hurleyville Market, The Neversink General Store, and The Pakatakan Farmer's Market in Margaretville. In addition to the markets, Aunt Nenee's takes part in several festivals throughout various seasons. She attends the Pickle Festival in Rosendale, and is a frequent vendor at Bethel Woods. She is currently baking for the Red Hook Chocolate Festival, set for November 5th.

While Denise still has her apartment in Manhattan, she now spends most of her time in Hurleyville baking up new recipes for her beloved customers. She works out of her family compound. The house is really a lot like her parents left it. Her family has a hard time making changes, because they like to remember it as it was in years gone by. One big change was the addition of more ovens; especially a convection oven which allows her to make six trays of cookies every fifteen minutes.

Every recipe is unique and completely original.

Although her Oatmeal cookie is her best seller, she has a variety of cookies, scones, jams, and breads available. Her vision has always been to create treats that one could have with tea. She wanted her brand to whisk people away to a different time or era. She was aiming for the English countryside with a bit of romance, and her treats deliver just that. They are fresh, and delicious. I took home a bag of the Cherry Chocolate Chip Oatmeal and fell in love!

Denise says 2017 could mean big changes. She says she really needs to decide whether she's going to keep it small, or move up to the national level and possibly become the next "Mrs. Fields."

"No matter how tired I get, because this is hard work, it's all worth it when I see the smile on my customer's faces, and I know that I delivered a bit of happiness," she says. "Follow your passion. A lady never tells her age, but take it from me, it's never too late to begin again."

Follow Aunt Nenee's on Facebook or place an order by calling 646-784-5539.



"DISCOVERY SESSIONS" AT THE HURLEYVILLE ARTS CENTRE

A number of the world's leading authorities on the connection between the brain and the body gathered at the Hurleyville Arts Centre on Saturday, October 22 for The Center for Discovery's "Change Your Mind" conference, the latest in a series of scholarly conferences offered under the "Discovery Sessions" umbrella.

The conference was touted as "a lively day of dialogue and discussion that will focus on many important questions with few easy answers" and featured presentations with impressive titles such as "Rethinking Expectations: The Importance of Aging Well" and "Tradition to Transition: Multi-Phased Healing Approaches for Co-Morbidities."

One exemplary presentation was delivered by best-selling author Dr. John J. Ratey, an Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, and an internationally recognized expert in neuropsychiatry. Dr. Ratey, who has been affiliated with The Center for Discovery for a number of years, discussed "Active Aging: Exercise and the Brain," detailing how physical exercise can be an effective means of achieving optimum mental health for people of all ages and abilities.

The Center for Discovery's Associate Executive Director, Dr. Theresa Hamlin, presented a program entitled "Change Your Mind, Change the Environment."

"As we develop new un-

derstandings of brain, mind and body, people with differences inspire us to look beyond many long held assumptions," Dr. Helena Ohm, one of the conference organizers noted. "We believe that a fuller appreciation of the intricate connections between health and happiness, brain and body will lead us toward better ways of supporting us all."

Bill Evans, The Center's Vice President for Development, added that the conference continued the organization's long history of presenting cutting edge scholarship "to explore emerging issues affecting health and the complexities of the human condition."

Mr. Evans said The Center "established the Discovery Sessions as a way to bring leading thinkers together to explore forward-thinking ideas from a diverse set of perspectives. We look forward to convening future Discovery Sessions in ways that we hope will lead to new insights and transformative ideas."

In his closing remarks, Patrick H. Dollard, President and C.E.O. of The Center for Discovery, traced the development of the farming tradition at The Center and how it has evolved from the simple philosophy of "food is medicine."

Mr. Dollard also outlined the future vision for The Center and indicated that its presence in Hurleyville and its commitment to the community will continue to increase in the years to come.



Patrick H. Dollard, President and C.E.O. of The Center for Discovery closed out the Discovery Sessions conference with a presentation that included a retrospective of The Center's farming program and a peek at the agency's future.

STILL LOOKING



The Sentinel staff is still seeking information about the historical origins of the bottle from Goodellman's Rexall Drug Store that was found behind the building at 222 Main Street a few weeks back. We are far from certain about much at all thus far, but the information we have uncovered indicates that the Goodelmans were Russian immigrants who came to America in the early 1900s and settled in the Bronx. Joseph and Mollie Goodelman had seven children, including Harry, who moved to Loch Sheldrake. Another son, Aaron became a world renown sculptor and artist, and yet another son, Israel, owned a pharmacy in Brooklyn for many years. The investigation continues...

The Inquiring Photographer

by Heather Gibson



Q. "In the spirit of Thanksgiving, what is it you are most thankful for?"



Mari-Jane Fedun Conklin

"I'm thankful to live in our country; the great USA. I'm thankful for all that I have. I have my health and I still can get out of bed every day and go to work. I'm thankful to be alive, but I'm most thankful for my family."



Carol Turner

"I am thankful for the most wonderful family and friends."



Pastor Melvin Boone

"I am thankful that God sent me to Hurleyville and Monticello. People are warm here and still believe in community."



Cookie Cross

"I am thankful for my sister Trina & my Brother-in-law John, John Bradford, and LouAnn Rexford, who were all there for me during very tough times. I am thankful for my niece Melissa, who took the journey with me. I am thankful that my son Michael is home and safe. I am thankful for the town who opened their arms for me when I came back home. And I am so thankful for Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior for watching over all of us through it all."

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



It's a wonderful time of the year in Hurleyville. Preparations have begun for an array of events. The Sullivan County Historical Society's 2016 Holiday Theme Tree Exhibit Open House and Reception will be held at the Sullivan County Museum on Sunday, December 4th from 2:00 PM until 4:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to join in the festivities. Admission is free and donations are always welcome. The Museum is located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville. Organizations, groups and individuals are invited to participate in the exhibit and will be able to decorate their theme trees at the Museum from November 25th through November 30th. A limited number of trees are available from the Historical Society if you are not able to provide your own. Please call 845-434-8044 to reserve a tree or a space. The folks at the Historical Society can also help with suggestions for choosing a theme.

A new exhibit will open at the Museum on Saturday, November 19th. The Veterans' Exhibit will feature military uniforms from the Civil War era through today. The exhibit will also include a presentation on Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Francis Currey, a former



Hurleyville-Sullivan First will hold the 20th Annual "Deck the Doors" holiday decorating contest on Thursday, December 15th.

Hurleyville resident and one of three Sullivan County men to have received the Medal of Honor over the years. The exhibit opening will also feature an informal round table discussion. Veterans are invited to join the panel and share their experiences.

The Museum is interested in hiring someone to shovel snow this winter. Please call Pat Burns at 845-434-8044 for more information. Please visit www.scnyhistory.org for more information on the Sullivan County Historical Society and the Sullivan County

Museum. ***** The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop will present two holiday shows at the Sullivan County Cultural Center at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville. An original work for younger audiences, "I'm Getting Nuttin' for Christmas" by Mekalya Perneszi and Megan Grieco, will be presented along with a family production of a radio play, "Miracle on 34th Street". Performances will be held on December 9th and 10th at 8:00 PM and on December 11th at 2:00 PM.

HURLEYVILLE ARTIST HONORED BY BUFFALO MUSEUM

The Burchfield Penney Art Center in Buffalo, New York will acquire a painting by Hurleyville resident and artist, Richard Seehausen. The museum, dedicated to the vision of the American master Charles E. Burchfield and to the diverse art and artists of western New York State, is celebrating its 50th anniversary with the acquisition of 50 pieces of art by artists with a history in the Buffalo area. Mr. Seehausen received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Buffalo State College. He has received multiple awards and recognitions in Buffalo, including the grand prize award at The Buffalo News Centennial Exhibition. A resident of Hurleyville for more than fifteen years, Mr. Seehausen's work has been exhibited locally by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Nutshell Gallery and the Catskill Art Society.



The artist Richard Seehausen at work in his Hurleyville studio.

The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

That weather certainly changed fast, didn't it! The leaves are all but gone now, leaving the stark contrast of the trunks and branches against the foothills and a beauty all their own. A big round of applause for folksinger/organizer David Rosenberg and the musicians who performed for the CSA pickup on Oct 22, the first 40 degree, cold and nasty day of the season. Being around the music industry in one way shape or form for the last 35 years, this kind of dedication still never ceases to amaze me. Nor does the amount of talent in the area. Long time Hurleyville resident Kevin McDaniel has made it his mission to search out and feature these new and established groups and solo artists live on his WJFF radio show, "Home Grown/Open Mic." The November 5th show, however is a bit different by paying tribute to a friend who passed on last year and the CD he left behind. Home Grown airs from 1PM to 2PM on 90.5 FM. I know you will all join me in expressing a very warm welcome to Silas, the very newest member of the Pickled Owl crew! Mommy, Daddy and his two big sisters are all doing fine. He is such a cutie!!! The best Sunday morning destination outside of Hurleyville has to be De Filippis Bakery at 506 Broadway in Monticello, host to David Rosenberg's brain child "Music Where You Least Expect It." Not only is the breakfast and lunch menu (and the food and pastries!) outstanding, but WOW, what a collection of fine performers! Though the core

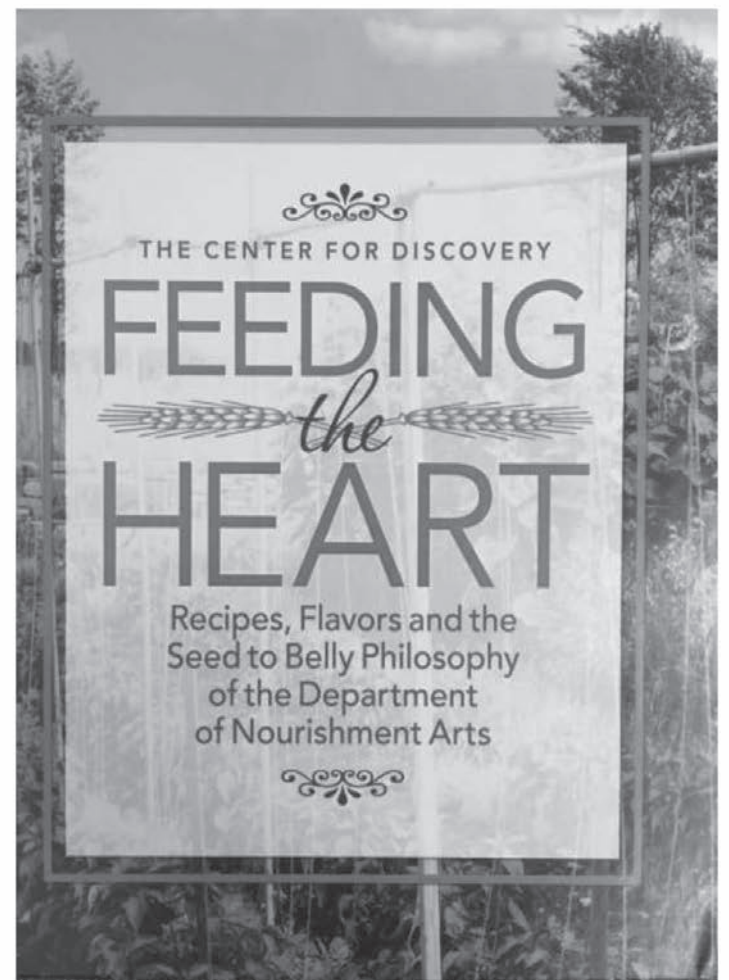


Musicians Lynne Porter (left) and David Rosenberg were among a dedicated group who provided entertainment outside the Hurleyville Market every Saturday morning this summer.

musicians and songsters can change each week, it's not unusual to find Steve Schwartz from Steve's Music in Rock Hill, Ken W joined by James DiPrima on either flute or harmonica backing up powerhouses like Nancy Mace, Joanna Gass, Debbie Fisher or Laura Garone, the amazing Alan Sorensen, Ken Bowles, Lee Karasik or Mike Jung or the standards delivered by Terry Hall and Carmine Iantorno. For November: 1st - Tuesday: Joanna Gass and the Search and Rescue Orchestra (Steve Schwartz, Kenny W, Eric Knies and Bobby C); The Brew, 280 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill 4th - Friday: The Pickled Owl; Little Sparrow (a must see folk and bluegrass band), 7PM 5th - Saturday: The Pickled Owl; Albi (if you haven't heard him, make it a point!), 8PM 5th - Saturday: Home Grown; WJFF 90.5FM 1PM to 2PM 6th - Sunday: Music Where You Least Expect It, De Filippis Bakery, 506 Broadway, Monti-

cello 11AM-1:30ish 11th - Friday: The Pickled Owl; Jung Bergo (acoustic variety), 7PM 12th - Saturday: The Pickled Owl; Dennis Newburg (acoustic rock), 7PM 13th - Sunday: Music Where You Least Expect It, De Filippis Bakery 11AM to 1:30ish 15th - Tuesday: Joanna Gass and the Search and Rescue Orchestra; The Brew 18th - Friday: The Pickled Owl; Patrick Collins (folk and Americana), 7PM 19th - Saturday: The Pickled Owl; Acoustic Steel (acoustic variety), 7PM 20th - Sunday: Music Where You Least Expect It, De Filippis Bakery 11AM to 1:30ish 26th - Saturday: The Pickled Owl; The Rail Birds (roots and reggae), 6PM 25th - Friday: The Pickled Owl; Talking Machine (modern acoustic rock), 7PM 27th - Sunday: Music Where You Least Expect It, De Filippis Bakery 11AM to 1:30ish 29th - Tuesday: Joanna Gass and the Search and Rescue Orchestra; The Brew

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WISHING YOU A SAFE
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SOME SCENES FROM AROUND TOWN



Halloween trick or treaters enjoy hot chocolate, cider and doughnuts at the Hurleyville Firehouse before the costume contest starts.



Moshe Pinto, inventor and entrepreneur, travelled from California to present a program entitled "Listening to Loneliness: The Value of Connection and Community" at The Center for Discovery's prestigious "Change Your Mind" conference at the Hurleyville Arts Centre on Saturday, October 22.



Patrick H. Dollard (right), President and C.E.O. of The Center for Discovery, presents the annual Senator Thomas P. Morahan Lifetime Achievement Award to retiring Congressman Christopher P. Gibson (left) at The Center's Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 23.

Find the top number of the pyramid. Add each pair of blocks together to get the number of the block directly above them.

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Send your answer to info@hurleyvillmakerslab.org. The person who solves this phrase wins a prize.



The Hurleyville Arts Centre, featuring a new marquee, has been a busy place over the past few weeks, hosting hundreds to a screening of a television series episode and to a scholarly conference.



Conference presenters (left to right) John Conway, Dennis Kloczek, Colin Milner and Elise Roy pose with organizer Angelee Santillo prior to the start of the "Change Your Mind" conference at the Hurleyville Arts Centre.



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Hurleyville Arts Centre Artistic Director Janet Carrus addresses a packed house at a sneak preview of the season opening episode of the television series "Years of Living Dangerously" at the Arts Centre on Saturday, October 15.



Work is now just about complete on the building at 222 Main Street now known as Gallery 222 and home to both permanent and rotating art exhibits.



The view of the Gallery 222 building from the rear is a vast improvement without the dilapidated barn like structure that had been affixed for years prior to renovation.



Hurleyville residents "Talkshow" Tommy and John "the Weatherman" delighted the crowd while serving as Masters of Ceremonies at The Center for Discovery's annual Harvest Festival in Harris on Sunday, October 23.



Presenters Dr. John J. Ratey (left) of Harvard Medical School and Colin Milner (right), C.E.O. of the International Council on Active Aging, during the "Change Your Mind" conference at the Hurleyville Arts Centre.

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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 who do. We even supply all of the gear and provide all of the training needed, for free. (Stop by any Monday night and find out how you can help.)

The beginning of October is always fire prevention week and the theme this year was “Don’t Wait – Check the Date, Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years”. All smoke detectors should be checked for a manufacture date. If it is more than ten years old REPLACE IT. The new smoke detectors are made to last ten years and then be replaced.

You should have a smoke detector on every floor and between your bedroom and a way out. While you’re at it make sure you have a carbon monoxide (CO) detector, as well. Just a reminder: CO is an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas that kills. It is the result of incomplete combustion emitted from any device that has a flame. (i.e. your furnace, stove, or gas hot water heater).

After you do that, how about getting your furnace cleaned? If you have a woodstove, fireplace or pellet stove get your chimney cleaned and inspected.

Do you plan on using some other sort of alternate heating device this winter?

Now is the time to check the electric cords, filters, vents, fuel type, etc.

This is only a short list. Fire prevention is year round, not just one week in October. Heating season is when we see the most fires, so check your homes now.

Our firefighters are always training. I had the opportunity to go to the State Fire Academy in Montour Falls for the

22 nd Annual Sullivan County Weekend. There were 80 Sullivan County firefighters from 19 different departments there. The classes taught there are usually not taught here at our training complex in Sullivan County.

I took a class entitled Medium Structural Collapse Concepts. To say the least, it was very informative and interesting.

The fire department has their annual Pancake Breakfast

coming up on Sunday, November 6 th at the firehouse from 7:01 AM to 12:01 PM. We will be making our world famous buckwheat pancakes with sausage and eggs any way you like them. Your choice of coffee, tea or O.J. I am the eggman in the kitchen, so stop and say hello.

REMEMBER FIRE PREVENTION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR!!!

Prevent Cooking Fires



Watch What You Heat

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetop.
- When you cook, wear clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.
- If you have small children, use the back burners if possible.
- Turn the pot handles to the back of the stove
- Never hold a small child while cooking.
- Use a timer to remind you that the stove or oven is on.
- Use only microwave-safe containers to heat food in a microwave.
- Never use aluminum foil or metal objects in a microwave oven.
- Cover a grease fire with a the lid using an oven mitt.
- USE COMMON SENSE WHEN COOKING
- CALL 911 incase of a fire

Remember more fires start in the kitchen than in any other part of the home. Too often people fail to pay attention to what's cooking.

From the files of...

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NOVEMBER 1, 1916 Submission of Propositions

Notice is hereby given pursuant to an application made therefore as prescribed by Section 48 of the Town Law, which application was filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Fallsburg on the 22nd day of September, 1916, the following propositions will be submitted to be voted upon by ballot at a special town meeting duly called therefore at the respective polling places of the town to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 1916, to wit:

Proposition No 1

Shall the Town of Fallsburg acquire a site and construct a suitable building thereon for the purpose of housing its highway machinery, tools and implements for a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars.

Proposition No. 2

Shall the Town of Fallsburg purchase on the most favorable terms a steam-roller.

Lester W Kaune, Town Clerk

NOVEMBER 8, 1916 News of the Week

If you haven't already sent in that dime for the new silk petticoat, don't do it. The promoters in Minneapolis who started the chain of letters have abandoned the scheme and it is said there are 25,000 letters containing dimes undelivered at the post office there. The plan was to get a dime from everyone who received a letter and each in turn was required to write five others to do the same thing. We understand several from here were "stung" and are waiting for the silk petticoat. The Methodists are put-



Photographer Howard Wood also sold favors and postcards from his Main Street studio (left), which featured the iconic kiosk out front.

ting a new roof on the church here, having secured permission from the Baptist Association to do so.

One platform upon which both presidential candidates might share: "Save us from our friends."

Local and Personal Items

Now is a good time to look at the figures after your name on the Sentinel and see if it is paid in advance as it should be. Pay up now while you have the money.

Where are our correspondents? If you need stationery let us know. If you expect to read the news of the nearby villages in which you are interested, you must also consider that others might like to hear from your village and the only way is to send in the news.

As was to be expected the irresponsibles did as usual on Halloween and daubed everything with soap to say nothing of wagons, etc. If they utilized one quarter of that time to good use some other time they might amount to something.

NOVEMBER 22, 1916 Local and Personal Items

The next meeting of the Midland Grange will be held Friday evening of this week. All members are ur-

1917 model. Immediate delivery. Let us tell you more about it. There is nothing that can be compared with it for anywhere near the price of \$825.

To the public, I wish to announce to my friends, patrons and general public that I am moving my grocery business from its present location to the new and larger quarters in the Slausen building next door which I recently purchased. In the future I shall handle a complete line of groceries, butter, eggs, vegetables, dry goods, shoes and in fact everything in the line of general merchandise. Thank you for past favors and soliciting new business, I remain respectfully yours. A. Newberg, Hurleyville

Local and Vicinity Notes

New shapes in ladies' and children's hats just received, also baby bonnets, white and colored felt hats, veils, etc. Let me prove to you that you can buy cheaper at home. Mrs. E. E. Hope, Hurleyville

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THREE FROM FCSD HONORED BY AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

The Fallsburg Central School District Board of Education (BOE) is excited to begin a new program—Volunteer in the Classroom. Designed specifically with participation from teacher suggestions to support students to learn and to encourage them to love learning, the program will build bridges between community members, parents, teachers and students. The Board invites people from the community to share their talents, skills and rich experiences with Fallsburg's young students in the classroom setting. Teachers have offered several opportunities for volunteers including but not limited to reading to students, help with writing, tutoring on all levels, and sharing knowledge of computers and other areas of special interests. Service can be on an occasional or regular basis dependent upon the volunteer's schedule and needs.

For the past two years FCSD has strongly encouraged parental involvement with their students in the District. Training and workshops have fostered close cooperation between teachers, staff and parents. The Volunteer in the Classroom will be a major part of the initiative and bring engagement to a new level. To kick off the Program,

the Board of Education will host a Volunteer Interest Meeting on Monday, November 7, 2016, at 10:00 AM, in the Board Meeting Room located at the Junior/Senior High School, 115 Brickman Road in Fallsburg. Light refreshments will be served. All volunteers will receive formal training during the school year. For further information, please contact BOE Member Dr. Stephanie Phillips at (845) 436-9857.

At right: Three members of the Fallsburg School District (left to right), Ms. Annette Stratton, Mr. Shawn Wiles, and Ms. Jane Tingley, received Excellence for Service awards from the Mid-Hudson School Study Council on October 13.



“COPS PLUS KIDS” IS A HIT IN FALLSBURG

On October 22nd the Town of Fallsburg Police Department took an opportunity to connect with some of the town's youth at a unique program called Cops plus Kids. Through the assistance of a grant from the Sullivan County Youth Bureau, these youths were able to attend an all-expense paid field trip to the United States Military Academy at WestPoint to see an Army football game, providing an opportunity for several Town of Falls-

burg police officers to interact and connect with them. Fallsburg Town Councilman Joe Levner said: "My colleagues on the town board and I support community policing efforts, and believe that it is so important for our officers to take every opportunity to connect with the town's youth." It would appear as if this event hit the mark as the youth participants were all smiles despite the rain and cooler temperatures of the day.

"All too often youth see police officers in a negative light," said Officer Jason Edwards, the Fallsburg School Resource Officer, "I really wanted to create a program where our officers could connect with kids and so that these kids would get a real chance to interact with the officers. The goal was for these kids to come away from the event and feel comfortable with talking to the police officers in their community."

night. Wednesday afternoon she came to town with two young men in an automobile and going to Mrs. E. G. Ratcliff's. Mrs. Ratcliff was asked if Miss Lulu Terwilliger, who was employed there, could go with them to a party and Mrs. Ratcliff consented. The next we hear of them is when Mrs. McNally received a letter Saturday noon from Hilda saying that "by the time you receive this Lulu and I will be married to Edo Porter and Fred Eltz and will be in Johnston City, N.Y."

There are lots of things you want for Thanksgiving, such as favors, postcards, etc., and the place to get them is at Wood's Studio.

NOVEMBER 29, 1916 Local and Vicinity News

W. J. Prince & Son are putting up their saw mill on their large wood tract near Strongtown today and expect soon to have it in operation and will then be in a position to furnish wood as well as coal.

Last week Monday, Miss Hilda Halstead, who has been employed in the household of Mrs. McNally for the past four years, stated she was going to take her vacation and was going to her sister's, Mrs. David Fraser's near Monticello and would return Thursday

Local and Personal Items

The Murray Electrical Co., has set poles and run wires up the hill to Lawyer Baker's residence.

Brenner's new feed mill is nearly ready to commence operations and makes a very nice appearance from the outside.

Farmers, Attention!

Do not spoil yours and your fellow farmers' interest by selling milk to shippers at present. We do not ship to New York. We pay \$2.15

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We sympathize with the great work of the Dairymen's League. We are a co-operative, organized by farmers for the benefit of farmers. We will do our utmost to help the farmers gain their rights. Do not dump your milk; bring it to the co-operative Jewish Farmers Creamery, Hurleyville.

DECEMBER 6, 1916 Narrow Escape from Drowning

Three small children of South Fallsburg, who had

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



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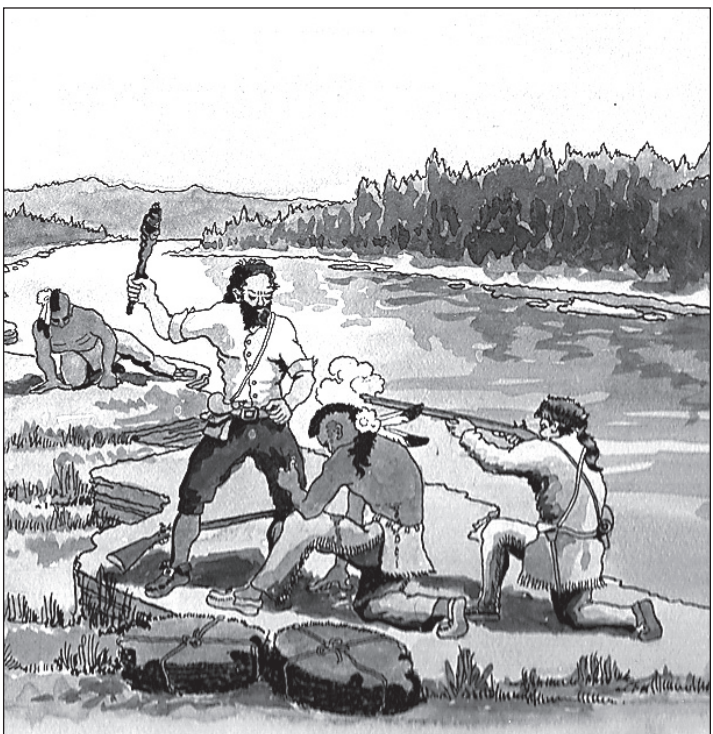
WHO KILLED JOSEPH SKINNER?

An Unsolved Mystery*

BY JACK ROBBIN
— ILLUSTRATION BY JAMES W. BURBANK
(SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORIAN 1948 – 1952)

It was quite sometime after dinner on a cool Halloween evening, and I had just settled into my overstuffed chair by the living room fire with my newspaper, looking forward to catching up on the events of the day, when my eleven year old grandson rather sheepishly entered the room, followed by three of his friends, each of them decked out in a makeshift costume and carrying a bag full of trick-or-treat goodies. It was obvious from the expression on his face that he had been delegated to ask something of me on their collective behalf. "Isn't it past the time for you boys to be heading up to bed?" I asked preemptively. "Almost," Morgan replied, and then added, "but we'd like to ask you something first."

"Oh? And what's that?" "We'd like you to tell us all a story. And we'd like it to be the one about the guy who was murdered on the river. You know, the one you've told me before." "You mean the story of Joseph Skinner?" I asked. "That's a long story, and you boys should be getting to sleep." "Oh please, just tell us the story," Morgan pleaded, looking around at the group of boys. "And besides, we need a little time to eat our candy." I looked longingly at the newspaper in my lap. I had really wanted nothing more than to sit by the fire and read, but I had to admit it was nice to be asked to entertain the boys, who were all at that



Benjamin Haines (center) is known to have killed the Lenape brave Canoe in cold blood near Handsome Eddy on the Delaware River in 1784. Was it his father who killed Joseph Skinner?

age when they are typically much too busy to bother with something as mundane as local history, even when it involved an unsolved murder. "All right," I agreed. "Gather around here, and listen carefully; you won't want to miss any of this." "Can we turn the lights out?" Morgan asked excitedly, and this was followed by a chorus of "yeahs" from his friends. "Sure," I said, and making certain the paper was placed well away from the fire, I switched off the table lamp to my right. The room immediately took on a decidedly spooky cast, illuminated only by the crackling fire and some reflected light from the adjacent hallway. "We need to go back to the middle of the 18th century," I

said. "The 1750s...a time when there were no cars, no television, no computers, no cell phones, no video games..." I paused, watching as the boys shifted their positions on the floor, trying to get comfortable. "There was a small group of settlers living along the Delaware River. They had come here from Connecticut just a few years before because farmland there was getting pretty scarce. They had formed something called The Delaware Company and together had purchased some land from the local Indian tribe. They built small, crude homes along the river banks, on both sides, up and down a stretch of the upper Delaware, and cleared some land for farming. They

called their community Cushetunk, which the Indians had told them was their old name for the area. They said It meant 'place of the red stone cliffs,' and they told them stories of green corn festivals and how the area was once one of the favorite places of their most revered chieftain, Tamanend, or Tammany. "One of the leaders of this new community was a man named Joseph Skinner, who had brought his wife and nine children—seven boys and two girls-- with him to this wilderness to start a new life. Skinner had helped to explore the region before the land was bought from the Indians, and he knew most of the few remaining members of the tribe who still lived nearby as well as all of his neighbors, who came with him from Connecticut. He was popular and well-liked, and was often looked upon to make decisions for the group. "At this time in our history, North America was still largely a wilderness, and the upper Delaware was a desolate frontier, where the wolves and panthers greatly outnumbered the people. The English and the French would shortly go to war to determine who would control this New World. The settlers living along the upper Delaware were mostly unprotected, and in almost constant danger, and while they would eventually build a stockade, a fort, where they could all gather if they needed to, at this particular time there was constant danger.

"There came a time, shortly after the settlement was initially built, when a solitary Indian brave arrived with a message for the settlers that the elders of the Delaware, the Indian tribe who had previously lived in the region, were not happy to see the settlement being built. They said that the land still belonged to them, and that the local Indians who had sold it to the settlers had had no right to do so, since they did not speak for the tribe. And to further complicate matters, the Delaware had recently been conquered by the Seneca of the great Iroquois Confederacy, and the Seneca were also claiming ownership of the land. Both tribes wanted compensation, or payment for the land they believed was rightfully theirs. They wanted a meeting with the leaders of the settlement. "Upon hearing this, the settlers asked Joseph Skinner and Moses Thomas, who were the undisputed leaders of the community, to confront the local Indians and demand the money back that had been paid for the land. Skinner and Thomas tried to locate these Indians and left messages with some of the trappers along the river that they were looking for them, but the Indians had apparently vanished. "So it was that Joseph Skinner, and a man named Hoos were chosen to meet with the Delaware Chieftain Teedyuscong to discuss an arrangement by which the settlers could live in peace and the Delaware would not feel cheated. If that meeting was successful, it was decided, Skinner and Hoos would then meet with the Seneca and try to arrange a

peace with them, as well. "So one sunny morning, just after daybreak, Joseph Skinner, the man named Hoos, and the Indian brave, whose name was Ahtuhwi, meaning 'like a deer,' headed off for the meeting. Now, Joseph Skinner and Hoos were unaware of the fact that Teedyuscong had grown tired of waiting for the British to make amends for all the land they had taken from his people and he hoped that he might use this meeting with Joseph Skinner to force them to do so. And when the Seneca found out about the settlers meeting with Teedyuscong, they were not happy, because they feared that Teedyuscong was trying to get compensation for what was rightfully theirs. So they sent their own delegation, led by a brave named Oneka, which means 'from the water' to intercept Skinner, Hoos and Ahtuhwi, and stop them from meeting with Teedyuscong. "As Skinner, Hoos and Ahtuhwi were making their way downriver from Cushetunk to the confluence of the Lackawaxen River, which they would then follow west, they came across a trapper by the name of Haines. Joseph Skinner had also once been a trapper in the upper Delaware, and although he had never met this Haines, he had heard lots of stories about him. He was not generally regarded as an honest man, and was believed to have ambushed a number of trappers over the years to steal their pelts. Haines came upon the Skinner party just about at the mouth of the Lackawaxen, as they stopped for a drink from the river. Haines

told them that earlier in the day he had been following a group of Seneca braves who seemed headed toward Cushetunk. "How did you know they were Seneca?" Joseph Skinner asked suspiciously. "I could tell from their clothing," Haines said, but what he didn't tell Skinner was that he had actually ambushed the small group, killing all but one, who had managed to escape. He had then gone through their provisions, and from that he could tell they were Seneca. He took whatever he thought had value and left the bodies to be picked over by the denizens of the forest. Joseph Skinner didn't trust Haines one bit, so when they parted ways, he kept extra alert for the rest of the trip. And he decided that Hoos should return to Cushetunk to warn the settlers that there was a group of Seneca who might be headed their way. But Hoos never made it back to Cushetunk. And neither did Joseph Skinner. Nor did Skinner ever make the meeting with Teedyuscong. Hoos was never seen or heard from again. Neither was the Delaware brave Ahtuhwi or the Seneca, Oneka. Joseph Skinner's body was discovered washed up on the river bank some two years later, and was identified only because the family bible was in his pocket. Haines disappeared as well, though many years later a son, Benjamin, was living along the Delaware at Handsome Eddy and is known to have brutally

killed the Indian Canoe in cold blood. "So, to this day, no one knows who killed Joseph Skinner. Was it the greedy and despicable Haines? Or maybe the local Indians who had sold property that wasn't theirs to sell? Had Skinner and his traveling companions come upon them in their journey to meet with Teedyuscong and confronted them, to be killed as a result? Or maybe it was the Seneca brave Oneka, who survived Haines' ambush and was under orders from his chief to stop the meeting with Teedyuscong at all costs? Was it Ahtuhwi? Was his mission from Teedyuscong all along to kill some of the settlers to scare the rest off Delaware land? Or was it possibly Hoos? And if so, what happened to him? "What is known is that from that point forward, people reported seeing Joseph Skinner's ghost at different points along the Delaware River. And they all reported that he seemed to be searching for something or someone." I paused at this point for effect, but I have to admit I really had no idea where my story was going. Only then did I realize that it didn't really matter. I had been so engrossed in the tale myself that I hadn't noticed that every one of the boys had fallen fast asleep. A sad commentary, I guess, on my storytelling abilities, but a fitting ending for Halloween.

SPOTLIGHT ON A HURLEYVILLE TREASURE

By Kathleen Sullivan

WILLIAM "BILL" CARLSON

The late William "Bill" Carlson, the son of George and Jenny Carlson, was born in Kingston, New York on October 23, 1924. A graduate of the Hurleyville School, Bill proudly and bravely served in the United States Navy as a radioman second class from 1943 to 1945. Upon his return to Hurleyville, Bill worked in Perk's Market on Main Street while he attended school to become a licensed meat cutter. He later worked as a driver for Schmidt's Wholesale, a plumbing and electrical supply house in Monticello, and was employed at the Tarry Brae Golf Course as a groundskeeper. He retired in 2010 after working at the golf course for 20 years. A valued member of the Hurleyville Fire Department for sixty-five years,



Bill was an avid golfer and worked as a greenskeeper at Tarry Brae golf course.

Bill served as president from 1952 to 1958 and as Chief from 1969 to 1972. He was chosen as "Fire-fighter of the Year" in 1975. A Commissioner of the Hurleyville Fire District, Bill was past president of the Sullivan County Volunteer Firemen's Association, a member of the Sullivan County Fire Police, the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Royal Order of the Blue Vests.

Bill belonged to the Hur-



Bill Carlson was a 65-year member of the Hurleyville Fire Department, serving as Chief for three years and president for six.

leyville United Methodist Church. He was also a member of American Legion Post #0109 and the Liberty Elks #1545. Bill's niece, Bonnie Makofsky, remembers his ingrained sense of service..."Uncle Bill was always focused outward and forward," she says. "He was optimistic, cheerful and gregarious. He was always available to help out. He spoke warmly and enthusiastically about friends and family, always seeing the good in people." Bill was married to Helen Jacobson Carlson for 61 years. Helen and Bill were the parents of Mark Carlson, Toni McKay and Teri DiMarco and the grandparents

of Christopher Carlson, Erica Payne and Mariann Bury. Bill passed away in 2011. His grandson-in-law, Charles Payne, has fond memories of Bill. "He was a guy that you never saw without a smile. He was always willing to give you a hand on anything...he never said no." The Hurleyville Fire Department honors Bill's service and devotion to the community every year by hosting the Annual Bill Carlson Golf Classic at the Tarry Brae Golf Course. Bill is without a doubt one of Hurleyville's many interesting treasures. Visit www.hurleyville-ny.com to find more treasures in Hurleyville.



Bill with Helen, his wife of 61 years.

FALLSBURG SCHOOL CONDUCTS GOOGLE CLASSROOM TRAINING


As part of the three year \$150,000 grant secured through the New York State Education Department (NYSED), Fallsburg teachers in grades 3 through 8 met in a separate training by grade in the mornings and afternoons of October 17, 18, and 19 with instructor Ms. Alice Keeler. FCSD Director of Technology Keith Edwards introduced Ms. Keeler as a Google certified teacher and technology trainer. In the hands-on workshop with fifth grade teachers on the morning of October 18, the teachers received a touchscreen Chromebook computer for professional use, which was funded as part of the grant. Ms. Keeler led the educators in creating a student-centered classroom, using the tools in Google Classroom, developing simple projects for students, and engaging student involvement in the technology. She emphasized obtaining feedback from a class digitally. It is more immediate and widespread compared to asking for a show of hands in a classroom and watching for one or maybe two hands appear. Ms. Keeler also demonstrated how "talking with a kid" in a chair next to him is the best method to reach him. Of course this is not feasible in our classroom sizes today, but with Google Classroom a teacher can recreate talking with a whole group of students instead of talking at them. In the research to date on student learning in the Google Classroom environment, the designers and instructors find that technology does not make learning better. It does save time because it allows a teacher to work with a whole community of



Google Classroom certified trainer Ms. Alice Keeler (left) and FCSD Director of Technology Mr. Keith Edwards after one of the workshops.

learners and not just individuals, and it allows for continual and instant student and teacher feedback. As Ms. Keeler adds here, "I teach kids and ask them to do things. The programs are designed for them to learn from each other as well as from me. These programs work. You will see a lot of movement, great energy and awareness coming from the children. It is exciting to let kids think and ask questions." The three hour session was fast-paced with a lot to absorb for the teachers, especially the vast majority that is brand new to use of the Google Classroom technology. As a couple teachers shared, it was a start for them, and they realized that once they got firsthand experience through trial and error the technology will help them and their students in learning. Alice Keeler has seen the breakthroughs in classrooms similar to Fallsburg and travels long distances as "A technology missionary on a quest to inspire and help teachers to make vision a reality." Her passion for student learning is evident as a trainer. Fallsburg's teachers and students cannot help but benefit.

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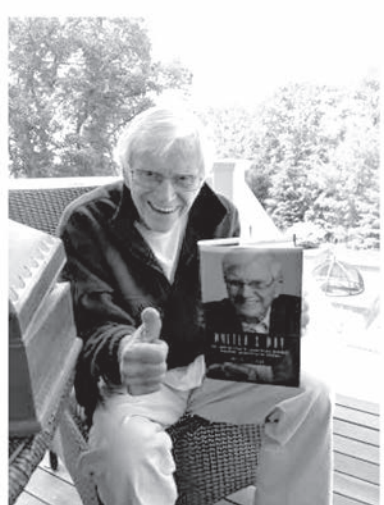
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HURLEYVILLE'S PICKLED OWLS PRIMED FOR PLAYOFFS

Women's Flag Football Playoff Preview

By Bridge Morris

The four teams of the Greco Sports Women's Flag Football League have had a season for the books. At times, the happenings off the field on social media have been of more controversy than the collisions, flagged plays, and arguments on the actual gridiron. Being in a league with only four teams has been physically taxing on the women who've shown up each week with dedication to play doubleheaders in the increasingly colder fall weather. The momentum of regular season play has reached a plateau, as the standings have remained the same for the entire season, and everyone is ready for playoff time.

How exactly do "playoffs" work for a league with only four teams? A single night of elimination games, culminating with the championship faceoff at the end of the evening. Ahead of the final bouts, scheduled to take place Monday, November 7th at Collins Park in Mongaup Valley, we've sized up each of the teams, highlighted some of the key plays from the Monday, October 24th games, and reflected on some of their standout players and moments.



It is definitely non-traditional, but this is the uniform for the Matsons Bar & Grill women.

Matson Bar & Grill (The Underdogs)
They've got tigers playing defense – anything can happen.

The ladies of Matson Bar & Grill, a team balanced with both league veterans and newcomers, haven't won a game all season, and calling them the underdogs going up against Lesbehonest in the first playoff game would be a vast understatement. They're a motley crew, sporting tie-dyed t-shirts with cats on them that say "HUG LIFE" instead of traditional jerseys. Jess Brignoll, a GSWFFL vet, is known for wearing full-body animal suits on the field, distracting when she's on offense as their center and oddly intimidating on defense when she holds down Matson's back line as safety. But despite their inability to secure a win this

season, they've got the advantage of having nothing to lose going up against the two-time defending champions. They've also got some really good players.

Brignoll, often diving into the sideline in pursuit of the receiver, is known for double-fisting both of her opponent's flags as she runs them down. She's the defender on Matson you do not want to approach. Monday night, one would have been frustrated just watching defenders try to flag running back Regina Pierce as she rushed for combined triple-digit yards through fully blocked zones, using her signature spin move to avoid the familiar "POP" of the flag from her belt. No one on the field spins like Pierce, and it's helped Matson tremendously in being able to put numbers on the board. Her running game is likely to be a key offensive move for Matson going against the beast of Lesbehonest.

We can't count out their wide receivers. Demi Cruz and Tonye Freeman, both small and stealthy, zip off the line of scrimmage and up the flank so quickly that teams are playing with fire when they don't send a defender with them. A bit more experience for Matson quarterback Katie Taylor, a first timer who is proving herself more each game, and she'll find one of them in the end zone every time. Matson can match up in speed with some of the league's fastest,

and the ragtag bunch, in their first season together, has shaken even the most poised of teams by holding both Black Widows and Pickled Owls at even scores for entire first halves. Lesbehonest won't have it as easy as people expect.

Black Widows (The Aggressors)
After three seasons, they want the chip – badly.

Taylor Welch, filling the role in quarterback Kiera Browne's absence, confidently threw the Black Widows to a win over Matson Bar & Grill despite a shakeup in the first few minutes of Monday's game. That win, and a subsequent loss to Lesbehonest afterwards kept the Black Widows where they've found themselves all season – right in the middle of the standings with the Pickled Owls.



The Black Widows players huddle up before a game.

There's something to be said about the team that's been in the league since day one, as they've retained most of their original girls and picked up great players along the way. "Aggressive" is the adjective that comes to mind when describing the Black Widows as a team, and their all-or-nothing style of play has had both good and bad consequences for them.

Wide receiver Shamira Wall, arguably the most formidable woman on the field in height and speed, went for the flag on a defensive play Monday as her teammate, running back Tatiana Alston, ran full speed in the same direction. Alston, incredibly fast and in the zone, couldn't stop her momentum and fell over Wall, causing her knee to pop out of place. It was one of those accidents that was painful to watch for everyone at Collins Park, especially knowing that the Black Widows will face the Pickled Owls in the playoffs and will need the stealth and speed of both Wall and Alston to contend. After getting driven off the field by Mobilemedic, it's certain that Wall will need some time to rest her knee before taking the field again. But things aren't looking dire for the Black Widows just yet.

Despite being drained emotionally and physically from their Matson game and struggling against Lesbehonest, the Widows, guided by longtime coach Desmond Chisolm, had some standout moments Monday night. Jacqueline Fore, a longtime wide receiver for the club, had the undisputed play of the evening and one of the greatest moments of the season. Welch, after the snap for a 2-point conversion, dropped back off the line and rolled to the right, spotting Fore in the left corner of the end zone. She wasn't uncontested, but Welch threw a perfect floater just over the defender, and Fore did the unthinkable. She jumped up for it, grasping the ball with one hand while still suspended, and cleared the defender, almost somersaulting before crashing to the ground, sacrificing her body to land in the end zone and score the conversion. People were saying she "Odelled" it (reliving NFL player Odell Beckham, Jr.'s iconic 2014 catch). A man waiting out the cold in his car got out to honk the horn and scream

her praises. It was a great moment for Fore, who smiled modestly and celebrated with her teammates. It was a prime example of the aggression and dedication to the game that spectators have learned to expect from the women in this league.

The Widows lost the game to Lesbehonest, but Faith Mangiameli, Black Widows co-captain who also plays in the men's league, thinks they've got a real shot at facing Lesbehonest in the finals and taking the chip.

"She brings heat to the games and knows where to look and what to call," Faith says of Kiera Browne, who the team plans to start as quarterback in the final games. As her name would have it, Mangiameli has faith in her team and their quarterback, but adds that "the playoffs are going to be unpredictable. We'll see who takes that chip home."

Our prediction: Black Widows have a great shot.

Pickled Owls (The Spartans)
Five pages of plays – and they know them all.

When watching the Pickled Owls, a new team this season that, like Matson, is made up of both rookies and veterans, the natural comparison is to the ancient Spartans. They are regimented, lined up before each game running drills and taking orders from Coach Eric Williams, a former referee for this league who gave up his pinstripes to take a shot at a championship season. They are serious and ever-focused, and although they've broken even with wins and losses, coasting in the middle of the standings with the Black Widows, the team has played some of the most technical and pro-class football the league has seen yet.

Every good team has a bad boy coach behind them, and Williams plays the role perfectly. He's been known to argue plays from the sidelines, pushing the patience of his pinstriped former peers right to the limit before pulling back just enough to avoid getting thrown out of the game. He is passionate, as shown by the extensive playbook he wrote for his



Pickled Owl cornerback Tara Reifenheiser (left) squares up against Black Widows' Tatiana Alston.

team, and he expects a lot from his players. They run a strict offense-defense that sees almost every girl play her same position each night, but they've all memorized the playbook so they can fill in another spot with ease. Their game is one of a solid defense that is a zone-coverage powerhouse, and league newcomers like cornerback Melissa Bachmann have found themselves comfortable jumping up to swat away passes and grab interceptions. Jackalyn Litwack, also a rookie, has settled comfortably as a defensive back sitting in a pass rusher's spot, and has accumulated an impressive number of flags for her first season.

If defense wins championships, the Owls look promising heading into what will surely be a tough playoff game against the well-matched Black Widows. But it is the offense that puts on a show you've got to see to believe. League veterans Chelsea Reuss and Angelee Santillo, Pickled Owls quarterback and running back, respectively, left their former clubs to team up and take a chance on chemistry they felt would be there offensively. Boy, were they right.

Monday night, Reuss found Santillo wide open on three separate occasions to bring the Owls to a 21-2 victory over Matson, with wide-out Nicole Feller and center Amanda Goddard helping to secure two out of the three conversions. In their huddles, which last only a split second, Reuss looks over to Williams, who gives her a cryptic sign, and then back to her team, meeting all of the players' eyes before breaking to the line of scrimmage. And just like that, somehow, they know exactly what to do.

Their confidence doesn't skirt on downfall, but their tendency to get caught up on technicalities. At the first game of the season, Santillo walked up to the refs before the opening whistle and asked bluntly, "will I be flagged for showboating?" This obsession with the rules and good vs. bad calls has seen the Owls plagued with revoked touchdowns on controversial out-of-bounds calls and lost games on safety scoring plays the girls swear did



Pickled Owl cornerback Tara Reifenheiser (right) exits the field after her interception, seen here with teammate Kim McKay.

not really occur. But, as Williams tries to convince his team (and, likely, himself), "you do not argue with the refs."

If they remain focused on the game at play and unaffected by the ref calls and sideline chatter, the Pickled Owls' precision could be a force to be reckoned with should they see Lesbehonest in the finals.

Lesbehonest (The Untouchables)
Let's be honest – everyone wants to beat them.

With a squad already this good, it's surprising that coach Yovanni Fields has approached every highlight-reel player on the three other teams with the same line: "You'd look good in black." He has half-jokingly been trying to recruit the league's best to play for Lesbehonest since season one, and he's succeeded in scoring some serious talent from disbanded teams. His core group, however, has remained the same for the most part, and as enticing as it is for girls to join a club that's been a shoe-in for the championship each season, there's a charming arrogance to Fields and his players that makes the desire to beat Lesbehonest outweigh even the allure of a championship banner. Ending the season with an undefeated streak, Lesbehonest expects nothing less than to bring a third such banner home.

They make it look easy. Monday night, game delayed because of an injury, Lesbehonest showed up for their single game against the Widows dressed in their black-on-black uniforms, as calm and collected as ever. Quarterback Jamie VanderMeulen, who has led the GSWFFL standings for three seasons in both completions and passing yards, stands on the sidelines while the defense is on, shielded from the cold by a blanket that coach Fields drapes her with between plays. The only thing distinguishing her from the QBs in the NFL is the missing headset allowing her to communicate with the control booth. VanderMeulen has thrown the ball on all of Lesbehonest's winning plays this year, and wide receiver Jes-

sica Stant has been on the receiving end of many of them.

In fact, Stant has made a lot of catches, and not always from footballs thrown by her good friend and quarterback. She's led the league in interceptions for three straight seasons, is always in the right place at the right time and quick to rush into the opposite end zone on the turnover to keep Lesbehonest at the top of the leaderboards. But she's not the only girl in all black racking up TDs under her flag belt. It's safe to say almost every player on Lesbehonest has had a hand at scoring for the team. This is partly due to VanderMeulen's accuracy at finding open players, and also because of how opposite they are to Pickled Owls in playing style. Coach Fields will be the first to admit, "We don't have plays."

They don't have assigned positions, either. Aside from their quarterback playing only offense and pass rusher/defensive end Corri Banks holding down their defense, the women of Lesbehonest play offense and defense every single game, and they switch things up constantly. On Monday, as wide receiver Nicole Kothe eeked the Black Widow defender to find open space right in the middle and wide-out Jasmine James flew up the sideline and into the end zone to give the option of a deep pass, there was no specific play that was run. These women simply find the open space time and time again, making sure they win.



Lesbehonest defenders Nikomi Thompson (left) and Corri Banks (right) celebrate after another win.

ROOT, ROOT, ROOT FOR THE HOME TEAM

Looking Ahead...

With a newspaper that's published only once a month, it's difficult to decide which sports leagues get to be featured and how much coverage to do on each. Let's face it – in our small county, rec leagues and weekend pickup games are all we have, and we're proud of our local athletes. We hope you've enjoyed our features introducing the lesser-known Greco Sports Women's Flag Football League and the sport of pickleball, but throughout our winter issues, we're looking to provide you with more coverage of local teams, including statistics and scores in real time.

In our little hamlet of Hurleyville, we're about as lucky as sports fans can get. We've got not one, but two home teams to root for all winter. From basket-

ball to volleyball, we'll be covering the beginning of the winter sports seasons for our local school teams, the SUNY Sullivan Generals and Fallsburg Comets, in the next issue of The Hurleyville Sentinel. We aim to provide you with statistics, person-centric profiles, rundowns of results and upcoming games to support our home teams and cheer them on to what we hope will be their best seasons yet.

We'll also be highlighting some of the more obscure sports that we don't often see covered, specifically darts and bowling, which have been hugely popular in Sullivan County for years. If you have any suggestions on what you'd like to see covered in the sports section, we want to know. E-mail your ideas and suggestions to hurleysent@hotmail.com.

Happy Spectating.