

# AN ARGUS TO ESPY

## DIGITAL SABOTAGE DISRUPTS ARTS CENTRE PROGRAM

by John Conway

HURLEYVILLE – Ever since its soft opening in September of 2016, the Hurleyville Arts Centre has strived to build a schedule that blends art with activism, politics and culture, and that mission has not abated with its recent name change to the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre (HPAC).

On June 19, HPAC hosted a panel discussion via ZOOM “in celebration of Juneteenth and Trans PRIDE” with a panel featuring Ari Moore, African Queens Association (AQA), a support group for transgender people of color; Juli Grey-Owens, a New York State transgender activist, and founder and Executive Director of Gender Equality New York (GENY); Kym Dorsley, a GENY board member and the first transgender woman honored by the City of Albany for her leadership in New York; Laveau Contraire, a “Drag Queen Extraordinaire” and Cyber Distancing Digest



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producer Tonya Smith, a Trans Advocate, and Life Coach.

The discussion drew more than 60 participants according to HPAC founder Janet Carrus, but apparently not everyone can tol-

erate the free discussion of ideas they don't agree with.

“There was an attempt to digitally sabotage the event,” a HPAC statement reads. “For approximately three minutes, disturbed minds were able to

spread messages of hate and threaten the lives of those on the panel. Before we were able to shut them down, they continued with threatening chat comments and obscene hateful imagery.”

Despite the disruption, the panel discussion picked up almost where it left off, although participants were visibly shaken by the digital intrusion.

“We all witnessed firsthand the racism and ho-

mophobia that prompted this,” the HPAC statement continued. “It was an unnerving experience, one that trans people and people of color experience every day. The panel handled it with love, grace and wis-

dom.”

HPAC officials say they will not be deterred by the intolerance.

Event coordinators also issued an apology to those whose participation in the ZOOM event was termi-

nated as a result of the hacking.

“In order to prevent the digital attack from continuing, we had to remove some audience members whose accounts were compromised. We apologize if you were one of those unintentionally removed. We value your support and we hope that you will join us for our future panel discussions on these topics.”

HPAC promised to take steps in the future to prevent such disruptions in their programming.

“All future panels will have increased security measures for events and better standards in place to highlight our guest speakers and performers uninterrupted. If you have suggestions as to how to make our future digital events safer, please email [info@hacny.org](mailto:info@hacny.org).

The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre has been closed to live programs and performances due to the COVID-19 restrictions. As of press time, there has been no date set for its reopening.

## COUNTY ENTERS PHASE 3 REOPENING

### *Appointments Still Required*

by John Conway

MONTICELLO – With the region's entrance into Phase 3 on June 23, Sullivan County government offices have reopened to walk-ins by appointment only.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, County facilities have mostly been closed to the public, with phone calls, online transactions and drop boxes taking the place of in-person visits.

“[This is] a step toward a full reopening, but it will not be business as usual, and the public is encouraged to continue using the above-mentioned alternative methods,” said County Manager Josh Potosek. “We will be limiting both the staff on hand and public access so as to maintain safe, COVID-free operations.”

The walk-in protocol will be different for the various County office buildings:

- Government Center, Sullivan County Courthouse, Public Health Services in Liberty – Buildings open, but walk-ins must have an appointment to visit a specific office.
- Department of Family Services (Travis Building) – Walk-ins will be limited to safe capacity in the waiting room. Appointments highly preferred.
- Department of Community Services, District Attorney's Office – Buildings closed, prior appointment required.
- Transfer Stations (County-wide), Airport – Open as usual.
- Care Center at Sunset Lake



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Sullivan County Manager  
Josh Potosek

in Liberty, Career Center in Monticello – Closed to in-person visitation at this time. Proper facial coverings and social distancing are still required at ALL facilities.

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has begun handling in-person transactions, but due to extremely limited staffing, these visits will be limited to Sullivan County residents only and must be by appointment.

“I strongly encourage only those with the most pressing need for an in-person visit – for example, renewal of an expired driver's license – to attempt to set up an appointment and come to the office,” said County Clerk Russell Reeves, who oversees the local DMV operations.

Priority will be given to those County residents needing a NYS photo ID to begin their military service.

To set up an appointment, call 845-794-3872. Messages cannot be left at this number – only appointments made with a live operator will be accepted. Walk-ins CANNOT be serviced at DMV during this time.

Drop boxes remain located at the Government Center's entrance vestibules, where Sullivan County residents can place their paperwork for processing. Even with the building's reopening, customers must use a face covering, maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet, and limit vestibule capacity to two individuals.

Mail-in transactions are also allowed, including all vehicle registration activity, renewals, license plate transfers, license plate surrenders, and sales tax transactions. The DMV will mail back completed transactions, and some may require an additional mailing fee. If residents need a more timely return, then expedited mail is available at an additional cost.

Customers can use the new SC DMV Remote Transaction System for transaction assistance. Residents can email their completed paperwork directly to the DMV for review at [SCNYDMV1@co.sullivan.ny.us](mailto:SCNYDMV1@co.sullivan.ny.us). Once the paperwork is approved, residents can put it in the DMV drop box for processing with the appropriate fee paid by cash, check or credit card (with a credit card authorization form completed), thereby avoiding in-person contact and lengthy lines in the future. Response times will vary with staff levels.

## SCHUMER, DELGADO SUPPORT TCFD

### *Urge That Those With Special Needs Not Be Forgotten in the Pandemic*

HURLEYVILLE – U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer and Congressman Antonio Delgado have called for financial support for New York's most vulnerable population during the COVID-19 pandemic as agencies like The Center for Discovery struggle with delayed government funding.

“Senator Schumer and his staff have been remarkable in their response to our needs. They and Congressman Delgado's team have carefully listened and truly understand the extreme measures necessary to protect and care for the complex and medically fragile residents of The Center,” said Patrick H. Dollard, TCFD President and CEO. “Additionally, they understand the burden of these extra costs on organizations like TCFD. We couldn't be more grateful for the Senator's and Congressman's assistance in reaching out to Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar and his staff.



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U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer

“It is important for those in power to understand that our population is the most vulnerable to COVID-19,” Mr. Dollard added. “A new study revealed that those with developmental disabilities living in group homes are four times as likely to contract the coronavirus and two times as likely to die. These are staggering numbers. There are many members of Congress on both sides of the aisle who have been working with us on behalf of the most vulnerable. Caring for those with special needs during this crisis is not a partisan issue, it is a moral imperative.”

“From the earliest days of this pandemic, I have worked with The Center for Discovery to make sure that its thousands of residents with complex conditions and 1,700 employees responding on the frontlines to this crisis in Sullivan County are cared for and protected,” Senator Schumer said. “The team at The Center for Discovery are more than caretakers

for those with special needs, they have become second family to residents who haven't been able to see their loved ones for three months because of high-risk of exposure to COVID-19. The Center has not only provided around-the-

clock care and support services to these vulnerable patients but has also kept its frontline employees in mind, working with my team almost daily to address PPE shortages, funding opportunities, policy issues, and more.

“That is why when The Center for Discovery told me that over \$2 million in expected relief never came from the feds, I immediately asked HHS to cut through the red tape and resolve this issue. Those with special needs cannot be forgotten as we continue to respond to this pandemic and I'll keep fighting for the answers that the patients and employees at The Center for Discovery deserve.”

“The CARES Act was signed into law months ago and there is no excuse for delays in these necessary resources for facilities providing essential care,” said Rep. Delgado. “I will continue to call on HHS to distribute these funds as quickly as possible to ensure health facilities across NY-19 have the resources they need to provide quality care.”

The Center for Discovery provides extraordinary health care and education to more than 1,200 children and adults with complex conditions. It has a staff of doctors, nurses, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, physical therapists, adaptive recreation experts, music/art/dance therapists,

special educators, farmers, orchardists, nutritionists, and chefs, as well as support staff.

TCFD had a pandemic plan in place and supplies ordered before the state shut down. It has since taken other measures to ensure the health and safety of its residents, staff, and their families, including providing staff with an on-campus Staff Co-Op Market and a Wash House to order groceries and other essentials and do laundry, respectively.

As a result of those efforts, as well as early and strict use of full personal protective equipment and the early closing of residential homes to outsiders, The Center has provided a model for the care and pandemic protection of both fragile populations and their valuable caretakers.

“At The Center for Discovery, we work every minute of every day to ensure the individuals we care for and our entire staff are safe, healthy, and happy. We look forward to continuing our work with Senator Schumer, Congressman Delgado and all of our bipartisan local, state, and national supporters through this pandemic and critical time in our nation's history,” Mr. Dollard said, “Taking care of our residents and students during these times will require true political cooperation. It is a human issue, not a political one.”

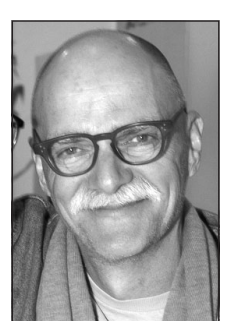


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TCFD President  
and CEO  
Patrick H. Dollard



# The Inquiring Photographer

by Kathleen Sullivan



*Q. If you had a week to do anything in the world what would you do?*

## CEIL WICHINSKY MACK (with Leroy Brown)



I'd go to England, where my father, Louis "Lebel" Wichinsky, served during WW II, and breathe new life into his wonderful tales about people and places that changed his life forever. I'd retrace his steps to the London bakery where one of the bakers said to him, "You Yanks can do anything. How is it you haven't yet made a machine to make a bagel?" I'd make a visit to the grand old house on Seafeld Road in Lytham St. Anne's where he was "adopted" by a British family and treated like royalty for the duration of the war. Lastly, I'd head for the Warton Aerodrome, where he was stationed with the US 8th Army Air Corps and assigned to fabricate and build everything and anything needed to fly planes, drop bombs and fix wounded soldiers.

## MADELYNE MAXWELL

Day 1...I'd take a long bike ride with Mommy and Donald.  
Day 2...I'd float on the creek by the rail trail.  
Days 3-7...I would take a trip with my family to Florida. I'd go to the beach and visit my Grandpa.



PATRICK MAXWELL

I would play with my video games, legos, and toys. I'd play with my friends and cousins.



MARY JEAN RISKO

Shut my phones off, get a couple of bottles of Ketel One, and paint my own darn house.



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# Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



## HURLEYVILLE -SULLIVAN FIRST

Thanks to all who came out to help the members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First make Hurleyville more beautiful!

Now the barrels on Main Street and the planters at the "Hurleyville" signs and the firehouse need to be weeded and watered regularly. Please let one of the members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First know if you can help. You can send an email to izzysaunt@verizon.net, or you can phone MaryAnn (845-798-5418), Denise (845-807-7797) or Kathleen (845-707-9810).

Learn more about Hurleyville-Sullivan First at www.hurleyvillenyn.com or on Facebook.

## HURLEYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Hurleyville United Methodist Church is currently closed. A team is presently working on a plan to safely re-open the church when permitted. Protocols for social distancing, disinfection and cleaning will be followed.

The generosity and kindness of the community during the pandemic is making it possible for the volunteers at the Bread of Life Food Pantry to provide more food to more families. Pre-made boxes of food will continue to be distributed to folks in need. Dates will be announced on the church's Facebook page and on the sign outside the church.

Pastor Jorge is delivering sermons online on Facebook at 11 a.m. on Sundays.

You can pray with others over the phone on the church's prayer line on Sundays from 7 to 8 p.m. All are invited to join the Bible study group on the church's prayer line on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. The prayer line phone number is 605-472-5491 and the access code is 251678.

"MESSY CHURCH" and the women's group meetings are cancelled for now.

Please call Katrina at 845-436-7942 for more information on programs and events at the church. You can also get updates from the church on its page on Facebook.

## SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

The Sullivan County Museum is closed for the time



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**The Hurleyville United Methodist Church remains closed for the time being.**

being, and all research requests have been placed on hold.

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.

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

## COLUMBIA HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE (CHNA)

What the hill is happening with Gan Eden Estates?

April 22, 2020

The developer of Gan Eden Estates presented a sketch plan of the project to the regular meeting the Town of Thompson Planning Board. The board approved a motion to accept the sketch plan. The board also passed a resolution to become the lead agency of the project for environmental reviews and made a Type 1 action SEQRA positive declaration.

June 10, 2020

A Draft Scoping Document for the project was presented at a regular meeting of the board. The document identifies environmental issues that need to be addressed. After reviewing and adding comments to the document, the board adopted the document for public review at the regular meeting of the board.

June 11, 2020

The Draft Scoping Document was distributed to involved agencies and interested parties. The document, along with other public documents related to the project, can be found at https://townofthompson.com/government/public-documents/, development project button, Gan Eden Estates.

What's next?

## ABOUT OUR HEADLINE

by John Conway

Since it is July and we have just celebrated Independence Day, it seemed fitting to quote one of our Founding Fathers in this edition's headline. But the particular quote was chosen because it is also fitting in light of two of our main stories.

The Founders made it clear that the rights of us all were endangered by an encroachment on the rights of any one of us.

James Madison wrote that to ensure those rights were protected every citizen "shall be an Argus to espy and an Aegeon to avenge" any usurpation of

those rights, referring to Argus, the Greek god with 100 eyes.

As outlined in two of our front page stories, the rights of our most vulnerable have been put at risk by a delay in government funding to places like The Center for Discovery, and another story relates how the rights of a group celebrating Juneteenth and Trans pride were abridged by a vicious hacker or hackers disrupting their peaceful virtual assembly.

At The Hurleyville Sentinel, we strive to be—and urge every citizen to be—"an Argus to espy" in looking out for the rights of all of us and each of us.

# The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

Can you think of anything worse than having your phone die AND your brakes "feel funny" all in the same week? Welcome to my last week of June. Many heartfelt thanks to Sherman's in Loch Sheldrake and Sasha at the Verizon Store in Liberty for making these panic-worthy events far less painful.

And a shout out to THE NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE for their donation of 100 meals to the food pantry at the Methodist Church in Grahamsville.

Equally, I wish to thank Judy's Jams for the rhubarb jelly and friends John and Diana from Story's Neversink Plant Company for the stalks of rhubarb. I love this stuff! But have only found it once up here since I became part of upstate NY.

As this region moves slowly through the phases of reopening, a few of the music venues are gingerly testing the waters. The first to offer the very first scheduled (to my knowledge) live music event was CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville in late June. They have the perfect space for doing this, outdoors, including a large stage which last year was utilized exclusively for their "Brunch Series" of live music on Sundays. The tables had been brought out from the inside...only one picnic table...and each was strategically placed and well socially distanced. The band?

Favorite, THE JOHNNY JULES BAND (JOHNNY JULES, DAVE D'ARCY, BOBBIE D) joined by JIMMY SWEETWATER out of New Orleans.

Let that sink in...New Orleans. Turns out this absolutely amazing harp (harmonica) player had come north back in January as he with the band had a packed performing schedule through the end of the summer...and then the virus hit full force. He was stuck here. When asked how he has coped through the lockdown and these tenuous reopening times, he told me he just tried to stay busy, the latest project being the painting of a friend's house because it gave him the chance to be outside for a change in the nice weather.

Those who came out that afternoon, for the most part, wore masks and respected the social distancing, which made this fraidy-cat feel far more comfortable. I did chat with fellow attendees, and found that they, like me, KNEW that owners Wade



PHOTO BY JANE HARRISON

**Open Mic at HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE in late June.**

and R.J. would do the right thing for their safety which reduced their own anxiety in venturing out.

Another venue I visited was the very first scheduled Open Mic in Sullivan County at HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE, also in late June. This was what I consider to be a "soft opening," as it was not so much for an audience, since it is an indoor venue, but more for those musicians just itching to play live with other musicians. This stage too, has ample room for up to five people to stand and one drummer on a drum kit while observing the rules of distancing.

One could see immediately upon entering that they, too had been hard at work, beginning to organize the floor space to observe social distancing. As I said before, this night was not really for an audience so only a few tables were set up against one wall and an antique church pew against the other.

All in all, seven showed up to perform. And, because an open mic is just that: "open," one singer was WAY too loud, slightly off key and tempo at times, which made

a Patsy Cline song sound more like heavy metal. This was no damper, however, as the joy and the enthusiasm of the musicians at being on stage was palpable and infectious. I found myself readying to leave then realizing that it was the end of the night!

The owners of each of these venues are as obsessive about tracking the virus in Sullivan County as I am. This is one of the reasons I ventured out. They are fully prepared to close up tight again, if they feel it is becoming unsafe again.

Other venues have chosen to remain closed or not open at all. The flood of people from downstate coming into the area, the non-maskers, major slowdown in testing, and yes, the influx of snow birds is all worrying. BETHEL WOODS has cancelled its season. THE ROCK HILL MUSIC SERIES is cancelled for the summer. Bars and restaurants in the area that usually offer live music in their indoor settings for their diners and drinkers are still on the fence.

*It's going to be a very strange summer.*

*Until next time....*

# hpac FROM HOME

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# PIVOTING, PROTOTYPING AND PRODUCING

## THINC *Pioneers New Types of Personal Protection*

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE – Reopening public places requires all of us to move forward together by practicing social distancing and other daily habits to reduce our risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19. A return to public spaces, schools and places of work will require protection

for employees, students, guests, and customers. Social distancing, masks and sneeze guards will be joined by separation screens, desk guards and partitions, as well as clear barrier shields to provide an additional level of safety in reducing the spread of germs.

When schools begin to open, the in-person special education settings at

The Center for Discovery (TCFD) will require creative protection for staff and students, addressing the need for adaptability, safety, and durability. While TCFD educators wrangle with the planning and logistics of reopening school and therapy spaces, THINC has been busy designing and reimagining the typical personal protective barrier, re-designing the face shield, and sewing masks that include a clear vinyl panel.

Design thinking is alive and well at THINC, and several barrier prototypes have been created quickly while gathering information about materials that can be safely used to provide barrier protection. Jason Kean, THINC Director of Innovation, and Mark McNamara, Design and Fabrication Coordinator at THINC, have been tasked with redesigning the typical barriers that might be seen in a municipal building or a grocery store.

Barriers for service countertops and tabletops are typically made from plexi-

glass and are free standing or permanently attached to ceilings or counters. TCFD needs modular barriers specifically designed for the populations they educate and serve. The THINC team, along with Sam Rose, designed a tabletop barrier as an adjustable unit that allows for a table to be divided in to 2, 3 or 4 sections. It is made from PETG, which stands for polyethylene terephthalate glycol. It is durable, shatterproof and non-flammable, unlike plexiglass. It also won't tear or crack. Adding clamp-like grips that are easy to adjust, the barrier becomes customizable to each table and easy to use for therapists and teaching staff working with special needs children.

Mask production at THINC and in the Rehab Tech department was a whirlwind during the spring, with a crack team of sewers and assemblers from all over the TCFD organization. The signature orange masks have been seen on people all over Sullivan County! But standard

face masks are a barrier to accessibility, making lip reading impossible in the hospital, the grocery stores, and other essential businesses. In addition, Deaf and hard of hearing people rely on facial expressions to communicate, so blocking half of your face removes a crucial source of information. So, a new iteration of the mask is now in production. It has a large vinyl insert, like a window, that allows a person's mouth to be seen.

While this can be useful for anyone who communicates with facial expression and visual cues like smiling or frowning, it will be particularly helpful for TCFD speech therapists and other staff members who work with children and adults who are hearing impaired, as well as those who are learning to improve their overall communication. There is nothing like a big smile to communicate friendliness and compassion! The mask construction process is a bit longer and more complicated with this critical addition. Molly

Berhardsen, a Recreation Specialist, is working diligently at THINC to create clean, straight lines around the windows of vinyl, while making sure seams are sewn in a way that allow the masks to hold together after repeated washings.

After receiving feedback from TCFD staff wearing face shields daily, a new shorter version of the shield went into production in the last month at THINC. It allows more safe airflow around the face, and, worn with a cloth mask, affords the same personal eye protection. While it would not be used in a medical hospital setting, the new short shield is being employed at TCFD, as well as in a few community settings.

A few other pandemic related devices are in the works, one of which will help new trainees with social distancing. The world continues to change as we go through phases of reopening, but the work of empathy, defining problems, ideation, prototyping and testing continues at THINC.



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Sam Rose models a new, short version of a face shield designed and fabricated at THINC.

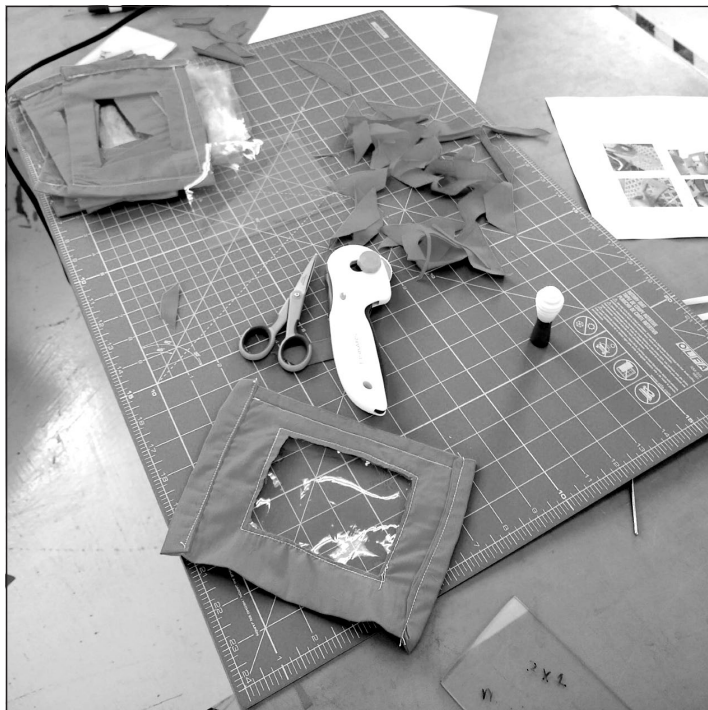


PHOTO BY DENISE SULLIVAN

The THINC crew has been busy innovating new forms of PPE, such as a face mask with a window.

## County Reorganizes Administrative Staff \$1.2 Million in Predicted Savings

MONTICELLO – Sullivan County legislators have approved County Manager Josh Potosek's proposed restructuring of County government.

"Coronavirus has instituted a harsh reality: we are losing millions of dollars in revenue every month," Legislature Chairman Robert Doherty said. "The only responsible option is to seek cost savings wherever and whenever we can, and this reorganization – plus a range of expense reductions – will save County taxpayers more than \$1.2 million (net) every year."

"I worked very hard to avoid deep program and personnel cuts in this proposal, and I'm grateful the Legislature recognized that through its approval," Mr. Potosek said. "We have to seek operational efficiencies like never before, providing services with far less resources."

In the days and weeks ahead, the restructuring plan will:

- Put the Real Property Tax Services Department under the Office of the County Treasurer
- Transfer the GIS Coordinator position to the Division of Information Technology Services (ITS)
- Put the Risk Management Department and the Human Rights Commission Executive Director position under the Division of Human Resources
- The Human Rights Commission is being reorganized under a separate local law next month, and until its structure is settled, the Executive Director position will remain vacant
- Abolish the Division of Management & Budget

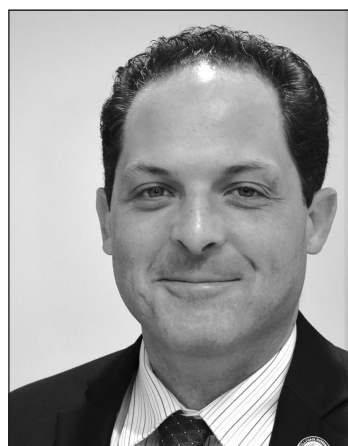


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Josh Potosek

- Transfer Payroll Coordinator/Software Support Tech to Division of ITS as Client Support Tech II
  - Shift Payroll Clerks to newly formed Office of Budget
  - Move Purchasing Department under County Manager's Office
  - Deputy County Manager will become statutorily-required Social Services Commissioner
  - Deputy County Manager position will be active only when County Manager is unable or unavailable to serve
- § Saves more than \$172,000
- Abolish full-time Deputy County Manager position
  - Deputy County Manager will become statutorily-required Social Services Commissioner
- § Saves nearly \$122,000
- The County has also identified approximately \$400,000 in savings unrelated to the restructuring.
- For example, trainings and conferences that require

travel are cancelled for the time being, and some training is being done online at no cost to participants. Contracts for psychological services, resident assistant services, summer camp transportation, afterschool programs and more have been reduced, and the Center for Workforce Development is realigning its funding to maximize State and Federal reimbursements. Additionally, the Department of Family Services has realigned certain funding streams, and veterans outreach (marketing and home visits, for example) has been reduced, along with mileage, uniforms, training and supplies for the Bureau of EMS.

Also, management staff making over \$100,000 a year will see a mandatory 4% pay cut through the end of 2020, with the County Manager taking an 8% cut. Staff making less than \$100,000 annually can volunteer to take a 4% pay cut as well. The salary reductions will save at least \$50,000, and every elected County official – including all nine legislators – is voluntarily taking the pay cut.

"Lean times require lean operations," explained Mr. Potosek, "and taxpayers should anticipate further cost-saving measures in the weeks to come."

## Metzger Telehealth Insurance Bill Signed into Law *Expands Insurance Reimbursements by Authorizing Audio-Only Communication*

ALBANY – Governor Andrew Cuomo has signed into law Senator Jen Metzger's bill (S8416) to include audio-only services in the definition of telemedicine, allowing New Yorkers without broadband service, a computer, or smartphone to receive affordable healthcare services remotely. Prior to the law's passage, public health law required both audio and video telemedicine services in order to be eligible for reimbursement by Medicaid and the Child Health Insurance Plan. Thanks to the new law, phone calls with medical professionals can also be covered to ensure the widest possible access to healthcare services.

"Telemedicine has not been an option during this pandemic for many people in my rural district, and this legislation will reduce barriers to care for residents who lack broadband or do not own a computer or smartphone," Senator Metzger said. "By making audio-only services reimbursable, I expect that many more at-risk people who are worried about exposure to COVID-19 will seek the care they need."

The NYS School Boards Association and NYS Psychological Association both



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State Senator Jen Metzger

advocated for passage of the bill, which was introduced in the Assembly by Assembly member Linda B. Rosenthal. In the Senate, support for the bill was nearly unanimous,

and it was one of over 30 pieces of legislation passed to help support New Yorkers during the COVID-19 pandemic and better prepare the state for future emergencies.

Senator Metzger represents the 42nd Senate District, which includes all of Sullivan County and parts of Delaware, Orange, and Ulster Counties. She serves as Chair of the Agriculture Committee and sits on the Environmental Conservation, Education, Health, Energy and Telecommunications, Local Government, Women's Issues, Domestic Animal Welfare, and Legislative Commission on Rural Resources Committees.

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## Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

As I went out one May morning for a walk along Cole Road, I saw, near the Dryer Road intersection, a piece of the road move – a small oval, about the size of a quarter, indistinguishable, but for the fact of motion, from the blacktop, and heading southwards towards a grassy shoulder. I crouched down to investigate and there it was: the tiniest turtle I'd ever seen. "Well, hello," I said, "little *Don't-Tread-On-Me!*"

This was the season of turtle crossings, the annual migration in search of nesting grounds and mates. This tiny mite was either a hatchling or some species other than the snapping or box variety that commonly cross the roads in May and June and who are big enough to call for careful swerving, should you be driving when you spot one. Perhaps it was a musk or mud or bog or map or wood turtle - I don't know. I do know it was achingly vulnerable and gloriously dauntless: the odds of being run over seemed so much greater than those of making it across.

D. H. Lawrence, in his poem to a "Baby Tortoise," hailed such a hatchling: "What a vast inanimate it is, that you must row against, / What an incalculable inertia. / Challenger, / Little Ulysses, fore-runner, / No bigger than my thumb-nail, / Buon viaggio." The words seem even more resonant now that we've so thoroughly overlaid the turtles' migratory routes with routes of our own, making for some truly fraught crossings.

Lawrence likely saw his own wanderings figured in the baby tortoise, for we're all en route, pitching against the unknown, the turtles on their roads and we on ours, following our respective callings.

The turtle's destiny is an expression of genetic

imperatives; ours, a fine balance between fate and choice, the language of genetics and the language of – well, language! We're free to choose our words and name our destinations and identify the means by which we'll arrive there. As Americans, we live in a nation that was founded on just such an act of naming: "these truths," declared by the Founding Fathers and deemed self-evident, "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." This notion established the nation, set the terms for what the new polity had to become, what it had to measure up to. Its successes and failures in doing so are the vicissitudes of its history. This Fourth of July, 244 years on, feels as fraught as the turtle's crossing of the road – and not sleepy Cole Road either, but some heavily trafficked 12-lane super-highway. How has it come to pass that "these truths," the nation's founding utterance, is under assault by the very agents appointed and pledged to implement and defend it? Who set us careening on this course under a new Gadsden Flag, its motto revised to "Tread On Me?" And will we make it across? "What a vast inanimate it is / that you must row against..."

I stayed with the turtle for a while, fascinated by its persistence and slow effort. For the Lenape, first inhabitants of these lands, the turtle was the earth itself; on its shell it carried the entire world and kept it dry and habitable above the surrounding waters. I moved a bit closer and held the turtle on either side of its tiny shell and lifted it and carried it in the direction it was headed, to the road's shoulder, and watched it nestle in the grass. Little voyager, I, too, wish you *buon viaggio*.



# From the Firehouse

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



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

There is some sad news coming from the firehouse. Two members answered their last alarm in June: Chester “Chet” Hobby and Honorary Chief James “Jim” Minarski.

Chet was a Life Member of the fire department and retired from the Fallsburg Police Department. Because of the virus, visitation at the funeral home was limited. With the help of the Fallsburg Police Department a drive-by of the funeral home was done to honor Chet. Along with the fire department and help from the Fallsburg Police Department, many of the county’s police agencies were in the procession past the family standing on the porch at the funeral home. Once all of the vehicles were at the funeral home we all got out and gave Chet one last salute.

Jim is an Honorary Chief of our fire department and a member and Past Chief of the Grahamsville fire department.

WHEN HIKING THIS SUMMER  
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**Create a plan for your trip.**  
Include the destination, the route, when you are starting, and when you expect to return.

**Talk to someone about your plans.**  
Make sure the person is responsible and trustworthy, such as a family member or good friend, and that they will call authorities if you do not return by the specified time.

**Be as detailed as possible.**  
Don't just say "I am going for a hike in Golden Ears". Tell them which trail and be specific. The wilderness is big.

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He was a Deputy Fire Coordinator for the Sullivan County Bureau of Fire for 26 years before retiring. He was known as BC-3 and his wife Sweetie as BC-3½. I had the honor of being appointed to replace Jim upon his retirement. Jim was active in all aspects of firematics and was well-respected in the fire service. As of this writing, the funeral arrangements have not yet been released.

May both Chet and Jim

rest in peace.

Call volume has increased dramatically since our last column. There have been a number of water rescues on the river, and there has been one drowning. We have seen an increase of calls for lost hikers that need to be rescued. The number of activated alarms is also beginning to rise. Even though it has greened up out there it has gotten dry and we have had a number of brush-

fires. There were a number of ATV accidents involving rescue calls. Sadly there have been a number of pedestrians struck by vehicles. All of this is happening before the summer season has even started.

Finally, some friendly reminders as we start the summer season:

Make sure your grill is far enough away from the house so you don’t scorch the side or set it on fire.

Wear a life jacket on the water when boating, especially on the river.

When hiking make sure you are prepared, good footwear, let someone know where you are going and when you will be back.

Wear a helmet when riding an ATV

Be cautious of a fast developing thunder storm and take cover.

Be safe on the Fourth of July and leave the fireworks to the experts.

Summer is the time to have fun. As a tourist destination our County’s population will continue to grow the next few weeks. More people will mean increased incidents for emergency services to handle. Give us a break and when you see a blue light when it is safe for you do so pull over and let us by.

BE SAFE OUT THERE!

FROM THE FILES OF...

## THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

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July 11, 1917

### County Suffrage Convention at Liberty Next Tuesday

The Sullivan County Branch of the New York State Women’s Suffrage Party will hold its annual convention in the large hall of the Memorial Building, Liberty on Tuesday, July 17. Mrs. Luther Payne of Liberty and her committee of arrangements has made every effort to ensure a successful convention and to extend the hospitality of Liberty to the delegates and visitors from every corner of the county and to the officers of the state and district organizations who will speak.

A large attendance is expected as Suffrage enthusiasm in Sullivan County seems to be growing phenomenally, due to the changed attitude towards women’s service caused by the war and also to the efficient work of Miss Alida Brooks of Orange County, State Suffrage Organizer, who has brought the number of Suffrage clubs in Sullivan up to twenty-one, the largest number of such clubs in any assembly district in the Ninth District.

Miss C W Montgomery of Wurtsboro, Suffrage leader of Sullivan County, who will preside at the convention, is working tirelessly for votes for women and expects her county to poll a good majority for suffrage on November 6th.

Among recent activities of the county suffragists is the efficient help they gave in taking the State Military Census. 151 volunteer women enumerators mustered by the county Suffrage Party, worked in 37 election districts. Everywhere, the county suffragists are working in gardens and kitchens to produce and preserve additional food supply. It is reported



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**After decades of struggle, women won the right to vote in New York State in 1917 and nationally in 1920.**

that one of the Sullivan Suffragists tends a post office, house and garden and has knitted seven sweaters and five pairs of wristlets for the soldiers. Mrs. Merceine Skinner, whose husband is on the Men’s Advisory Board of the New York State Women’s Suffrage Party, and her committee made the second annual ball of the Wurtsboro Suffrage Club the greatest social event of the county as well as a financial success. Centerville has also given a successful suffrage ball recently.

July 18, 1917

### Local and Personal Items

The Women’s Political Club was organized in Hurleyville Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Leslie H Prince, by Miss Alida Brooks of Montgomery, organizer of the Women Suffrage Clubs of Sullivan County. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Will. M. Prince, President; Mrs. Leslie H. Prince, Vice President; Mrs. Minnie Knapp, Secretary and Treasurer.

July 2, 1937

### Jury Lists for Town of Fallsburgh May Also Include Women

Women may serve as

jurors in Sullivan County during the ensuing year if the Town of Fallsburgh can clear up questions relating to eligibility. Mortimer Michaels, Town Clerk, stated that an attempt would be made to include women when the jury list is prepared sometime during the week of July fifth. Conversations he had had with the Town Supervisor and tax assessors, who will prepare the list with the Town Clerk indicated all in favor of the effort, he said.

No other town in Sullivan County has expressed desire or intention to put women on the jury list.

[New York State adopted legislation allowing women to serve on trial juries effective September 1, 1937.]

### Car Kills Man Walking on Road; Driver Not Held

Gabriel Amuck, sixty, was killed at eleven o’clock Monday night on the Fallsburgh-Woodbourne Road just within the village limits of South Fallsburg when he was struck by a sedan owned and operated by Seymour Levine of the Bronx. Witnesses said Amuck, apparently intoxicated, was walking in a northward direction away from the village in the center of the road when the car approached him, traveling southward.

## Temple Sholom to Host Zoom Concert—From Stage to Piano Bar

MONTICELLO-- On Saturday, July 11, Temple Sholom is hosting a musical benefit concert featuring tenor Isaac and flautist Caroline Sonett-Assor. Starting at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom, the concert will span the history of American songs, with selections from the Golden Age of Broadway as well as modern classics by Stephen Sondheim, Jason Robert Brown, and Lin Manuel Miranda. The talented duo will also sing favorites from the Great American Songbook and the Beatles, Elton John, and Carole King. The program will honor this pivotal moment for social justice by showcasing Black composers whose music has influenced, shaped, and inspired the sounds of Broad-



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way, Jazz, Rock and Roll, and Pop.

A series of fortunate coincidences came together to make this event possible. Five years ago, Rabbi Michele Medwin invited then 23-year-old Isaac Assor to be guest cantor at Temple Sholom’s High Holy Day services. The congregation was blown away by his

beautiful baritone voice and his sweet smile. Mr. Assor returned to sing at Temple Sholom several times since then, and a warm relationship developed between him and the temple. He met his wife, the flautist Caroline Sonett, when both were students at Columbia University. Mr. Assor invited Rabbi Medwin to officiate at their wedding last year.

After completing his Master’s degree at the Eastman School of Music, Isaac Son-

ett-Assor became a cantorial student at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. His wife, Caroline, who received a doctoral degree in flute performance and literature from the Eastman School of Music, is currently an adviser for undergraduates at the New School’s Mannes School of Music in New York.

This benefit concert is open to the community. Tickets to get the unique Zoom link to the concert are \$18.00 per person. For questions, contact Sue Kantor at 845-798-0578 or Paula Schroeder at 561-302-6797.

Checks can be mailed to Temple Sholom, P.O. Box 664, Monticello, NY 12701

Forms to purchase tickets are available at [www.templesholomny.org](http://www.templesholomny.org). Only people who have purchased a ticket will be admitted to the Zoom concert.

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## Fallsburg Parade Celebrates Students

FALLSBURG – Beginning just after 10 a.m. on the bright Saturday morning of June 13, dozens of cars filled with teachers, staff and their families moved slowly through the hamlets of the Town of Fallsburg.

Along the way, students, families and residents of the community greeted the caravan that included Rolling V school buses brightly decorated with signs from teachers thanking and congratulating students for graduating high school and elementary school, and for making it through a very challenging school year. Rolling V set up the route to pass by as many student residences as possible.

Also, part of the parade were several fire trucks and emergency vehicles from different fire districts with lights flashing and sirens blaring. As the vehicles approached each group of families, a cacophony of the sirens created a symphony with a hundred beeping horns. Passengers waived joyously back and forth with the young and older children waving flags and



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**A bus from the parade with decorations and a thank you note from retiring BCES teacher Leah Exner.**

handmade signs thanking their teachers for coming to their homes.

These were their school-houses for the past three months.

During that time, the main contact each group had with each other was over the computer in the virtual classrooms. The horns, sirens and shouting seemed to release all the pent-up energy and bring some healing happiness with everyone seeing each other after weeks of quarantine.

In what appeared an extremely quick three hours,

the parading vehicles returned to home base, at the school buildings. Staff members removed the decorations from the buses. Everyone exchanged smiles, elbow bumps and warm appreciation for what they just offered to the community and for what they received back from the kids, the grateful parents, and, even the barking dogs.

Everything moved very smoothly thanks to the Town of Fallsburg Police Department and the vehicles that welcomed the parade with beeps and waves of their

Levine, in a vain effort to avoid hitting the man, swerved sharply to the right and ran off the road. The car hit a tree and the driver was bruised and cut on the left arm. The accident victim was employed as a handyman in a hotel in Fallsburgh and had several times been convicted and fined on charges of public intoxication, the last time having been Sunday.

No charge has been made against Levine.

July 9, 1937

### Sullivan and Ulster Not Included in new Hotel Law

Summer or resort hotels in Sullivan or Ulster County will not be affected by the new state law, effective July 1 which limits hotel workers to a forty-eight hour week of six days. Charles Golembe, president of the Mountain Hotelmen’s Federation of Sullivan and Ulster, said that the law applies only to year-round hotels in cities or villages of more than 15,000 population.

### Young Democrats of the Town of Fallsburgh to Organize

A meeting for the organization and election of officers of the Young Democratic League for the Township of Fallsburgh will be held at the Community Center, South Fallsburg, on Thursday evening, July 15 at eight o’clock, Daylight Savings Time. This club will endeavor, through various activities, to enlighten the young and embryonic voters of the political and social conditions of our town and county, as well as our state and nation.

The meeting will be called to order by the Chairman, Postmaster William Toohey of Hurleyville.



# PATRIOTS ARE BORN

An Original Story by John Conway

*In honor of Independence Day, we present an original story from the Upper Delaware River valley region that later became Sullivan County. This region was first settled in the mid-18th century and as the Revolutionary War approached, those settlers—like most on the continent—were forced to choose up sides. This is a fictional story about two of them.*

My name is Andrew Worth and my younger brother Morgan and I live along the Delaware River in New York. We are the last surviving children of Joseph and Rebecca Worth, who moved here from Preston, Connecticut in 1755. I was just a small child then, and Morgan wasn't born until a few years later. We've been living here ever since, at first with our parents and two sisters. It's been a hard life, and we suffered many hardships as our father, then one of our sisters and then the other, and finally our mother all passed away.

It was early May of 1775, and Morgan and I had just finished lashing together a large timber raft to float downriver to Philadelphia the next morning. The raft

was made up of ten of the finest pine trees you'd ever see, each one about sixty feet in length, stout and straight. That's been our business for a few years now, rafting the timber down to the ship builders in Philadelphia, where they are used as masts on the great sailing ships. The trip takes a few days, depending on the flow of the river, and we have been getting five Pounds per mast, a bit more than the going rate because our timber is the best on the market.

It had been dark for about an hour and we had just turned in for the night when I heard Boson, our big black dog, barking. It wasn't particularly unusual for him to bark at night with all the deer and other animals around, but this barking was different, and I finally decided I needed to get up and look around. Morgan heard me get up, and grabbed his musket and joined me.

As soon as I opened the door, Boson bolted out, then stopped suddenly and began barking even more urgently. By the faint light of the moon, I could just make out some kind of shape on the ground where he stood,

and I hurried over. It was a man.

I turned him over, and could tell right away from his clothing that he was a man of means. I could not make out any details, but that was obvious just from what I could see. He was breathing, but shallowly, and Morgan and I picked him up and got him into the house. Morgan spread a blanket out in front of the hearth, and stoked the fire to get it started again. I tried to lower the man to the blanket as gently as I could.

As the fire began to build, Morgan lit a couple of candles and I got a better look at the man. He looked to be about forty years old, and his clothes were finer than any I had ever seen, but they were tattered in places. We checked him over quickly and found no signs of bleeding, so I removed his hat and put a cold cloth on his forehead. It wasn't long before he began to stir, and within minutes he was sitting up. Morgan offered him some water.

"Where am I?" he asked as soon as he had swallowed.

"You're in Cushetunk," Morgan answered. "Who are you and what happened



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Like many men in the upper Delaware, Andrew and Morgan Worth made their living rafting timber to the shipyards in Philadelphia.

to you?"

"My name is McDougall," he said slowly. "Who are you?"

"We live here," I said cautiously. "I'm Andrew, and this is my brother, Morgan."

The man was silent for a moment, and seemed to be taking in his surroundings. Then he fixed his gaze first on Morgan and then on me. It made me uncomfortable. Finally, I spoke.

"Might I ask how you happened to be collapsed in front of our house, out here in the middle of nowhere, dressed like that?"

The man took a deep breath before speaking.

"Obviously I don't know you boys, but it appears I have no choice but to trust you. I live in New York, but I own property in Albany County, and I was there inspecting it when word reached me that I was needed in Philadelphia. I was on my way there—it is urgent that I get there in the next few days—and I was ambushed just east of here several miles. There are men pursuing me, that is why I didn't simply travel down the Hudson back home

and from there to Philadelphia, so I had to cover a lot of ground fast, and some of it was rough country. I thought if I could get to the Delaware, I would be all right."

"Men after you? Why?" Morgan asked.

"Do either of you have any idea what is going on in Boston right now?"

Morgan and I looked at each other. We made a two or three trips to Philadelphia each year, and had just returned from one. Other raftsmen had told us they wouldn't be making any

more trips for a while because the tension between Massachusetts and England had already reached the point of a shooting war in Lexington and Concord and it was becoming too dangerous to be on the river, even this far west.

"No," I answered before Morgan could, deciding not to reveal too much right then.

"I am on my way to Philadelphia for the Continental Congress," McDougall said. "There is considerable talk of independence, of breaking away from England completely. New York's representatives are not necessarily supportive of that notion, and I am going there to try to convince them."

"Hold on a second," Morgan blurted out. "You're on your way to Philadelphia, and you just happened to end up here, where we're fixing to take our raft downriver tomorrow? That's quite a coincidence!"

"No, it's not," McDougall said. "I came upon some men in their fields this morning. They offered me some cornbread to eat and a swallow of pumpkin ale. We talked for short while, and they told me about you

boys. They said you were the only ones still rafting timber on the river, that everyone else had given up because it had become too dangerous. They directed me here."

"So you'd like to hitch a ride?" I asked.

"I will certainly be willing to pay you," he said. "And I can help you with the raft."

"You're going to help us with the raft?" Morgan said, eyeing the man's fine, though tattered, clothes. "I'll have you know, I spent many years at sea, and worked on many different kinds of ships" he said indignantly.

"Well, the river ain't no sea, and the raft ain't no ship," Morgan said.

"If you can pay, you can ride," I finally said. "Looks like we've got ourselves a passenger."

*Read the next chapter in our story in next month's edition. Alexander McDougall was an actual figure in New York State history and one of the state's representatives to the Continental Congress. The characters of Andrew and Morgan Worth are fictitious, as are the events depicted in the story.*

## A SUMMER WHEN EVERYONE CAN SEE THE DIFFERENCE

by Litt R. Plucker

HURLEYVILLE – There are two opposing realities of litter.

If there is only one piece along a longish part of your travels, it stands out as much as fireworks on the Fourth of July. This is especially true when all the trees and colorful variations of plants are crossing your eyes as you walk or ride by. That ONE piece of litter can take away all of the joy, make you mad ("who would DO that???? you snarl), and make you vow to stop and pick it up the next time you are passing by there again. You talk about it to family and friends.

The second reality of litter: if you are passing by the exact same place and there are all kinds of litter—paper, cardboard, tires, dead snakes and turtles, house siding, roofing tiles, food and drink containers, clothing, broken tools and garbage bags (Yes,

GARBAGE BAGS— full of stuff that people knew should be gathered up and put out to be taken away, but left in your beautiful path), broken toys, medicine containers, letters, credit cards, and objects which may have once had a name, but now do not. Instead of making you as angry as one lonely piece of litter on your route, your brain turns OFF and you no longer see what covers your gorgeous home area!

You don't think about it, and you don't talk about it nearly as much as that lonely litter. It is its own sorry neighborhood, and it is both the fault of that darn piece of litter itself, and the friends it has in the neighborhood who don't want to make it feel sad and worthless by hiding it away like a piece of... (fill in the blank).

This twisted conundrum is a pandemic of its own; a non-viral highly contagious relaxation of simple well-being practices that can cure local outbreaks of brain and body malfunctions that allow a place that you love to become...UGLY. It can ruin beauty, food, appreciation of others, planning ahead to use the land around you for community wants and needs that improve life for everybody... EVERYBODY! It is all more ignored by allegedly good-citizen types than the misplaced singularity of the lonely piece of litter.

The other pandemic-- the COVID pandemic-- has slowed us down and isolated our movements. We have more time to slowly look around and appreciate everything wonderful that is here, and perhaps even work on a cure.

The focus on our health, and enough asocial and uninteresting time to slow down our movements and observations, allows us to visualize and treat this awful pandemic. Not every piece of litter will be cured...but it can end up in

a better place, and what it leaves in its place can lead to better health for every person, creature, and natural piece of beauty around us. You can do this-- and you will be proud!

Of course, there are more precautions now than ever before, due to that other pandemic. Wear disposable or washable gloves. Get a litter-plucking tool for longer reaches. Have bags that will hold a good amount, but don't get so heavy you can't carry them when they're full. Wear your mask. Wash up before and after. Divide up your area with others so all keep aware of progress. Wave when you pass people cleaning up litter. Notice that you are getting exercise: It's a two-fer on those days when a one-fer just doesn't cut it.

Then pass along your route-- the route you were ignoring-- again. The smile you feel will be totally deserved and genuine.

## TWO FALLSBURG HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS EARN 2020 SALON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

FALLSBURG – Ethan Mednick and Amanda Zeno, graduating seniors at Fallsburg High School, have been named the 2020 recipients of the Marion and Philip Salon Memorial Scholarship Award. Ethan and Amanda will each receive \$1,000 toward their first year of post-secondary studies.

Ethan is the son of Shari and Michael Mednick of Rock Hill. He plans to study this fall at SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music. He was selected as a scholarship recipient for his strong academic record (7th in his graduating class) and his commitment to volunteer service as



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Ethan Mednick

president of LEO Club and in supporting children's music programs at the Nesin Cultural Arts Center in Monticello.

Ethan is the third member of his family to receive the

Salon Memorial Scholarship, joining his brothers Logan and Justin.

Amanda is the daughter of Maria and James Zeno of South Fallsburg. She is the valedictorian of her class. She was selected for her persistence in battling a serious personal health issue while continuing her academic studies. Amanda will attend Marist College this fall.

The scholarship, which is named in memory of two lifelong Hurleyville residents, is designated annually for one or more graduating seniors at Fallsburg Central School who has made a serious commitment to service in ways that

benefit the community and its citizens or have overcome a significant personal challenge.

The annual Salon scholarship is funded by the children and relatives of Marion and Phil Salon, whose two children, Shep and Rebecca, graduated from Fallsburg Central High School in the 1960s.

Marion and Phil Salon were the owners and operators of a bungalow colony and Salon's Corners, a convenience store, over a 40-year period. Mr. Salon served for 24 years on the Board of Education of the Fallsburg Central Schools.

## CIVIL AIR PATROL HELPS DISTRIBUTE FOOD

MONTICELLO – The temperature was nearing 80° in Monticello as a June morning gave way to afternoon. Eight Civil Air Patrol (CAP) members assembled to help disburse food to families in crisis during the pandemic.

The distribution was held in the parking lot of Action Toward Independence (ATI) who partnered with the Ulster County Community Action Committee (UCCAC). Both organizations are non-profits with missions to help people in need.

Four Cadets and two Officers from CAP's Sullivan County Cadet Squadron were joined by a Cadet and an Officer from the Orange County Cadet Squadron. They started by setting up tables and pop-up tents. Then they unloaded a box truck full of food, and broke down the bulk food into shopping bags. The shopping bags were loaded into the back of a long parade of cars for families in need.

Over a 2.5 hour day, about 85 families were provided with enough supplies to prepare about 680 meals. When the cadets were done, they broke down the tables and tents and cleaned up any litter leaving the parking lot better than when they arrived.

Greg Howard, Executive Director for the UCCAC said, "[O]ur food distributions...help the community by offering free produce and food to those in need or requiring assistance. Over 12,000 pounds of food get moved each month to serve the Sullivan County communities."

Second Lieutenant Wally Pishtey, CAP's Officer in Charge at the site said, "Hearing how appreciative and grateful the people were



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Civil Air Patrol Cadets worked with Action Toward Independence of Monticello and Ulster County Community Action Committee to help distribute food to those in need.

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## Make Sure You're Counted

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### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Federal funders use Census data to decide where to send dollars for programs like school lunches, families in need, and health clinics. Completing your Census form helps make sure that hungry kids get fed, a struggling family survives a crisis, and a neighbor gets treatment they couldn't afford.

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# SENTINEL SPORTS



## BACK ON TRACK

### SUNY SULLIVAN GETS GO-AHEAD FOR FALL SPORTS – WITH MODIFICATIONS

by Win Hadley

CHARLOTTE, NC – As the 2020-21 academic and athletic year approaches, the National Junior College Athletic Association has released a plan of action for the fall and winter sports seasons in response to COVID-19. The NJCAA has also issued a list of safety protocol recommendations for member colleges during regular season competition and championship events. SUNY Sullivan is a member of the NJCAA's Region XV.

**Fall 2020 Sports Season**  
At this time, the NJCAA will proceed with fall championship sports, beginning practice and competition as planned. For the follow-

ing sports, the start date for practice will be August 1, and the first competition date will be August 20: Men's and Women's Cross Country, Football, Men's and Women's Half Marathon, Men's and Women's Soccer, Women's Tennis (Division III), Court Volleyball.

#### Fall 2020 Championships

The NJCAA has evaluated the championship locations for the 2020-21 academic year in regard to student-athlete health and safety. Due to growing travel concerns and local re-opening regulations, the NJCAA is seeking new locations for the following championships: Division III Men's Soccer Championship, Division III Women's Soccer Championship, Division III Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships, Men's and Women's Half Marathon Championships, Men's and Women's Soccer Championships, Women's Tennis Championships (Division III), Court Volleyball Championships.

Originally scheduled for November 16-21, the 2020 NJCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship in Evans, GA will now be held from November 18-23. The change comes due to conflicts with the rescheduled 2020 Masters Tournament in Augusta, GA.

**Fall 2020 Non-Championship Sports**  
To allow member colleges adequate time for proper health and safety precautions as student-athletes return to campus, the NJCAA will condense the fall non-championship season

for the following sports: Baseball, Beach Volleyball, Men's and Women's Golf, Men's and Women's Lacrosse, Softball, Tennis (Division I Women's, Division I Men's, Division III Men's). All fall non-championship sports will be permitted to begin fall practice starting August 31. Fall competition will be permitted to begin starting Sep-



tember 5 and concluding October 31.

**Winter 2020-21 Sports Season**  
With growing uncertainty and the possibility of a second wave of COVID-19 later this year, the following changes have been made:

- The 2020-21 Men's and Women's Basketball seasons will be permitted to begin practice starting September 14. Competition will be permitted to begin starting October 16. All member colleges are encouraged to adjust schedules as needed to limit competition between the Thanksgiving holiday and January 1, 2021.

Wrestling Championship will be held April 23-24 at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs, IA.

- The 2020-21 Men's and Women's Bowling, Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving, and Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field seasons will be permitted to begin practice starting October 1. Competition will be permitted to begin starting October 30. All member colleges are encouraged to adjust schedules as needed to limit competition between the Thanksgiving holiday and January 1, 2021.

**Spring 2021 Sports Season**  
At this time, the NJCAA will proceed with spring championship sports beginning practice and competition as planned. As the spring season approaches, the NJCAA will provide additional guidance on any possible changes as necessary.

**Student-Athlete Return to Campus**  
For the 2020-21 academic year, NJCAA member schools will be permitted to open dorms to all student-athletes (fall, winter, spring sports) beginning July 18. The accelerated move-in date will allow member colleges to institute a 14-day quarantine period for student-athletes and implement extra safety precautions as necessary prior to the August 1 start date for fall practice.

## Sullivan 180 Launches Training Program Fundraiser is Dubbed “Coach to 5K”

LIBERTY – Sullivan 180 has announced a new concept it is calling Coach to 5K, a virtual walk/run race and 8-week training program, open to all Sullivan County residents. The Coach to 5K program provides all participants with their very own coach and an 8-week 5K training plan for both runners and walkers.

All are welcome to participate, whether a beginner, a veteran runner, or a family that would like to walk their first 5K together. This is a great time to get our county moving! After the 8-week training period ends participants will have a full week (August 30 - September 5) to complete their 5K - whenever, wherever they'd like, and share their achievements with Sullivan 180 via social media.

There is a suggested donation/registration fee, and Sullivan 180 is accepting additional donations to help feed local families impacted by COVID-19. One hundred percent of the funds raised will go to Sullivan Allies Leading Together (SALT) to feed Sullivan County families in need. Every \$6 raised

funds the purchase of a meal for a Sullivan County resident in need, so participants are asked to consider making an additional donation, if they can. There is a free option for those who cannot afford the suggested donation/registration fee, but would still like to participate in the program.

Sullivan Allies Leading Together (SALT) is a diverse partnership of agencies and community resources committed to working together to improve the quality of life for the residents of Sullivan County. To learn more, please visit SALT's website, [www.SaltCares.com](http://www.SaltCares.com).

**How It Works**  
• Choose your donation/registration level to support SALT's food distribution efforts.  
• Choose a coach, create your own team, or participate solo.

- Invite friends and family to participate.
- Begin your 8-week training on July 6th.
- Tag us using the hashtag #S180CoachtO5K in your photos and training updates on Facebook (@sullivan-180inc) and Instagram (@sullivan\_180).
- Map your race route with the help of your coach.
- Complete your 5K walk/run the week of August 30th - September 5th.
- Celebrate your achievements with us on social media.



## SWIMMING SAFELY AMIDST COVID-19

### CDC Issues Guidelines

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HURLEYVILLE—The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia advises that “visiting beaches, lakes, and rivers is a good way to stay physically active and keep your mind and body healthy.” And there are plenty of lakes and rivers, big and small, in this area to enjoy all year around.

But things have changed in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, which although easing considerably, is still far from over.

In light of the ongoing risks from the virus, CDC officials say “it is important to learn and follow the recommendations for how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 when visiting these and other outdoor recreational areas.”

Specifically, the CDC website lists some basic guidelines to follow, some of which are unrelated to COVID-19 and others of which have been developed in response to it:

“Spending time in natural bodies of water—like oceans, lakes, and rivers—is a great way to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends. While this can help you stay active, it is important to know that the water we swim, play, wade, and relax in can also spread germs and make you, and those you care about, sick,” the website reminds.

“Germs found in the water and sand (swim area) often come from human or animal feces. One way germs can be carried into swim areas is by heavy rain. Water from heavy rain picks up anything it comes in contact with (for example, feces from where animals live) and can drain into swim areas. These germs can also come from humans or animals pooping in or near the water.

“Water contaminated with these germs can make you sick if you swallow it. It can



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also cause an infection if you get into the water with an open cut or wound (especially from a surgery or piercing).

“Taking a few simple steps when you visit oceans, lakes, rivers, and other natural bodies of water can help protect everyone from these germs:

- “Know before you go:
  - Before you head out, check online to find out if the swim area is currently monitored, is under advisory, or has been closed for health or safety reasons. This is especially important after a heavy rain.
  - If your body's ability to fight germs is already affected by other health problems or medicines, check with your healthcare provider before swimming in oceans, lakes, rivers, and other natural bodies of water.

“Stay out of the water if:

- Signs say the swim area is closed.
  - This may be due to high levels of germs in the water which make it unsafe for swimming.
- The water looks cloudier than usual, is discolored, or smells bad. Cloudy water can be a warning that there are more germs in the water than normal. Discolored or smelly water could mean there is a harmful algal bloom (HAB) in the water.

◦ Heavy rain picks up anything it comes in contact with (for example, human and animal feces). This rainwater can drain into the swim area, making the water cloudier.

◦ Harmful algal blooms in the water can make humans and animals sick.

• You see any pipes draining into or around the water.

◦ Water in pipes can pick up animal or human poop and bring germs into the swim area, especially after heavy rains or rain-falls after long periods of drought.

• You are sick with diarrhea.
 

- Germs in diarrhea can get in the water and make other swimmers sick if they swallow the contaminated water.

• You have an open cut or wound (especially from a surgery or piercing). If you do go in the water while a cut or wound is still healing, use waterproof bandages to completely cover
 

- Germs in the water can get into open cuts or wounds and cause infections.

“Creeks and Streams:

Creeks and streams often contain harmful germs and may not be monitored for water quality. Swimming or playing in creeks and streams

can put you at risk for water-borne illness or infection.

“Once you are in the swim area:

- Don't swallow the water.
  - Water can contain germs that can make you sick if swallowed.
- Keep sand away from your mouth and children's mouths.
  - Sand can contain germs that can make you sick if swallowed.
- Don't poop in the water.
  - Germs in your poop can make others sick.
- Every hour—everyone OUT—to keep poop and pee out of the water.
  - Take kids on bathroom breaks.
  - Check diapers. If needed, change them in a bathroom or diaper-changing area to keep germs away from the water and sand.
  - Wash your hands for 20 seconds before eating food, especially if you have been playing in or touching sand. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Hand sanitizer might not be as effective when hands are visibly dirty or greasy, so wiping sand off before using it might be helpful.”

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