

UNDERSTANDING LIFE

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE—The past year was a particularly noteworthy one in the hamlet of Hurleyville, with a number of unprecedented events taking place, including the arrival of new businesses, the founding of a new civic organization, Hurleyville Hub, several very successful festivals, and a visit by an ex-president.

As we look ahead with great anticipation to additional milestones in 2023, The Hurleyville Sentinel presents a retrospective here of some of the major events of the last year:

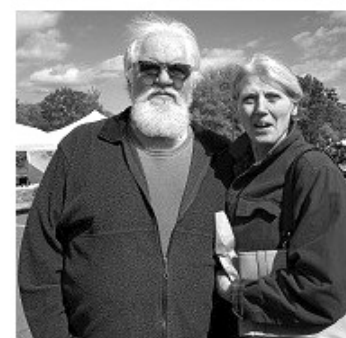


Looking Backward at 2022



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At left: Morgan Outdoors had an official ribbon cutting ceremony last summer.

Below: The upscale thrift shop, All That Glitters is Old was the second commercial tenant in the Main Street Mews and has been a welcome addition to the hamlet.



SENTINEL PHOTO BY KATHLEEN SULLIVAN
The talented musical duo AVENUE performed at the Sullivan County Museum as part of December's Holiday in Hurleyville festivities.



SENTINEL PHOTO BY KATHLEEN SULLIVAN
HeartSong performed in front of the Tango Café as part of Holiday in Hurleyville.



SENTINEL PHOTO BY KATHLEEN SULLIVAN
The Dirty Stay Out Skiffers were among several acts at the Hurleyville General Store throughout the day during Holiday in Hurleyville.



SENTINEL PHOTO BY KATHLEEN SULLIVAN
The Sullivan County Historical Society hosted its annual Theme Tree Exhibit as part of Holiday in Hurleyville. The tree on the right with the colonial theme was by Fort Delaware Museum in Narrowsburg.

LAST CHANCE TO SEE AVATAR AT HPAC CINEMA



by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE—There is one last opportunity this weekend to catch the blockbuster movie, "Avatar: The Way of Water" at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre Cinema.

The movie's run in Hurleyville will wrap up with showings on Friday, Satur-

day and Sunday, January 6 – 8. Show times on Friday and Saturday are at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday is at 2 p.m.

"Avatar: the Way of Water" is a sequel to the original James Cameron blockbuster of 2009, which soared its way to the top of the all-time box office grossing movies by earn-

ing more than \$2.9 billion worldwide. The sequel, set more than a decade after the original, finds the protagonist, Jake Sully living with his newfound family on the planet Pandora. When a familiar threat returns to finish what was previously started, Jake must work with Neytiri and the army of the Na'vi race to protect their planet.

The movie stars Sam Worthington and Zoe Saldana reprising their roles as Jake and Neytiri from the original film, along with CCH Pounder, Cliff Curtis, Edie Falco, Jemaine Clement, Kate Winslet, Sigourney Weaver, and Stephen Lang.

Tickets at the HPAC Cinema are \$12.

County to Collect 2023 Fallsburg Property Taxes Water/Sewer Charges Should Still Be Paid Directly to Town

SOUTH FALLSBURG – Thanks to an agreement between the Sullivan County Legislature and the Fallsburg Town Board, the County Treasurer's Office will be collecting Fallsburg county/town property taxes in 2023.

"The retirement of our tax collector led us to approach the County about partnering for the upcoming tax collection season," explained Fallsburg Town Supervisor Kathy Rappaport. "We're grateful for the County Treasurer's response, which will help us meet present needs while we plan for the future."

"We're always glad to help our towns and villages in whatever ways we can," Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck said. "We'll make it easy for Fallsburg

property owners to pay their taxes and for Fallsburg town officials to keep track of those payments for proper credit. The only real change is that landowners will send their taxes to our office instead of the town's."

Taxpayers should shortly be receiving their bills, accompanied by a flyer listing the various ways they can remit payment. That same list of options is available at www.sullivanny.us/Departments/Treasurer (click on Fallsburg Tax Payments 2023). Questions are welcome at 845-807-0200 or by visiting the County Treasurer's Office inside the Government Center at 100 North Street in Monticello, open between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

"PLEASE NOTE: Water and sewer payments will continue to be collected at the Fallsburg Town Hall, 19 Railroad Plaza, South Fallsburg.

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Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck

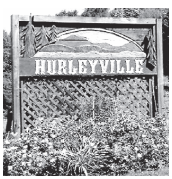


ABOUT OUR HEADLINE

Soren Kierkegaard is known as "the father of existentialism." He was a profound and prolific writer in the Danish "golden age" of intellectual and artistic activity, his work crossing the boundaries of philosophy, theology, psychology, literary criticism, devotional literature and fiction. He famously wrote that "you live life looking forward, you understand life looking backward." It seemed like an appropriate concept to paraphrase for this month's headline, as we take a look back at the year—2022—that was.

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Above left: The Fallsburg Lions donated \$1,000 to the Bread of Life Food Pantry at the Hurleyville United Methodist Church. Miranda Behan of the Fallsburg Lions presented the check to John Jaycox, a volunteer at the food pantry. Above right: The Arati Store and all of Hurleyville were aglow with joy and cheer during the holiday season.

HURLEYVILLE SULLIVAN-FIRST(HSF)

Wonderful decorations on homes and businesses spread joy and cheer throughout Hurleyville during the holiday season.

There were 10 winners in the 26th annual “DECK THE DOORS” holiday decorating contest sponsored by Hurleyville-Sullivan First.

The names of all the winners were not available at press time. The winners will be announced in the next issue of the Hurleyville Sentinel and on www.hurleyvillenyny.com.

The Arati Store, Catskill Amusements, Fiber on Main, Izzy’s aunt, Jampond, La Salumina, the Pickled Owl, QQL Enterprises, LLC and LouAnn Rexford provided the prizes.

Diane and Tony Harvey were added to the “DECK THE DOORS” Hall of Fame. Other “Hall of Famers” include:

The Ditchik Family
The Dromazos Family
Ruth and Dick Forest
Ryan Forest
Dawn and Shawn McCarthy
Terry McGrath
Cathy and Bob Orlowsky
The Rose Family
Leisha and E Snihura
Annette and Ernest Wood
Please visit www.hurleyvillenyny.com for more information about Hurleyville-Sullivan First. You can also visit Hurleyville-Sullivan First on Facebook.

HURLEYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Bread of Life Food Pantry at the church will be open on Thursday, January 19 and on Thursday, January 26 from 3 until 5 p.m.

Sunday services are held at the church at 9 a.m. Children of all ages can attend Sunday school at the church during services.

Pastor Jorge delivers sermons on the church’s page on Facebook at 11 a.m. on Sundays.

The Bible study group meets in the sanctuary at the church every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to pray with others over the phone on the church’s prayer line on Sundays from 7 to 8 p.m. The prayer line phone number is 605-472-5491 and the access

code is 251678.

Youngsters are invited to take part in fun activities at “Messy Church” on the second Saturday of each month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The next date is January 14. Adults must accompany all children taking part in the fun.

Socks, gloves, hats and diapers are being collected at the church for children in foster care. Please contact Cookie at 845-428-5871 or Goldie at 845-467-1641 for more information.

Please call Katrina at 845-436-7942 for more information on services and activities at the church. You can also get updates at the church’s page on Facebook.

THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Second Saturdays music and history program will continue in 2023 at the museum.

The Arctic Spring Music and History Series begins on Saturday, January 14 at 3 p.m. The event will feature live music from the sixties and seventies along with a fascinating presentation about Frederick Cook and his journey to the North Pole. The event is hosted in partnership with Little Sparrow.

A performance by Little Sparrow and special musical guests will follow the presentation.

Doors will open at 2 p.m., and admission is free. Donations will be accepted to support the series and the work of the Frederick Cook Society. Hot beverages and refreshments will be served. The snow date is Sunday, January 15.

The second event in the series will take place on Saturday, February 11. A celebration of National Black History month, the event will feature a presentation on the accomplishments of two of the greatest black explorers in America’s history, Matthew Henson and Barbara Hillary. Musical performances following the presentation will showcase some extraordinary local musicians.

Volunteers are available to help visitors explore the historical and genealogical resources at the Sullivan County Historical Society’s archives at the museum. The archives are open on Wednesday from

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment.

Guided tours of the museum are available at no charge. Please call 845-434-8044 to make a reservation.

Anyone interested in genealogy and the history of life in Sullivan County can send an email to info@scnyhistory.org for information on volunteering at the museum.

History books and Sullivan County memorabilia are always available at the museum gift shop.

Donations are always welcome to meet the growing cost of operating the museum.

The museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, is open from Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The museum will be closed on Sundays until April.

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)

The members of CHNA value the support of their neighbors for the group’s efforts to protect our environment and to preserve the tranquility of our community.

The CHNA steering committee continues to meet monthly in preparation for the next time the Gan Eden Estates project appears on the agenda of the Town of Thompson Planning Board.

The proposed project on Columbia Hill is a threat to our environment and to the character of our region. The many significant concerns with the high-density development include:

- water supply
- wastewater treatment plant and discharge
- harmful ecological changes to Columbia Hill and the surrounding neighborhood
- 534 units in 89 structures
- 4 miles of paved roads
- possibility of more than 3,000 residents
- 1,100 parking spaces
- storm water runoff
- traffic
- noise pollution
- light pollution
- electric grid capacity
- 110-foot 400,000-gallon on-site water tank

Members of CHNA are also monitoring the rapid and deleterious over development in the area of Huschke Road and East Mongaup Road.

Visit CHNA at www.columbiabiahill.org and on Facebook to learn how you can help to protect your environment and your community by demanding responsible and sustainable development.

LOCAL KIWANIS CLUBS SPREAD CHEER TO HOMEBOUND MEALS RECIPIENTS

WOODRIDGE – The members of the Kiwanis Clubs of Monticello and Woodridge joined forces once more to bring holiday cheers to the Office for the Aging Meals on Wheels Recipients. They presented greeting cards to Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul and Nutrition Coordinator Jane Bozan.

In addition to the Kiwanis Club members, the Monticello High School Key Club, Mrs. Jill Weiner’s Liberty Middle School Students, as well as the Aktion Club of Sullivan County, sponsored by both Kiwanis Clubs and comprising individuals from Arc The Greater Hudson Val-

ley, New Hope Community, and The Center for Discovery, contributed a large amount of beautifully hand-made greeting cards and little holiday related ornaments and find-the-word puzzle sheets.

“Our homebound meal recipients will have a bright holiday thanks to the generosity of the Kiwanis Club Groups” Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul said.

This is in compliance with the Clubs’ project mission, which is to give back to the community and reassure our residents that they are thought of, and to try to make their holiday a little more enjoyable.



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From Left: Woodridge Kiwanis Treasurer Diane Garritt, OFA Director Lise-Anne Deoul, Nutrition Coordinator Jane Bozan, Aging Services Assistant Albert Patalona and Monticello Kiwanis Publicity Chair Sheila Lashinsky

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The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

If December showed me one thing, it was how tired we all were of being cooped up these last years.

Early in December, I stopped by The Arts and Crafts Fair at THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH in Grahamsville. This was quite a lovely, intimate gathering and if you were looking for anything specifically, it was probably there. In all honesty, I’ve been kicking myself for not picking up some of the items that caught my eye (but I did manage to grab a plate of cinnamon rolls!). I was impressed with the varied array on the tables and even by the number of tables...but then again, it was for a very good cause. Even the TIME AND VALLEYS MUSEUM opened its doors!

In an unusual Friday high noon concert (and pizza party) at the SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM, LITTLE SPARROW with guests VAN MANAKIS and ELLEN IOVINO, and the great bassist, JEFF ANDERSON, treated filled seats to the likes of “I KNOW YOU RIDER”, “I SHALL BE RELEASED” and “HEY JOE”, as well as additional stories about native son FREDERICK COOK and the exploits aboard the Belgica in the first ever exploration of Antarctica. I did not know that the crew had musical instruments aboard! Apparently, they had a mandolin, and accordion and a banjo. When Cook and the crew were stranded and starving, they learned that the sound of the mandolin and of the accordion brought the penguins close enough to catch with their bare hands and this is how they survived. The banjo, on the other hand, would send them scurrying in every direction that wasn’t close. It will be something that I will always remember when someone says “music saved my life.”

That Saturday and the following Saturday, saw two blow-out Christmas parties for employees, family, friends, customers and “stoppers-by,” both at THE HEARTBEAT MUSICAL HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE. Two things made these intriguing. One, THE HEARTBEAT is seasonal and has not opened their doors before in the winter to my knowledge. And two, there would be live music at each!

One would never have thought the group performing for THE NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE party was a pickup group (meaning that they are not a band, per se, but a group of musicians coming together to play for one night or longer, then disbanding). This is where professionalism shines, hearing GREG FISKE on saxophone, JESSIE NORMAN on bass and lead vocals, JAMES RATNER on guitar and vocals, DAVE MUCCI on drums and vocals, and DANA GABRIELSEF on keyboard, blending seamlessly, one classic rock tune after another.

The following Saturday was the HEARTBEAT’S holiday party. There are many things I like about THE HEARTBEAT, but perhaps the most impressive is that DAVID and TERESA TRES-

TYN have created this marvelous place, filling a void.

This night of music was a bit different in that it allowed any musician on stage to help celebrate. The drumsticks passed between EDINA, BILL MAGARGAL (house drummer) and EDDIE (another of HEARTBEAT’S own) during the evening as they each backed the array of wonderful musicians in various configurations through the evening: DAVID TRES-TYN (lead guitar and vocals), JOHN WICK (guitar), GUY LINDQUIST (bass), DIAMOND JIM (guitar and vocals), favorite son ALBI BELULI (guitar and vocals), and LAURA GARONE,

with her special brand of jazzy blues vocals, fresh off the DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE production of ELLA’S JUKEBOX CAFE, a musical revue honoring the music of the great ELLA FITZGERALD, as well as others. (It was hard to keep up!)

All revelry aside, please, dear readers, be very careful out there. I found myself exposed to both COVID and RSV (adult version) in December, and interestingly enough, not from anything I attended. Thankfully, neither took hold.

Stay safe, stay well. Until next time...



by Mimi

LET IT SNOW!

Don't say you are bored when it's snowing
Take a chance and do something outside
I know you're most likely reluctant
Because you don't want to slip and slide

The snow, if it's fluffy like pillows,
Can be pretty easy to tread
It's when there's an ice sheet below
That you wish you were back in your bed

Is there anything you can hold on to?
As you walk with the fear that you'll slip
A great pair of boots or some crampons
Can prevent you from fracturing your hip

Some adults might invite a few friends
To watch a sports game or two
And then go out for some air
There a snowball fight might ensue

If you're able to work from your home
You should look out the window on breaks
When snow on the trees turns to ice
What a wonderland that pretty scene makes

So, if you're the shoveler of snow,
Remember to not use your back
Your legs are the best body part
So you won't have a heart attack

- Mimi
January, 2023

FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon

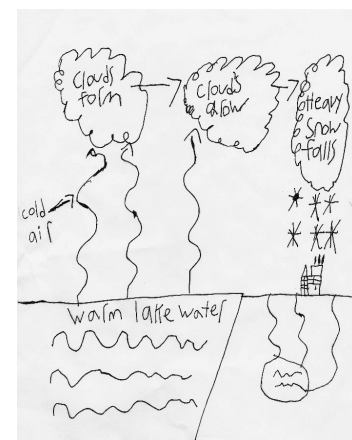


Lake Effect Snow

I want to talk this month about lake effect snow because my grandma lives upstate close to the Great Lakes. It snows a lot up where she lives and there is always more snow around her area than we have here.

As the accompanying sketch illustrates, lake effect snow forms when cold air moves over warm lake water. Heat and moisture cause clouds to form. Clouds grow bigger and snow begins to fall. Heavy snow bands form downwind or leeward of the lake. Once the snow bands hit land, the snow band produces heavy snow and wind. Lake effect can also produce thunder snow, snowing two to three inches of snow per hour or more.

Wind direction is a key component in determining which areas will receive lake effect snow. The heavy snow may be falling in one location, while the sun may be shining just a mile or two away in either direction. The distance



that an air mass travels over a body of water is called fetch. Typically, a fetch of at least 100 kilometers is required to produce lake effect precipitation. The larger the fetch, the more precipitation will be produced.

The areas affected by lake effect snow are called snowbelts. This includes areas east of the Great Lakes, which is where my grandma lives. By the time you read this, I will have visited her over the holidays and will have packed my warm boots and mittens hoping to enjoy lots of lake effect snow.

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MEET GORDON GILBERT

Transparent Architect in the Catskills

by Lily Barrish

HURLEYVILLE-- Gordon Gilbert grew up traveling around the world due to his father's career as an air traffic control pioneer. His family lived in DC, Montreal, San Salvador, Mexico City and finally settled in Miami where he enrolled in high school. He had completed elementary and middle school in Mexico City. "I was the only non-Latin kid with bright red hair, so I really stood out like a sore thumb. But I spoke perfect Spanish by that time, so I fit in pretty well. I had a very cosmopolitan upbringing. I'm grateful to have grown up in different countries and to have met different people. It taught me you really can get along with almost anyone."

Mr. Gilbert attended the University of Miami, graduating with a Bachelor of Architecture degree and a Master's degree in art history. Much like the bar exam, architects have to take a rigorous exam and are required to work two years in an apprenticeship-like setting. After acing the exam and becoming a licensed architect, he went to work under an eccentric Greek man who treated architecture like art.

"It impressed me that you could practice architecture like art instead of merely

utilitarianism," Mr. Gilbert said.

Since he started his career in hurricane country, he learned to work with masonry and concrete. It's a different way of building than up North, where the materials tend to be mostly wood framing, siding and large sections of glass. Everything has to be sturdy and structurally sound, so the roofs don't blow away in stormy Florida.

His first really good, deep architectural work was a split house in Miami. He designed a painter and mosaic artist's studio, buried deep in a tropical forest.

He stayed down South a few years, and then felt it was time for a change. He traveled around Mexico for a bit, before making his way to San Francisco for several years. In California, he did odd jobs and architecture to get by.

"It felt too sedate there, no adrenaline. I figured I should move to New York; that's where adrenaline is," Mr. Gilbert said. He landed in the East Village of New York City not knowing anyone and having no contacts.

"I remembered reading an architectural magazine in Miami about a guy I liked who did experimental work.

I wondered if he was in New York and leafed through a phone book. There he was!

I called the world renowned Lebbeus Woods and told him I really liked his article filled with drawings of experimental architecture. He told me to come on down to see him. And when I did, he opened my eyes up to a whole new field of experimental architecture."

Mr. Woods was an extension of the Greek guy in Miami, but with stepped up ideas. He'd look for the soul of architecture. Through him, Mr. Gilbert was in touch with galleries and places to publish experimental architecture work. He has been published in a Japanese architecture magazine and some of the experimental drawings in his book, "Transparent Architecture" were shown in Berlin.

Gordon and his late wife, Judith, eventually wanted a country home, as well. Judith drew a two-hour radius around the city to see where they should search. During her childhood, she'd visited Grossinger's and the Concord with her family and had fond memories of the area. The couple purchased a home in the Mountain Lakes Camp community in Wurtsboro, and lived there for the first seven years. Then, one day they were on a boat ride and ran into a fellow who told Mr. Gilbert that he wanted him to design his house. As fate



would have it, the location was in South Fallsburg's Echo Lake.

"Echo Lake is a strong, active community that looks out for each other. The whole neighborhood is beautiful and full-time. It was very important to me from the beginning to renovate houses and find friends and colleagues to move into the neighborhood. We've built eight houses from the ground up and redesigned about twelve cottages so far. I spend most of my time up

here now, because all my work is up here."

Mr. Gilbert is also currently working on a low, spread-out house on historical old farmland up in Delhi.

"There are a series of pastures separated by a wind break of trees. We went in and determined the best sunset viewing spot and it worked out perfectly because the woods are in the opposite direction. Rather than build up on the plain, the house will be low to hug the plain horizontally to



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Far left: The exterior of the house on Echo Lake.

Above: The interior of the house on Echo Lake.



At left: An experimental glass structure designed by the architect.

from his earlier era.

He recites Frank Lloyd Wright's answer after someone asked, "what's your best building?"

"The next one," said Frank Lloyd Wright.

Mr. Gilbert feels the same way.

"Each building you do is better than the previous one," he said. "I always look forward to the next project because it stands on the shoulders of all the previous ones. I don't see myself stopping work anytime soon. It takes a long time to master architecture. As long as I'm capable of doing it, I'll keep doing it."

"Transparent Architecture" by Gordon Gilbert is available on Amazon.com and at the Hurleyville General Store for less than \$20.

Concert Series Kicks Off January 14

First Event Will Focus on Local Explorer



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One of Dr. Frederick Cook's polar journeys introduced penguins to the sounds humans can make with a set of bagpipes.

HURLEYVILLE – The Frederick Cook Society is pleased to present a concert series featuring live music from the 1960S and '70s, special guest guitarists, and some fascinating Sullivan County exploration history. The event is hosted in partnership with the band, Little Sparrow, who will perform at the Sullivan County Cultural Center and Museum after a brief talk on Saturday, January 14. The pre-music presentation will focus on Hortonville (Sullivan County) native Dr. Frederick Cook, a renowned polar explorer.

Doors open at 2 p.m., and the event starts at 3. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted to support the

music and the work of the Frederick Cook Society. Hot beverages and refreshments will be served. Snow date is Sunday, January 15.

The second event will take place on Saturday, February 11, celebrating National Black History Month. The talk will highlight the accomplishments of two of the greatest black explorers in America's history, Matthew Henson and Barbara Hillary. The music will showcase some extraordinary local guitarists.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. For information, please call 845-434-8044, or visit www.facebook.com/littlesparrowny.

Fallsburg JSHS PBIS Team Recognizes Two Students of the Week

FALLSBURG – Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) has been a very active member of Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) Program for many, many years. Both school buildings in the town are constantly creating and generating enthusiasm among the student body for ways to acknowledge students for excellent behavior

inside and outside the classroom.

One successful idea has been engaging the staff at the Junior/Senior High School to recognize special demonstrations of good values that make a difference in the lives of fellow students and the school community. The PBIS Team created the Student of the Week Program.

On December 8, 2022, two

students earned the honor and received certificates with their names, the names of the staff member who nominated them, and a brief description of the reasons for the award. One could tell from the looks of appreciation on the faces of Hector Jami Cocha and Arianna Gonzalez that they were happy and proud of their recognition.



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Pictured left to right are Fallsburg High School Assistant Principal Shana Bruestle, student of the week Arianna Gonzalez, teachers Anthony Cordeiro and Daniel Redmond.

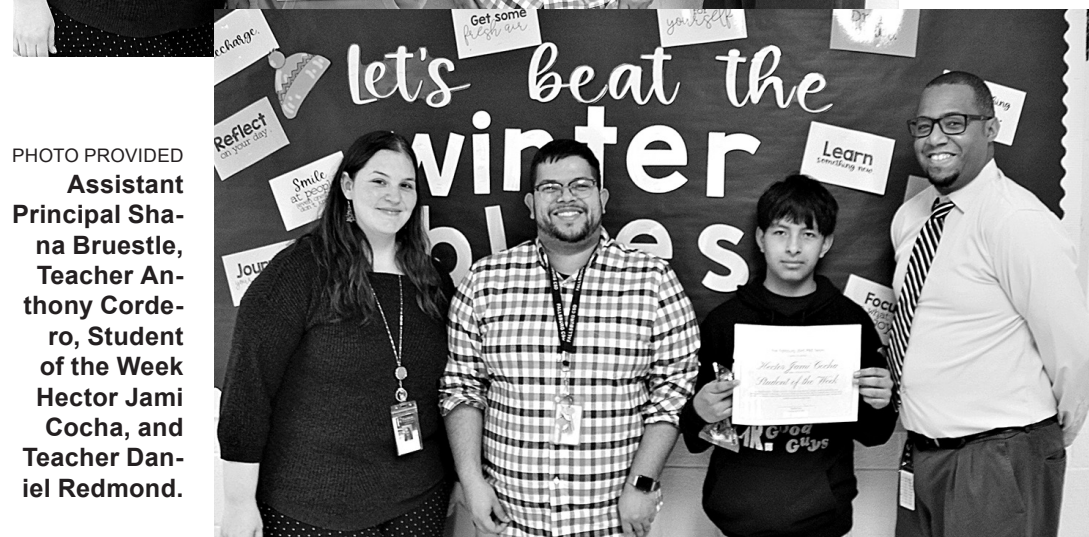


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Assistant Principal Shana Bruestle, Teacher Anthony Cordeiro, Student of the Week Hector Jami Cocha, and Teacher Daniel Redmond.



Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

"Where are the snows of yesteryear?" asked François Villon, back in the 15th century. The question has retained a lively currency ever since, floating free of its source (in Villon's poem "Testament") and moving down through the generations like some sort of medieval meme.

That the line resonates anew with each new year suggests its heart lies less in "snow" than in "yester." Like so many Golden Ages, the snows of yesteryear are always receding. They're never glimpsed, only recollected or mythologized. Looking back with longing to an irrecoverable past is a perennial human reflex. It places the snows of yesteryear not in some hallowed 15th Century winter, but rather, it seems to me, in the common winters of childhood. The poet's question evokes the wonder of snow seen through a child's eyes, when its falling was mysterious, and beneficent (schools closed!), and an invitation to new fields of play: sledding and tunneling, building up and tumbling down. I remember heading out into the snow, along with all the neighboring kids, swathed in

winterwear, as into our natural element.

This year, in the days leading up to Christmas, we had two great snowfalls, one mighty enough to be given a name: Winter Storm Diaz. My response was *not* immediate glee, but more along the lines of: Will the plow guy show? Can we get our cars down the driveway? How slippery is it? How much digging-out is involved? Contingency impinging upon the mind and delight withered into anxious questioning.

Where, indeed, are the snows of yesteryear?

You have to make some effort to see them, but they are recoverable, glimpsed in moments when one is quiet enough to simply observe and allow one's perception to shift as snowfall reshapes the world and makes it strange. There's the hypnotic rhythm of the falling flakes – dangerous for drivers, though soothing at home, where one can watch the earth undergoing a grand simplification; the blanketing whiteness confers a type of dignity even upon the unsightly. An enormous construction site I pass each morning, on Heiden Road, which usually looks like a

wound inflicted upon the Earth, now appears, with its snow-covered craters and mounds, like the excavated remains of a lost civilization, as haunting as the "vast and trunkless legs of stone" of Shelley's poem.

In the early morning stillness, at 5 a.m., after that first December snowfall, I noticed the tree branches had turned white, a fine powdery layer tracing their lengths from trunk to tip. The moon was very bright and the sky clear and the trees cast precise shadows on the white ground. There was a near-symmetry between the white branches above, against the black sky, and their dark doubles below, on the white ground. The whole scene resembled a photograph and its negative, mirroring each other across the cold air. Snow has that transformative property, inviting you to see things anew in the light it casts. The snows of yesteryear become visible when the undistracted eye attunes to their presence.

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



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In December, the Fire Department held their annual elections. For 2023:

Line Officers:

Chief - Charlie Payne

1st Assistant Chief - Fred Froehlich

2nd Assistant Chief - Tony Harvey

Captain - Joshua Colon

Captain of the Fire Police- Eddie Ayala

Executive Officers:

President - Jim Kaufman

Vice President - Miranda Behan

Treasurer- John Jaycox

Secretary- Erica Payne

Congratulations to all the

officers and best wishes for a

safe and productive year.

I have written about false

alarms/activated alarms and

how in some places they are

getting out of hand. In the

Town of Fallsburg Code, if

you had six such alarms you

could be fined. After a public

hearing, the Town amended

the code and now after

THREE FALSE ALARMS

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first will be a warning. This

is for fire, burglar, and other

alarms. If you have not been

maintaining your alarm sys-

tem, now is the time to start.

The amended code also al-

lows the Town of Fallsburg

Code Enforcement Office

to stop you from using the

alarm until it is fixed. This

new amendment to the code

is already in place. The three

alarms are in one calendar

year.

Winter has finally arrived,

and the plows are out. Who-

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ever is doing private plowing and pushing snow up against the fire hydrants **PLEASE STOP.** This can create a delay in the fire department getting water on to a fire. If there is a hydrant in front of your house and you are able to, shovel it out. Thanks.

The snowbanks have been big in town and makes parking on Main Street challenging. With cars parked on both sides of the road it makes Main Street a little narrow for firetrucks to get down the road. Maybe think about using the public lots. Remember there is no overnight parking on Main Street. I have seen numerous cars parked on Main Street overnight.

Hey, how about all those pink rabbits on Main Street for the tree lighting? What a great night. The rail trail was all lighted up with luminaries, there was a bonfire, music, the stores were all open, the Performing Arts Centre had dancers, and the town was jumping with Christmas Joy.

Another topic that I have touched upon is CO (carbon monoxide). CO is an odorless, colorless gas from the byproduct of combustion that **CAN** and **WILL KILL YOU.** CO it is found

in fumes produced any time you burn fuel in cars or trucks, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, hot water heaters or furnaces. CO can build up indoors and poison people and animals who breathe it. Initial symptoms of CO poisoning may include headache, fatigue, dizziness, drowsiness, or nausea and tightness across the chest. Get outside into fresh air and seek immediate first aid help. Our post office had a plugged-up chimney, and the exhaust was going inside the post office. Our postmaster experienced all of the classic symptoms of CO poisoning.

Make sure your CO detector is working. Be aware of any vents from pellet stoves, gas fired clothes dryers etc. vented to the outside, make sure they are clear of leaves and snow.

Coming up on Saturday, February 11, is the 35th Annual Hurleyville Fire Department Town of Fallsburg Youth Commission Ice Fishing Contest. The contest is on from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Morningside Lake. More information is forthcoming, or call me at (845) 796-8598.

Be Safe Out There!



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NAMI of Sullivan County Executive Director Lori Schneider with A Taste of Sullivan card.

A Taste of Sullivan Supports NAMI

MONTICELLO—The holidays may be gone, but you can still give yourself (or someone else) a gift that keeps giving all year long (no, not that one!) – a discount card that can be used at 25 local restaurants and eateries all over the County. “A Taste of Sullivan” is in its third year raising much needed funds for NAMI Sullivan County, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Your one-time purchase of \$25 for the discount card is a tax-deductible donation to NAMI Sullivan. The card entitles you to unlimited use from January 1 thru December 31 of 2023 at participating businesses for the offer they’re extending, be it a discount on eat-in or take-out, or a free item with purchase.

Special thanks to all of the restaurants taking part – Local Pizza (Callicoon), Homestead Restaurant and Lounge (Eldred), Casa Mia, The Pickled Owl (Hurleyville), Samba Cafe (Jeffersonville), Chick-E-Ribs, Liberty Diner, New Munson Diner, Pizza Fizza,

Star Bar and Grill (Liberty), Abella, Ciao Bella, Colosseo, Miss Monticello Diner, Salt & Pepper the Kitchen, Solaia, Yanni’s (Monticello), Forage and Gather (Mountaindale), Neversink General Store (Neversink), Bernie’s Holiday Restaurant, Crust (Rock Hill), Courtyard, Roscoe Beer Company (Roscoe), Casa Di Longobardi (Swan Lake) and the Wurtsboro Diner (Wurtsboro).

Cards can either be picked up in person at the NAMI office in Monticello, or mailed. If you’d like yours mailed, please send your tax-deductible check (made out to NAMI Sullivan) in the amount of \$25 per card and include your mailing address and phone number. Mail to: NAMI Sullivan, 20 Crystal Street, Monticello, NY 12701. Proceeds of this and all fundraising stay local and go to expand opportunities and enrich the lives of people living with mental illness and their families. For additional information, phone (845) 794-1029.

MONTICELLO KIWANIS SPREADS HOLIDAY SPIRIT



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United Way Chief Professional Officer Julian Dawson and Kiwanis Board Member Linda Barriger display donated games and toys.

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For further information re-

garding Monticello Kiwanis, go to the Monticello, NY Kiwanis Facebook Page.

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COMPILED BY **Sullivan County Historian John Conway**

January 29, 1937 Contest Seen for deHoyos Village Post

A spirited contest in the village election in Monticello next March was forecast this week with the endorsement by the Monticello Chamber of Commerce of three candidates for village offices. These include Fire Chief Robert S. York as candidate for Mayor, and Nathan D. Leffer and Ralph Coddington, trustees, as candidates for re-election to the village board.

Heretofore, endorsement by the Chamber of Commerce has been considered tantamount to election as opposition to the ticket offered by the business group has been unusual.

It had been generally understood, however, prior to the Chamber’s action, that Mayor Luis deHoyos, incumbent, would be a candidate again this year. He ran last year with endorsement of the business body of which he was an organizer and in which he has always been an active figure. It was considered significant by friends of Mr. deHoyos that the endorsement was made while the Mayor was absent on a business trip. He is expected to return this week.

Legion Appeals for Clothing for Flood Sufferers

American Legion members were sending out appeals to local residents for contributions of warm clothing, blankets, pillows, and canned food supplies for the flood sufferers in the stricken areas. Citizens are urged to bundle up all discarded coats, sweaters, etc. hanging forgotten in clothes closets and attics. Members of the legion will call for the items in a house-to-house canvass.

Elderly Hurleyville Resident Passes Away

Joshua Terwilliger, seventy-eight, of Hurleyville, died suddenly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edo Porter, on Wednesday, the victim of a paralytic stroke. He had lived with his daughter for the past twenty years. Born in Divine corners, he was the youngest of a family of ten children, all of whom have passed away. He had spent his entire life in this region. His wife, the former Eleanor Bertholf, died twenty years ago.

Funeral services will be held at the local M.E. Church on Saturday afternoon at two o’clock with the Rev. Herbert Hahn officiating. Survivors include his daughter,



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

Monticello Mayor Luis deHoyos

Lula, wife of Edo Porter; her nine children, and one other grandson, Wesley Terwilliger of Paterson, N.J.

January 14, 1938 Sullivan County Eagles Play Jersey City Here Saturday

As the season progresses, the management of the Sullivan County Eagles basketball team, in order to satisfy their fans, are securing better teams as their opponents. This Saturday night, the Eagles will play the Jersey City Pros at the Hurleyville High School Auditorium. The Jersey City outfit have played and won eleven games thus far this season, and are recognized as the Northern New Jersey State Champions.

The visiting line-up is composed of former New York University, Manhattan College, and John Marshall College players. The Eagles, recognized as the champions of Sullivan County, have won five games and lost two, losing last Saturday night to the Orange-Sullivan League All-Stars. Frank Wittman scored twenty of the All-Stars 35 points while the Len Welter scored ten of the Eagles 23 points.

PAPER CLIPS...

by Elaine Corrington



Is It Really a New Year?

It is so hard, really, to end a year that was just so different from other years. Last year it seemed like the year finally ended on the last day of the year— and it was finally OVER.

There were also many other years within our lifetime that we might remember being unusual times for our families or friends-- moments both good and bad. Moments that came up now and then that we hoped we would learn from or forget and move on.

And how about those moments in time that occurred before we were born: 100 years or 300 years before us, even 1000 years ago, and now maybe lost to us forever. Years and places that we may have heard about...but not really... unless we were somehow one of those weird people that DIDN’T forget them as soon as a school test was over and we didn’t have to remember them!

But, back to our own times. Just in our own time – we ARE getting older, darn it– and so much has happened. We have so many ways to find out what is new in the world: and so many things new ways to protect ourselves that aren’t working. You would think we could protect each other and find so many ways to take care of business, darn it. Or each other, darn it. Instead, we have no real ideas of what is going on all around the world...and how to protect ourselves. Are we getting better or worse? And when will we know? Is a cover over part of our face really going to help us? What other kinds of protection will show itself? It remains to be seen.

Well, we are back in those days of this new year ...or are we? January is here. Or is it?

Will we have a new year that will be like it used to? Will we slow down our sickness and find a cure, and be able to have just one pill? We have done it before. Will there be a whole new year on January 1, 2023? Can we again be part of Hurleyville ...or will the first day of January 1, 2024 still present us with a very complex set of problems? Let’s wait and see.

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A NEW YEAR'S EVE ADVENTURE

An original short story
by Jack Robbin

The Hurleyville Sentinel is happy to start out the new year by welcoming back popular local author Jack Robbin and his literary creation, Fallsburg Constable Bronco Kelly, in another adventure taken from actual historical events. Return with us now, as we turn the clock back some 86 years...

It was New Year's Eve, December 31, 1936, and Irene and I were about to sit down to our supper when the phone rang. I answered it, fervently hoping it was a friend or acquaintance calling to wish us a happy new year, but was still surprised to hear the voice on the other end of the line.

It was my old friend Deputy Sheriff Jay Lass, but I could tell from his tone that this wasn't a social call. The typically affable Deputy was strictly business.

"Bronco, Walt and I are going to be over there shortly. Can you meet us by the Shelden place on Pleasant Valley Road? Some laborers have found a body. Looks like it could be something."

I told Jay I would meet him and Under Sheriff Walter Flynn at the Shelden farm, and hung up. When I turned to let Irene know that our evening was going to be interrupted, the look on her face made it clear she had already figured that out.

Of course, this wasn't the first time we had a holiday disrupted by my job as Fallsburg Town Constable, and it would likely not be the last. I apologized to Irene as sincerely as I could, stuffed a tiny roasted potato that had been sitting on my untouched plate into my mouth, and paused by the front door to grab my coat from the clothes tree that stood next to it.

"I will be back as soon as I possibly can," I said to Irene while still chewing the potato. "I promise...we'll still be together for midnight."

She didn't say anything. The drive from my home to Pleasant Valley Road took just a few minutes, and shortly thereafter, as I was passing the home of the Wolf family and approach-

ing the Shelden farm, I spotted some lights by the side of the road. I pulled the old Ford over to the shoulder, grabbed my flashlight, and got out. As I approached a group of three men, one of them spoke.

"Evening, Bronco. He's over here."

I recognized the voice as Elmer Brunn, a longtime employee of the Town of Fallsburg road crew, even before I could see his face.

"Hi, Elmer. What have you got?"

"Looks bad, Bronco. Quite a lot of blood."

I shined my light on the road and could see he was right. Blood seemed to be everywhere. And then I saw the crumpled body that had prompted the call.

"Any idea who it is?" I asked.

"It's kinda hard to tell in the dark," Brunn said. "His face is pretty smashed up."

I shined the muted light of the flashlight down toward the body and I could see that Brunn was right. The man's face was badly injured, and



ILLUSTRATION BY JACK ROBBIN
Deputy Sheriff Jay Lass knelt down to examine the body.

it was hard to see what he had looked like. I decided it was best to leave him until Jay Lass and Walter Flynn arrived, so I asked Brunn and the two other men to place some smudge pots in a wide perimeter around the body in case anyone hap-

pened by.

A few minutes later, a car pulled up behind my own and Harry Jacobs, Hurleyville physician and Fallsburg town health officer, got out. Before he reached us, a second car pulled up behind his and I recognized the tall, lean figure who emerged from the driver's side as Jay Lass. He was accompanied by another man I could see was Walter Flynn, one-time Sullivan County Sheriff and currently Under Sheriff to Harry Borden. Dr. Jacobs waited a moment for the pair to catch up, and all three men approached together.

"Any i.d.?" Flynn asked.

"We can't recognize him," I said. "And I didn't want to disturb the body by searching his pockets until you got here."

"Jay will see to that, as soon as the Doc's looked him over," Flynn said.

Dr. Jacobs spent a few minutes examining the body and then stood up.

"It's hard to tell in this light, but I would say this man has been bludgeoned

to death," he said quietly. "I can't say any more or make any definite conclusions until I can get a better look at him. I'd recommend we get him over to Laidlaw's as soon as we can."

Jay Lass knelt down next to the body at that point, and while holding his flashlight in one hand went through the man's pockets with his other, but found nothing other than a pouch of chewing tobacco. It seemed from what we could see of his clothes and the boots he wore that he was a laborer of some sort. I asked Jay if I could take a closer look at the tobacco pouch.

"This is brand new," I said. "It still smells fresh and there is maybe just one chew gone from it."

"So?" Flynn asked. "Do you think that's significant?"

"Could be," I said. "This Big Kick brand isn't sold just anywhere, but I am pretty sure Bockman sells it. He might recall who was in there and bought a pouch today. I can't imagine this

was bought any earlier than that."

"Worth a shot," Flynn said. "But I want Jay to go with you when you talk to whoever."

I looked at Jay and he shrugged.

"Sure," I said.

Jay Lass and I waited at the scene after Walt Flynn left for Monticello and Dr. Jacobs returned to his home to call Laidlaw's funeral home so they could send their hearse to pick up the body. Some time later, when the long, black vehicle arrived, Jay and I lifted the body into the back for transport to the funeral home where Dr. Jacobs would be able to perform a thorough post mortem examination. Jay then climbed into the passenger side of my old Ford, and we headed into Hurleyville to talk to Dave Bockman.

Bockman's Pharmacy wasn't open, but the drug-gist lived over the store, so it wasn't difficult to find him. He was his usual friendly self, and invited us in. Jay

took him up on his offer of coffee, and sipped it while I questioned Dave about the tobacco. Turns out, he had had just one customer all day in the store, and he did purchase a pouch of Big Kick.

"The only person I saw in the store all day today was Farmer John," Bockman told me, referring, I knew, to John Dombrosky, a hired hand at Morris Golden's farm. "And yes, he did buy a pack of Big Kick."

This fictional story is based on a real-life incident that took place in Hurleyville in December of 1936. It will continue in next month's edition. Irene and Bronco Kelly and Elmer Brunn are fictional characters. While Walter Flynn, Jay Lass, Dr. Jacobs, Dave Bockman, and John Dombrosky are actual people, no representation is made as to the accuracy of their portrayal in this story.

Are You Being Served by Broadband

FCC Asking for Public's Help
in Ensuring Accurate Map

MONTICELLO — The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is putting out a call for everyone to check the new National Broadband Map for accuracy. New York State and Sullivan County are encouraging the same.

"Knowing exactly where we have high-speed Internet service, and what kind of service it is, will ensure we get the attention and the funding we need to make broadband available in every corner of the County," explains District 3 County Legislator Mike Brooks, who chairs the County's Broadband Local Development Corporation. The map is already created — the FCC is seeking public review and input, especially if an error is noted.

"Maybe you don't have access to the service(s) the map indicates. Maybe the location address is wrong," Mr. Brooks said. "Taking just a few minutes to ensure the info is accurate can make a world of difference for all of us."

How to help:

- Visit <https://broadband-map.fcc.gov/home> no later than January 13, 2023
- Enter the address you'd like to check (you do not



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District 3 Legislator Michael Brooks

need to be at the location you're checking)

- o If info is incorrect about that address, click on "Location Challenge" and follow the instructions

- Be sure to look at the service information for the different categories: Fixed Broadband (residential and business) and Mobile Broadband (outdoor stationary and in vehicle)

- o If any info is incorrect about the broadband service(s) available at that location, click on "Availability Challenge" and follow the instructions

- Need more help? Check out this step-by-step video: <https://youtu.be/fiFox-ZKywv4>

BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY HELP OTHERS

With the Community's Support

by Kathleen Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE — The volunteers at the Bread of Life Food Pantry at the Hurleyville United Methodist Church are extremely grateful to the community for their support. Contributions throughout the year help to put food on our neighbors' tables. Volunteers reported that the response of donors during the holiday season was especially overwhelming.

Kimberly Sullivan, owner of ALL KIND OF KINDS GENERAL STORE in Wurtsboro, donated 100 brand-new quilts that were distributed in time for the holidays. Significant cash donations from the community made possible the distribution of 60 hams for holiday dinners. Holiday gifts of brand-new hats, gloves, BOMBA socks and toiletry items were also provided to



PHOTO PROVIDED
John Jaycox, Katrina Jaycox, Lonnie Lindsey and Robert Lindsey, volunteers at the Bread of Life Food Pantry, are always ready to help folks in need.

families.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry has served our neighbors since 2002. The number of families assisted by the food pantry increased to 35-40 during the past year.

Donations of clothing,

household items and personal care products are also appreciated throughout the year.

The food pantry is open on the third and fourth Thursdays of each month from 3 until 5 p.m.

Please call Katrina at 845-

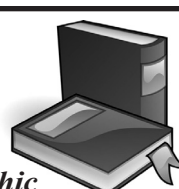
436-7942 or Lonnie at 845-798-4809 to learn more about the food pantry...as a guest, as a donor or as a volunteer. You can also get updates at the church's page on Facebook.



PHOTO PROVIDED
Quilts donated by ALL KINDS OF KINDS, hats, gloves, BOMBA socks, toiletry items were distributed at the BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY during the holidays. Clothing, household items and personal care products are always available at the food pantry at the Hurleyville United Methodist Church.

FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Amanda Letohic



It's January, and here at Fallsburg Library, we're unveiling a new database on our website called "Comics Plus"! Comics Plus gives you free unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels & manga from more than one hundred publishers. Every title is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on your computer or device - no holds or wait lists! All for FREE with just your library card. Call and speak with Amanda or Theresa at 845-436-6067 for more information.

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BUMPS IN THE ROAD

GENERALS REACH NUMBER ONE, THEN STUMBLE

by John Conway

LOCH SHELDRAKE—On Monday, December 5, five weeks into the current basketball season, the National Junior College Athletic Association released its weekly rankings, and the undefeated Generals of SUNY Sullivan were listed at the very top of Division II, officially the number one team in the country.

The following evening, Sullivan hosted arch-rival SUNY Orange at the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse, and an inspired Colt squad, entering the game as the number seven ranked team in the nation, inflicted the first loss of the season on the Generals, coming away with an 85-80 victory.

It was the first bump in the road on the season for the Generals, who fell to number five in the nation in the following week's rankings as a result.

As of press time, Sullivan

stood at 10-2 on the season, and remains at number five in the weekly NJCAA poll.

Sophomore guard Jay Alvarez remains the Generals top scorer on the year, averaging 23.9 points per contest. Alvarez is also the team's leading rebounder at 7.8 rpg. Another 6'5" sophomore guard, Albany product Jair Currie, is the Generals second leading scorer at 13.7 ppg, while Kipplyn Richvine is scoring at an 11.7 ppg clip.

In the losing effort against Orange, Alvarez was his usual dominating self, striking for 23 points and 13 rebounds. Cameron Gallon, a 6'5" guard from York, Pa., also recorded a double-double in the loss, finishing with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Currie contributed 18 points.

Following the loss, the Generals rebounded with an impressive road win at Rockland County, riding a 30-point effort from Alvarez to a 96-54 win. TK Bryant had 16 points and Currie 15



PHOTO PROVIDED
Generals guard Jair Currie (24) in action

in the win.

Another bump in the road followed, as Sullivan travelled to Maryland for the Holiday Mixer tournament, dropping a 69-59 decision to CCBC-Dundalk, despite leading by 14 points at half-time. Alvarez was held to 15 points in the contest, which was high for the Generals, while Currie chipped in with 10.

The Generals were able to bounce back in the second game of the Mixer, downing host Cecil College by

an 84-71 score. Jair Currie was high scorer for Sullivan in the win, scoring 30 points while hitting six out of 11 from beyond the three-point line. Currie added 7 assists, 6 rebounds, and 4 steals. Gallon finished with 20 points, 8 rebounds, and 4 assists, while Alvarez had 10 points and 6 rebounds.

Sullivan is next scheduled to play on Saturday, January 7, when they travel to Herkimer for the Philly Classic, taking on Niagara County Community College and Herkimer County Community College over the weekend. The following Saturday, January 14, the Generals

take on Division 1 Monroe College in New Rochelle in the MLK Classic.

Looking further ahead, Sullivan will get a chance to avenge the loss to CCBC-Dundalk when the Lions visit Paul Gerry Fieldhouse on Friday, January 27 for the inaugural Darius Lee Memorial Classic. Lee, of course, was the standout Sullivan graduate who had gone on the star at Houston Baptist before he was tragically gunned down on a New York City street last June.

The Generals play SUNY Orange again on February 9 in Middletown.

STUDENT-ATHLETES RECOGNIZED

LOCH SHELDRAKE—SUNY Sullivan has released the Student-Athlete Academic Honor Roll for the Fall 2022 semester. The Student-Athlete Academic Honor Roll recognizes the top grade point averages for Sullivan General Student-Athletes across all sports. In the Fall, 2022 semester, 23 student-athletes ended with a GPA over 3.00.

Those 23 student-athletes on the Academic Honor Roll had GPAs ranging from a 3.02

to the high, 3.83. Nate Coffey (Baseball) earned the top Fall 2022 GPA, with a 3.83. The Academic Honor Roll has student-athletes from six different sports: baseball (9); men's basketball (6); women's basketball (4); cross country (2); JV men's basketball (2); and JV women's basketball (1).

The top ten of the SUNY Sullivan Student-Athlete Academic Honor Roll for Fall 2022 Semester are:

SUNY Sullivan Student/Athlete Honor Roll Fall Sports 2022 (Cross County, Fall Baseball, Men's Varsity Basketball, Women's Varsity Basketball, Men's JV Basketball, Women's JV Basketball, Wrestling)			
1.	Nate Coffey	Baseball	3.83
2.	Rosselys Bare	Women's Basketball	3.82
3.	Mary Hartill	Women's Cross Country	3.71
4.	Nayshon Hamlett-Kane	Men's Basketball	3.64
5.	Trey Lugbauer	Baseball	3.60
6.	David DePew	Baseball	3.52
7.	Shane Callahan	Baseball	3.48
8.	Tamari Hubbard	Women's Basketball	3.41
9.	Naquan Pounder	Men's Basketball	3.40
10.	Elhadji Diop	Men's Basketball	3.40



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HOSTING A HURLEYVILLE HISTORY HIKE

Milk Train Trail is the Star of the Show

by Win Hadley

HURLEYVILLE—A small but enthusiastic crowd braved the grey skies and wet turf to participate in the Hurleyville History hike during December's Holiday in Hurleyville festivities.

The west side of the Milk Train Trail, heading toward Ferndale, was a hit with the group, most of whom admitted they were much more familiar with the east-bound portion toward South Fallsburg.

Sullivan County Historian John Conway led the hike, and provided the narration, which, among other topics, included a discus-



PHOTO BY RUTH HUGGLER

sion of the link between the railroad, the hotels, and the dairy farming industry in the area, and a chronicle of the activities of Murder, Inc. in the Hurleyville vicinity in the 1930s.

Most of all, the hike provided an opportunity for those taking part to get in some gentle exercise while taking in the enduring beauty of the trail, even under the less-than-ideal conditions.

The Hurleyville History Hike was sponsored by the non-profit history education group, The Delaware Company, and Morgan Outdoors, a Main Street, Hurleyville business.

LADY GENERALS ON A HOT STREAK

Four Straight Wins Improves Mark to 8-3

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE—The Lady Generals of SUNY Sullivan have won their last four games—all of them on the road—to improve their season's mark to 8-3. Coach Ben Newburg's team has played nine of its first 11 games on the road, and has not played a game at Paul Gerry Fieldhouse since opening the season with the Sullivan Tip-Off Classic on November 5 and 6.

The current win streak started on Sunday, December 4, when the Lady Generals scored a decisive 81-47 victory over the University of Connecticut at Avery Point in an afternoon contest in Groton, CT. Mei-Lin Calliste led the way for Sullivan, recording a triple-double with 11 points, 14 rebounds, and 10 steals. Deivejon Harris had 12 points and 12 rebounds in the win.

The Lady Generals were even more dominant on December 8 in Suffern, downing Rockland County Community College by a 91-27 score. Sullivan had led at the half by 50-12. Five Lady Generals struck for double figures in the game, led by Skye Best's 13 points.

Sullivan then travelled to Bergen County Community College in New Jersey, and bested the Lady Bulldogs 92-42. Deivejon Harris led the way with 22 points and 20 rebounds, both game highs. Seraiah Dawson scored 20 points, while Brianna Maple ended with 19 points and six steals.

On Saturday, December 17, the Lady Generals were in Garden City, NY to take on the Nassau County Community College Lions,

winning 82-62. Brianna Maple was high scorer with 25 points, and also garnered 7 rebounds, 4 assists, and 4 steals. Deivejon Harris had a double-double with 15 points and 14 rebounds.

Sullivan is in action again on January 7, when they play in the Philly classic in Herkimer, NY. The Lady Generals do not play at home again until Saturday, January 21, when Howard Community College comes calling for a 2 p.m. contest.



PHOTOS PROVIDED
Brianna Maple
Mei-Lin Calliste
Skye Best

FIFTY YEARS AGO... Generals' Hay One of the Best

by John Conway

FALLSBURG—In addition to its ongoing success as a team, the storied Generals men's basketball team at SUNY Sullivan has had quite a number of outstanding players over the years, from Lanny Ernst, Dave Eilenberg and Ed Strong to Darius Lee, Kareem Welch, and Jay Alvarez. Among the best of those great players—and there are way too many to mention them all here—was Mike Hay, star of Coach John Webster's 1972-74 teams.

It was Hay's outstanding play as a freshman that kept the Generals in virtually every game they played in the 1972-73 season, and he was largely responsible for them starting January, 1973—50 years ago this month—on a three game winning streak.

Hay was a 6'1" forward who was such an outstanding scorer that he broke Ed Strong's single season Sullivan scoring record with four games left to play. He ended up the season as the seventh leading scorer in the nation, pumping in 27.7 points per game.

Although like Strong, Hays was not a one man team—his teammate, John Dickson was also a prolific scorer, tying Strong's single season scoring record, averaging 24 ppg—it was his presence that led the

'72-'73 Generals on separate winning streaks of three and four games, and gave them a chance, in the experts' opinion, to capture the Region XV tournament at the end of the season.

"Realistically," Webster told the Times Herald-Record on the eve of the tourney, "I feel we could beat anybody in the tournament. It has taken us some time to come around. We needed to play together and develop a style. I believe we've done that."

The Generals drew third-seeded Farmingdale in the first round of the single-elimination tourney, and after Westchester downed Manhattan Community College in the first game of an afternoon double header, Sullivan took the floor against the Aggies as sizeable underdogs. Despite that, the Generals went into the locker room at halftime with a 35-33 lead.

But Sullivan was unable to add to that cushion in the second half, and when Hay missed a forced jumper with just seven seconds remaining, regulation ended with the two teams tied at 69.

The more experienced Farmingdale five had the better of it in the overtime period, and came away with an 82-77 win. When it was over, Aggies coach Tom Galeazzi told Webster, "I don't know if it is any consolation, but your

team is every bit as good as we are."

Hay ended the game with 34 points, while Dickson added 19 and Liberty graduate Errol Small chipped in with 10. Both Hay and Dickson were named to the all-tournament team. Three weeks later, Hay was named honorable

mention All-America, one of just two Region XV players so recognized.

Hay also had a successful sophomore season at Sullivan, and was named Mid-Hudson conference MVP. As his career was winding down that spring, Webster called him Sullivan's "best ever."



BALLGAME BAFFLERS

BY BRIAN

Here are five ballgame bafflers for your consideration. The first person to email the most correct answers to hurleysent@hotmail.com will win a prize. Have fun!

January Questions:

1. In what city was the very first National Basketball Association game played?
2. For that game, fans were admitted free if they met a certain criteria. What was it?
3. Who scored the first three-point basket in NBA history?
4. Who was the shortest player in NBA history?
5. Who is the only coach to win both an NCAA national championship and an NBA title?

December Answers:

1. What is college football's oldest bowl game and what was the first year it was played? (**Rose Bowl, 1902**)
2. The Sugar Bowl and the Orange Bowl both began the same year. What year was it? (**1935**)
3. The first Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas was played in 1935. What was unusual about that game? (**It featured two high school teams.**)
4. The Gator Bowl was first played in 1945. In what city is it played? (**Jacksonville, FL**)
5. Which bowl game, originally played in 1959, takes place in Memphis, Tennessee? (**Liberty Bowl**)

There was no winner last month.