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SO MUCH OWED

THE 11TH HOUR OF THE 11TH DAY OF THE 11TH MONTH

Sullivan County Honors Veterans

by John Conway

MONTICELLO – In 1926, resolution recognizing November 11 as Armistice Day, commemorating the signing of the cease fire with Germany, ending World War I at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. Armistice Day became a national holiday twelve years

Veterans' Day in 1954 in orthe soldiers in all U.S. wars. There have been attempts over the years to change the date of the observance, but tradition has been strong and the holiday has always been returned to its original date. And throughout, the sentiment of honoring those who has remained constant. This sion is \$7. year is no different, and a number of events are scheduled across Sullivan County

to commemorate the holiday.

day, November 9, the 21st the U.S. Congress passed a Annual Veterans Day Parade will step off at 1 p.m., sponsored by The Woodbourne

The holiday was renamed George's Church, 97 Schoolhouse Hill Road, Jeffersonder to recognize the service of ville. For reservations, call (845) 482-4640, Monday thru Thursday from 9 a.m. to

The Liberty Elks Lodge #1545 will be hosting a spaghetti and meatball dinner for Veterans on Monday, November 11 beginning at 5 p.m. Veterans with I.D. are fought to preserve freedom admitted free, guest admis-

In Bethel on Monday, November 11 at 11 a.m., the

In Woodbourne on Satur-

Fire Company No. 1. Line up starts at 12 p.m. A service will follow at the Woodbourne Firehouse. In Jeffersonville, on Monday, November 11 at 6 p.m., there will be a Veterans Thank You Dinner at St.

Sgt. Andrew Brucher VFW Lake. All veterans and the 11, at 9:30 a.m., there will be



Veterans Day Services at the rive by 10:45 a.m.

Veterans Park in Kauneonga On Monday, November ments to follow.

Post 5499 will be conducting public are invited. Please ar- a ceremony at the Summit- November 11 in Eldred the

At 11 a.m. on Monday, the Sylvan-Liebla American

ville Firehouse with refresh- Tusten-Highland-Lumberland VFW Post #6427 and

Legion Post #1363 will hold invited. Refreshments will a Veterans Day Service at follow at the Monticello Elks Heroes Park in honor of all Lodge. Bill Kapito will be veterans. Following the cer- Master of Ceremonies. For emony, refreshments will be further information, please served and the annual Raffle contact the Sullivan County Drawing will be held.

Also at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 11, the Allan Milk Memorial VFW Post #7276 will conduct Veterans Day Observances at the Long Eddy Firehouse. Area veterans and the public are welcome. The VFW Auxiliary will be serving lunch following the program.

be conducted at the Sullivan County Government Center. American Legion Ruddick-Trowbridge Post #73, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Bailey-Richman Post #9588, both based in Monticello will host. Deputy County Manager, John Liddle, retired from the U.S. Navy with the rank of Lieutenant Commander, will be the keynote speaker. The public is cordially

Veterans Service Agency @ (845) 807-0233.

At 11 a.m. on Monday, November 11, at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery on Rte. 55 in Grahamsville, there will be a Flag Exchange Ceremony in which Eugene Fuller's flag will come down and Ted Connolly's flag will be raised. Following the cer-In Monticello, services will emony, there will be refreshments at the Town of Neversink Town Hall.

> And on Monday in Wurtsboro, VFW Post #4947 will conduct a Veterans Day Service at the Post at 9 a.m. and at 11 a.m., American Legion Post #1266 will conduct services at the Veterans Park, Sullivan Street. Refreshments will follow at the Legion Post, 92 Pine Street.

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT FRANCIS CURREY PASSES

Hurleyville Showed Its Pride for Hometown Hero

by Kathleen Sullivan

cis Sherman Currey, the only 21, 1944. Mr. Currey was Sullivan County resident to have been awarded the nation's highest military award for valor in the 20th century, passed away on October 8.

A member of the U.S. Army, Company K, 120th Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, Mr. Currey earned the Congressional Medal of Honor for his rescue of five fellow soldiers and for waging a courageous "one man war" which stemmed an en-

also awarded a Silver Star, a Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts and the Belgian Order of Leopold.

He later became the first Medal of Honor recipient to rey Boulevard. A monument be portrayed as a G.I. Joe action figure.

was organized by community members and held in Hurhonor Mr. Currey, a Sullivan

emy advance in Malmedy, resident of the hamlet. The partment. The occasion fea-Belgium during the Battle Fallsburg Town Board of- tured exhibits of military HURLEYVILLE - Fran- of the Bulge on December ficially declared the day as Francis S. Currey Day.

> The event began with a parade on Main Street and included a ribbon-cutting play. ceremony that marked the dedication of Francis S. Curhonoring Mr. Currey was unveiled and later installed A day long celebration at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville. The members of the Hurleyville leyville on July 10, 2004, to Fire Department showed

equipment and vehicles, entertainment, a flyover by Black Hawk helicopters and a spectacular fireworks dis-

A sign honoring Mr. Currey was erected at the top of Columbia Hill by Hurleyville-Sullivan First and unveiled in July, 2008.

Mr. Currey, a rare breed of American hero, was once quoted: "I can only say one thing. I hope that my country their esteem by making him can be as proud of me as I County native and former an honorary chief of the de- am proud of this country."



Above: The late Ralph Berger (left) with Francis Currey at the installation of the monument honoring Mr. Currey in Hurleyville in September of 2004.

At left: Hurleyville residents Bill Carlson (left) and Walter Lee flank Francis Currey in July of 2008.

SAVE THE DATE

Holiday in Hurleyville Set for December 7

by Win Hadley

HURLEYVILLE – Planning is well underway for the third annual "Holiday in Hurleyville" event, scheduled for Saturday, December 7, and organizers say this will be the biggest and best event so far.

A number of varied events are already set throughout the town, running from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"We will have so many things going on for people of all ages," says Heather Quaintance, who is coordinating the event.

Food vendors and special holiday gift shopping opportunities are being arranged, and train displays, live music, and an alpaca



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Main Street will be bustling with festive activities and holiday cheer for all ages.

petting zoo will highlight the day's activities, which will also include a Hurleyville History Hike along the Milk Train Trail led by Sullivan County Historian John Conway (see story

elsewhere in this edition). The newly released Dis-

ney movie, Frozen II will be showing at the Hurleyville Arts Centre cinema at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. and Santa will be paying a visit to the Arts Centre ballroom from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A holiday tree lighting ceremony will take place at

5 p.m. in the mini-park next to the parking lot on Main Street.

Other activities include a pop-up shop by Buck Brook Alpacas, an art exhibit and sale at Gallery 222, craft vendors at the Pickled Owl, a holiday wreath sale and workshop at the THINC Lab, a special dance performance at Main Street Dance, and much more.

Ms. Quaintance says planning for the event is continuing and additional activities are likely to be added to the schedule. More information on the 2019 Holiday in Hurleyville festivities will be published in the December edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel.

by Jonathan Shimkin

HURLEYVILLE - "A connoisseur of political lunacy" - that's how Molly Ivins described herself on the David Letterman show in 1991. You can see the clip on YouTube; it also includes her quip about then-Vice-President Dan Quayle: "If you put that man's brains in a bumblebee, it would fly backwards" it's funny and it stings! In this pair of quick strokes, Molly characterizes herself and her work concisely and aptly. Her voice registers as part of a distinct American tradition, that of a regional folksy perspective on national affairs – the tradition of Mark Twain and Will



"RAISE HELL" AT HURLEYVILLE ARTS CENTRE

Examines the Life of Late Newspaper Columnist

PHOTO PROVIDED

Filmmaker Janice Engel

Rogers – laced with the Ms. Ivins, in her 40-year acerbic wit of H.L. Menckcareer (she died in 2007) as a reporter, a nationally-syn-

great wit and humanity. It became a potent means of analyzing the nation's public life, refuting cant, satirizing the smug and the hypocritical, and promoting her ideals. And she did so, says Janice Engle, awardwinning documentary filmmaker and director of the new film "Raise Hell: The Life and Times of Molly Ivins," with "a big heart. She was fiercely critical, but always with a glint in her eye. She was not malicious. She loved Texas, she loved people, she loved

dicated political columnist,

a speaker and writer, gave

that regional voice a Texas

accent and wielded it with

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Q. Thanksgiving Day is a joyous occasion to gather with family and friends to celebrate and to give thanks for life and health. What are you most thankful for on this Thanksgiving Day?



Lois Herzbrun

I'm most thankful for family, friends and health.



Donna Nestler

wonderful neighbors I have

I'm most thankful for the

all through Hurleyville.

I'm most thankful for family, definitely...and moving forward.

Chris Kilgore



Dennis Raymond

I'm most thankful for another day above the ground.



The Bread of Life Food

Pantry at the Hurleyville

United Methodist Church

is open on the third and

fourth Thursday of each

month from 4 - 6 p.m. The

volunteers at the food pan-

try also provide free cloth-

ing for families in need on

the fourth Thursday of each

month. Families can sign up

now for Thanksgiving food.

Volunteers will distribute

the food for Thanksgiving

dinners on Tuesday, No-

"MESSY CHURCH,"

a different kind of family

church, is held on the sec-

ond Saturday of each month

at 5:30 p.m. The next two

dates are November 9 and

December 14. Everyone is

invited to come and enjoy

an evening of fun activities,

songs, games, crafts, stories

Services are held at the

church each Sunday from 9

to 10 a.m. A women's group

meets after the service on

the third Sunday of each

The church holds prayer

A Bible study group

The church also hosts a

Youth Group on Fridays

from 7 until 8:30 p.m. The

next two dates are Novem-

ber 15 and November 22.

Young people are invited to

join in a variety of activi-

ties including board games,

trivia, movie nights, arts

Please call Katrina at

845-436-7942 for more in-

formation or if you can help

with any of these activities.

The Sullivan County

Museum and Sullivan

County

Historical Society

It's time to start planning

for the 2019 annual Theme

Tree Exhibit and Open

House at the Sullivan Coun-

ty Museum in Hurleyville.

The Sullivan County His-

torical Society invites orga-

nizations, businesses or in-

dividuals to decorate a tree

The Open House will in-

clude the theme tree exhibi-

tion, refreshments and live

music by the Country Trav-

elers as part of the Society's

"First Sunday" concert se-

ries. The event will take

place on Sunday, December

1, from 1 - 4:30 p.m. The

The Country Travelers are

a classic country and blue-

Gardiner Library

Please Join Me For My Opening Reception Sunday, November 10th, 2019 @ 1pm

music will start at 2 p.m.

and join in the festivities.

and crafts.

meets at the church every

Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m.

meetings every Monday

from 10 a.m. until noon.

and refreshments.

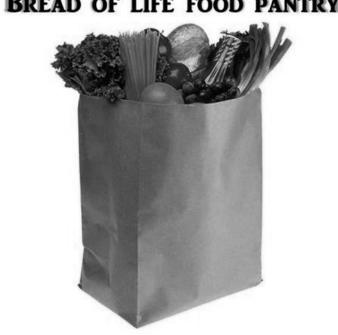
vember 21 at 4 p.m.

by Kathleen Sullivan

Hurleyville Sentinel, Hurleyville, N.Y.



Hurleyville United BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY **Methodist Church**



grass dance band. Members include Paul Lounsbury, fiddle, guitar and vocals, Bob Hunt, banjo, guitar and vocals, Dave Trestyn, bass and vocals, Bill Engle, auto harp and hammered dulcimer, and Patty Legg, guitar and vocals. Patti is also a square dance caller and she will call a couple of square and round dances to go along with the concert. Bring your

dancing shoes!

The concert is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

The event is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

The theme for your tree can represent your organization, business, or individual interests. Participants must provide their own artificial tree that is not taller than six feet. Please provide a table if it is shorter than five feet. Lighting on the tree is recommended.

Trees may be set up between November 22 and November 27, and on November 29 and November 30. The trees will remain until the week of January 5.

Please call the museum at 845-434-8044 or email info@scnyhistory.org if you would like to reserve a space for your tree.

Richard Seehausen

rpseehausen@gmail.com

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

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

Columbia Hill **Neighborhood Alliance**

In an effort to find out what New York State is doing to protect individual homeowners from the adverse environmental impact of unsustainable development the members of the Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance recently met with State Senator Jen Metzger and will meet with Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther in November. Significant environmental

concerns include:

- water supply
- wastewater treatment plants – type, continued maintenance, disposal route of treated wastewa-
- storm water runoff
- increased traffic • noise and light pollution
- protection of wildlife
- and natural resources
- electric supply

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holiday party season, and the best place for a Halloween party is the number one party place in Sullivan County, CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville, and the best band to have for a party is PAPRIKA. Both came together Saturday night October 26. Obviously I'm not the only one who feels this way, as I arrived before the band started to a crowd that included Amy Brightfield, editor with Better Homes and Gardens (who had come in costume as Mrs. Robinson from "The Graduate") her husband Jeff (as Benjamin Braddock) reviving the film THE GRADUATE with Anne Bancroft and Dustin Hoffman. DRAZ, who is often on stage with FISH-ER AND KEAN arrived a bit later as a stereotypical Frenchman complete with

The Scene

As far as I'm concerned,

Halloween kicks off the

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville

een candy. lucky enough to catch PA-PRIKA, I was not just impressed with their musicianship but also that they are a "show band," complete with costume and makeup but even more their command of their audience. This group needs a real stage like Cabernet Frank's, this is not background dining music. It is raucous, spicy and reaches down into your soul making you feel GOOD. The picture (I'm a lousy photographer) from my phone does not do them justice, but I wanted to include it because that fuzzy haired pumpkin is our own TERRY DAME.

an accordian...but this one

opened to reveal Hallow-

And as I was driving home, it struck me. There's a lot of talk recently (again) about revitalizing this area and Sullivan County as a whole. What I saw that night was a large group of people coming together BECAUSE IT WAS FUN! Cabernet Frank's is always FUN. This is why I and so many others keep going back. Perhaps fun should become a criterion and not just an afterthought.

An upcoming event is something I look forward to every year: HOLIDAY IN HURLEYVILLE on Saturday December 7. The schedule of events has not been released yet but if it will be like the past, there will be something to interest everyone. See you there!

A very Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Until next time....

Every Monday: DUTCH'S OPEN MIC: 205 Rock Hill Dr, Rock

Hill, 7 p.m. **Every Tuesday:**

THE GREATER SULLI-VAN COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHES-TRA (Joanna Gass, Steve Schwartz, Kenny Windheim, and Eric Neis),



ERNET FRANK'S, 38 Main Street, Parksville; (hosted by SULLIVAN CATSKILLS); 5 p.m. Dust off those old vinyl

Nov 27)

The two times I've been ry Party with BJ & GREG at BUM &KELS LAKE-SIDE TAVERN, 1132 State Route 52, Loch Sheldrake; 8 to 11 p.m.

> CABERNET FRANK'S CATSKILLS)

Nov 14: hosted by FISH-

ER/KEAN

TLE SPARROW Nov 28: closed Happy

Thanksgiving to All Dec 5: hosted by BOB

(Trivia Night) at RAFTERS TAVERN, 28 Upper Main

PICKLED OWL; 7 p.m.

Every Friday: "The Great American Song Book" with DEFINO and RAV-DIN, and great Italian food! SORELLA'S, 3562 State

JULES BAND at HEC-

Road, Claryville (in the Claryville Arts Center) Nov 22: ALBI; 6 p.m.

Nov 15: DAVID MIL-

PANY, 145 Rockland Road, Roscoe

p.m.

Nov 15: THE BRAD COLLINS BAND; 6 p.m.

Dec 6: BJ & GREG; 6

CABERNET FRANK'S,

by Jane Harrison

38 Main St., Parksville:

8 p.m. unless otherwise

Nov 8: SOULCAKE

Nov 22: BROTALITY

Dec 6: SNAKE CAN-

Every Saturday: "The

Great American Song

Book" with DEFINO and

RAVDIN, and great Italian

food! Sorella's, 3562 State

Rte. 55, Kauneonga Lake:

THE RUSSIAN MULE

BREWERY, 1465 Denning

Road, Claryville (in the

Nov 9: AZIZA & THE

Dec 6: THE ACQUAIN-

BUM &KELS LAKE-

SIDE TAVERN, 1132 State

Route 52, Loch Sheldrake

Nov 9: BRAD COL-

PICKLED OWL, 218

Nov 9: RARE FORM,

WIND-

SHLOMO

Acoustic, Alt rock, Funk

FEATHER HARMONIES.

Acoustic Covers of Various

Nov 23: TALKING MA-

CHINE, Modern Acoustic

FRANKLIN, Solo Acous-

Dec 7: For HOLIDAYS

BJ & GREG for the

brunch crowd 1 to 4 p.m.

(Acoustic Modern & Clas-

THE JOHNNY JULES

BAND for the evening

crowd, 6 to 9 p.m. (Ameri-

CABERNET FRANK'S.

38 Main St, (Exit 98 off

17W) Parksville; 8 p.m.

unless otherwise specified

Nov 9: THE FAR TRIO

Nov 16: ALBI BELULI

Nov 30: CHRIS RAABE

Dec 6: 80's Dance

and Costume Party with

DjKO and MC Kimburlee

Jo (hosted by Caber-

net Frank's and Sullivan

MUSIC WHERE YOU

LEAST EXPECT IT: De-

Fillipis Bakery, 506 Broad-

way, Monticello; 11 a.m.-

RAFTERS TAVERN, 28

(until further notice).

Every Sunday:

JUSTIN

Nov 23:

ACOUSTIC

Catskills)

1:30ish

SUTHERLAND

IN HURLEYVILLE

Main Street, Hurleyville:

Claryville Arts Center)

Nov 15: SIDE F/X

specified

YON

6-9 p.m.

Saturdays:

CURE; 6 p.m.

LINS; 8 p.m.

6 - 9 p.m.

Nov 16th:

Genres & Originals

duo

Rock

Nov 30:

tic Variety

sic Rock)

TANCES; 6 p.m.

Drive, Rock Hill, 6:30 p.m. **Every Wednesday:**

CAB'AROKE, CAB-

records and bring them to VINYL NIGHT AT THE CATSKILL BREWERY, 672 Old Route 17, Livingston Manor; 3 p.m. (Until Wed, Nov 27: Anniversa-

Thursdays:

OPEN MIC; 7 p.m. (hosted by SULLIVAN Nov 7: hosted by BOB

TELLEFSON

Nov 21: hosted by LIT-

TELLEFSON KNOW IT ALL NIGHT

Street, Callicoon; 7 p.m. TRIVIA NIGHT at the

Fridays:

Rte. 55, Kauneonga Lake; 6 - 9 p.m.Nov 15: THE JOHNNY

TORS, 14 Dr. Duggan Road, Bethel THE RUSSIAN MULE BREWERY, 1465 Denning

Dec 6: ALBI; 6 p.m. RAFTERS TAVERN, 28 Upper Main Street, Calli-

NER; 8 p.m. ROSCOE BEER COM-

Nov 8: BJ & GREG; 6

Nov 22: BJ & GREG; 6 p.m.

Upper Main Street, Calli-Open Mic; hosted by ELIZABETH ROSE; 3 to 6 p.m. THE HAL GALPER TRIO; 6:30pm JOHNNY JULES at the FAT LADY CAFÉ for Brunch; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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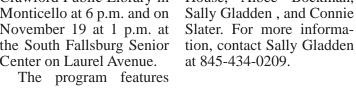
CATSKILL READER'S THEATRE PRESENTS...

MONTICELLO - The Thanksgiving stories, both Catskill Reader's Theatre reverent and irreverent, as will present "THANX" on Wednesday, Novem-

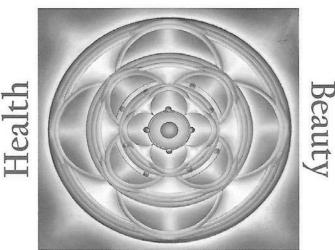
ber 20 at the Ethelbert B. Paul Puerschner, Cookie Crawford Public Library in House, Albee Bockman,

The program features

well as poems, music and history. Performers include







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WORLD RENOWNED CHEFS GATHER IN HURLEYVILLE

TCFD'S LIFE CHANGING SEED TO BELLY® PROGRAM IS THE FOCUS

world-renowned chefs will be on hand gathered at The Center for Discovery's ® ("The Center," TCFD) in Hurleyville, New York, this Saturday, ery® is an internationally-October 19th for the 2019 Michael Ritchie Big Barn on October 19 Event for a Sustainable Future. The 1,200 children and adults event celebratesto show- with complex conditions, case TCFD's and showcas- like including autism. The es its transformative Seed to Belly® program. Each chef will be makingcreated a signature dish, which highlightsing the produce the 2019 Michael Ritchie grown and raised on The Big Barn Event for a Sus-Center's 300-acre organic, biodynamic farm. The invited guests for the eve-

HURLEYVILLE – Fif- nent community leaders, members of the business, healthcare, media and entertainment industries, and long-time supporters.

The Center for Discovrecognized organization providing cutting-edge care and education for Center is at the forefront of scientific research and innovation involving this growing population, and tainable Future directly benefits this research.

The "Seed to Belly"® ning areincluded promi- program is a part of The

Department Center's of Nourishment Arts® (DNA), led by acclaimed Michelin- starred Cchef Cesare Casella, who has been an inspiring force in the culinary world for decades in both Italy and the United States. InThrough DNA, Chef Casella brings together the best farmers, registered dieticians, and chefs under the principle that Food is Medicine®, and with the singular goal of truly nourishing every student and resident, as well as the 1,700 members of The Center's staff. It begins with the cultivation of the soil, choosing the appropriate regional produce, and selecting the



Chef Cesare Casella

seeds. It involves TCFD's planting and harvesting residents and students ac- process, and it ends in tively participating in the the belly – after the DNA

team prepares meals that nourish each individual.

"The Michael Ritchie Big Barn Event for a Sustainable Future," says President and CEO, Patrick H. Dollard "underscores how critical quality food is to our health and to our environment," says TCFD President and CEO, Patrick H. Dollard. "We see the direct impact of nutrition on health in our community, and we study it. For more than a decade, our groundbreaking research program has benefitted from this great night."

The 15 acclaimed chefs in attendance at the 2019 Michael Ritchie Big Barn

Future are all DaVinci previously visited The Center to show support, create signature dishes from TCFD ingredients, and teach The Center's team of DNA chefs. They are: were Hervé Malivert (Director of Culinary Arts & Technology, International Culinary Center), Raffaele Solinas (Corporate Executive Chef, Maiella LIC & American Brass LIC), Mark Strausman (Managing Director, Fred's at Barneys), Jeffrey Butler (Chef & Teacher, International Culinary Center), Kevin Garcia (Executive Chef, Claudio's),

Event for a Sustainable Ralph Scamardella (Partner & Chef, Tao Group Master Chefs who have Hospitality), Maria Loi (Owner & Chef, Loi Estiatorio), Franklin Becker (Culinary Director, Claudio's), Christian Petroni (Owner, Fortina), Jason Pfeifer (Owner & Executive Chef, Manhatta), Pino Luongo (Owner, Morso Restaurant), Matt Abdoo (Co-Owner & Chef, Pig Beach), Shane McBride (Co-Owner & Chef, Pig Beach), Darren Carbone (Executive Chef, El Vez), and Julian Medina (Owner & Chef Toloache, Coppelia, Tacuba Mexican Cantina, La Chula Taqueria. Tqs, and Latineria).

Sullivan County Earns 'SolSmart Silver' for Advancing Solar Energy Growth

MONTICELLO – Sullivan County has received a Silver designation from the national SolSmart program in recognition of the County's success in supporting solar energy development for towns, businesses, homeowners and to power County operations.

Representatives NYS agencies and the Mid-Hudson Regional Council, as well as local solar developers, municipal leaders and legislators from neighboring counties, gathered on the SUNY Sullivan campus October 16 to celebrate the

award and attend a half-day workshop on clean energy.

SolSmart is led by The Solar Foundation and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office. More than 300 cities, from counties, and small towns have achieved SolSmart designation since the program launched in 2016.

"We are proud of the steps we have taken to encourage solar energy growth and remove obstacles to solar development," said County

Manager Josh Potosek, himself a member of ICMA. "In addition to our own 2MW solar array in Liberty, which supplies more than 25% of the County's electricity needs, and the 2MW array on the County-owned campus of SUNY Sullivan, we have welcomed the development of a number of community solar projects that provide County residents and businesses with lower

cost renewable energy."

To support solar development, Sullivan County has hosted informational sessions to help residents and business owners understand solar technology and access programs like Solarize New York, which provides New York (PACE) program, which helps commercial building owners finance onsite solar. And the County has hosted workshops and assisted individual towns to craft solar-friendly zoning and streamlined inspection and permitting processes, based upon the NY-Sun pro-



Sullivan County's Sustainability Coordinator, Heather Brown and the award, in front of SUNY Sullivan's 12-acre solar farm in Loch Sheldrake.

gram's model solar zoning and permitting initiatives.

"All of these efforts help make solar energy accessible for everyone at whatever low-cost financing for solar scale," said Heather Brown, projects. The County has Sustainability Coordinator Silver, or Bronze. also joined the Energize in the Office of Sustainable Energy. "By smoothing the way for solar development, we are helping deliver lowcost renewably-generated energy to our homes and businesses and creating new jobs in the clean energy economy."

SolSmart uses objective ested communities can learn criteria to award commu-

MONTICELLO'S HALL OF

DISTINCTION INDUCTS FOUR

TCFD's Patrick H. Dollard Among Them

nities points based on the actions they take to reduce barriers to solar energy development. Communities that take sufficient action are designated either Gold,

As part of the SolSmart program, a team of national experts provides no-cost technical assistance to help communities achieve designation. All cities and counties are eligible to join the SolSmart program and receive this assistance. Intermore at SolSmart.org.

Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

thunderstorms of August, lightning struck ground close enough to our wellhead to shatter the pump's metal brackets and leave it dangling by a nylon a plumb line. The repairs took a week, during which we, too, were in a curious state of suspension over water. Where to get it? How to store it? How much, or how little, did we really need to wash the dishes (not much, it turned out – if you skimp on rinsing) or flush the toilet consistency, continuity, (two gallons in quick suc- and the comfort of an orcession, on average)?

The strike made graphic That framework extends our total dependence on from the most material the good order of nature matters (If I turn the tap, and hydraulics; it was a water will flow) up to our salutary reminder of our most cherished systems of storm, our pump was recreaturely vulnerabil- belief. Our yearning may paired, the water flowed, ity. When an accustomed ultimately be metaphysi- and things resumed their prop is knocked out of cal: we want the universe normal predictable course. joint like that, one comes to make sense and will face-to-face with the unaccustomed, the radical the assurance that it does. contingency of things. The realm of the unaccustomed is often an anxious or uncanny place. Who wants to live with a continual reminder of one's vulnerability? Who wants to share one's home with

lightning? We move through the

During one of the great world swathed in protective layers of assumption and expectation – all that we take for granted – and this obscures a truth revealed, in a flash, by the lightning: anything can thread, like a weight on happen, at any time, with no warning, no logic, no reason. This is an inconvenient truth we blithely dispense with in order to get by and get done all that our daily round calls us to do. The unaccustomed puts

> custom to rout; it frustrates our yearning for derly framework to things. give almost anything for In Walden, Thoreau called this a search for a point d'appui, or fulcrum: "Let us settle ourselves, and work and wedge our feet downward through the mud and slush of opinion, and prejudice, and tradi-

tion, and delusion, and appearance, that alluvion which covers the globe... till we come to a hard bottom and rocks in place, which we can call reality, and say, This is, and no mistake; and then begin, having a point d'appui..."

But what if there is no "hard bottom," no fulcrum? Our life is bracketed, after all, by two vast and inconceivable tracts of the unaccountable: the one that precedes our entering this world and the one that succeeds our leaving it. In between, comes the lightning flash of our brief mortal span. So there might be wisdom in embracing a sense of the radical contingency of things, a wisdom conducive to true humility.

Soon enough after the Reflecting back on that week now, as Thanksgiving nears, I imagine what it would be like to feel as reconciled to all that doesn't conform to my expectations as to all that does, to thank in equal measure the water-pump and the lightning.

"RAISE HELL"

FROM PAGE 1 humanity. Molly was all ground." heart."

herself a "connoisseur," she identified as someone who both understands and relishes their chosen subject, with an appreciation that is akin to love.

Ms. Engel spent six years working on the film, including many months of going through material in the Molly Ivins archives at the University of Texas. She culled close to 4,000 documents – writings, photos, letters –

and held close to 50 interviews, braiding together this diverse material to both narrate Ms. Ivins's life story and illustrate the themes that drove her work. Ms. Engel says she was inspired by Ms. Ivins's example, as someone who spoke truth to power, and issued "a call to action" to the public-atlarge: it is up to the public to do the "heavy lifting" of the work of citizens, i.e., questioning, scrutinizing, and, ultimately, voting on everything and everyone that affects their own future and the future of the coun-

ject to be "incredibly prescient – what she talked about is what is happening right now," and says of her film: "This is Molly's time. The film should inspire and empower people to act; to talk to others, including (or speak about the film on Noespecially) their political vember 9, at 7 p.m.

Ms. Engel found her sub-

opponents; to find common

"Raise Hell" is testament When Ms. Ivins called not only to Ms. Ivins's life and work, but to her legacy. Ms. Engel tells of one of the first screenings of the film, in Texas last August. During the Q&A following the film, a ten-year old girl asked what advice Molly would have had for her, and Ms. Engel answered: "She would tell you to be true to yourself, to stand up for the powerless and those being bullied, to always be kind, to always speak the truth."

> Ms. Engle later learned that the girl went back to her elementary school and started a class newspaper, staking her first claim to the kind of citizenly engagement that Ms. Ivins advocated her whole life. Just as she was inspired by her predecessors in the sphere of speaking truth to power – the Mark Twains, the H.L. Menckens – so she passed a torch on to the younger generations, encouraging them "to always take the lead" in creating the fair and free system of governance and the flourishing public life that is one of the founding promises of the nation.

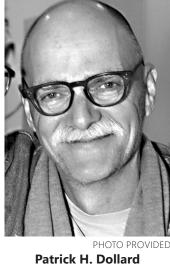
There will be screenings of "Raise Hell: The Life and Times of Molly Ivins" at the Hurleyville Arts Centre on November 8, 9, and 10. Janice Engel will be present to introduce and

MONTICELLO – The Monticello Central School District honored four distinguished graduates at its annual Hall of Distinction ceremony on November 1.

Patrick H. Dollard, president and CEO of The Center for Discovery and a 1968 Monticello graduate, was among those inducted, joining 1979 graduate Lori Leshner, 1988 graduate Dan Smalls, and 1999 alum Travis Brust. Each was nominated to the Hall and selected by the Hall of Distinction committee.

The ceremony was held at the Arnold Packer Hughs Auditorium at Monticello High School.

Later that evening, many gathered for a dessert reception to honor the The Center for Discovinductees at Bernie's Hol- ery from fewer than 30 Chef Cesare Casella.



iday Restaurant in Rock Hill

Mr. Dollard is regarded as one of the most disruptive and effective change agents in the world of healthcare. He has grown

rived in 1980 to more than 1,700 employees in 2019, and has led the transformation of the The Center into an economic engine that has contributed more than \$1 Billion to the New York State economy over the past seven years. Internationally recognized for developing innovative new models of care, Mr. Dollard has pioneered the development of the world's most environmentally sustainable healthcare facilities and programs, including the first LEED-certified healthcare facility in the United States. Mr. Dollard is also the co-author of the award-winning book, "Feeding the Heart" with







partment 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.

In October the fire department lost two longtime members. The first was Joe LaRuffa. Joe was a 58-year member and served as secretary of the department for many years. In addition to being a firefighter, he was the Fallsburg High School senior band director. He demanded perfection from his musicians and got it. His bands played a higher grade of music than most high schools in competition and received "A and A+ grades in these competitions. I had the honor of playing for Joe in the band at the New York State pavilion at the 1964 World's Fair in New York City.

A few days later we and the nation lost Francis Currey, a rectly Medal of Honor recipient for • Place heaters on a solid, flat, his heroics during the Battle level surface of the Bulge in WWII. Francis was one of three Medal of Honor recipients from WWII damp areas left. He is a Honorary Chief • Periodically check elec-

The Hurleyville Fire De- of the Hurleyville Fire Department. When the fire department celebrated its 50th Anniversary, Francis was the Grand Marshal. My wife and I, along with a few Hurleyville firefighters, went to his funeral in New Baltimore. On the way from the church to the cemetery we passed a number of firehouses, and they all had a ladder truck with the American flag hanging over the road and the members lined the street in full dress uniform in front of their firehouse to honor him on his final journey.

As you read this, it is November and time for the heating season.

- Furnace Safety tips: • Get your furnace tuned up
- Get your chimney cleaned
- Remove built up clutter from and around any heating device

Here are some important space heater safety tips:

- Do not use extension cords; plug the space heater in di-
- Do not use electric heaters in the bathroom or other wet/

THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BUREAU OF FIRE WANTS YOU TO BE SAFE THIS HEATING SEASON. NOW IS THE TIME TO CLEAN YOUR FURNACE.

tric heater cords for exposed wires and damage (do not use if you notice any damage) • For gas heaters, use only the fuel recommended by the manufacturer

- Wood Stove Safety tips: • Clean and inspect your
- chimney Use seasoned wood
- Make sure all combustibles
- are at least three feet away for the stove

• Get rid of hot ash in a metal container outside away from the house

When was the last time you cleaned or checked you dryer vent? Now is a good time to some COMMON SENSE.

check it and clean out the lint and make sure there are no leaves or other debris blocking the vent opening.

Most safety is just using common sense.

And you probably changed your clock by falling back one hour. Did you change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors? Remember ALL new detectors now have a ten-year nonreplicable battery. Make sure that you test them and vacuum the dust out of them.

Be safe out there and use

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October 31, 1941

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- 1. Adoption of budget Plan and abolition of Fee System
- 2. Reduction in Taxes from Rate of \$12.59 per \$1,000 Assessment in 1939 to \$11.29 per \$1,000 in 1940 or a saving of 12%.
- 3. Adoption of Bid System on all purchases in excess of \$500.
- 4. Reduction in Purchase Price of Road-Tars and Oils. 5. No unfunded Debt and no outstanding Certificates

of Indebtedness or Claims

against the town. 6. Adoption of County Self Insurance Plan. Saving of Approximately \$2,500 yearly on Compensation Insurance.

SEEKS RE-ELECTION ON PAST RECORD

"More roads for less Money." That is the by-word of the campaign for re-election of Roy T. Clark for superintendent of highways. In his past six years in office, Mr. Clark had, with approximately one-third of the appropriation of his predecessors, built at least three times as much improved road as they have. This could have been brought about only be efficient handling of men and machinery, by economy



Longtime Sullivan County **Sheriff Harry Borden**

in purchase of materials, and by allowing good honest effort to the job.

For the year 1941 alone, Mr. Clark has built 13 miles of road in the Town of Fallsburg, and, when we consider that good roads are the life blood of our community, it behooves every citizen and taxpayer to keep this sterling official in the job where he can serve our interests best.

A vote for Roy T. Clark is a vote for out good welfare and well-being.

AN APPEAL TO **VOTERS - - - ELECT CAUTHERS**

If you elect Charles Cauthers as Road Superintendent for the Town of Fallsburg, you will have chosen a man well qualified and experienced in the work of road building. He has served as Road Commissioner for the Village of Woodridge for over six years.

Mr. Cauthers is the Republican Candidate for Road Superintendent. He is running a clean campaign and has made no derogatory statements concerning his opponent. All who know "Chill" know an honest man, a willing worker, and a man with good business ability.

Mr. Cauthers, a resident of Woodridge since his birth on the John Cauthers farm, is one of the most capable men for the position. He is a man who knows hard work and will not shirk any duties that may come his way.

Mr. Cauthers has pledged himself to a program of serving all people in the Town of Fallsburg to the very best of his ability

November 7, 1941

FOUR INCUMBENTS **RETURNED TO OFFICE IN COUNTY ELECTION**

G.O.P. Retained Majority on Board of Supervisors

Voters of Sullivan County re-elected the four incumbents of county offices and the Republican majority on the Board of Supervisors changed from the 9-6 to 8-7 majority. Largest plurality went to County Clerk J. Bruce Lindsley who won over his Democratic opponent, Frank McKeon of Bloomingburg by 4,955 votes. Mr. Lindsley, returned to office for his fifth term, got 10,823 as against 5,868 for McKeon.

The contest for the office of Sheriff, watched with perhaps the greatest interest by both parties resulted in the return to office of the present Democratic incumbent, Harry Borden, who defeated his Republican opponent, John Baldwin of Livingston Manor by a margin of 719.

In the Town of Fallsburg which is recognized as a Democratic stronghold, present office holders were swept back into office with substantial majorities with the exception of Sup't of Highways Roy C. Clark who was defeated by Charles Cauthers, Republican.

Hyman E. Mintz, whose term of office as magistrate expires this year, was elected to the office of tax collector, while his place on the Town Board will be taken by Monroe Davis, Woodbourne attorney who was elected as town councilman.

In the town of Callicoon, Fred Hessinger, veteran Democratic supervisor was nosed out by a single vote when Walter Weiss, G.O.P. candidate defeated him. In the Town of Lumberland, however, Republican Edward Bisland was defeated by only six votes in a bitterly fought contest with Walter A. Schwartz whom he defeated two years ago by eight votes. The shifting population of

the Town of Neversink was believed responsible for the defeat of Republican Supervisor Robert T. Many by a margin of fifty-two votes less than his Democratic opponent, William Hotchkin. The departure of many old residents whose properties have been taken over by the N.Y.C. water project and the infiltration of a large number of aqueduct workers has changed the political tendencies of the township.

SULLIVAN COUNTY SCORES WELL AGAIN

County Free of Fiscal Stress

MONTICELLO – For this time). the fourth year in a row, the

"No Designation" (mean-ceptible to Fiscal Stress." ing there are no indications "This is the second year

STONE SOUP COOKING

CLASS

Entities receive a fiscal NYS Comptroller's Office score and an environmenhas designated Sullivan tal score. Based on the fis-County free of fiscal stress. cal score, the system as-The Office recently re- signs an entity to one of leased its 2018 Fiscal Stress three categories of stress rankings for municipalities or to the "No Designation" and school districts state- category if its score doesn't wide, based on the annual meet the threshold of financial reports submit- stress. The three categories ted to the Office. Sullivan of stress are "Significant County again scored well, Fiscal Stress," "Moderate earning the best rank of Fiscal Stress" and "Sus-

of the County being sus- in a row that we've been listed as being "Susceptible 2017 assignment of 36.7 ceptible to fiscal stress at given the best fiscal score

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SUPER STORIES 2019

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about navigating in a world that is locked in the notion of only two genders.

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FARM ARTS COLLECTIVE PRESENTS STONE SOUP COOKING CLASS NOVEMBER 17 - 3:00PM

we have ever attained," Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek said, referring to the 12.9 points assigned to the County by the Comptroller's Office. "And this latest report shows we continue to maintain County

government's fiscal stability." to Fiscal Stress" due to a points and is only a few combination of short-term debt and expenses, with a score over 45 points. That dropped to 36.7 in 2015, then 22.5 in 2016. In 2017,

point mark. "This Fiscal Stress ranking shows our residents and taxpayers that we have this County together as efficiently as possible," remarked County Treasurer Nancy Buck, who dex.htm.

the County first hit the 12.9



revenues and expenditures. While the 2018 report again lists Sullivan as "Sus-

works

Budget

PHOTO PROVIDED ceptible to Envi-Sullivan County ronmental Stress" Manager with a score of **Josh Potosek** 33.3 points, that's

In 2014, Sullivan was notably down from the points above "No Designation." The data used to create that score – population changes, poverty levels, tax base, unemployment rates, state/federal aid and other items - represents issues that are not fully with-

in County control. To access the Comptrola great group of hardwork- ler's reports for the County ing professionals running and other municipalities and school districts, visit www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/fiscalmonitoring/in-

FCSD'S ARLENE HUSSEY RECEIVES AN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE Ivan Katz.

FALLSBURG – The Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) is proud to announce that Arlene Hussey has received a 2019 Award for Excellence in the area of School Board Service from the Mid-Hudson School Study Council (MHSSC).

Mrs. Hussey recently completed twelve years of service as a FCSD Board of Education member, and has been re-elected to another three-year term. She received outstanding letters of recommendation for her nomination from current



Arlene Hussey

and Katherine Rappaport BOE President and Vice- respectively, and from Su-President, Debra Barbiani perintendent of Schools, Dr.

A valued member and the district, Mrs. Hussey has helped Mrs. Barbiani immany years of service.

"Her passion is the students at Fallsburg Central School District," says the Board President. "Arlene is truly a gem."

Board Vice-President Rappaport echoes the praisshe says, "She brings to cational wisdom that she dinner held on October 17 at learned in the classroom and Anthony's Pier One Restau-'in the trenches,' not from a rant in New Windsor.

Superintendent Dr. Katz long-time retired teacher in also values Arlene Hussey for her passion and service.

"She understands that we measurably with her knowl- need strong advocates who edge and experience over are willing to fight for the children of our school district," he said. "Arlene's commitment to Fallsburg is second to none and serves as its own unwritten rationale for excellence in boardsmanship!"

The MHSSC is located at es of Mrs. Hussey when Mount Saint Mary's College in Newburgh. They presentthe Board her years of edu- ed their annual awards at a

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CLEAN YOUR CHIMNEY WHY RISK A CHIMNEY FIRE?

FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Kelly Wells & Amanda Letohic



vice hours? We know that hours. Check out some of sometimes it isn't easy to the great programs you can find the available hours volunteer to help out at. required for school. The Fallsburg Library has hours 6, at 6 p.m. is Ladies Night! available after school and Ladies ages 18+ can come on Sundays. Some tasks in to decorate a wine glass include cleaning, shelving to look like a turkey. books, and program help. The only requirements are ber 14 at 6 p.m., back by that the volunteer be be- popular demand, bring

Do you know a teen You can call us at 845-436who needs community ser- 6067 or stop in to ask about

Wednesday, November

On Thursday, Novemtween the ages of 13 and in the whole family for 17 and be a resident of the a night of rock painting. Fallsburg School District. Wednesday,

20 at 6 p.m., we'll have an adult coloring hour for You can stop in or call us ages 18+. We'll provide to reserve your seat. coloring materials (coloring sheets, colored pencils, many great things coming markers, crayons).

The night after that, on 6+ are welcomed to come in and make a cute turkey is 6 p.m. on Mondays and November 10. Please register for pro-social media!

grams as space is limited.

As you can see, we have up at the Fallsburg Library. Some programs have lim-November 21, kids ages ited spots, so please call, email, or stop in to sign up. Here's a reminder of pin out of beads. As usual, our contact information: our Children's Craft Night call: 845-436-6067, email: fbr@rcls.org, stop in: 12 our Preschool Story Time Railroad Plaza South Fallsis Tuesday mornings at burg, NY or follow us on

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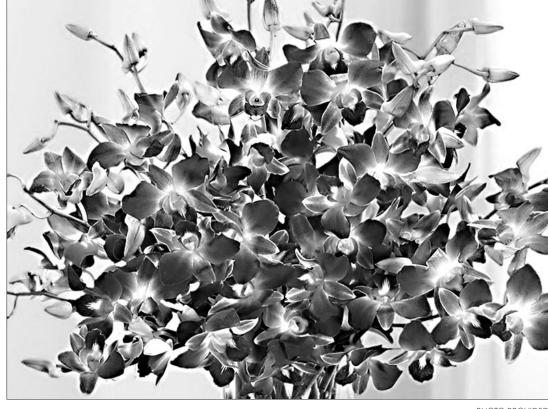
ORCHIDS

Sitting on the cement behind the house, a bucket rested on the slate-grey patio. Water dripped into the pail, creating ripples in the rusty, mosquitofilled water. The rhythmic dripping harmonized with the wind brushing through the leaves, complementing the chickadee's chicking, and the morning doves hooing. It was like a morning symphony of noises. Mother Nature's acapella, if you will.

A hummingbird zipped down from a tree, and landed on the brim of the metal pail, analyzing its own reflection, its red chest sparking an interest in the bird's mind. Tilting his head right and left, tempted to delve its long nose into the red glint. Then a gust of warm wind took him back. Fluttering his wings, he caught his balance and zoomed up to an almost empty hummingbird feeder. Perching himself on the sunbleached plastic, he stuck his snake-like tongue into the flower shaped hole. Slurping up the last few drops, he sat

up. Tilting his head and staring as if more would magically appear if he waited long

His gaze drifted over to an open window, one that led into an old white house with an old green roof. Buzzing over to the window, he hovered there for a bit, shifting his position every now and again. There was a fist-sized hole in the screen, which seemed to create an open door to an array of beautiful pink orchids, basking in the midday sun behind it. Seeing this, the hummingbird whizzed into the hole, hitting his wings on either side of the screen in doing so. He tumbled, falling graciously onto the lap of someone he had seen before; surprisingly the lap did not move. Regaining his balance, the bird flew up, and the person to whom the lap belonged was face down on the table, a fermented cup of coffee held by one finger resting on the table, an arm extended. A silver fork lay on the ground with a limp hand hanging over



it. The body wore a bright or- into the hole. Instead of necange vest, with a camouflage coat underneath, and was riddled with holes and rips.

The hummingbird flew over to one of the holes in the orange vest, looking it up and down, seeing the fluorescent color, he stuck his long beak

tar flowing out, however, the hummingbird sucked on soft, squishy flesh. Cocking back quickly, the hummingbird shook its head, flinging off the pungent tasting substance. Studying the body once again, the hummingbird spotted a

shiny white bottle, tilted over, spilling its contents on the brown table, where vibrant white and pink colored caplets sit there calling for him.

Hovering over to them,

the hummingbird poked and prodded at the three of them that remained. After flicking them around for a bit, the hummingbird finally decided to investigate the bright pink orchids. Beating his wings in a uniform fashion, the hummingbird sat just above the flowers. They were healthy, thriving, beautiful, alive.

The hummingbird stuck his

tendril-like tongue into the

flower and drank the sweet nectar for which he had been longing, the almost silent sound of his wings reverberating throughout the house. The uneasy sound of a fly buzzing broke the calmness. The hummingbird settled down on the edge of the table, staring out into the rustling trees and the cloudless sky. A gust of wind blew the fly slightly off track. The water continued to drip into the bucket, sounding like a metronome, beating right on time. The feeder still hung there, oscillating by itself,

The fly landed on the body, rubbing its feet together as if it were plotting something dastardly. The world turned, slowly, going almost unnoticed. The hummingbird hopped over to the head of the body and peeled off some wiry, long, grey hair and settled it in his mouth. Flying out of the hole, this time avoiding the edges of the screen, the hummingbird flew up to its nest, and provided a little bed for the eggs that his mate was about to lay. Still in the house, the fly burrowed into the mushy skin, and laid eggs inside the slowly rotting meat. providing shelter and food for the young, allowing the legacy of the fly to live on

for another few weeks. Over time, the maggots slowly ate away at the flesh, the body now far past rigor mortis, the bones that were there began to show through. the fermented coffee hard-

ened to the porcelain mug. A dead bird lay next to the pill bottle, only one of the pink and white pills remaining. Soon maggots migrated over to the dead bird. They left the soupy greenish-red mess of the person with the orange vest behind and continued to feast on another, fresher

An Original Short Story by Rachel Brooks

It has been 6 months now. The hummingbird had flown to other places, but the young still stayed here, every now and again fleeing inside the white and green house to taste the sweet nectar of the pink

It's a funny thing, that the very elements that make up our body, are the elements that eventually kill us.

We hope this macabre tale helped keep the Halloween spirit alive. Rachel Brooks fictional pieces will run occasionally in future editions of The Hurleyville Sentinel.

MAGIC HAPPENS IN THE DIGITAL **MEDIA LAB AT THINC**

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE – A digital media lab (DML) is a gathering of equipment that allows original digital content to be created or analog content to be converted to digital formats.

The digital media lab at THINC is an active media center, fostering the education of students at The Center for Discovery and Fallsburg Central School District, and producing technical and creative content to benefit TCFD employees, students, and their families. Once you see the digital media lab at THINC and meet Julie Palmer, Project Coordinator and the heart of the DML, it becomes obvious that this is so much more than just a gathering of equipment.

After working at TCFD as an inventory specialist and a rehab technician, Julie Palmer landed at THINC last year as a Project Coordinator, spending much of her time in the digital media lab where she uses the photography and video skills she began developing as a young girl. She took photography classes in school and at SUNY Orange, and worked for a major photography/ portrait company. Her excellent problem solving skills and creative nature are the qualities needed to activate the DML space at

Creating a short film is great way to encourage non-writers to "write" a story. In the DML at THINC, Ms. Palmer exposes TCFD kids to movie making by first coaxing them to sit in front of a green screen. She then asks willing participants to recite simple scripts and films them. After changing the green screen background, she shows the film clip to the students. This process gets them excited to come back and do more at



Kadeidra is in the process of creating her own video at the Digi-

tal Media Lab.

Screens and digital media are a huge part of the lives of digital natives, the generation of people who grew up in the era of ever-present technology, including computers and the internet. Digital natives are comfortable with technology and computers at an early age and consider technology to be an integral and necessary part of their lives. Many teenagers and children today are considered to be digital natives as they mainly communicate and learn via computers, social; networking, and texting. Digital natives require interactive learning, so naturally, movie making Movies can be magical. is a creative and interactive approach for students to express what they are learning.

This school year, the Fallsburg Makers Club will have the opportunity to work with Ms. Palmer on creating a movie, a commercial, or a public service announcement that will benefit their school. The seventh and eighth graders will use scripts, story boards, and schedules to create their films. In addition to these writing tools, they will learn how to use the cameras, lights, and microphones, technical tools that they may encounter in

future classes or jobs. Ms. Palmer also works with TCFD clinicians and educators to create videos for educational and therapeutic programming. Employees can access training videos from anywhere to stay up to date on job information like health and safety, for example. The videos are made by fellow employees and supervisors using the DML at THINC, which is a cost savings compared to hiring an outside production company.

School portraits are a sentimental keepsake for most parents. Usually, schools employ photography companies that set up shop in a gym or cafeteria, taking pictures of hundreds of children in one or two days. This involves aggressive scheduling and an assumption that the students can wait on line, follow directions and pose for pictures quickly in a busy setting. Many students at TCFD have a comfort level and skill level that cannot be met in that setting. Having had portrait photography experience in schools has allowed Ms. Palmer to

develop a different "picture day" experience for the students.

She sends a Social Story video to teachers, who then show it to the students. The video includes her narration of pictures of the THINC building and the digital media lab, showing who she is, and explaining to them exactly where they will sit, and what the equipment around them will be used for. When they arrive, both the space and the photographer are familiar to them. Small groups of two to six students are scheduled for school photos on a given day. If a student or a class is having a difficult day, they can reschedule their school photos for another time, eliminating stress factors that can upset the school day. An adult resident assists with school portraits by welcoming the groups and writing down names and photo numbers.

Ms. Palmer has been training the resident, Kadeidra, for a few weeks now, using the Digital Media Lab as her vocational work experience setting. She is in the process of creating her own video of "traveling the world", an idea Ms. Palmer says came from hearing a song. Kadeidra called the song "epic" and knew that it would be the perfect backdrop to her traveling adventure film, a fun experience that also encourages her self-advocacy skills, as well as learning about creating props and costumes. Ms. Palmer and her assistant also create social medial posts, knows as "THINC Thursday" each week to highlight new activities at THINC.

Powerful recording and editing equipment combined with caring and knowledgeable staff has us excited to see what other magical digital content may come out of the digital media lab in the future. Stay tuned!

AMAZING ARTISTS, AMAZING ART AT GALLERY 222

by Elaine Corrington

HURLEYVILLE - October brought The Center for Discovery's second annual Student Art Show to Gallery 222 on Main Street in Hurleyville. Three art teachers from The Center for Discovery worked with students with a great variety of complexities so those students could display their passions, creativity, and growing artistic abilities to express themselves. Their artwork is surprising, unexpected, unique to each featured artist, and eyeopening to gallery visitors.

Each of the three teachers has been at TCFD for more than ten years. All three had a passion for, and a need to experience, learning about art from very young ages- and can still remember their art teachers. They are talented and admired artists themselves.

Chris Kilgore is still in touch with her early art teachers who played a pivotal role in her artistic development and further education in fine arts. Christine Record had a special passion for tattooing, as well as drawing, painting, and design. Yaritza Rivera started with drawing and took advantage of every opportunity to learn other forms of art. During their college and early working years, all three took advantage of opportunities to work with people with multiple severe complexities- sensory, learning, and physical- and discovered that art could matter to their students' development, social communication, empathy,



adaptability to new tasks,

increasing independence,

and personal joy and satis-

cation has brought equal

satisfaction and growth to

the teachers, and with their

students, they have much

Promoting interest in

other artists and their work,

sharing reactions to artistic

choices, adapting tools and

materials to suit the needs

of the student and the art-

work are not always in-

tuitive. They often take the

group into experimental

adaptations with sensory,

physical and occupational

therapists, carpenters, mak-

ers, and people who have

weird ideas that just might

work. TCFD is full of staff,

students, and adults who

take great joy in experi-

menting, learning, open-

ing up new possibilities

for others, and celebrating

all creative and functional

growth. It is impossible to

not appreciate what you

see- especially if you also

have the opportunity to ap-

to pass on to others.

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early time in life, to those Seeing the art show makes who work with others to faction. It isn't difficult to the viewer want to know make art education pos-



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ANOTHER HURLEYVILLE HISTORY HIKE

PART OF HOLIDAY IN HURLEYVILLE FESTIVITIES

by Win Hadley

HURLEYVILLE Plans are complete for the fourth annual Hurleyville History Hike, which will again take place as part of the "Holiday in Hurleyville" festivities scheduled for Saturday, December 7.

The hike will take place from 2 to 3 p.m. and will be led by Sullivan County Historian John Conway. This year's hike will leave from the parking lot on the west side of Main

Ferndale.

we will be doing the hike for the first time since the interpretive signs have by the interpretive sign at been erected along the trail," Mr. Conway says. "And I think that will add a lot to the enjoyment of the walk."

each one telling a different story about the hiserected by The Center and plant-based cures."

Street and head toward for Discovery earlier this year. There are five signs each along the east and "It's exciting because west sections of the trail.

the end of the west parking lot closest to Main Street," Mr. Conway says. "That particular sign tells the story of the resorts in Ten interpretive signs, the area, and the hike will start with that topic. But there will be a lot more tory or ecology of the to cover, from the Native area around the trail, were Americans to the tanning designed, produced, and industry to tuberculosis

"We will be gathering

"hike" to describe the an- the literal sense." nual journey.

get the wrong idea," he says. "We use the term the alliteration. This is more of a saunter. It is a walk with a purpose other than getting from point A to point B. Both Thoreau and John Muir loved to use the word 'saunter' to describe walking in nawhat we are attempting to

He is also quick to do. So it isn't at all vigor- Center for Discovery, clarify the use of the term ous, not really a hike in

"I don't want people to to dress appropriately for the weather, and to wear comfortable footwear. 'history hike' mostly for Though the trail is paved and nearly level, there will still be quite a bit of walking....or should we say, sauntering.

The Hurleyville History Hike is free and open to the public.

The Milk Train Trail is ture, and I think that fits made possible through a partnership among The

Open Space Institute, Town of Fallsburg, and Participants are advised the New York State Department of Transportation. This partnership was created to preserve the heritage, history and natural beauty of the linear park accessible for all to enjoy.

> PHOTO BY J. JAMES WALL This year's Hurleyville History Hike will travel west along the Milk Train Trail, heading toward Ferndale.



SULLIVAN WRESTLERS OPEN 2019 SEASON

Generals Hoping to Build on Last Year's Success

by John Conway

LOCH SHELDRAKE -The 2019-2020 edition of the SUNY Sullivan wrestling team will swing into dual meet action beginning Tuesday, November 5 when they host Middlesex County College for a 6 p.m. match at the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse in Loch Sheldrake.

The Edison, N.J. based Blue Colts will be opening their dual match season with the match, as well.

The Generals were in tournament action at the Brockport Open at SUNY Brockport in upstate New York last weekend. Tourney results were not available at press time.

Sullivan Coach Anthony Ng is hoping this year's team can build on the successes of last season, during which General grapplers recorded a number of firsts for the program, including its first dual meet victory, its first match fielding an entire squad, and the school's first wrestling All-America selec-

Then-sophomore Jhavon achieved that honor by virtue of his eighth place finish in the 174 pound

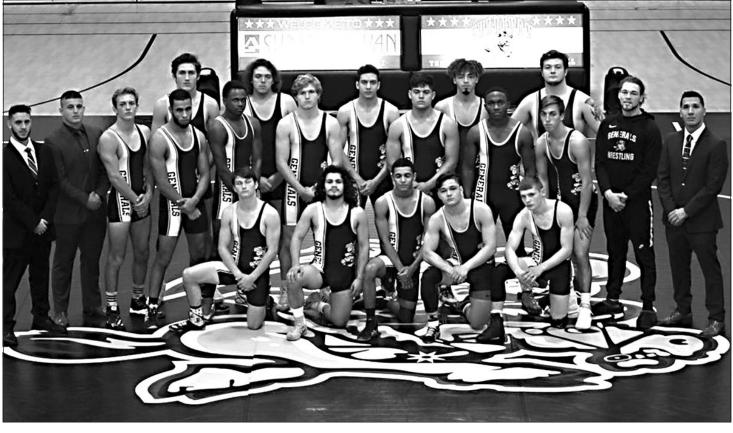


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The 2019-2020 SUNY Sullivan Wrestling Team. Head Coach Anthony Ng is far right.

division at the NJCAA who qualified for nation-Championships in Council Bluffs, Iowa in March.

for his current squad, despite the loss of his All-American, as well as team captain Robert Satriano, who also qualified for the Innocent, since graduated, national tournament last year. Leading the return-149-pounder Dan Mandic, of Morocco. Coach Ng

als in 2019, 174-pounder Brian Mascaro, and this Coach Ng has high hopes year's team captain Thomas Hubmaster.

In addition, the Generals boast a number of top newcomers, including several Section 9 high school champions and an outstanding internationees from last season are al wrestler, Anas Samir

singled out 149-pounder ing freshmen, along with Nick Curreri of Eldred as Samir, who is expected to

among the most promis- wrestle at 157 this season.



FOUR SULLIVAN HARRIERS NAMED ALL-CONFERENCE

by Win Hadley

country runners to its All-Conference teams.

The Mid-Hudson Conference is part of Region College Athletic Associa-

Sullivan harriers Prue Stasilli was 34th. Sanders and Awinitia Sta-

Michaela Frisbee and LOCH SHELDRAKE Florence Ruckdeschel of - The Mid-Hudson Con- SUNY Orange and Caroference has named four line Alcantaro-Reynosa SUNY Sullivan cross- of Rockland. Ms. Frisbee was named the Mid-Hudson Conference Most Valuable player.

Ms. Sanders, a sopho-XV of the National Junior more, finished 32nd at the ished 14th at the Region Region XV Championships in Milton, NY on

silli were accorded first dington and Seth DeBar- van.

team accolades along with ros were joined on the men's All-Conference team by William Joiner and Michael Vigliotti of Rockland, David Soto and Adam St. Germain of Orange, and Franci Kocaj of Westchester. Mr. Soto was named 2019 MVP.

Mr. Coddington fin-XV meet for Sullivan.

Ashley Weintraub On the women's side, October 23, while Ms. coaches both the men's and women's cross coun-Sullivan's Andrew Cod- try teams at SUNY Sulli-

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ELLENVILLE KNOCKS COMETS OUT OF PLAYOFFS

Blue Devils Win Eight-Man Contest 48-24

by Win Hadley

ELLENVILLE – The Ellenville Blue Devils ended the Fallsburg Comets 2019 football season with a 48-24 home playoff victory on October 26. The Devils improved their overall record to five wins against two losses on the season, with a perfect 4-0 slate in league games, while Fallsburg fell to 2-5 overall and Blue Devils scored 32 1-3 in the league.



pace with Ellenville in the second half, as the unanswered points. El-The Comets had lenville's victory came best in the conference, streaked to a 24-16 half- almost totally on the and scored 14 touchtime lead in the game, ground, as they attempt- downs while averaging but could not keep ed only six passes on 8.7 yards per carry.

the evening, completing just one for nine yards. They did rush for 415 yards on 36 carries, however, with senior Sean Pettway leading the way with 170 yards.

Fallsburg totaled 299 yards on the ground, to go with 47 yards passing. Senior Jesse Acevedo accounted for 37 of the passing yards as well as 255 yards rushing on 33 carries. Mr. Acevedo accumulated 1370 yards rushing this season, the

TWO SULLIVAN VOLLEYBALLERS HONORED BY REGION XV

Hurleyville Native Christina Martinez Makes All-Sportsmanship Team

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE Two SUNY Sullivan volleyball players have been recognized with postseason awards by Region XV of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Shayane Johnson, a freshman from Middletown was ac-Honorable corded Mention on the All-Region team, while Christina Martinez, a Hurleyville native who attended Liberty High School, was named to the All-Region Sportsmanship Team.

Ms. Johnson had previously been named to All-Mid-Hudson Conference second team.

The Lady Generals had a rough season in 2019, failing to win a single match.



Shayane Johnson



Christina Martinez