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A GIFT FOR THE COMMUNITY

HPAC ANNOUNCES YEAR-END FUNDRAISING DRIVE

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre has announced ty discussions and offered its end-of-year fundraising online access to beautiful drive with a three pronged films you can't find anyoutreach to the community.

The not-for-profit orgaberships, sponsorships, continue to bring cutting edge programming and popular movies to the area.

"When this year started, it happen." we had no idea what we vital during times of great share and reflect.

"Thanks to the support and sponsors, we were able to pivot quickly to Any amount helps.

virtual programming. We produced more than 40 performances, workshops, interviews, and communiwhere else.

"We are planning an nization is soliciting mem- even more robust and exciting 2021 season of both and donations so that it can live and in-person programs. We can't wait to share it with you, but we need your support to make

The announcement, auwere in for," an Arts Cen- thored by Performing tre mailing announcing the Arts Centre staff, includcampaign begins. "This ing Dara Perlman, Ellyane pandemic has upended so Hutchinson, Erin Dudley, many families and busi- Janet Carrus, Michael Conesses. It has also been, by ney, and Tal Beery, goes far, the most destabilizing on to outline the three year for the arts in Amer- ways the public can help ica in recent memory. But support the venue, promisthe arts become even more ing that "every dollar we raise, goes to paying artuncertainty—inspiring us ists and subsidizing tickets and bringing us together to for those who can't afford them."

The three tax-deductible of our donors, members, ways to support HPAC are: 1. Make a donation:



Get perks and discounts to ness. (Contact Tal Beery— Arts Centre held important Orleans, showcased emergprograms.

3. Be a Business details.) Sponsor. Support the arts & This past season, the rights, broadcast a weekly launched the inaugural In-

2. Become a Member. get visibility for your busi- Hurleyville Performing cabaret series from New talbeery@hacny.org—for public discussions on ra- ing musicians, hosted pho-

cial justice and transgender tography workshops, and

digenous Women's Voices dependent entity known as Summit with exhibitions, outdoor performances, a Arts Centre. The plan was film festival, and live dis- to continue as a linchpin of cussions.

we serve," the announcethis is as true in virtual spaces as it is in real life.

that this mission is as vital for our democracy. If you do, please donate, become Business Sponsor today."

cubated by The Center for Discovery through its early years, establishing itself region for first run movannounced a rebranding,

the Hurleyville Performing the main street redevelop-"HPAC's programs are as ment The Center for Disdiverse as the communities covery has spearheaded over the past ten years, by ment concluded. "We truly continuing to offer all of are a meeting ground for the same programming unlikely encounters—and including the popular movies, while expanding its offerings. Then COVID hit, "We hope you believe and everything changed.

Nonetheless, the Arts for our communities as it is Centre remains one of the most valuable and visible assets to the community a Member, or become a and is expected to open its latest addition, a res-The venue opened in taurant and catering facil-2016 on the site of a burned ity sometime in 2021, with out restaurant, and was in- the exact timing depending largely upon the arc of the ongoing pandemic.

HPAC founder Janet as the place to go in the Carrus, who is the president of the non-profit's ies, arts programming, and Board of Directors, has live programming. Earlier pledged that the venue will this year, the Arts Centre remain "a hub for creativity for all residents of Hurunveiling a new name and leyville, Sullivan County, logo, and becoming an in- the Catskills, and beyond."

PIVOTING IN THE PANDEMIC

TCFD Goes From Flexible to Agile

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE - Amanda Ward says caring for staff—and attracting new hires—during the pandemic has required "a shift in traditional ways of thinking."

Ms. Ward is the Chief of the Division of People Operations and Educational Sustainability at The Center for Discovery, where she heads the team that oversees recruitment and training of new employees and—just as importantly, she says—providing a stable, safe and upbeat work environment for opened after Thanksgiving, existing staff, responsibilities that are challenging under the best of circumstances. Throw into the mix an ongoing pandemic of historic proportions, and the challenge a few months during the inibecomes even more daunt-

"We have always been creative and proactive in our approach to caring for staff," she says. "But no one anticipated COVID, and the ripple effects it has produced. People everywhere are facing new, unforeseen constraints that could not be planned for. We have had to respond to that, and continue to respond to the unpredictable."

The response, reflecting the longstanding peoplecentric approach of TCFD President and C.E.O. Patrick H. Dollard, has included innovative ways to help The Center's 1700 employees cope with the disruptions the

pandemic and its accompanying restrictions has caused in their lives.

"Staff well-being is always a priority," Ms. Ward says. "But even more so now, with so much instability in everyone's lives. The programs we have put in place have served to smooth out some of the bumps in our staff's roads, so to speak."

She cites The Center's ongoing ride-share program and the staff co-op store that was available during the height of the pandemic earlier this year and then reas two examples that have proven particularly popular with employees. The Center has also instituted a free laundromat for staff and for tial stages of the pandemic restrictions was providing free meals for its employees. The Center also provides employees with personal protective equipment, and perhaps most importantly, access to reliable up-to-date information about the pandemic.

The day-to-day uncertainty of how local school districts are dealing with the pandemic, particularly the reliance on remote learning and hybrid teaching models has made it difficult for some parents to juggle work and childcare. The Center has responded to that new chal-

lenge, as well. "In addition to traditional direct care candidates as pos-



Amanda Ward

dren of our staff, we are now offering school-age day care on December 18, 2020. during the pandemic," Ms. Ward points out.

Even in times of a contracting economy, The Center is hiring staff, she says. Toward that end, a new incentive program has been offered to current staff to help with the recruiting process.

"We have just begun a new Holiday Employee Referral Program, where all staff will have the opportunity to win a \$100 gift card," she says. "Despite all this year's challenges, we have felt the power of community and connection at The Center more than ever. And that community, connection, strength, and spirit come from our staff and for that, we are grateful."

For the holiday season, The Center is encouraging employees to spread the word about the life changing work they do and to give others the gift of a career.

Here's how The Center's new Holiday Employee Re-

ferral Program works: All staff will refer as many

daycare for the younger chil- sible in one month, starting on November 19 and ending

> Each member of the team* or location* with the most employees to successfully start base camp, will win a \$100 gift card PLUS any of the employee referral benefits he/she is eligible to re-

> The Center has also begun to offer new and existing staff Enhanced Pandemic Pay, a program that entitles Residential Associates working evening or overnight shifts to what amounts to the best hourly rate in the field.

"When it comes to attracting new staff and caring for existing staff, business as usual will no longer suffice," Ms. Ward says. "Our People Operations office has had to shift from being flexible to being agile, and we will continue to search for and implement innovative solutions to make life easier for our staff. I firmly believe that when you tap into organizational intelligence and prioritize values, it allows creative solutions to emerge."

CLOSING IN

Main Street's Newest Building Moving Along

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – Construction continues to progress on the new Main Street Mews building at 234 Main Street. When completed, the building will include four retail or office spaces on the ground floor and eight apartments on the two floors above. The building is totally accessible and includes an elevator.

The four ground floor spaces are each roughly 1,000 - 1,200 square feet, while the eight apartments are all two-bedroom configurations of approximately 1,000 square feet, and feature a living room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom and laundry room in addition to a storage room and ample closet space.

The construction project will also include 11 parking spaces behind the new building and an ad-



Construction continues on the new building at 234 Main Street in Hurleyville.

ditional 30 spaces nearby. 3,400 square foot restau-The building is expected rant and catering facilto be completed during the ity constructed behind the spring of 2021.

Meanwhile, word is expected shortly about the opening of Hurleyville's Main Street. Although no other new building, the specific plans have yet

sitioned so that fronts on

been made public, it is expected that the restaurant will have a soft opening Hurleyville Performing shortly after the first of the Arts Centre which is po- year and then a more elaborate grand opening in the

GAME ON! Deck the Doors Contest Underway

HURLEYVILLE – The Hurleyville-Sullivan First. 24th Annual "DECK THE DOORS" holiday decorating contest sponsored by Hurleyville-Sullivan First is underway, with judging to be held on Thursday, De-

cember 17 at 6 p.m. will be awarded prizes provided by Hurleyville busi- Jakuin and Ken Saunders, ness owners and members of and the Rose family.

Last year, there were ten

winners, including Bari Allor and Angelee Santillo, the Ditchik family, the Dromazos family, the Fairman family, Katrina and John Jaycox, Joyce and Lloyd Winners of the contest Mackney, Terry McGrath, the Penn-Consentino family,

Frankie & Johnny's Presents Nardi's, Fiber on Main and the Hurleyville General Store all received Honorable Mention in 2019.

holiday-decorated doors in the hamlet, including residences and businesses, are eligible. Remember to turn your lights on!

The volunteers in Hurleyville-Sullivan First continue to work on projects contributing to the revitalization of our hamlet. Anyone interested in the future of Hurleyville is encouraged to join the group. For more information

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

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The Inquiring Photographer

by Kathleen Sullivan



Q. What is your one wish for the world during this holiday sea-

ROB KNIGHT



No matter how you come together with your family – virtually or in person – it's important to be surrounded by your

SHEILA GARFINKEL LASHINSKY



May we be blessed with good health, happiness, prosperity and be able to enjoy a return to "normalcy" in our lives once more – as soon and as safely as possible.



As I laid down on my pillow A dream came in my mind The tree was decorated With ornaments of every kind

Mom hung up sweet, sweet sugarplums And strands of tinsel, too The Christmas bulbs were colored There were bows of glistening tulle

And an ornament of Santa With all of his reindeer Strings of popcorn and a partridge Nestling in a tree of pears

As the scent of pine wafts through the room And we clip on Santa's elves We step back to check our progress And feel so proud of ourselves

> Now we've finished decorating It was cider that I smelled We'd picked apples at an orchard There were mugs that Mama held

The lights, oh, how they sparkled As the Angel took her place We added water to the tree stand And lit the fireplace

My face is in my pillow And I smile in my sleep Knowing that these Christmas memories I will forever keep

> - Mimi December, 2020

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Hamlet Happenings

HURLEYVILLE FIRE

DISTRICT ELECTION

The annual election of

the Hurleyville Fire District

will take place on Tuesday,

December 8, from 6 until 9

p.m. at the Hurleyville Fire

The purpose of the elec-

tion is to elect one Commis-

sioner for a five-year term,

beginning on January 1,

2021 and ending on Decem-

All voters registered with

the Sullivan County Board

of Elections on or before

November 16, 2020 and re-

siding within the Hurleyville

Fire District are eligible to

Social distancing will be

HURLEYVILLE

UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH

The bells at the Hurleyville

Methodist Church will ring

at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve

before an online Christmas

Eve service that will begin at

The church is open for

Sunday services. The Bible

study group meets at the

church every Tuesday at 7

p.m. Protocols for social

distancing, disinfection and

cleaning are being followed.

sermons online on Facebook

Bread of Life Food Pantry

provide pre-made boxes of

food to individuals and fami-

lies in need. The food pantry

distributed at the food pan-

You can pray with oth-

ers over the phone on the

church's prayer line on Sun-

days from 7 to 8 p.m. The

prayer line phone number is

605-472-5491 and the access

try.

17 from 3:00 until 5 p.m.

Pastor Jorge is delivering

Masks must be worn.

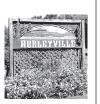
at 11 a.m. on Sundays.

6:30 p.m. on Facebook.

ber 31, 2025.

vote.

by Kathleen Sullivan



BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY



Thursday, December 17th 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Hurleyville United Methodist Church 263 Main Street Hurleyville

code is 251678.

"MESSY CHURCH", Youth Group meetings and observed and masks must be the women's group meetings are cancelled for now.

> Please call Katrina at 845-436-7942 for more information. You can also get updates from the church's page on Facebook.

THE SULLIVAN **COUNTY MUSEUM** AND HISTORICAL **SOCIETY**

The Sullivan County Museum and the Historical Society are still closed to the public because of CO-VID-19.

The Annual Theme Tree Exhibit at the museum will not be held this year.

Volunteers at the historical society continue to work on research requests. The volunteers at the

The Sullivan County Historical Society will hold its annual election via mail this year. Members will receive will be open in December their ballots in the next Observer newsletter. only on Thursday, December

Henry and Gordon Mac-Personal hygiene prod- Adam and their committee ucts and COVID-19 supplies are working on a display that (masks, hand sanitizer and will encompass two projects: hand soap) are also being the Hackledam Dam Project that was proposed to be built near Bridgeville in the early 1900's and One-Room Schoolhouses of the Town of Thompson.

> Go to www.scnyhistory. org for more information on the Sullivan County Histori

cal Society and the Sullivan County Museum. You can also visit the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum on Facebook.

Please email Suzanne Cecil at scecil@hvc.rr.com if you have any questions.

COLUMBIA HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE (CHNA)

The members of Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance (CHNA) continue to monitor the status of the Gan Eden project on Columbia Hill and other developments in the towns of Fallsburg and Thompson.

The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) is still reviewing an application submitted by the developer of Gan Eden seeking the required approval of groundwater withdrawal to supply water to the applicant's proposed public water supply system. The DRBC's website to track this project (Docket #, D-2017-002 CP-1) is www.nj.gov/drbc/programs/projects/pr/status-pg.

Environmental elements of a front window with eiand issues that the developer of Gan Eden must address and incorporate into the new DEIS (Draft Environmental Impact Statement) under the NYS SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) law include:

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

The final document will be submitted to the Town of Thompson Planning Board and will be subject to public review and comment followed by a public hearing before the DEIS is considered for approval and acceptance. Then the Planning Board will begin to review the applicant's site plan application which will require another public hearing before any approval to allow site work to commence.

Visit CHNA at www.columbiahill.org or on Facebook to learn how you can help to protect your environment and your community.

The Scene Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



So much has happened since last we met! Some incredibly good, most dealing with our health and the spread of the virus, not good at all.

One of the biggest bright spots of November was the indictment and conviction of Joe Peters, who has mounted a campaign of harassment against the owners of CABERNET FRANK'S for several years. The sentence can be as steep as 5 years in prison (not jail) and a \$250,000 fine. What's more, it is all over the internet news, as well as the newspapers. Their choice of renown Civil Rights attorney Michael Sussman was an excellent move. I've known Michael for a several years, having sat on the board of his EMPOWER-ING movement, the Ellenville chapter. No one fights harder for human rights.

For those who are not familiar with the story, it's not what you think it would be. It wasn't the noise from the best live music and most popular venue in Sullivan County. Peters alleged it was because they kill stray cats with antifreeze. There was no proof. To my knowledge, none of the deceased cats have ever been necropsied to prove the allegations. In fact, I have had conversations with persons who own farms in the area who told me they have trapped and moved "many, many strays" (their words) to their properties in order to alleviate the fact that that area of Parksville was overrun and giving these poor creatures a better quality of life. The harassment had taken many forms from the shattering ther a pellet gun or air rifle when people were sitting just beneath it, to the latest... running a chain saw

frequenting this venue. Three days of 70-degree weather in NOVEM-BER!!!

nonstop. Videos showed

nothing being cut. I'm

proud of the support this

venue is getting. Those, in-

cluding myself, who stand

WITH the owners and re-

fused to be deterred from

I ordered "to go" from Cabernet Frank's after not having my car for two days due to necessary repairs.

And it didn't quite go as indoor Craft Show I know planned.

First, it was It was Friday night not Thursday. Somewhere, I had lost an entire

NICK HEATHEN was on stage with his keyboard and his unique "in-yourface" style. Around the fire pit I met a great couple who bought a home in Parksville two years ago, coming from Brooklyn, and their two visiting friends from Brooklyn. And still another couple from the area. And then suddenly there was CASWYN MOON. And KATHY GEARY with KEVIN HANEK. And then another good friend, Amy Brightfield, (Health and Features Director for Better Homes and Gardens) whom I haven't seen in quite a while.

The entire evening (didn't leave until 9) was fun and uplifting, erasing the last two weeks of CO-VID stress and auto mishaps. Amy and I caught up with the duo of CAS-WYN and NICK in the background. Then CAS-WYN and I spoke to the duo of KATHY GEARY and KEVIN HANEK. I couldn't help notice how much stronger KATHY'S voice has become and the lilt reminds me of Irish voices I've heard. She has come a very long way in just this summer and her first steps onto a stage with her originals.

Black Friday saw the only

of since last year. It was held at the CLARYVILLE EVENT CENTER. I've been to the Event Center and I know how large it is so social distancing will not be a problem. Masks were required and temperatures were taken prior to entry. Seven artists (hence the mini) including KATE'S HERBALS and KATHY **JEFFERS** POTTERY,

displayed their works for

gift-giving this Christmas

season. It was good for the

community and the soul of

the artist. Another artist friend, CHRIS PARROW, a watercolorist and potter, is opening her studio on the weekends for those looking for interesting handmade gifts. Masks and social distancing are required. The studio is located in Napanoch and for hours and address or directions, please call Chris at (845) 985-7564.

Please be very careful this Holiday Season. Even the small communities who saw almost no COV-ID cases in the spring have doubled or even tripled their numbers. Walmart in Monticello has reported that two employees that tested positive continued to work. This is not a hoax, people.

Have a lovely, quiet Holiday this December so we can gather together and celebrate next December. Stay well, stay strong.

Until next time.....

Young professional guy living locally in Loch Sheldrake / Hurleyville is looking for a gym partner with experience in fitness. Let's work out together 5-6 days a week. You'll be my guest at our beautiful private community gym, which has a bench press, free weights, and high quality machines. 3-minute drive from Hurleyville, perfect for when there's a storm and you still want to get a workout in without traveling to Monticello or Liberty. I teach online until 2 p.m. daily, so any time after 2 p.m.. Let's encourage each other and do this together! My goal is to get lean and build muscle and tone up.

Contact Zel at 516-451-7021

FROM THE WEATHER CENTER





According to the website, International Cloud Atlas, a Snow Devil is a form of whirling column of air with varying height, a small diameter, and an approximately vertical axis.

The Snow Devil is a very rare phenomenon that occurs when surface wind shear acts to generate a vortex over snow cover, resulting a column of snow particles being raised from the ground into the air.

Snow Devils are so rare that only a few of them have ever been seen in photos or videos. A photo of one is included with this column. The photo was taken from a video shot in the Alps near Lessach, Austria in April of 2015.

Although Snow Devils are extremely rare, tornadoes during the winter season are not. Find out why in a future column from the weather center!



PHOTO BY HEINZ PETELIN An extremely rare photo of a Snow Devil.





REMOVING BARRIERS ONE AT A TIME

THINC Staff Continues to Innovate

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE

Imagine being very frustrated, feeling stressed out, but not being able to communicate. What reactions or behaviors might you develop if this happened multiple times a day, every day? Would you cry? Throw things? Hit some-

stantly studying how students with autism respond to their environments and how stress contributes to challenging behaviors. This work has offered insights into how students can learn adaptive behaviors to better manage stress mented and Alternative or activate a switch. Communication, or AAC.

types of AAC devices: no tech, lite-tech and hightech. Basic AAC devices involve very simple aided communication. People use basic AAC systems when passing notes or pointing to symbols on a board, for example. Both lite-tech and high-tech AAC devices, on the other hand, produce speech for the user, either by reproducing a recorded Staff at The Center for message with the press of Discovery (TCFD) are con- a button or synthesizing speech on demand. Communication devices assist children and adults with a variety of communication needs by facilitating nonverbal communication. Typically, they allow a user, therapist or caregiver to record messages. Then, and improve functioning, in order to play them back, including communication. the person using the device One strategy is called Augitust needs to press a button

That's where the innova-There are three different tors at the Technology Hub



Wrist Talkers innovated and fabricated at THINC.



and Incubator (THINC) come into the research picture. There are several products available that button that was sturdy with pressed, will play back was a table top device. So, a recorded message. But they designed a new back staff at TCFD found that lot of wear and tear. In fact, commodate a Velcro wrist most of the devices weren't strap. They made a proto-

A THINC wrist talker in use.

price tag and were easily broken. THINC designers were able to source an AAC have a button that when a smaller price tag, but it panel for the small, boxthey couldn't withstand a like gadget that could acwearable at all, had a high type of the back panel on

the lab, and attached it to the box. The tabletop button device could now be worn. Success, even if It was a bit clunky and did not resemble any typical housing to be made from watch or jewelry worn on the wrist. The THINC team went a step further and created a whole new look for the button. They modified the device by taking it apart and cutting down the board component to fit into a new, round, flexible, tailor made housing – a bespoke wristwatch design. Nicknamed the wrist talker, the device now has a smaller profile and looks more like a colorful, stylish sports watch. The new housing was first 3D printed using flexible filament, moves a huge barrier that which makes it possible to stands between an individprint objects that are com- ual with a communication pletely malleable but snap disorder and the rest of the

one of the 3D printers at 3D printing is very time intensive, though, taking many hours to print one housing for the wrist talker. So staff 3D printed a mold at THINC, allowing the even more flexible material in a shorter amount of time. After eight different iterations, the wrist talker meets the high standards of

fit, form and function. With an AAC device like the wrist talker, a person with a communication disorder or other disability can convey messages and get peoples' attention using sound, even if they're unable to do so using their own voice. While this is not the only way to reduce frustration or stress, it reback like a rubber band. world.



PHOTO PROVIDED

SCDW Presents "It's A Wonderful Life" A Virtual Radio Show

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop will be presenting "It's a Wonderful Life," a 1940's Virtual Radio Show by Joe Landry, this

HURLEYVILLE – The holidays from days gone by.

George Bailey is a smalltown man with so many problems he is contemplating a Yuletide suicide. month, bringing back the George's life is played back sparkle and the magic of the in flashback - his dashed



childhood sweetheart Mary; his protecting the town from the avarice of the evil banker, Mr. Potter with his own savings and loan company. When his company is dashed to ruin, George is about to throw himself off a bridge, but his Guardian Angel, Clarence Oddbody, gives him the chance to see what the world would be like without him.

Directed by Harold Tighe of Monticello, the show features: Producer & Performer - Heather Strauss of Glen Wild, Stage Manager &

hopes of travelling the Performer - Hannah Veety world; his romance with of Tri-Valley, Sound Tech - Ethan King of Rondout, and a wonderful cast starring Shawn Bailey, Sr. of Mileses, Jean Eifert of Wolf Lake, Sally Gladden of Woodridge, Keith Prince of Woodbourne, Tim Reid of Liberty, Kristopher Rosengrant of Grahamsville and Charley Trowbridge of Jersey City.

> Spend some family time this holiday season, and enjoy this exuberant, charming, and imaginative "live" show - a must see for all.

In keeping with COVID precautions and regulations, this will be a virtual production

Tickets are \$7.95 and show times are December 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and December 13 at 2 p.m.

The show will be broadcast thru WWW.BroadwayOnDemand.com. Tickets can be purchased thru WWW.BroadwayOn-Demand.com or WWW. SCDW.NET and login to "It's A Wonderful Life."

For more information, call 845-436-5336.

FCSD and Sullivan County Community Provide Winter Clothing

FALLSBURG – With the out were Dr. Lymon, FCSD current pandemic and re- Director of Physical Educasulting impact of job loss tion and Athletics Suzanne and financial hardship, the Lendzian, and Jr/Sr High onset of winter is taking a School Assistant Principal toll on some families in the Shana Bruestle. Fallsburg Central School District.

past several winters, NYS the FCSD web site, As-Assemblywoman Aileen sistant Superintendent Dr. Gunther has answered the Sally Sharkey and Interim need by donating winter Jr/Sr High School Princicoats, hats, gloves and boots for fifty children and adults.

Just prior to the donation on November 10, Fallsburg needed donation for school Jr/Sr High School Guidance children and families. Dr. Office Secretary Kristen Sharkey thanked the Local Meyer and Family & Com- Elks organizations and the munity Liaison Dr. Aleta Ly- Hurleyville Performing Arts mon had compiled a list of Center for their generosity families that were in need. in provided needed clothing These large families were selected for the coats based on requests from parents for food, clothing and other items that had been donated by Fallsburg school staff.

Assisting Assemblywoman Gunther and two of her at this time of Thanksgivstaff people in bringing the clothing to the Fallsburg High School and sorting it 6800.

In the latest Comet News-As she has done over the letter that can be found on pal Frank Godlewski acknowledged everybody that participated in making this as well.

> The families that received warm coats were very grateful, said Dr. Lymon. The need for additional clothing is still great. If you would like to help bring warmth ing, please contact the High School Office at 845-434-



Shown in front of the Fallsburg Jr-Sr High School are (left to right): FCSD Family & Community Liaison Dr. Aleta Lymon, Assemblywoman Gunther Aide Debra Levine, FJSHS Assistant Principal Shana Bruestle, NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, FCSD Director of Athletics Suzanne Lendzian and Assistant to Assemblywoman Gunther Rachael Steingart.

Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

A small tree at the turn of the drive held the last of our autumn leaves. Its branches were bright red on one side and bare on the other until one night in mid-November when a big wind stripped it completely and we woke to the dun-colored world of late autumn. Leaves and color weren't the only things missing; we noted the conspicuous absence it. Yet it would be out of of the deer that had fre- the nature of nature if so quented our lawn through spring and summer. May- to possibility. Even this be they've withdrawn to year's forest fires might winter quarters. Gone was well lead to the sproutthe young, near-domesti- ing of those fire-activated cated stag who was so unfazed by our comings and goings that he'd cross the porch and peer through the kitchen window, looking for the scraps of apple we'd occasionally toss his way. Good tidings, young stag! I hope you survive hunting season and we

meet again next year. If history were pictured as a garden, we'd be in the Era of Mulch, a time to cover down and do what's needed to protect what we value. The prospect of crossing the finish line of 2020 with a hint of renewal in sight is moral fuel sufficient to power us to year's end. This mulching time, this interregnum between the passing of the and branches of what old and the birth of the new, may present some wood. Repair is always morbid symptoms indeed, but they'll pass. It's taken us a very long time, this year, to arrive at this transition point. 2019's "Holiday in Hurleyville" feels like ancient history, the stuff of legend: "Come gather around, good people, and hear tell of Seasonal Celebrations back in the olden days..." So we keep our eyes out

for any sign of hopeful prospects. One evening there was a spectacular sunset behind our cottage; the profuse flush of it, breaking through the clouds, drew us out front

across the distant hills, gilding their crests while their bulk lay in deepening shadow. The peaks looked ready to detach and float off on their own. Then night fell so quickly it was like a curtain dropped. These types of signs don't linger, but they're not withheld. I'm glad the year is ap-

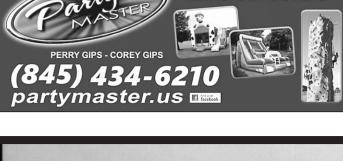
to watch the light play

proaching its end. I hope not to see another one like much havoc didn't open seeds (from aptly-named pyrophile plants) that wait for the occasion that allows them to rise like verdant phoenixes. In 2016 a wildfire broke out at Sam's Point Pre-

serve, up the Shawan-

gunks. A tract of blackened trees traces the course of it: black stumps on one side of the road, green dwarf pines on the other. The road acted as a firebreak and helped contain it. Now, four years later, there are signs of green among the blackened trunks, new spindly trees whose maturation I won't live to see, and, astonishingly, green sprouts emerging from the trunks appears to be cindered a possibility. Approaching the new season, a new year, a new map of our civic landscape, we wait and watch. Approaching Thanksgiving, we plan to "gather together / to ask the Lord's blessing" in a scaled-down fashion (a meal for two, plus Zooms) and we hope our hymn will make up in urgency what it lacks in sonority. Jonathan Shimkin, writ-

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From the Firehouse



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

I would like to welcome aboard two new members that were voted in last month: Stephen Crown and Summer Sherwood. Welcome aboard.

Fire calls continue to climb county-wide. The first day of deer hunting saw three different structure fires involving multiple companies, a motor vehicle accident with entrapment and a fatality, and some other miscellaneous calls. A very busy day. Thanksgivingeve there were two more multiple company structure fires. In addition to calls in county, some Sullivan County companies have been called out of county for their assistance.

County-wide, there have been a number of furnace malfunctions that probably could have been prevented by cleaning the furnace. Have you had your furnace serviced yet?

There have been a number of high wind storms that caused power outages. Some for an extended period of time. Are you ready for a power outage?

right around the corner. Are Prepare a winter emergency

Winter and the holidays are

kit to keep in your car in case you become stranded. The kit should include:

- cell phone, portable charger, and extra batteries;
- blankets;
- food and water;
- booster cables, flares, tire pump, and a bag of sand or cat litter (for traction);
- compass and maps;
- flashlight, batterypowered radio, and extra



Lucy's fundraiser was a huge success. Here the Hurleyville Fire Department gives Lucy's grandfather, Harry Barrett, a check for over \$5000.00. Thank you to all who came to the corned beef supper and supported this endeavor.

batteries;

- first-aid kit; and
- plastic bags (for sanitation).

Is your home ready for win-

Staying inside is no guarantee of safety. Take these steps to keep your home safe and warm during the winter • Winterize your home.

- Install weather strip-
- ping, insulation, and storm windows.
- Insulate water lines that run along exterior walls.
- · Clean out gutters and repair roof leaks.
- Check your heating systems.
- Have your heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly, and ventilated to the outside.
- Inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys.
- If you do not have a working smoke detector, install one. Test batteries monthly and replace them twice a year.
- Have a safe alternate

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heating source and alternate fuels available.

- Prevent carbon monoxide (CO) emergencies.
- Install a CO detector to alert you of the presence of the deadly, odorless, colorless gas. Check batteries when you change your clocks in the fall and spring.
- Learn symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion.

A little about Christmas tree safety:

Always place your tree away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights, and keep the tree base filled with water to avoid a dry out. Make sure all your indoor and outdoor Christmas lights have been tested in a lab by the UL for safety, and throw out any damaged lights.

And finally a little candle safety:

- Trim wick to 1/4" before each lighting. This will give your candle a brighter, cleaner burn. Leaving your wick untrimmed and laden with leftover carbon leads to a duller light that's more likely to produce smoke.
- Always burn candles within sight. Never burn a candle on or near anything that can catch fire such as furniture, drapes, books, paper, flammable materials, etc.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Extinguish flame(s) when leaving a room or before going to sleep and always be sure the wick ember is no longer glowing.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.



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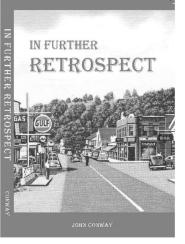
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COMPILED BY Sullivan County Historian John Conway

December 27, 1930

High School Notes from the Announcer

Outplaying Hurleyville from start to finish, the Roscoe quintet rang up its first victory in the Catskill Mountain League at Ros-Both teams fought hard, but Roscoe, the better team, won.

Hurleyville was the first to score when our dashing forward, Charles Yavorofsky made two foul shots. Immediately after this, Al Keating broke loose and made a nice hang shot making the score 4-0. At this point Roscoe began using its scoring ability and quickly sprang into the

In the second half, our boys fought hard, but could not make their shots good. They kept Roscoe's scoring down, but could not add any points to their own score. The final score was 25-14.

There was a preliminary game between the girls of both schools with victory for Roscoe. Both teams, scrapping hard, made the game a treat to the eye. The score was 19-12.

People You Know

Among those who attend college and are spending the Christmas vacation with their parents are: Rose Cohen, Sylvia Garelick, Rose Wizwer, Lillian Lawrence, Herbert Billowitz, George Schmuckler, Milton Schmuckler, Betty Simmons, and Paul Raskin.

January 2, 1932

J. Maxwell Knapp **Appointed**

Attorney J. Maxwell Knapp of Hurleyville has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Commission on the Monticello-Bloomingburg Road. The position was made vacant by the death of William A. Williams of Liberty.

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Rebecca Salon

and inadequately clothed were discovered by Probation Officer Alexander Conroy as they distributed 125 baskets of food provided by the Monticello Lodge of Elks.

The food baskets were distributed in Fallsburg and Monticello, Bethel, Lake Huntington, Glen Spey, Barryville, Bloomingburg, and Roosa Gap. Every family given food included from two to six children. One family had ten. In nearly every instance, according to Mr. Conroy, the fathers had been out of work for from two to three months.

S.P.C.A. May Stop All **Work in Sullivan County**

For the first time in more than 25 years, the Sullivan County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is seeing the necessity of stopping all work because of the lack of funds to go on with. Already we have had to refuse to advance money to keep stock from starvation this winter, in more than one case. In some of these cases, there are little children who are depending on milk for a large part of their daily food, but as we are unable to furnish food for these cattle, they will have to be sold at a sacrifice, entailing additional hardships on both parents and children.

January 1, 1937

Appointed Referee in Albany Cases

Special County Judge Henry F. Gardner of Callicoon has recently been appointed referee in eighteen cases commenced by different property owners in the City of Albany against the Commissioners of Tax-

ation and Assessment of Services, positions she has that city. These cases have been commenced in the Albany County Supreme Court by those property owners, each of whom has valuable property interests in Albany. The order appointing Judge Gardner as referee direct him to hear the cases in Albany.

Masonic Lodges Install New Officers

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

Wallace C. Budd, Summitville postmaster, was chosen to head Wawarsing Lodge, Ellenville, and was installed last week. Kiamesha Chapter, Eastern Star of Monticello chose Mrs. Edna Davidson, matron and Mrs. Harriet Knapp, associate matron.

December, 2016

Hurleyville Native Gets Obama Appointment

President Barack Obama has appointed Hurleyville native Rebecca S. Salon to the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. Currently a resident of Sil-

ver Spring, Md., Dr. Salon is project director at the National Center on Leadership for the Employment and Economic Advancement of People with Disabilities, established by the National Disability Institute, and program specialist at the D.C. Department on Disability own backyard.

held since 2013. She previously held nu-

merous posts at the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute in Washington, D.C., from 1987 to 2007, including serving as the agency's di-

Dr. Salon started her career in the disabilities field in the mid-1970s, when she opened some of the first group homes for adults with intellectual disabilities in Sullivan County as a staff member of the Sullivan County A.R.C.

She earned a bachelor's degree from SUNY Albany and holds Master's and doctoral degrees from Syracuse University's School of Education. She grew up in Hurleyville, where her parents, Phil and Marion Salon, owned Salon's Bungalows and Salon's Corners. She is a graduate of Fallsburg High School.

Enjoying Nature's Gifts

Teachers and administrators at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) are encouraging students to explore nature in the outdoors, right on the Fallsburg school campus. With the help of a Sul-

livan Renaissance Healthy Community Grant, teachers Ms. Leah Exner and Mr. Mark Spina developed a partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) and local businesses to clear and redevelop a hiking trail in the woods behind the school.

The grant writers wanted to allow the school's children, families and community to experience the wonder of nature in their very

Senator Metzger Concedes



State Senator Jen Metzger

ROSENDALE - By love. I want to thank my three weeks after Elec- dedicated and hardworking tion Day, most of approximately 30,000 absentee and affidavit ballots had been counted in the contest for New York's 42nd State Senate District, and Senator Jen Metzger conceded the race. Senator Metzger picked up a majority of the votes counted after Election Day, and the final margin was less than one percentage point.

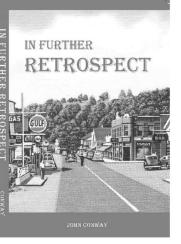
In conceding, Senator Metzger has issued the following statement:

"Serving the people of the Hudson Valley and Catskills as State Senator these past two years has been the great honor of my life. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to bring about positive change

staff, as well as my campaign team and the hundreds of volunteers who made our people-powered campaign a purposeful and steady force down to the very end. "In January, Mike Martucci will take this seat in the State Senate, and I wish

him the best in his new position, because we all deserve good representation, regardless of our political point of view. Until then, I will serve the remainder of my time in office with the same energy and commitment I've given this job for the last two years. We cannot stop fighting for the dignity and well-being of all people in our communities. Whatever posithat improves people's lives tive change we make in the in this unique place we all world, we make together."





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A TENT IN AGONY

Four men once came to fiercely at a heavy built bria wet place in the roadless er, and regarded a thousand forest to fish. They pitched their tent fair upon the brow of a pine-clothed ridge of riven rocks whence a boulder could be made to crash through the brush and whirl past the trees to the lake below. On fragrant hemlock boughs they slept the sleep of unsuccessful fishermen, for upon the lake alternately the sun made them lazy and the rain made them wet. Finally, they ate the last bit of bacon and smoked and burned the last fearful and wonderful hoecake.

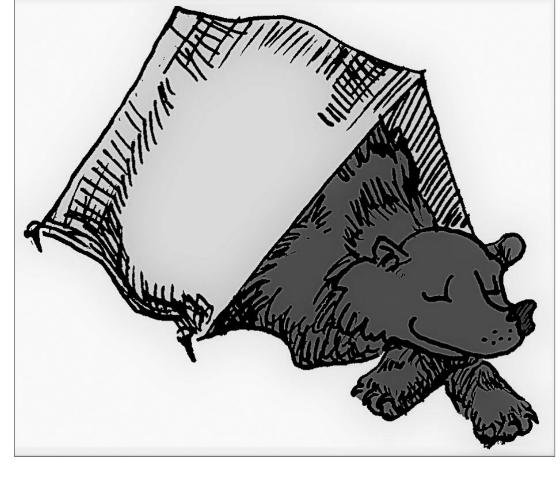
Immediately a little man volunteered to stay and hold the camp while the remaining three should go the Sullivan County miles to a farmhouse for supplies. They gazed at him dismally. "There's only one of you-the devil made a twin," they said in parting malediction, and disappeared down the hill in the known direction of a distant cabin. When it came night and the hemlocks began to sob they had not returned. The little man sat close to his companion, the campfire, and encour-

shadows which were about to assault him. Suddenly he heard the approach of the unknown, crackling the twigs and rustling the dead

The little man arose slowly to his feet, his clothes refused to fit his back, his pipe dropped from his mouth, his knees smote each other. "Hah!" he bellowed hoarsely in menace. A growl replied and a bear paced into the light of the fire. The little man supported himself upon a sapling and regarded his visitor.

The bear was evidently a veteran and a fighter, for the black of his coat had become tawny with age. There was confidence in his gait and arrogance in his small, twinkling eye. He rolled back his lips and disclosed his white teeth. The fire magnified the red of his mouth. The little man had never before confronted the terrible and he could not wrest it from his breast.

"Hah!" he roared. The bear interpreted this as the challenge of a gladiator. aged it with logs. He puffed He approached warily. As



he came near, the boots of The little man shrieked and fear were suddenly upon the little man's feet. He cried out and then darted around the campfire. "Ho!" said the bear to himself, "this thing won't fight--it runs. Well, suppose I catch it." So upon his features there fixed the animal look of going-somewhere. He started intensely around the campfire.

ran furiously. Twice around they went.

The hand of heaven sometimes falls heavily upon the righteous. The bear gained.

In desperation the little man flew into the tent. The bear stopped and sniffed at the entrance. He scented the scent of many men. Finally, he ventured in.

The little man crouched in a distant corner. The bear advanced, creeping, his blood burning, his hair erect, his jowls dripping. The little man yelled and rustled clumsily under the flap at the end of the tent. The bear snarled awfully and made a jump and a grab at his disappearing game. The little man, now without

the tent, felt a tremendous paw grab his coat tails. He squirmed and wriggled out of his coat like a schoolboy in the hands of an avenger.

The bear bowled triumphantly and jerked the coat into the tent and took two bites, a punch and a hug before he, discovered his man was not in it. Then he grew not very angry, for a bear on a spree is not a black-haired pirate. He is merely a hoodlum. He lay down on his back, took the coat on his four paws and began to play uproariously with it. The most appalling, blood-curdling whoops and yells came to where the little man was crying in a treetop and froze his blood. He moaned a little speech meant for a prayer and clung convulsively to the bending branches.

He gazed with tearful wistfulness at where his comrade, the campfire, was giving dying flickers and crackles. Finally, there was a roar from the tent which eclipsed all roars; a snarl which it seemed would shake the stolid silence of the mountain and cause it to shrug its granite shoulders. The little man quaked and shriveled to a grip and a pair of eyes. In the glow of the embers he saw the white tent quiver and fall with a crash. The bear's merry play had disturbed the center pole and brought a chaos of canvas upon his head.

Now the little man became the witness of a mighty scene. The tent began to flounder. It took flopping strides in the direction of the lake. Marvelous sounds came from within--rips and tears, and great groans and pants. The little man went into giggling hysterics.

The entangled monster failed to extricate himself before he had walloped the tent frenziedly to the edge of the mountain. So it came to pass that three men, clambering up the hill with bundles and baskets, saw their tent approaching. It seemed to them like a white-robed phantom pursued by hornets. Its moans riffled the hemlock twigs.

The three men dropped their bundles and scurried to one side, their eyes gleaming with fear. The canvas avalanche swept past them. They leaned, faint and dumb, against trees and listened, their blood stagnant. Below them it struck the base of a great pine tree, where it writhed and struggled. The three watched its convolutions a moment and then started terrifically for the top of the hill. As they disappeared, the bear cut loose with a mighty effort. He cast one disheveled and agonized look at the white thing, and then started wildly for the inner recesses of

The three fear-stricken individuals ran to the rebuilt fire. The little man reposed by it calmly smoking. They sprang at him and overwhelmed him with interrogations. He contemplated darkness and took a long, pompous puff.

"There's only one of me-and the devil made a twin," he said.

Stephen Crane lived much of his adult life in Forestburgh, in Sullivan County. "A Tent in Agony" was among his first published pieces and was part of a collection of his early writings published under the title, "Sullivan County Tales and Sketches."

ing 24 families in FCSD

with four days of hot pre-

pared meals. FCSD had

chosen the special families

through its social workers

and guidance department

staffs. The meals were de-

livered to BCES by driver

Alan Smith in a Rolling

V van just prior to the ar-

rival of his co-workers in

the dozens of buses that

started lining up at 8:30

a.m. to load up. Among the

delicacies were roast tur-

key breast, sweet potatoes,

green beans, corn bread and

two different kinds of salsa.

Sims and Kirsten Fos-

ter founded A Single Bite

"to teach why real food is

important and to empower

young people to care about

the food they eat and where

it comes from." Through

the assistance and coordi-

nation of Fallsburg Central

Schools, other school dis-

tricts and service agencies,

like Rotary, Elks and Lions,

the Fosters reached their

milestone of distributing

more than 50,000 servings

SULLIVAN 180 TO KICK OFF WALKTHROUGH WEDNESDAYS

180 and Bethel Woods Cen-your sneakers, zip up your ter for the Arts are pleased winter coat, and get ready to announce Sullivan 180's for a socially-distant, out-Walkthrough Wednesdays, as part of Peace, Love &

drive-thru holiday light experience hosted by Bethel the Sullivan County Fed-Woods Center for the Arts. eration for the Homeless It is open seven days a week (SCFH), including Bethel from November 23 - Janu- Woods Center for the Arts ary 3. Each Wednesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m., guests can explore Peace, Love & Lights up close and personal, out of the car, and in the to the SCFH for children's midst of the magic.

Sullivan 180 is also challenging the community to walk a collective 500 miles of Peace, Love & Lights, with a goal to draw 500 resi- ed to the SCFH to help supdents to walk the one-mile route over the course of the six Wednesdays (11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, regarding

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FERNDALE – Sullivan and 12/30). So strap on door winter exercise! Once the 500 miles are reached, several community partners Peace, Love & Lights is a have generously offered to match a \$500 donation to and Liberty NY Rotary Club. The PRASAD Project has also generously committed to donating \$2,000 clothing, toys and food!

> Cost of admission is \$5 per person, or bring a new, unwrapped toy to get in for free. All toys will be donatport their children's holiday gift program.

Important information Walkthrough

• Please note that guests are directed to park in Lot C, across from The Museum. A bus shuttle will be available to transport you to the entrance of the light

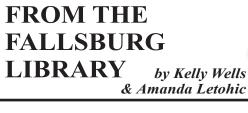
• Despite being an outdoor event, masks will be required.

• Tickets include admission to the walkthrough only. If you are opting for the drive-thru experience on a Wednesday, this will begin at 6:00 PM with a separate ticket required.

• There is no pre-registration or separate ticket for guests who are donating an unwrapped toy in lieu of purchasing a Walkthrough Wednesday ticket. Guests who are donating an unwrapped toy must do so at the gate, and entry is subject to potential wait times and capacity limits. Admission to the Walkthrough will be treated on a first-come, first-serve basis, with priority given to ticketed guests. If you have purchased a Walkthrough Wednesday ticket and also would like to donate an unwrapped toy, you are more than welcome to! Please note that we cannot issue a refund to a guest who arrives with a toy donation and a pre-purchased ticket.

For more information about Peace, Love & Lights at Bethel Woods or to purchase tickets for Sullivan 180's Walkthrough Wednesdays at Peace, Love & Lights, please visit: www. bethelwoodscenter.org/ events/peace-love-lights.

For more information about the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless, please visit: www. scfederation.org. For more information about Sullivan 180, please visit: www.Sullivan180.org.



December is upon us and what a crazy year 2020 has been! Although this holiday season will undoubtedly be unlike any other, we hope that you all can still find some joy surrounding this time of year. Our thoughts are with each of you and your families as we continue to navigate through this pandemic.

al of winter weather. This is just a friendly reminder to make sure to call ahead before heading out to the Library when the weather looks to be iffy. Should we need to delay our start times for curbside and in appointments, building stop them early, or cancel them altogether, we will change our phone message to reflect that. We will also put a post on Facebook and our website indicating any change to our schedule. As a reminder, we are still just operating Monday-Friday as a result of the pandemic and we strongly encourage you to make an appointment ahead of time if you would like to browse our collection or use one of our computers.

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We also will be offering some great take home craft kits this month, including cute little yarn penguins for the kids and a ribbon tree for adults. Be sure The arrival of December to call Miss Amanda at also marks the likely arriv- 845-436-6067 ext. 102, or email her at aletohic@rcls. org to see about reserving your kit today! And please be sure to pick up your kit(s) if you reserve one you could be keeping someone else from making a fun craft if you don't.

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Stay up to date with the latest library updates by following our Facebook page or visiting our website, www.fallsburglibrary. org. As always, thank you for continued support and patience. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without your support. On behalf of the Board and Staff of the Fallsburg Library, we wish you and your families a very happy healthy holiday season and a very happy new year! Be

A Very Special Delivery for Thanksgiving



PHOTO PROVIDED

FCSD cafeteria worker Cynthia May (left) and George Lewis of Rolling V load one of the buses with food.

FALLSBURG – Early on the morning of November 24, the cafeteria at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) looked like the Mess Hall for a Marine battalion. It was jampacked with breakfast and lunches of food, milk, and juice in boxes, coolers and crates ready for delivery to school children and fami-

Because school was closing for the Thanksgiving break, cafeteria staff, with the help of custodians, had assembled enough food for four days—Tuesday through Friday. Cafeteria workers Cynthia May, Ken Geagley, Jr., and Karen Allan were among those wheeling heavy carts of food to several huge tables assembled outside the Cafeteria. Soon each table overflowed with boxes and coolers the labels Dolphins, Squirrel, Danny (names of bus routes or drivers that drove the routes).

But that was not all. A Single Bite, the non-profit established by Foster Supply Hospitality, was provid-

Pub fare, Craft brews

of food to their neighbors in Sullivan County last week. Dr. Aleta Lymon, Family & Community Liaison from FCSD, was the point person supervising the November 24 herculean effort. A Single Bite thanked Executive Chef Peter Yurosits, Executive Director Audrey Gorro, Program Manager Anastasia Ocheretina and the dozens of volunteers and donors that made their efforts possible.

Many people were tired by mid-morning as they cleaned up the BCES Cafeteria and removed all the pallets and debris from the loading area. And they were smiling because they were grateful for all the work that would bring a lot of smiles to faces of the children they serve.



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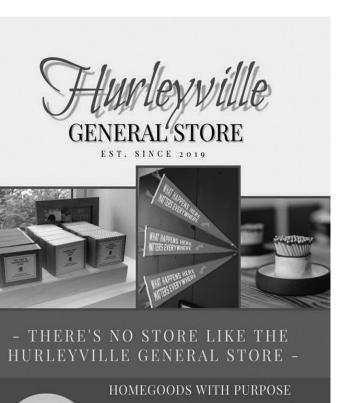


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SAFE ENJOYMENT ON TRAILS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

by Emilia Benton

or a loved one are living with a disability, advanced planning is of the utmost importance when heading out on the trail in cold and winter conditions.

Ambika Rajyagor cofounded the Disabled & Outdoors Instagram account, after she was inspired by her sister, Devika, who has significant disabilities. The organization is planning to launch its website, DisabledandOutdoors.com, this winter. "Something that's always frustrated me is the lack of disabled representation in the outdoor community, along with the lack of accessible resources for the disabled outdoor community," said Rajyagor, who is based in the Los Angeles

Research Your Destina-

As we go into the winter months, some tips that peo-

ple should keep in mind are to always be prepared for the HOUSTON, TX – If you weather, meaning to dress warm, pack extra supplies in case of an emergency, and always research the area you're planning on visiting before you actually go, said Rajyagor.

"Last winter, we took Devika to Bryce Canyon National Park, and since it was very snowy, I called the visitor's center in advance and spoke with someone on the phone about which trails they'd recommend as disabled-accessible, even in the snow," she said.

She added, "As a caretaker for my sister, and as a disability rights advocate, I believe that it's important to always be inclusive when planning your outdoor activities, and to communicate and provide options for your group when there are some activities that may not be completely disabled-accessible."

Before every trip, Rajyagor plans out areas where



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY

Paved trails such as the Milk Train Trail in Hurleyville are accessible to everyone looking to experience nature.

she knows for sure that her vices department to inquire family can take her sister's about accommodations, she wheelchair with no issues. In addition to contacting the destination's visitor's center or other information ser- extremely

researches options that are disabled-friendly.

"If there are places with disappointing

accessibility options, like getting slip-proof ends, and limited disabled parking, if you are trekking on snow, no accessible areas, etc., I she suggests opting for recommend advocating for the future implementation of those things," she says.

depend on the activity, but it's always wise to be as mindful as possible about what their limits are when it resource," she says. comes to outdoor activity in new climates.

Assisted Gear for Wheelchairs and Walking Aids

"The type of gear you may need would depend on the person's disability, but if you are a wheelchair user aiming to go on rough terrain, we recommend inquiring about rugged tires for the chair," affirmed Rajyagor. "There Conservancy's TrailBlog. are some wheelchair brands that have these, but we've also read about some of our community members going to their local bike-shops and getting their chairs fitted there."

If you require walking aids, Rajyagor recommends

spikes (micro or crampons).

"This would just be a start, but in addition to this, it's Further safety precautions important to thoroughly do more gear research for your chosen activity — stores such as REIs can be a great

No matter your ability level, it's possible to actively enjoy the outdoors this winter and fall. Just be sure to plan ahead—and do your research—with health and safety in mind for all parties involved.

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MILK TRAIN TRAIL AWAITS

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE Sullivan County has trails are currently among miles of trails, and there the best ways to access is none more universally accessible than the Milk Train Trail in Hurleyville.

Rail Trails like the Milk Train Trail tend to be alnearly every case, and when they are paved like the more than three miles extending in either direction from Main Street in Hurleyville they are the ideal place for everyone to travel through nature without suffer from tuberculosis missing a single bit.

And there is no question that getting out on the studies are showing the trail is good for whatever it is that might ail one, whether it be psychological or physiological. Sullivan County has been Train Trail awaits!

known for the efficacy of its healing environment for centuries, and the rail the region's curative properties.

For example, people suffering from tuberculosis flocked to Sullimost perfectly level in van County for decades to partake of its clean mountain air and to be surrounded by its evergreen forests. Most of these people had their lives improved and prolonged by their time here.

> But you don't need to to benefit from time outdoors. More and more positive impact that being outdoors can have. So now, more than ever, get out and enjoy. The Milk-

FIFTY YEARS AGO...

Sentinel Editor Meets His Match

by Win Hadley

ell Lange was one of the depth chart at 118 pounds, greatest wrestlers in NCAA behind the senior team caphistory, a three-time na- tain, and a highly recruited tional collegiate and AAU freshman. There were sevchampion, and a member of eral other wrestlers in the the National Wrestling Hall weight class, and he had to of Fame. He was also the work hard just to hold his wrestling coach at Geor- place, let alone move up the gia Tech for more than 30 ladder.

Sentinel editor-in-chief John Conway met him in the fall of 1970, and 50 years ago this week wrestled in his first official colblack and gold singlet of the Yellow Jackets.

the quietest, most unassuming men I have ever met," Conway said recently. "And while you could tell from watching him around the mat that he was a pretty good wrestler, I had no idea until many years later that he was one of the sport's greatest of all time." Conway had been in con-

tact with Coach Lange prior to arriving on the Georgia Tech campus in September of 1970, and then really got to know him when wrestling practice started in October.

"We had a grueling practice schedule," he recalled. "Many days we'd have two practices, one at 6 a.m. and one at 4 p.m. Coach had a simple wrestling philosophy: constant motion, and constant forward motion. He never liked to see you take a step backward on the mat and you never retreat- I was home, but I didn't, ed. It was attack, attack, and combined with a big attack, so you had to be in really good physical condition."

When Conway arrived at Tech as a freshman, he HURLEYVILLE—Low- was third on the varsity

The team's first com-That's where Hurleyville petition that year was the prestigious Georgia Tech Open, a popular tournament that drew 24 teams from throughout the country as well as a large numlege match wearing the ber of unattached wrestlers. In 1970 it was held the week after Thanksgiving in "Coach Lange was one of Tech's Alexander Memorial Coliseum, which seated 7,700 spectators.

"We didn't draw anywhere near that many for wrestling, even for a huge tournament like the Open," Conway says, "but when I stepped out on one of the mats for my first match on a Friday morning there were already more people in the stands than I had wrestled in front of in all my years at Monticello combined. It was quite an experience."

But Conway had made a major mistake in preparing for the tournament, and he would end up paying the

"I had cut my Wednesday afternoon and Friday classes and flew home for Thanksgiving, against Coach Lange's wishes," he remembered. "So I missed a number of practices. I had intended to work out while Thanksgiving meal and leftovers, I was overweight when I got back and I didn't



Longtime Georgia Tech wrestling coach and Hall of Famer Lowell Lange.

make the 118 weight limit for the tournament."

Conway was moved up to the 126-pound class instead, and was matched up against an upperclassman from Troy State in Ala-

"The guy was a monster," he says. "I had met him earlier in the morning when we were both trying to cut that little bit of extra weight for the weigh-in, I was trying to get to 118 and he was trying to make 126. I guess he made it, but I didn't. I wrestled probably the worst match I ever wrestled and he destroyed me."

With the loss, Conway was out of the tournament. It was a valuable lesson, and the only match he would lose that year.

"I never missed practice again," he says.

Lowell Lange died in November of 2018 at the age of 90. The impression he made on many of his wrestlers lives on.

"A few of us were chatting when we heard about Coach passing away," Conway says. "Someone asked, 'would you say that Coach Lange made you a better wrestler?' and I said, 'No, I'd say Coach Lange made me a wrestler.' I was never a great wrestler, but whatever success I did have was because of him."



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!

- 1. The longest game ever played in the National Football League was played on Christmas Day in 1971. Who were the teams and who won?
- 2. Who was the only National Basketball Association player to ever score 100 points in a single
- 3. In what year did the N.B.A. season start on Christmas Day due to a lockout?
- 4. What two teams played in the first regular season NFL Christmas Day game?
- 5. Only two players in NBA history have missed 5,000 or more free throws, and one did it on Christmas Day in 2008. Who are they?

Bonus: What NBA player scored 60 points in a game on Christmas Day in 1984, but his team still lost?

Last week's answers:

- 1. What year was pro football's very first "super bowl," and who won the game? The Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs 35-10 on January 15, 1967.
- 2. Who holds the NFL record of 55 touchdown passes in a single season? Peyton Manning of the Denver Broncos

3. What NFL team moved to St. Louis from Los Angeles af-

- ter the 1994 season, and moved from St. Louis back to Los Angeles after the 2015 season? **The Rams.** 4. What is the name of the NFL team that plays in New
- York? The Buffalo Bills. 5. In what year did the Jets win their only Super Bowl? 1969.

Bonus: What pro football championship quarterback had a son who was also an NFL quarterback? Jack Kemp (his son is Jeff

We did not have a winner last month.

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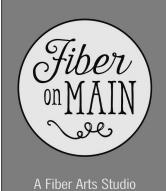
STILL RUNNING

Pandemic Canceled 2020 Races

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – Around Hurleyville, Brian Dennis is known as "the Running Man," (as profiled in the sports section of the July, 2017 edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel) and while the ongoing CO-VID restrictions resulted in the cancellation of all of his planned races in 2020, he continues to train, with expectations to make further strides in the new year.

This was supposed to be a big year for Mr. Dennis, as he prepared to compete for the first time in the 40-and-over division and hoped to complete his first half-marathon, a grueling 13.1-mile race, in addition to his usual 5K and 10K schedule. COVID changed all that.



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Brian Dennis

"I used to run almost every day, and did a 5K or 10K race almost every weekend," Mr. Dennis said. "Most of the 2020 races were canceled due

to the pandemic."

Mr. Dennis says that during the height of the pandemic earlier this year he ran everyday on the treadmill until he could resume running outdoors, but he misses the camaraderie and the excitement of running competitively.

"I did race in the Virtual Allyson Whitney 5K on the Hurleyville Rail Trail on August 22, and I turned in a personal best time," he says, while noting that he particularly missed the 2020 versions of the actual Allyson Whitney 5K in White Lake, the Rhulen Run and Ramble 5K in Rock Hill, and the River Run 10K in Callicoon, which have become his favorite races over the past three years or so.

"Hopefully this COVID will be over and we can get back to a normal schedule," he says. "I can't wait to race again."

