

FASCINATING TREASURES



State Senator Jen Metzger announces the creation of a new health initiative and award while Sandra Gerry looks on.

New School Health Initiative Partnership Announced

FERNDALDE—NYS Senator Jen Metzger, Sullivan 180, and Sullivan BOCES have announced the launch of a new initiative to encourage health and well-being in Sullivan County Schools. The “Empowering a Healthier Generation School Award” will recognize school districts doing exemplary work to promote opportunities for health and wellness by providing monetary awards and grants to further strengthen their efforts.

The program is structured as a competition over the 2020-21 academic school year to encourage the school districts to think of bold and innovative ways to support the health and well-being of their school communities. The districts that demonstrate the most progress on promoting school health and well-being are eligible to receive monetary awards, including a first place \$200,000 State and Municipal Capital

(SAM) grant from Senator Metzger’s office.

“Making sure that young people here in Sullivan County have access to healthy choices is vital to their physical, emotional, and social well-being, as well as their scholastic success,” Senator Metzger said. “I am thrilled to partner with Sullivan 180 and Sullivan BOCES in promoting health and wellness in Sullivan County schools, and look forward to seeing the positive impacts this new health initiative will have on our young people.”

Over the course of the year, school districts are encouraged to plan and implement policies, programs and activities that address physical health, mental health, and increased parent and community involvement to promote the health and well-being of their school communities. School districts participating in the award competition will have access to in-

centives and resources from Sullivan 180’s many community partners to encourage them to develop and expand programs that support health and wellness for their students, staff, parents, and community, with the goal of improving the overall health and well-being of Sullivan County.

According to Sandra Gerry, Chair of the Board of Directors for Sullivan 180, “Our schools are doing many wonderful things, but there is more work to be done. The ‘Empowering a Healthier Generation’ award program will be a catalyst for schools to do more to address health among their students, staff and in their communities.”

Aside from Senator Metzger’s grant award, additional awards will be announced throughout the year. The final awards will be made at the end of the 2020/21 academic school year.

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – The Hurleyville General Store received special recognition last month from New York State Senator Jen Metzger’s office.

Store owners Denise and Rob Lombardi were presented with the Senate’s Empire Award for “their entrepreneurial success and dedication to uplifting all community members.”

“The Hurleyville General Store is a values-driven business that puts inclusivity at the forefront, and I was so proud to deliver the award,” Senator Metzger said. “I had a great time perusing the store, which is filled with handcrafted products made right here in New York, sourced from small businesses that employ people with special needs, women-owned businesses, and more. Congratulations to the Hurleyville General Store!”

The Lombardis and their son, RJ accepted the award from the Senator.

“I didn’t believe it when I heard we would



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY

State Senator Jen Metzger (third from left) presents an Empire Award to Hurleyville General Store owner Denise Lombardi (right) while Rob (left) and RJ Lombardi look on.

be getting this award,” Ms. Lombardi said. “I am still a little stunned, and so grateful for Senator Metzger’s support and her work on behalf of this community.”

Ms. Lombardi also men-

tioned The Center for Discovery, where her son RJ resides, and the role it has played in the family’s lives.

“We wouldn’t be here in Sullivan County without the people at The Center

for Discovery,” she said. “They have had such a profoundly positive impact on our lives.

Shoppers visiting on the day of the presentation were effusive in their praise for the store.

“Every time I go in, I find something I haven’t seen before, some kind of fascinating treasure,” one visitor said. “It’s an amazing store and a great addition to Main Street.”

BIG CHANGES UNDERWAY FOR THE ARTS IN HURLEYVILLE

HURLEYVILLE – The Hurleyville Arts Centre has unveiled a new name and a new logo in celebration of its first season as an independent community-supported arts center. Incubated since 2016 by The Center for Discovery, it will now be a separate entity known as the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre, and will sport a new logo designed by Hudson Valley Advertising.

HPAC will continue to screen the latest popular movies, host dance classes, live performances, and workshops, and will work to expand its offerings in 2020 and beyond. It will continue to

operate Gallery222, and will also operate a new restaurant and culinary education center slated to open this fall.

“These exciting developments are just the tip of the iceberg,” says Janet Carrus, founder and President of the HPAC Board of Directors. “We are designing HPAC as a hub for creativity for all residents of Hurleyville, Sullivan County, the Catskills, and beyond.”

HPAC’s other board members, Peggy O’Neill and Stephen Ham, bring decades of experience in nonprofit man-



agement and fundraising to the new organization.

“The arts are crucial to building inclusive, welcoming, and accessible spaces,” adds Patrick Dollard, President and CEO of The Center for Discovery. “Although we are no longer affiliated, we, and all the businesses in the hamlet, share the goal of seeing HPAC continue to grow and thrive well into the fu-

ture.”

Erin Dudley, HPAC’s Program Director who has helped to manage the transition, is joined by a staff of Ellyane Hutchinson, Michael Coney, Dara Perlman, and Tal Beery.

“This new independence will allow us to expand in all new ways,” says Ms. Dudley. “We are grateful to the leadership of The Center for Discovery for making HPAC central to the vision of Hurleyville as a truly inclusive hamlet.”

Although this is a major step regarding their support

and administration, Ms. Dudley emphasized that the programming and community collaborations will continue. Upcoming events at HPAC include a Voguing Workshop with the Hetrick Martin Institute on March 13, and Fantastic Fungi, a film screening, held March 26. Disney’s Mulan will premiere on March 27, and HPAC will host an Indian music concert for Mother’s Day, May 10. A ribbon cutting to celebrate HPAC’s first independent season is scheduled for May 7. All details are available at hurleyvilleartscentre.org

IN MEMORIAM – Hurleyville lost two respected and beloved residents last month.

Patrick James “Pat” Maxwell passed away on February 19. He was 49.



PHOTO PROVIDED
Patrick Maxwell (standing, second from right)

Pat was a retired foreman for the Town of Fallsburg Highway Department, a lifelong member of the Hurleyville Fire Department, and a former Commissioner of the Hurleyville Fire District.

He was a fun-loving guy with many friends. Pat was someone everyone loved to be around. His smile not only lit up the room, it lit up the faces

of the people around him. Pat has touched many hearts and will be dearly missed.

Pat leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife Joyce Maxwell, the mother of his three oldest boys, Paige Bakken; his children Jonathan, Kyle, Dalton, Madelyne and Patrick Jr. Pat is also survived by his siblings Jan Pekny and her husband,

Peter; Jack Maxwell and his wife, Maureen; Joseph Maxwell and his wife, Debbie; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his siblings, Edward and Sandra.

Donations in Pat’s name can be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to the charity of one’s choice.

Dennis Kenneth Raymond, 77, passed away on February 1.



PHOTO PROVIDED
Dennis Raymond

Dennis attended Buffalo State College and the New School for Social Research receiving Masters Degrees in both Education and Healthcare Administration.

His educational background led him to move to and raise his family in Sullivan County, where he held where he held several administrative positions at The Center for Discov-

eryc.

Retiring in 2011, Dennis was finally able to fulfill his life-long dream of living in New Orleans with his wife, Evelyn. They deeply established themselves in the music of the city and community culture, volunteering at the Jazz Museum, the Jazz National Park, WWOZ and Roots of Music.

Dennis and Evelyn had

three children: Heather, Jesse and Nathan, each of whom shines with the light of the love he poured into them as do the many others blessed to call him “Dad,” like his daughter-in-law, Yukiko Ichihara and his son-in-law Dung Joseph Cao; “Grandpa” like Julius, Chloe and Cedrick Ichihara-Raymond and Theodore the Bear Raymond-Cao; and the

many significant and cherished friends—who know who they are—and are extended family to him.

The Inquiring Photographer

by Kathleen Sullivan

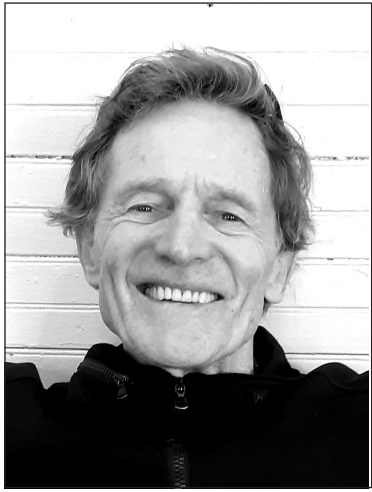


Q. They say everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day. How do you celebrate?



TINA HAZARIAN

I wear a lot of green, listen to Irish music and remember my trip to Ireland.



SCOTT JOHNSON

I belong to the Hurleyville Ukulele Orchestra and we sing Irish tunes.



STUART WIZWER

I try to wear green but it doesn't always go with the uniform of the day.

WOMEN CELEBRATED AT COUNTY MUSEUM

HURLEYVILLE – In recognition of March as “Women’s History Month,” the Catskill Readers’ Theatre will be presenting an afternoon of stories, music, and women’s history at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street in Hurleyville. The program is entitled, “Celebrate Women.” The program, sponsored by the Sullivan County Historical Society, will celebrate women with songs,

literature, and a Powerpoint presentation. Female “movers and shakers” are welcome!

The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, at 2 p.m.

The performance is free, though donations will be gladly accepted. For more information, call Sally at 845-434-0209 or email gladsally@gmail.com.



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Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



Hurleyville-Sullivan First

Everyone is welcome to come out and help the members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First get gardens, planters and barrels ready for planting in early spring. Work dates will be announced soon. Find information on Hurleyville-Sullivan First at www.hurleyvillenyn.com or on Facebook.

Hurleyville United Methodist Church

The Hurleyville United Methodist Church will host its annual Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday, March 14. The tasty, traditional St. Patrick’s Day menu also features delicious desserts. The snow date for the dinner is Sunday, March 15.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the church is open on the third Thursday and on the fourth Thursday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m. The volunteers at the food pantry serve at least 40 families every week. They also provide free clothing for families in need.

Services are held at the church each Sunday from 9 until 10 a.m.

“MESSY CHURCH,” another sort of family church, is held at the church each month. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy an evening of fun activities, songs, games, crafts, stories and refreshments.

New dates for prayer meetings will be announced.

A Bible study group and a women’s group meet at the church on the third Sunday of each month

Dates will be announced for the Youth Group that meets at the church at 7 p.m. on Fridays. Young people are invited to take part in fun activities including board games, arts and crafts, trivia and movie nights.

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

Sullivan County Museum and Historical Society

The list of performers for the First Sunday Concert in April has not been announced yet. You can call 845-434-8044 for the line-up. Information will also be available on www.scnyhistory.org and on www.hurleyvillesentinel.com.

The program is sponsored by the Sullivan County Historical Society, and hosted by Little Sparrow. It is made possible by funding from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Al-

liance.

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

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

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

Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance (CHNA)

Following the resolution of the litigation brought against the Town of Thompson and the developer of the Gan Eden Estates project by Catskill Mountainkeeper and The Center for Discovery, the developer was represented at the Thompson Planning Board meeting on February 12 by attorney, Daniel Horgan. Following are issues with the project that were discussed at the meeting:

- Mr. Horgan reported that the developer’s application is in accordance with town code. A new Environmental Assessment Form was submitted in January. The form can be viewed on the Town of Thompson’s website.
- The stormwater mitigation plan for the project includes ground infiltration. “Perc” tests need to be performed to determine the effectiveness of the plan. The town Planning Board agreed that the developer is allowed to have a contractor dig holes at the site to satisfy this Federal stormwater management requirement. The developer must notify the town 48 hours before the work begins and the holes will be refilled upon completion of the tests.
- The board did not grant the developer’s request to pay application fees in stages, since this is not established protocol. Mr. Horgan responded that the developer will comply with the board’s decision.
- The developer asked that the planning board be named the lead agency for the SEQRA process and that the board send out notices to the involved agencies listed on the Environmental As-



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Hurleyville-Sullivan first is always looking for volunteers.

essment Form. The board advised that the developer is required to send out the notices to the involved agencies and any other interested parties. The board passed a motion to make the planning board the lead agency. The board instructed the developer to provide the list of involved agencies and interested parties to them and to Delaware Engineering.

The developer now has to schedule a new site plan review with the planning board, submit a draft scoping document, and plan a public information session.

The members of CHNA met with Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and her Director of Constituent Services, Rachel Steingart, on January 31 to discuss concerns about unsustainable development in our community with local officials. Unfortunately, Town of Fallsburg Supervisor Steve Vegliante and Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek were not able to attend the meeting.

Mr. Vegliante was represented by Melissa Melko. Assemblywoman Gunther will schedule another meeting with CHNA, local officials and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Visit Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance at www.columbiahill.org or on Facebook to learn how you can help to protect your community.

Fallsburg’s Future

Fallsburg’s Future has issued a summary of news from 2019 and a look at the year ahead.

The recap highlights the group’s concerns with the implementation of the town’s 2018 Comprehensive Plan Update. It also includes a summary of the group’s efforts to enable the public to access information relating to official town business on the town’s website.

The group will continue to identify issues for the town board and for residents. Members of the group, with the help of expert advisors, will attempt to come up with solutions to these issues which include water usage, sewer capacity and road maintenance.

The entire report can be seen at www.fallsburgsfuture.org.

Please contact Jim Legari at jlegari33@gmail.com or Paul Hoeffel at phoeffel@gmail.com for information on how you can participate in the future of Fallsburg.

The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

Congrats to my two sets of friends who received the prestigious NY STATE SENATE EMPIRE AWARD: THE NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE in Neversink, and our own HURLEYVILLE GENERAL STORE!

Those of you who didn’t attend FIRST SUNDAY on February 1 missed a marvelous show.

LITTLE SPARROW (Aldo Troiani and Carol Smith), whom I always enjoy, were in great form and were joined by Jay Brooks on bass, Kurt Knuth on guitar and Bob Scherer on bongos and percussion. For those who have attended these wonderful events, there was a change in the staging for this one...and I hope they keep it. I snuck into the back row, as I always do, and the sound was incredible!

I made it to BUM AND KEL’S LAKESIDE TAVERN in Loch Sheldrake Wednesday February 5, where JOHNNY and bassist DAVE D’ARCY were hosting the Open Mic.

There were some really fun moments that night. Like the impromptu get-together at the bar with BILL GRIESBECK on guitar,

‘RED HILL’ LIL and her fiddle, DAVE on his bass and JOHNNY with one of his harps (harmonicas).

THE JOHNNY JULES BAND was also at THE PICKLED OWL that Saturday night February 8.

I walked into JOHNNY, BOBBY D on dobro and DAVE D’ARCY on bass, being joined by GLEN LAZARO, fresh from the POP UP GALLERY at THE DANCING CAT in Bethel where he had just played, who was now joining them as a second guitar. I’m going to find where this man is playing next. His whole sound is different, but it melded beautifully into the band.

I caught ALBI at the PICKLED OWL February 15. He can really sing! And he uses his microphone in a profoundly professional manner which enhances his natural abilities. He also varies his song list to fit his audience and there’s one thing for sure. There’s always something in his repertoire that makes you want to sing along. Yes, I found myself singing along to a few.

Also at THE PICKLED OWL on February 22 was THE POISON LOVE BAND. Where were THEY on Valentine’s Day? This was a band I had never experienced, and I have to say I was quite impressed. JOANNE BINCKERHOFF singer on guitar, with long silver or white blonde hair, her husband DAN BINCKERHOFF on fiddle then ukulele, with a voice reminiscent of Neil Young, and TOM DEERHART, whose percussion instrument was the wooden box on which he sat (not the first time I’ve seen this and I always find it awe-inspiring). It was not only visually interesting, but I found their music compelling. If you get the chance to hear this Pennsylvania based band,

do so.

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

Every Tuesday: THE GREATER SULLIVAN COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA (singer Joanna Gass, Steve Schwartz on guitar, Ken Windheim on bass, Mike Cervone on drums, and Eric Neis on keyboard and vocals), BREW, 280 Rock Hill Dr., Rock Hill, 6:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday: *BRAND NEW!* OPEN MIC at BUM AND KEL’S LAKESIDE TAVERN; Hosted by the JOHNNY JULES BAND. (Bring your instruments and your voices to the newest open mic in the area!) 1132 State Route 52, Loch Sheldrake; 7 p.m.

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

March 5: hosted by CASWYN MOON

March 12: hosted by LITTLE SPARROW

March 19: hosted by ROBERT TELLEFSON

March 26: hosted by FISHER & KEAN

April 2: hosted by CASWYN MOON

KNOW IT ALL NIGHT (Trivia Night) at RAFTERS TAVERN, 28 Upper Main St., Callicoon; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

March 6: ROXON March 13: THE JOHNNY JULES BAND

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Saturdays: PICKLED OWL, 218 Main Street, Hurleyville; 6-9 p.m.

March 7: MARC DELGADO

March 14: ROBERT TELLEFSON

March 21: ALBI BELULI

March 28: GABE RIKARD

April 4: MARC DELGADO

CABERNET FRANK’S, 38 Main St, (Exit 98 off 17W) Parksville; 8pm unless otherwise specified

March 7: DAVID MILLER

March 14: ELECTRIC MAGIC

March 21: (to be announced)


March 28: The Roast of TOMMY TOM presented by the LLL Showcase

April 3: THE FAR TRIO

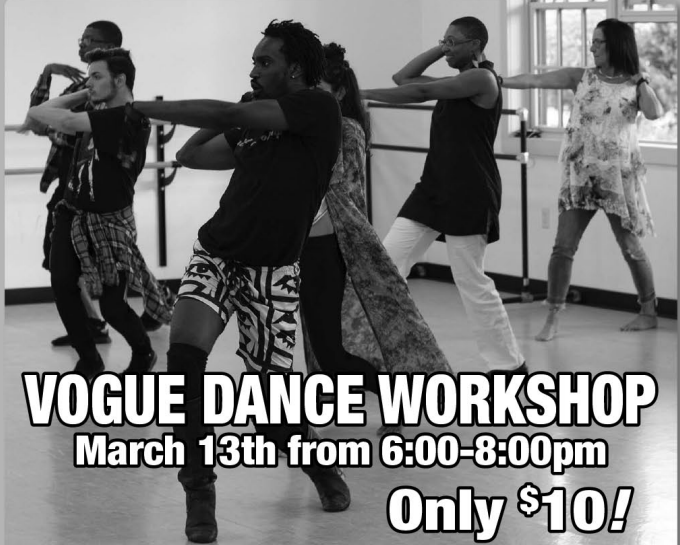
Every Sunday: MUSIC WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT: DeFillipis Bakery, 506 Broadway, Monticello; 11 a.m.–1:30ish

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

BARRY SCHIENFELD AND FRIENDS at THE PICKLED OWL, Hurleyville; 5 p.m.
Until next time.....



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THINC LAB HOSTS TEAMS CHALLENGE MID-YEAR EVENT

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE – On February 1, students from Sullivan County schools spent a few hours solving a design challenge and playing with creative technology at THINC, the Technology Hub and incubator at The Center for Discovery.

The students are part of this year's TEAMS Challenge program, an after-school club program created and administered by Sullivan County BOCES in partnership with The Center for Discovery THINC Lab. TEAMS Challenge began in 2016, and is open to all middle and high school students (grades 7–12) in the eight Sullivan County school districts. With a focus on design thinking, problem solving, collaboration and presentation, each

school fields a team of 5 to 15 students who work together to devise solutions to authentic challenges. These “real world” problems, often found right inside their local school buildings, range from scanning and 3D printing machine parts, to environmental improvement design.

The program moniker stands for Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math and Science (TEAMS), and the 2019–20 participating school districts are Fallsburg, Sullivan West and Roscoe. Staff at THINC support each group throughout the school year, conducting video chats and hosting live visits for prototyping and testing of solutions. Each group must present their projects at the final TEAMS Challenge event in June.

Jason Kean, Director

of Innovation at THINC, kicked off the February event with a two-part challenge to “design a better alarm clock,” and then “design a better way to wake up in the morning,” which revealed each group's level of empathy towards early risers. Empathy is a key element in design thinking that helps the inventor understand both the problem and the end user/customer who will utilize a product.

Each team discussed, sketched their designs, and created a short presentation for the whole group. The students created solutions that ranged from a very well trained dog that could gently wake up anyone, to a high tech bed that lifts sleepy users to a standing position.

Exploring technology at THINC was the favorite



TEAMS Challenge students, coaches, and THINC staff on February 1.

activity of the day, with students rotating through three stations led by THINC staff. Julie Palmer, Digital Media

Lab Project Coordinator at THINC, used green screen technology to video record each student as they spoke

about their experiences in TEAMS Challenge. They were then able to “free – style” pose and pick out

backgrounds for their photos, like standing on a surfboard in an ocean wave, or floating in outer space.

Mark McNamara, Design and Fabrication Coordinator at THINC, led each participant to create a self-portrait using virtual reality (VR). Virtual reality uses computer technology to create a simulated environment. Unlike traditional user interfaces, VR places the user inside an experience instead of viewing a screen in front of them. Using Google Tilt Brush software and Oculus Rift headsets and hand controls, each participant created a 3 dimensional model of her or himself. This was a huge hit with the students, as none of them had ever experienced virtual reality before.

The third station engaged the students' eye – hand co-

ordination as they learned how to fly mini quadcopters around the bright front lobby at THINC. The miniature drone – like devices each have 4 propellers and weigh just one ounce each. Operated via remote control units with joy sticks, the tiny quads whirled through the air or on the floor, depending on student skill level.

After a busy morning, the event finished with a delicious lunch delivered by Frankie & Johnnies. Learning, playing and then eating – a perfect day for Sullivan County teens! Stayed tuned as TEAMS Challenge groups get ready for their final show-and-tell event on June 6th, hosted by the Center for Discovery. Tomorrow's inventive engineers could be students our local schools right now!

Fallsburg High School Hosts Vaping Awareness Program

FALLSBURG-- As part of FCSD's commitment to good health and well-being, Fallsburg High School held a Vaping Awareness program on February 11 for 9-12 graders in the school gymnasium.

The event was organized through the school administration of Principal Dawne Adams and Interim Assistant Principal Louis Trombetta. Family and Community Engagement Director Aleta Lymon contacted Peers Foundation in Michigan, who presented the program. Head of the FCSD Wellness Committee, Suzanne Lendzian was the host and introduced the event entitled, “Vaping Awareness & Nicotine Prevention Game Show.” This was the debut performance of this vital program in Sullivan County.

According to the Center for Disease Control, about 4.7 million middle and high school students in the United States use at least one tobacco product, including e-cigarettes. The goal of the event is



A group of student contestants answer questions by emcee Adam Simmons of the PEERS Foundation.

to educate students on the harmful effects of vaping to their health. Students experienced a reality check through the vaping awareness interactive game show.

PEERS's Adam Simmons was emcee, and Ryan de St. Germain provided tech support for the presenters. FHS Staff distributed hand held remote controls, similar to an automobile keyless entry fob. Two large screens flashed multiple choice questions relating to vaping and nicotine intake, while the emcee voiced the question to the audience. Students chose their an-

swer with the remote aimed at the screen. After four or five questions, the students with the most correct answers were shown on the screen by the “winning” remote numbers.

Adam picked four contestants from those winning numbers to come to the players' stations. He then asked a question about use of vaping products that demanded an immediate response. A light would shine in front of the player who pushed the fastest button. Just like Jeopardy and the other television game shows!

Correct responders then received actual prizes in the form of five-dollar bills or had to perform an amusing feat in front of the audience. The excitement was palpable.

While having fun, the students were learning how dangerous vaping and nicotine inhalation was, especially for their age group. They also saw how the makers of these electronic devices were using fruit and candy flavors to attract young people.

The PEERS Foundation is doing research with the results of these programs throughout the nation over the past year. The feedback from school districts has been positive and encouraging. The game show dramatically raises awareness of how smoking e-cigarettes can manifest into addiction and health issues.

Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

Summer has its dog days and winter has its doldrums. Autumn and spring are never charged with having doldrums, as they are seasons of transition, with no hint of permanence about them. It's winter, the longest haul of all the seasons, that gives us doldrums in the root sense, i.e., from the Middle English for dull and sluggish. In the 19th century the word was applied to regions of equatorial ocean where ships were more likely to stall for lack of winds. Winter can seem like one of those regions, when the glow of the New Year fades and the immobility of an ice-storm descends yet again (for the third or fourth time) in February. Impatience flares; being iced-in is a condition that has lost the charm it had back in December, when it was new.

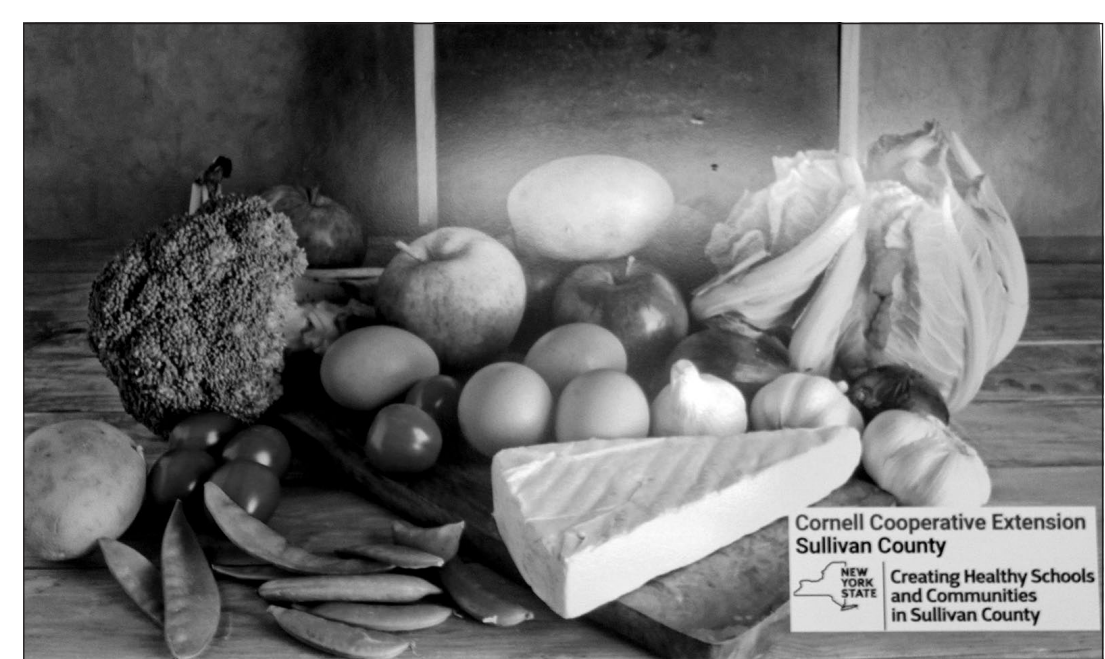
My partner decides that the third (or fourth) time is enough and determines to drive to work. I watch, heart in mouth, as her car rotates sideways and travels several feet perpendicular to our driveway before gaining purchase on a patch of lawn and righting itself sufficiently to reach the road. This inspires me to a cautious immobility; I retreat indoors and start thinking about gardening and what we could plant come spring. The back half of winter invites living prospectively; it heightens our tendency to leapfrog over the circumstances we actu-

ally face in anticipation of the circumstances we foresee, beyond the horizon, across the doldrums.

Doldrums are only doldrums if you want to be elsewhere. The world sheathed in ice presents us with more than a simple nuisance; it invites us into a curious sense of suspended time, as if a pause button had been pressed on the season-cycle. In that pause we are given a bounty of loose hours – maybe a morning, maybe an entire day – time to which no anticipation clings, time that is off the grid of our calendars and planners.

Unanticipated time bestows unanticipated opportunities, if we are ready to meet the hours with a reciprocal openness. The enforced stasis of an ice-storm can be felt as doldrums and suffered in stupefaction (dull and sluggish), or taken as a gift and relished as so much surplus time, good for whatever use we want to make of it – excellent hours to attend to second thoughts and deferred priorities.

Soon enough the pause button is released and the first signs of thaw appear: the “drip, drip, drip” of melting icicles; traffic sounds; the whirl of the sanding trucks making the world safe for forward motion again. But come April and May I'm pretty sure I'll look back with regret at the passing of the winter doldrums and the unsuspected benefits of its zones of stasis and suspended time.



One of the healthy eating signs recently installed in cafeteria windows at Fallsburg Central School District by Cornell Cooperative Extension.

New Signs for Healthy Eating in FCSD Cafeterias

FALLSBURG – Thanks to Sullivan County Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), the cafeterias in Fallsburg's Junior/Senior High School and Benjamin Cosor Elementary School have beautiful and informative new signage in each window. CCE has mem-

bers on the FCSD Wellness Committee and has been collaborating on many matters of health and well-being over the past several years.

The signs show athletes in action, people exercising, and healthy foods to inspire students as they enjoy their meals at school. The par-

ticular program that CCE has created and FCSD has adopted is Creating Healthy Schools and Communities in Sullivan County. Rick Newman signs and, particularly Karen Rapp, installed the signs in the Fallsburg school cafeterias towards the end of January 2019.

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From the Firehouse

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



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

Well, the crazy winter-- or lack of winter-- did us in, and we had to cancel the Ice Fishing Contest. On Monday and Tuesday, the ice was good and the weather looked like it might cooperate. On Wednesday, it changed in a hurry. Enough ice was lost that the conditions were not going to be safe for the Saturday contest. But there's always next year.

Speaking of weather, it is now time for my rant and rave about the **"Burn Ban"** The Burn Ban dates are March 16 thru May 14.

NO OPEN BURNING. Looking outside as I type this column, there are only patches of snow on the lawn and in the fields around my house. We should have snow covered ground. So what happens is we go from snow to mud and dry conditions. How quickly this will happen is anyone's guess. Right now, it looks like there will not be much of a melt off because of a lack of snow, and then one would think the mud season will be cut short because of the lack of snow. But rest assured that the brush fire season doesn't end early. With these conditions, it may start early. Spring rains can help.

So, you may get on your lawn early to take care of spring cleanup. All it takes

is a gust of wind in dry conditions when the terrain has not yet greened up and we have a brush fire. So please: no burning of anything after you clean up your lawn!

I have some sad news to report. Patrick "Pat" Maxwell, a past Hurleyville Fire District Commissioner, and 29-year member of the Hurleyville Fire Department, answered his last alarm. Pat was a fun-loving person, and all that knew him loved him. RIP Pat.

When you are sitting down to read this, it will be very close to the start of daylight savings time. March 8 is when you change your clock. And while you are at it, change the batteries in your smoke detectors and CO detectors. This is also a good time to clean them of the winter dust bunnies that may be on them. Test them to make sure they are working. If you have hardwired ones (directly wired into the house power supply) clean them, test them, and-- some do have a battery backup-- check the battery. All new smoke detectors now have a ten year battery.

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I have received the fire dispatch stats for 2019, and I compared some of the categories to 2017 and 2018.

Total fire calls for Sullivan County were 4,784 in 2017, 5,934 in 2018, and 5,202 in 2019.

Activated alarms were 1,108 in 2017, 1,203 in 2018, and 1,332 in 2019.

Structure fires were 301 in 2017, 348 in 2018, and 294 in 2019.

Motor Vehicle Accidents were 558 in 2017, 776 in 2018, and 595 in 2019.

In 2018 there was a spike in overall calls. This could be related to the two bad storms we had. Tree/Wires down calls were 374 in 2017, 670 in 2018, and 463 in 2019.

Weather has a big influence on call volume. For example a dry spring means more brush fires; winter storms bring more accidents,

and severe thunder storms bring down more tree and wires.

Rest assured that we will be out there no matter the weather or time of day.

So help us help you. Post your 911 number so we can find you. If you see a vehicle coming with blue lights on pull over when it is safe to do so and let them pass by. It is a firefighter on the way to a call.

Lastly, thank a fireman for what they do, we are all volunteers.

Be Safe Out There

PS, So, after my column was done and ready to be sent to the paper, I must report this information: Sunday, February 23 was 50 degrees out and Sullivan County Fire Departments responded to **four** brush fires. One was in Fallsburg. It is getting dry out there; so use some common sense.

FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Kelly Wells & Amanda Letohic



It's March and spring is in the air! New York State budget time is also upon us, and we must ask our amazing library supporters to help us once again...

Governor Cuomo has yet again proposed drastic cuts to Library Aid and Library Construction Grants in his budget. Cuts in Library Aid can lead to increased service fees paid to the Ramapo Catskill Library System to keep all services that are offered which include, but are not limited to, 3x-a-week deliveries, consortium e-book purchasing which allows for a larger e-book collection for all member libraries, and access to databases like Rosetta Stone and JobNOW. Cuts in Library Aid may also lead to a cut in the services offered by the Ramapo Catskill Library System -- such as maybe only getting deliveries once or twice a week.

So how can you help, you ask? Email, Tweet, and/or write to your local assembly person and state senator and tell them how important the library is to you! Use the #NYLALAD20 and #FundLibraries in your Tweets and posts to social media. You guys did a great job the last couple of years, and we're hoping for your support again! You can find

some draft letters that you can edit and send to your respective representatives by visiting www.nyla.org and clicking on the 'Advocacy' tab. Your voice matters!

In the meantime, check out these great programs that we have coming up.

We've got a March jam packed full of programs! On Thursday, March 5, at 6 p.m., ladies ages 18+ can come in for our monthly ladies night. We'll be having an open paint night with a selection of things to paint, including wine glasses, mugs, plates and more. Pieces are limited and first come, first served. Please register for this program. Family night is Wednesday, March 11, at 6 p.m., and we'll be making paper flowers. Bring the family and learn something new!

Kids ages 7+ and their parent/guardian can come in on Thursday, March 19, at 6 p.m. to make a fun Grass Head Planter. On Wednesday, March 25, at 6 p.m., adults ages 18+ can come in to make an upcycled plastic bird feeder.

As usual, Monday nights at 6 p.m. is Children's Craft Night, and Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. is preschool story time. Please register for our programs so we can be sure to save a seat for you!

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March 12, 1937

Fire in South Fallsburg Causes Heavy Loss

A fire in South Fallsburg which resulted in the injury of a member of the village fire department and in property damage estimated at from \$15,000 to \$18,000 ruined the upper floor of the Stein Building Monday.

Mrs. Zira Resnick, who occupies an apartment on the second floor of the building, which is situated in the center of So. Fallsburg, smelled smoke shortly after three o'clock Monday morning and screamed the alarm from her window. Her cries awakened her son, Harry Resnick, who lives across the street. He telephoned the fire department.

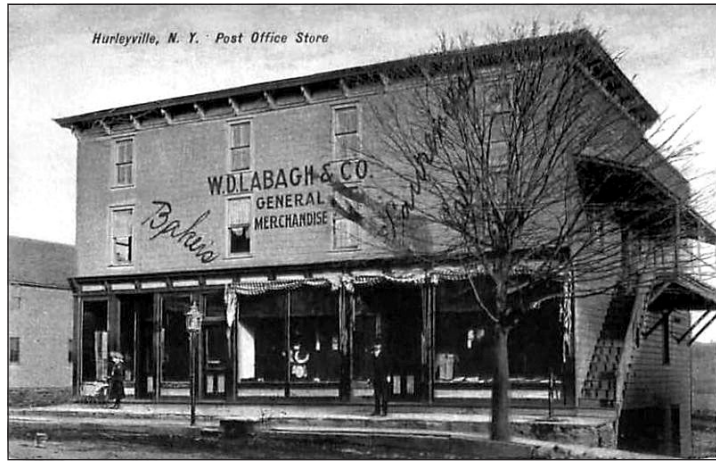
When the firemen arrived, they had considerable difficulty in finding the source of the blaze in the many rooms on the top floor of the building which was filled with smoke. When the fire burned through the roof a few minutes later it provided a starting point for their operations. For three hours they directed streams of water on the building until they were certain that the last spark was definitely out.

Several firemen suffered smoke inhalation, but none was seriously injured by it. The fireman injured was Nat Steingart, who was struck in the eye by a hose nozzle.

Plane Shuttle is Considered

An airline operating company has shown interest in the proposed Sullivan County airport, it has been learned, with a view to establishment of a daily shuttle service between Sullivan County and the metropolitan area.

Leon S. Miroff, who operates a ticket brokerage business in Monticello, said he had received inquiries from one of the three major airlines which he represents, regarding prospects for construction of the field. This company, according to Mr. Miroff, is prepared to institute a daily plane service



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For many years, the Hurleyville Post Office was located in the Labagh building, currently home to The Hurleyville Sentinel.

between New York City and the Swan Lake field.

It has been pointed out that such a passenger service would yield considerable revenue to the County. In other counties where such publicly owned fields are used by commercial operators, revenue is based either on a fee for each passenger handled or a fee for each plane landed.

Airline representatives expressed approval of the site, selected a year ago by members of the County Board of Supervisors.

Faculty Play to be Given Next Week

"Nothing But The Truth," the three act comedy in rehearsal now, will be presented by the faculty of the Hurleyville High School Thursday evening, March 18th.

This faculty play will be the last of the affairs sponsored by the Senior Class for the purpose of raising money for the annual trip to the national capitol during Easter holidays. Two other entertainments have been presented this season with great success and we hope this last one will be even more successful.

March 26, 1937

"Nothing But The Truth" Scores A Record Hit

Acclaimed one of the best plays ever given here, the Hurleyville faculty play, "Nothing But The Truth," was presented to a large and enthusiastic audience at the

school auditorium on last Thursday evening, March 18. The play, given for the benefit of the Senior Class, netted over one hundred dollars profit.

Joseph Willis, as the young stock broker who bet \$10,000 that he could tell the absolute truth for twenty-four hours, was the hit of the show.

Entire School Faculty To Return Here Next Year

By unanimous approval of the school board at a meeting held on Tuesday evening, all the members of the school faculty here were awarded contracts for the ensuing year.

The teachers, headed by Principal Joseph Willis, include Miss Ruth Horne, 1st and 2nd grades and music; Mrs. Howard Wood, 3rd and 4th grades; Mrs. Peter LaBagh, 5th and 6th grades; Mrs. George Bertholoff, 7th and 8th grades; Miss Lois Hussong, English; Miss Rose Wizwer, Mathematics; Miss Katherine Easling, French and Latin; Mr. Thomas Stewart, History and Physical Training; Mr. Leonard Welter, Commercial subjects. In addition to his duties as principal, Mr. Willis also teaches Science.

Pneumonia Control Aim Set For County

Monticello and the rest of Sullivan County will join hands at a pneumonia control meeting Thursday night, April 8th, at 8 o'clock in the Monticello High School in a sweeping effort to re-

duce the present high death rate from pneumonia in this State. The meeting will be in the form of an education forum to consider how citizens can cooperate with health authorities in combating and preventing the disease. The meeting will be open to the public.

It is estimated that pneumonia claims a toll of 12,000 lives annually in the State. Seventy-five percent of the deaths caused by pneumonia occur among persons under the age of 65 years.

P.O. Site Here Leased For Next Ten Years

The lease for the present post office site in Hurleyville has been renewed by the government for a ten year period. There are a number of specified changes and alterations to be made to the building, which is owned by W.D. LaBagh of Hurleyville.

April 2, 1937

Funds Sought For Triplets

Although they are perhaps the only triplets ever born in Sullivan County, the AAA triplets ushered into the world several weeks ago at Maimonides Hospital do not seem to have attracted the same acclaim-- nor even three-fifths as much-- as the world famous Dionne quintuplets of Canada. While the parents of the five Dionne sisters watch the six figure bank balances of the youngsters mount steadily under movie and picture royalties, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Henry of Ferndale, parents of the triplets, face the problem of keeping their two sons and daughter in the hospital for additional care.

The triplets now weigh nine pounds more collectively than at birth, hospital authorities said. Albert, the first born, tips the scales at eight pounds, two-and-a-half ounces. His brother, Arthur, the huskiest, weighs 8-1/2. Alice, the smallest of the three, weighs six pounds, two ounces. All three are entirely normal and growing daily.

COUNTY HISTORIAN HAS NEW BOOK

Available at County Museum on March 18

BARRYVILLE -- The non-profit history education group, The Delaware Company has announced the publication of "In Further Retrospect," a collection of columns by Sullivan County Historian (and Delaware Company president) John Conway.

The book was published with a grant from Robert and Nellie Gipson and family.

"In Further Retrospect" is a compilation of more than 60 of Mr. Conway's "Retrospect" newspaper columns

from over the years, augmented by 16 photographs. It is the third time his columns have been collected in book form, following "Retrospect," published in 1996 and "Remembering the Sullivan County Catskills," published in 2008.

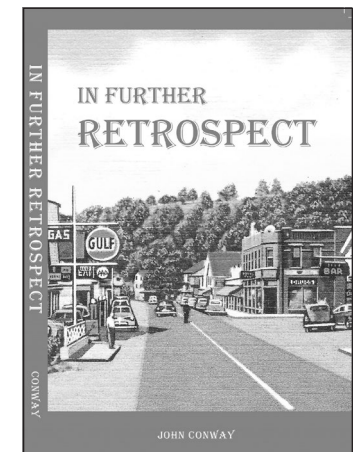
The column has appeared weekly since 1987, first in the Times Herald-Record and since 2004 every Friday in the Sullivan County Democrat.

"In Further Retrospect" is

currently available by mail from The Delaware Company for a donation of \$25 or more toward the organization's mission of promoting and supporting the history and historic landmarks of the region. Donations must be made by check made payable to The Delaware Company and mailed to Post Office Box 88, Barryville, NY 12719. Be sure to include a return address and allow two weeks for delivery.

Mr. Conway will also be selling and signing books following a program he will be presenting at the following locations:

E.B. Crawford Public Library, 479 Broadway in Monticello, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 12.
Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18.
Sunshine Hall Free Library in Eldred at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 28.
Time & the Valleys Mu-



seum in Grahamsville at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 5
Mamakating Public Library in Wurtsboro at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 31.

Other book signings are being scheduled and will be announced as details are finalized.

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THE SECRET

Part II

Our old friend, Fallsburg Constable Bronco Kelly, is at the Monticello Hospital with a distant relative, Mavey O'Toole, who appears to be on her deathbed. She has asked to speak with him privately, and told him he would want to be sitting down when she did so. That's where we pick up our story...

I pulled a chair over next to Mavey's bed and sat down. She took my left hand, wrapped it in both of hers, and I couldn't help but notice how surprisingly large and incredibly cold her hands were. She looked me squarely in the eye and spoke in barely more than a whisper. "I am about to tell you some things that no one else on this earth knows, and I know you may find some of it hard to believe, but please bear with me until I am through," she said. I nodded. "Of course."

"And though I suppose it doesn't really matter now, I am going to ask you to honor the same promise that I was asked to honor when this information was told to me

when my mother died when I was a little girl. I must ask that you vow to never reveal this information to anyone outside the family. I know that sounds silly to you, being that you are the only one left, but I must ask you to promise me that."

"I promise, Mavey," I said, and nodded so she could see that I meant it.

"Some of this you may already know, and I will apologize in advance for rehashing those points, but most of what I am about to tell you will be news to you. Your great-great grandfather, Declan and my great grandmother Sheema were brother and sister, so their parents, whose names were Diarmait and Saorla were our common ancestors. They all came to this area from Ireland in the 1820s and your great great great grandfather and your great great grandfather, helped build the D&H Canal. That work is what brought them to this area."

She paused a moment and seemed to be struggling to breathe. But then she gripped my hand tighter and started speaking again with renewed vigor.

"When they first arrived,



Constable Bronco Kelly took his distant relative, Mavey O'Toole to Monticello Hospital, where Dr. Ralph Breakey examined her.

they moved with the canal as the work progressed, from west to east. They finished up near Ellenville around 1827 or so and since the area reminded them of their home in Ireland, they began to look for a place to settle down. There was nothing much at that time in the place we now know as Hurleyville, and they settled on some land where my home is today, living in a cave for several months before they could build a house

for themselves."

She paused again, relaxing her grip on my hand before once again gripping it anew and resuming.

"Here's where It gets interesting and a bit strange. Samuel Mitteer and William Hurley were among the very few settlers here at that time, and the place where the house was built was quite desolate, and there were many more wolves and foxes then there were people. It was quite

common to hear the wolves howling throughout the night, but on one particular night there was something different about the way they sounded, and after a long while listening to these strange sounds, Diarmait decided that he and Declan should go out to see what was going on."

Again she paused, and followed the same pattern as before, resuming with a fresh energy.

"What they found that night

would change their lives forever, and would eventually become a secret they vowed to never reveal to anyone outside the family."

All of a sudden, Mavey's grip loosened, and I saw her eyes close and her head drop, as if she had fallen asleep. The sudden movement seemed to wake her back up, and her eyes opened briefly before closing again. Her hands dropped away from mine.

"Nurse," I yelled as loudly as I could, standing up and moving toward the door. "Get Doc Breakey!"

The nurse came rushing in almost before I had finished calling her, and Breakey was just a few steps behind her. He almost shoved her out of the way to get to Mavey, and hollered as he did so, "Everybody out, now! Everybody."

The nurse turned and extended her arms to her sides as if to herd me and Sarah, who had just that moment entered, out of the room.

"I'm sorry, the doctor wants you to wait outside," she said, and then repeated herself. Once we were in the hallway she closed the door behind us.

Sarah came over to me and gave me a hug, resting her head on my chest.

"She's tough, Bronco. I'm certain she will be all right."

Before I could answer, the door to the room opened and Breakey emerged, a grave look on his face.

"I'm sorry, Kelly, there is really nothing more I can do for her. She is resting right now, but as I said before, I don't think she can hold on much longer. Let's give her an hour to sleep, and then

we'll try to wake her. I think it is totally up to her right now."

I nodded.

"You can sit with her there in the room, if you like," Breakey said. "Or you can go have a cup of coffee and come back in about an hour. It's up to you."

"I won't be far," said walking away. "But I have other patients to look after."

Breakey looked at me as if to say, "If she wakes up," but he remained silent.

"I won't be far," said walking away. "But I have other patients to look after."

"She seemed very anxious to talk to you alone," Sarah finally said. "Did you at least get to hear what she wanted to say?"

"Just the beginning of it," I answered. "She did clear some things up for me about my family—our family—but I think there was something else, something much more significant that she wanted to tell me. I only hope she wakes up so she can finish the story."

Don't miss the exciting conclusion to The Secret in the April edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel.

“HURLEYVILLE ISN’T PERFECT.”

by Elaine Corrington

I was already an “older” adult when I moved to Hurleyville, and I can’t tell you how many times back then I heard that Hurleyville isn’t perfect. At first I thought I should really pay attention to the imperfections that were being brought up to me. Was Hurleyville unsafe? Was it an ugly looking place? Was there nothing fun to do here? Was it healthy, or did the town itself inspire a lifestyle that was bound to cause physical and mental harm at every stage of life? Had it ever changed? Would it ever change? Was there music, art, dance, physical challenges and competition? Could you ever count on help if you needed it? Was there any way in which you might shine? Was there anywhere you could hide?

Well. It turns out that perfection is not all it is cracked up to be. As I looked around this little place, I realized that it was a place that did not require perfection from me. I had always been aware of what I was bad at...terrible gardener, bad cook, couldn’t play a musical instrument until I went from piano to guitar, to banjo, and finally 4 string ukulele, kazoo and spoons. I was really prolific at BAD art. Bad at math once I skipped sixth grade. If I rode a bike I kept veering left. Really slow runner. Was asked to finish our ballet off stage when eight years old and our ballet troupe was to perform at the county fair in California (to this day I refuse to dance). Much less attractive than any street in Hurleyville. In fact, if you held up a picture of ME and a picture of HURLEYVILLE side by side, Hurleyville was looking darn good!

Hurleyville taught me that perfection was not inclusive.



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

Hurleyville isn’t perfect. Thank Heavens!

Perfection was exclusive. If your town demands that you only engage in activities that you are perfect at, you might as well shut yourself inside your house and lock your door. Why not look at all the things you are bad at and find others who have all levels of skill in an activity you can enjoy even if you are not perfect? Would you welcome and help a person who was (gasp) worse than you at an activity you enjoy? Would you feel okay about not participating in things that are not fun to you- even when it is obvious that anyone should enjoy that activity (yes, we’re back to gardening again)?

If the town needs something, can 20 people with no talent sometimes do a better job of fixing it than the one totally talented and skilled citizen who is just disgusted with the talent-free and the needy? Perfection means you are excluded from what can bring you and your town joy. Imperfection allows joy for all and inclusion in whatever appeals to whomever.

Well, maybe except for dancing. Although there are several places in our tiny hamlet that welcome imperfect dancers, I am still the tall

girl in the back who politely and sadly finished dancing off stage at the County Fair at the direction of Nelda Barker (our Danseuse in the embroidered toreador pants so many years ago).

Sometimes a little acceptance of your imperfection allows you to find a creative way to feel good about yourself and offer a look to others at the joy you have found and incorporated into a life- and hamlet- you love. Who knew that pansies could thrive with the worst of gardeners- even poking up and blooming through snow sometimes? Who knew that walking up and down the Hurleyville hills and picking up litter was the perfect combination of a Sullivan Renaissance goal and a Sullivan 180 healthy living goal- and so much fun?

Within a couple of blocks you can find food, live entertainment and movies, gas, walking and riding trails with history laid out for you, history museum, stores, farms, art, crafts, inventions, constructions, people who smile and enjoy even your worst efforts, people getting together to provide something needed for “locals.” You can have labels saying “Bad Art,

Unincorporated” and stick them on the backs of your art projects- they give you permission to be an artist.

You can join and perform with the Hurleyville Ukulele Orchestra- an orchestra for Pete’s sake! Who knew? More and more, the streets and every place in town are becoming more accepting and supportive of those who need extra planning and transitional living experiences beyond a school and family-- work, helping local safety efforts, celebrations, places where lifelong family and friends love joining them and seeing them surpassing anything they had ever imagined.

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SPOTLIGHT ON HURLEYVILLE’S TREASURED WOMEN

by Kathleen Sullivan

March is Women’s History Month...a time to celebrate the contributions of women to culture and society.

Here are some of the women who have graciously and generously contributed to the community of Hurleyville and beyond.

- Rose Barr**

Educator, teacher at the Hurleyville School for 35 years, student advocate, avid bird watcher
- Helen Carlson**

Charter member of the Hurleyville Fire Department Ladies’ Auxiliary and the Hurleyville Emergency Relief Squad, President of the Hurleyville Fire Department Ladies’ Auxiliary, business owner.
- Sophie Fedun**

Charter member of the Hurleyville Fire Department Ladies’ Auxiliary and the Luna Organization, trained in culinary arts, avid hunter



- Rose Garfinkel**

Business woman, resort owner, volunteer extraordinaire, foster grandmother, enthusiastic traveler
- Alice Halchak**

Charter member of the Hurleyville Emergency Relief Squad, member of the Hurleyville Fire Department Ladies’ Auxiliary, skilled cook
- Florence Jacobson**

Member of community organizations, music aficionado, business owner
- Gail Makofsky**

Ardent sports lover, adventurous traveler, accomplished cook and baker, supporter of worthy causes in

- the community
- Virginia “Ginny” Maxwell**

The “Church Lady” of the Hurleyville United Methodist Church, generous supporter of the needy, business owner
- Amelia “Millie” McCarthy**

Community activist, busi-

ness woman, innovator in the coin machine industry, political dynamo, supporter of women’s equality and the rights of the downtrodden, enthusiastic supporter of Hurleyville-Sullivan First

Marion Salom

Business owner, involved and generous champion of the community

These women are remembered by family, friends and neighbors for their devotion to their families, their optimism, their determination, their dedication to the community and, of course, their love of Hurleyville.

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR

LADY GENERALS' INFINITY HAMMONDS HONORED

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE — Riding the wave of a 20-game winning streak, the SUNY Sullivan Lady Generals enter March with a 25-2 record and have placed three players on the All-Region first team, including freshman guard Infinity Hammonds, who was named the Region's 2019-2020 Player of the Year.

Hammonds, who is from Mount Vernon and gradu-

ated from Murry Bergtraum High School in New York City, is averaging 22.6 points per game this year, which is fifth best in the country.

She is joined on the first team by her teammates Kadiyah Britt and Adrienne Graves. Britt, a freshman defensive standout from Staten Island, currently leads the nation in steals while averaging nearly eight points per game on the offensive end. Graves aver-

ages 19.3 points and 14.4 rebounds per game. She is a sophomore from Harlem.

In addition to the three first team selections, the Lady Generals placed sophomore forward Heather Caroccia on the All-Region second team. She is averaging 11.9 points per game.

The Lady Generals have been impressive this year under new head coach Derek Marchione. In addition to the 25 wins and the 20-game winning streak,

Sullivan has scored more than 100 points no fewer than ten times this season, including games in which they have amassed 139 and 140 points. They have scored at least 90 points eight other times.

After dropping their first game of the season, 76-74 to Montgomery College, Sullivan ran off five straight wins before dropping a game to Harcum College 90-79. The 20 games they have won since that home loss on November 24 include a 63-57 win over Harcum on its home court in December, in a game the

Lady Generals played without Hammonds.

As of February 24, the Lady Generals were ranked number 15 in the nation among Division II teams. Sullivan will take part in the District East A/B Championships on March 7 and 8 in hopes of qualifying for the national championship tournament at North Arkansas College in Harrison, Arkansas on March 17 and 18.

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SUNY Sullivan freshman guard Infinity Hammonds is Region XV Player of the Year



COACH OF THE YEAR

Generals' Brent Wilson Honored; Darius Lee Player of the Year

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE — When the team you coach is 24-2 on the season and ranked the number two team in the nation, you must be doing something right, and SUNY Sullivan head basketball coach Brent Wilson certainly is.

Wilson has been named the Region XV Coach of the Year for 2019-2020.

Wilson has been the head basketball coach at Sullivan since 2013, and assistant Athletic Director since 2016. Last year he guided the program through its transition to Division II competition after Sullivan enjoyed decades of dominance as a Division III school, winning four national championships—more than any other school.

Wilson's overall record as head coach at Sullivan is now 165-44, and his seven General teams have never



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SUNY Sullivan men's basketball coach Brent Wilson is Region XV Coach of the Year for 2019-2020

won fewer than 21 games in a season. In two seasons in Division II competition, the Generals under Wilson stand 46-10.

This year's squad has won 24 games and lost just two at press time, and is ranked second in the country among NJCAA Division II schools.

The Generals have been led this year by sophomore guard Darius Lee, who has been named the 2019-2020

Region XV Player of the Year. Lee, averaging 18 points and 9.3 rebounds per game this year, was also named to the All-Region first team for the second year in a row.

Lee, a 6'6" 230 pound Sports Management major, hails from Saint Raymond High School in Harlem.

Sullivan's Kendall Robinson, a 6'6" sophomore forward, was also named to the All-Region first team. Robinson, from Bellport High School in Bellport, NY, is averaging 16.7 points and 7.2 rebounds per contest. Sullivan's sophomore guard Jasiah Lewis earned second team All-Region recognition.

The Generals' Josh Galloway, a sophomore forward from Roy C. Ketchum High School in Wappingers Falls, was named to the Region XV All-Sportsmanship team.

SULLIVAN GENERALS QUALIFY TWO FOR NATIONALS

Bullock, Glanville Head to Iowa

by John Conway

LOCH SHELDRAKE — Two wrestlers will be representing SUNY Sullivan at the National Junior College Athletic Association championships in Council Bluffs, Iowa this week following the Eastern A District tournament in Loch Sheldrake.

The February 23 tournament marked the first time the District championships were ever held at the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse on the SUNY Sullivan campus.

The Generals' 125-pounder Liam Bullock and 133-pounder Nick Glanville qualified for nationals in the six-team tourney. Bullock finished fourth in his weight class, and was chosen by the



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Sullivan 133-pounder Nick Glanville in action

participating coaches as one of seven wild card qualifiers, while Glanville finished third in his class. The top three finishers in each class advanced to Iowa, in addition to the seven wild card entrants.

SUNY Sullivan's team showing was disappointing, as the Generals finished sixth with 56 team points. Nassau County Community College took first with 155.5 points, while Niagara County Community College finished second with 127.

Sullivan entered just six wrestlers in the ten

weight classes at the tournament. Besides the two national qualifiers, 141-pounder Zach Rosenthal, 157-pounder Anas Samir, and 165-pounder Dirani Haynes each finished in fifth place at their respective weights.

Bullock, Glanville, Rosenthal, Samir, and Haynes are all freshmen.

The NJCAA national wrestling championships are held each year at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa. This year's tournament is scheduled for March 6 and 7.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

25 Years Ago Generals Won Second National Title

by John Conway

LOCH SHLEDRAKE — Twenty-five years ago this month, the SUNY Sullivan men's basketball team was crowned national champions for the second time in four years. The Generals would win the title again the following season, and add a fourth championship with an undefeated 2007 season. The four national titles are the most ever by an NJCAA Division III school.

Sullivan moved to Division II for basketball prior to beginning play in 2018.

The 1995 championship came via a 93-80 win over Corning Community College in the national title game played at SUNY Delhi.

The 1995 championship

was a particularly difficult one for coach Dave Possinger's team, which played the bulk of the season—including the postseason—with just eight players after two starters and a key reserve were dismissed from the team for disciplinary reasons.

Using the theme, "Eight is Enough" the Generals ended up as the number one defensive team in the country that year.

Possinger reflected on the season during an interview in 2015, the year he was inducted into the SUNY Sullivan Athletic Hall of Fame.

"They played every possession together; they played hard and they were focused as a team, with the most inner-strength of any team I ever coached," he said.

FORMER SULLIVAN WRESTLERS IN HALL OF FAME

Edmond, Innocent Inducted

by John Conway

LOCH SHELDRAKE — Two former SUNY Sullivan wrestlers were honored last month with induction into the NJCAA Region XV Hall of Fame.

The induction of Deon Edmond, the only SUNY Sullivan wrestler to ever win a District championship, and Jhavon Innocent, who earned All-America recognition last season for the Generals, was announced at the Eastern A District Championship tournament at Paul Gerry Fieldhouse on February 23.

Edmond was on hand to accept the honor, as was his coach at Sullivan, Jared Kah-



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Current Sullivan Wrestling Coach Anthony Ng (left) and former coach Jared Kahmar (right) join Deon Edmond in accepting his honor.

mar.

"Coaching Deon and his teammates at SUNY Sullivan was one of the greatest expe-

riences of my career," Kahmar said. Kahmar was the Generals' first ever wrestling coach in 2013.

"The best part of coaching him was that he was and continues to be such a great role model for my son, Jack," Kahmar said.

Edmond, a two-time national qualifier for Sullivan at 184 pounds, went on to wrestle at Division III Ursinus College and is currently completing his graduate work at Columbia.

Innocent earned his All-America status last season with an eighth place finish at the NJCAA national championships in Council Bluffs, Iowa while competing at 174 pounds. Innocent was unable to attend the tournament, and Sullivan coach Anthony Ng accepted the award on his behalf.



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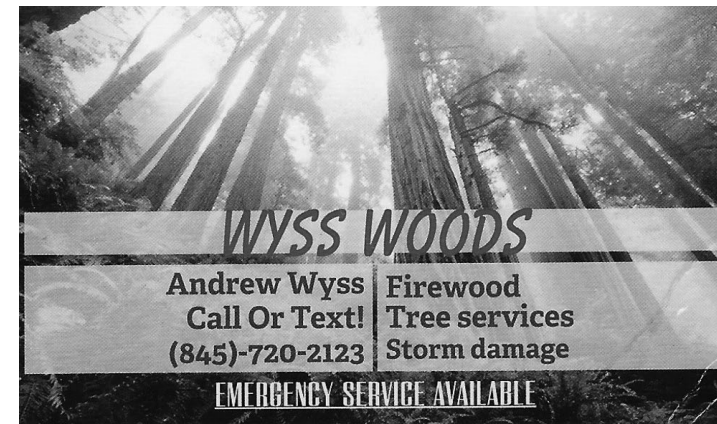
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