

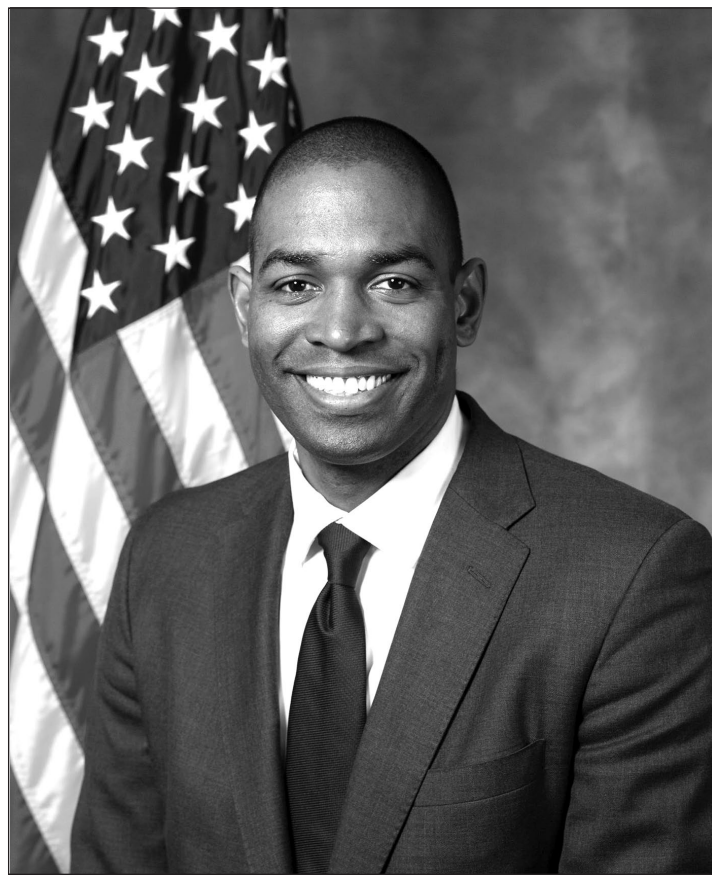
THE GOLD STANDARD

MORE THAN ONE MILLION IN FUNDING FOR THE CENTER FOR DISCOVERY

HARRIS – Following months of tireless correspondence and advocacy on behalf of the complex and medically fragile residents at The Center for Discovery to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19) and U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer have jointly announced that they have successfully secured \$1,009,580 in funding for The Center from the CARES Act HHS Provider Relief Fund. These funds will support The Center's workers and patients in their COVID-19 response and allow The Center to continue their vital health care and education services for Americans with special needs.

"Our community ought to be judged by how it treats

its most vulnerable populations and The Center for Discovery is the gold standard in specialized care for Americans with differing abilities. I am glad to see The Center has finally received urgently needed federal funds that will allow them to continue to provide invaluable care for our communities. These CARES Act funds will go a long way to allow The Center to continue their important work and take needed safety precautions to keep their employees and residents safe from the coronavirus," said Rep. Delgado. "My office worked closely with the Center and Senator Schumer to advocate for these funds and while I am glad to see these funds distributed, these delays are unacceptable. I will continue to demand transpar-



Congressman Antonio Delgado

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Senator Charles E. Schumer

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ency and accountability in funding for our health care centers and most vulnerable populations across our district."

"From day one of this pandemic, I have worked

with The Center for Discovery to ensure they had the federal resources necessary to continue providing high quality care for their vulnerable patients with complex disabilities,"

said Senator Schumer. "After months of our tireless advocacy, I'm happy to announce alongside Congressman Delgado that The Center has finally received over \$1 million owed to them by the Provider Fund I negotiated to include in the CARES Act and Corona 3.5. Additionally, I was happy to assist The Center last week with their FEMA public assistance application that was stuck in the system for months and am happy to report that they can now unlock at least \$1.5 million in reimbursement for PPE, pandemic housing, food supply, and more to protect our most vulnerable. I am proud to continue my support for the essential role carried out by The Center for Discovery as both a care provider and the largest employer in Sul-

livan County, and I will not rest until they have all the federal resources they need to continue their service for all of Upstate New York."

"These stimulus funds are critical for The Center for Discovery as we try and recoup the enormous expenses we have faced during this devastating pandemic. We are still early in this crisis and there is much more to be done," said Patrick Dollard, the President and CEO of The Center for Discovery. "Senator Schumer and Congressman Delgado have truly been our champions in this fight and we are enormously grateful to them. We know they will be by our side as we continue working with the federal government to make sure we have the resources we need to help us protect the most vulnerable."

WE'VE MOVED

Main Street Continues to Evolve

by John Conway

HURLEYVILL – Shortly after celebrating the fourth anniversary of its initial publication, The Hurleyville Sentinel has moved. Effective July 9, the paper's new office is at 227 Main Street, diagonally across the street from its previous location.

The Sentinel replaces the Hurleyville General Store, which had earlier vacated its space for its own move diagonally across the street to the space previously occupied by the Hurleyville Market. The Market has been closed for months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and operators had decided not to reopen it. Denise Lombardi, owner of the General Store, said she expects to eventually offer many of the same items the Market had, in addition to her usual lines, although it may take some time to incorporate them into her operation.

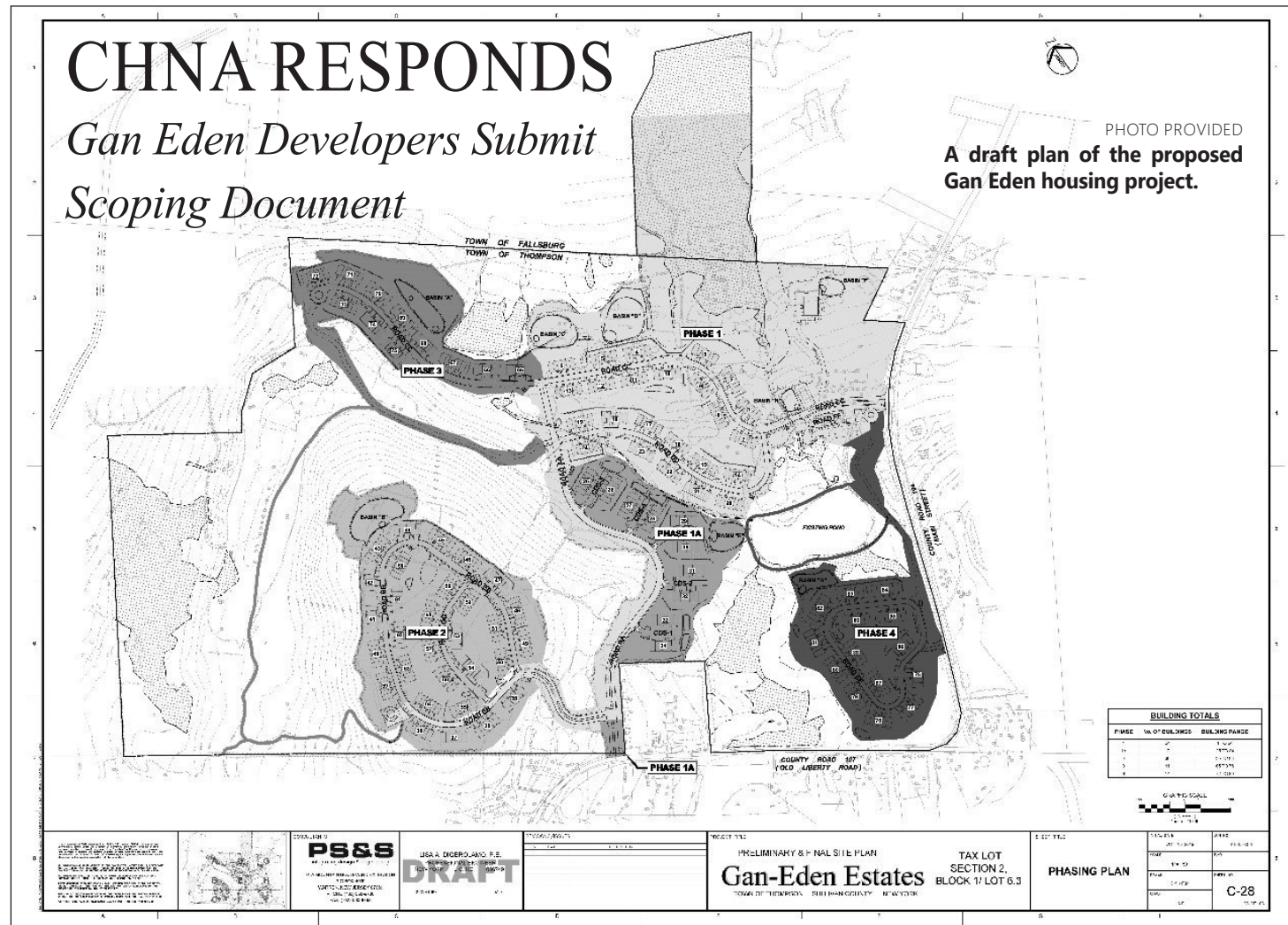
Ms. Lombardi says she is delighted to be in the larger, brighter space, and looks forward to continuing to be a popular destination.

There has been no announcement as of press time about the intended future use of The Sentinel's previ-

ous storefront.

These changes are part of the ongoing evolution of Hurleyville's Main Street, as construction nears completion on the addition to the rear of the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre, which will house a new eatery and catering facility, slated to open in the early fall. Specific details about the exact nature of that operation are still unclear, but are expected to be made public soon. Woodstone Development was the designer and prime contractor on the project.

With the gradual easing of the months-long restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, construction has resumed in earnest on the new building at 234 Main Street, next to the Hurleyville Market. As of press time, exterior and interior framing were nearly finished. Once completed, the building will include four retail spaces on the ground floor, with eight two-bedroom apartments on two floors above. The owner of the building is developer Jeffrey Stevenson, and the architect is Peter Cirillo of Cirillo Architects, P.C. in Middletown. Liam Construction is the prime contractor.



A draft plan of the proposed Gan Eden housing project.

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HURLEYVILLE – The developers of the Gan Eden housing project proposed for the old Columbia Hotel property in Hurleyville have submitted their draft scoping document to the Town of Thompson Planning Board, and the Columbia Hill Neighborhood Alliance citizens group has submitted a response.

The following are comments were submitted by CHNA for inclusion in the record at the Gan Eden Project's Scoping Session before the Planning Board on July 8. **Comprehensive Plan and Community Character**

The Town of Thompson-Village of Monticello 1999 Joint Comprehensive Plan embraces a commitment to ensuring new development meets a higher standard which "reflects the community's commitment to preserve its natural environment and small town character" that are desirable to residents and visitors alike. The community character of the immediate area

is rural and sparsely populated and local residents have repeatedly expressed their desire that it remain that way. This oversized project threatens to forever transform the community's way of life in all the ways that the Joint Comprehensive Plan sought to avoid. Any potential benefits from the Project, such as tax revenue, primarily accrue to the Town of Thompson; while the majority of disadvantages, including well problems, flooding, and traffic increase, will be borne by the Town of Fallsburg and, in particular, the hamlet of Hurleyville. The Final Scope should require a comprehensive review of the elements that make up the small town community character of this area and how a residential development greater than the population of Hurleyville will permanently change that character.

Stormwater

Water and its respective sections in the applicant's Full Environmental Assessment Form

(FEAF) and eventual Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) constitute some of the most concerning aspects of this proposed development. The scoping document fails to address the problem of storm water runoff from this site which has plagued the downhill hamlet of Hurleyville for decades despite there being no structures or impervious surfaces on it at present. Placing 89 large structures, a community center, playgrounds, tennis courts, thousands of paved parking spaces and 2 miles of roads on the site will only exacerbate that situation. The applicant's contention that the use of retention ponds and vegetated swales will decrease the amount of such runoff fails to address the fact that these measures already exist on the site and have not diminished the problem.

Wastewater Discharge

A substantial error in the FEAF seems to be the repeated assertion that the Class B Stream the developer plans on

discharging its treated wastewater into is "on site." A review of maps of the area clearly demonstrates this is not the case. In fact, an engineer representing Gan Eden Estates at a Thompson Planning Board meeting in July, 2016 indicated that they did yet not have a general discharge route for its Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The Town engineer expressed concern about obtaining an easement for that purpose and there is nothing in the scoping document to reflect that an easement has been obtained for that purpose. It is difficult to see how a project of this scale can proceed to obtain any of the numerous permits and approvals needed, while lacking this crucial component. The DEIS should determine whether an easement is necessary and possible.

It is not clear as to the type of WWTP the Project will utilize. A large WWTP potentially will have performance

SUNY SULLIVAN TRUSTEES ELECT NEW CHAIR

LOCH SHELDRAKE – SUNY Sullivan has announced that Board of Trustees member, Dr. Nancy M. Hackett has assumed the role of Board Chair for the college. Hackett joined the SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees in 2016, and succeeds Board Chair Steven Drobysh, who stepped down earlier this year.

"It's an honor to serve with such a professional and experienced Board of Trustees," said Dr. Hackett.

"We look forward to working together with SUNY Sullivan administration, faculty and staff, as well as the State of New York, to provide the best education possible for this school year."

Dr. Hackett possesses extensive knowledge and expertise with an educational background spanning 40 years to include

not only public schools, but independent and community college faculty and administrative positions. Specifically, in Sullivan County, Dr. Hackett was the Superintendent of Sullivan West Central School District for 6 years.

Dr. Hackett recently received the National School Development Council, Cooperative Leadership Award for the 2018-2019 academic year. She also received the SUNY Sullivan Foundation award for Women Who Make a Difference in Education in 2019.

Dr. Hackett received a B.A. from SUNY Brockport, an M.A. in Education from Buffalo State College, a CAS degree from SUNY Brockport, and her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from University of Rochester.



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Dr. Nancy M. Hackett



PHOTO BY JOHN CONWAY

The Hurleyville Sentinel office is now located at 227 Main Street

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The Inquiring Photographer

by Kathleen Sullivan



Q. Hurleyville is an incredibly special place. What do you like most about it?



BARI ALLOR

I love the new businesses in town. And that folks in the community are practicing the same guidelines as we are so we can continue an almost normal life.



MARIA FELIX

I like everything. The feeling of safety here is the most important thing.



ANGELEE SANTILLO

Right now, more than ever, that I feel safe here.



HARVEY SPARER

I am marooned in an olive house. The “maroon” house was purchased from Olive Shindler. My family has resided in Hurleyville for over 57 years. Although I was conceived in the Catskills, I was delivered at Brooklyn Jewish Hospital with 105 miles of stretch marks on the cord. The Catskills were our family’s summer retreat. Eventually my parents decided to leave the city for a more peaceful existence. Hurleyville was their choice because of the presence of a “Shul” and the magnificent aromas of Wichinsky’s bagels....not to ignore Freier’s egg creams. When I married my wife, Lela, we also purchased a house in Hurleyville. We raised our family here every weekend and every summer. We continue to enjoy hiking, fishing and eating in the area. Hurleyville continues to grow with many restaurants, beautiful storefronts, the marvelous rails to trails and a new cinema “to boot”. I hope to live to see this marvelous Catskill community continue to flourish as a rural oasis for those seeking shelter from the city storms.

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



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World War II hero Francis Currey was the first Medal of Honor recipient honored with a GI Joe action figure.

Hurleyville-Sullivan First
Hurleyville-Sullivan First is joining forces with the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre to maintain the Hurleyville Firemen’s Park. Maintenance projects include caring for the gardens and preserving the historic kiosk. The kiosk will be repaired and weather-proofed. Updated historical and informational panels will be installed in the kiosk.

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

Hurleyville United Methodist Church

A plan is still being worked on to safely reopen the Hurleyville United Methodist Church when permitted. Protocols for social distancing, disinfection and cleaning will be followed.

The volunteers at the Bread of Life Food Pantry continue to provide pre-made boxes of food to individuals and families in need. Dates for distribution 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. You can also get updates from the church’s page on Facebook.

The Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum

The Sullivan County Museum will be opening for volunteer staff soon. The volunteers will start to work on all the research requests that have been sent to the Sullivan County Historical Society since the museum was closed.

The pandemic hasn’t stopped folks from sending



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The Hurleyville-Sullivan First kiosk on Main Street will be getting a make-over.

items related to the history of Sullivan County. The museum recently received a donation especially related to Hurleyville...a GI Joe Action Figure of Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Francis S. Currey. Mr. Currey, a Sullivan County native, was a former resident of Hurleyville.

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.

CHNA RESPONDS

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problems both in function and longevity. Larger WWTP require a constant year-round flow in order to work correctly and the components are subject to failure if not operated and maintained diligently. When questioned by a Planning Board member in July 2016 about the expected life span of the WWTP components, the same engineer representing Gan Eden indicated a five-year lifespan. The DEIS should describe in detail the WWTP, provide examples of its use in similar settings, describe the anticipated daily, weekly, monthly and yearly maintenance, and discuss the anticipated lifespan for the system.

Water Usage and Supply

In the FEAF there is a calculation on estimated water usage of 147,250 gallons per day in the first phase. We note that, to our knowledge, the developer has yet to complete the NYS DEC Water Conservation Program Form for Public Water Supply that requires an indication of the total population of the project. The Project should be required to provide information regarding anticipated usage that is properly verified and sourced so that it can be effectively reviewed and evaluated.

The town’s own consultant, Miller Hydrogeologic Inc., has questioned the accuracy of the developer’s 72-hour well testing done in October 2016 because the well test failed to follow established protocols and methodology. In preparing the DEIS, the developer should be compelled to redo the 72-hour well test during the peak summer season of July and August when the local population quadruples, to provide more accurate hydrological data than the 2016

pump test done in the fall months.

Safety

There is insufficient information regarding the ability of the Project’s water system to meet safety requirements, supply sprinkler systems and meet firefighting requirements. The Final Scope should require a detailed description of this system and require that the Hurleyville Fire Department be consulted and requested to weigh in on the adequacy of protective measures and water supply system at the Project site.

Water Tank and Aesthetics

The applicant should be required to provide detailed engineering information about the proposed 400,000-gallon water tank, particularly as regards functionality and location, the risk and impact of failure and its aesthetic impacts. This tank will be a prominent eyesore not only for local residents, but will also be a scar upon area viewscapes near and far. Scoping should include the aesthetic impact of a 109’ structure situated on top of a 1600’ altitude hill, as well as requiring the applicant to determine if the tower requires red blinking aviation warning lights and FAA review under the recent FAA guidelines modifications that apply to towers between 50 and 200 feet.

Light

Another issue that needs to be addressed in the scoping document is light pollution from all outside lighting. Currently neighbors can view a star-filled sky, including the Milky Way, on cloudless nights. What will be the impact of 24/7 lighting and how can these impacts even be mitigated? Light impacts must be an issue assessed by the DEIS.

Traffic

Another matter requiring

greater attention in the scoping document is the estimated additional 500 plus resident vehicles the Project will add to local traffic, not to mention delivery and sanitation trucks, taxis, contractors and other service vehicles on a regular basis. The three proposed exits have line of sight issues and require entering and exiting from already heavily travelled County Roads 103, 104 and 107 with speed limits of 55mph. Traffic signals and signage will be necessary to protect the public from these inevitable hazards of increased traffic, especially during the summer and winter months. The Sullivan County Department of Public Works and NYS Department of Transportation should be consulted and asked to provide input on these potential hazards.

Flora and Fauna

The nature of the flora and fauna on the site has been misrepresented and understated. Many more species than those listed in the FEAF are present or pass through this property. The scoping document should include an evaluation of the Project’s interference with the migration and movement patterns for predominant species. The scoping document must include an evaluation of any clear cutting of any forested parts of this site and the impacts upon the nesting of the Federal and New York State protected Northern Long-Eared Bat and any other protected species’ habitat.

Other Issues

The scoping document needs to include an evaluation of Project impacts on the local power grid and the potential for increased brownouts and/or blackouts in the area. The scoping document needs to evaluate additional infrastructure requirements such as substation, transformers and

The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

It has been one heck of a month! I’m very glad to see the back of July! I’m quite convinced that consistent brown-outs here, every day, over this last month are responsible for the nosedives of almost every appliance or piece of technology I had, including my personal computer and printer. What the heck is going on?

Amazon loves me.

I’m still a bit leery about venturing into indoor settings for live music, even with the CDC guidelines in place and enforced. Because people are people and we’ve been cooped up for what seems like an eternity. And, from what I’ve seen, enforcement is a bit lax indoors, especially in bars.

I did check out a new (to me) open mic Sunday afternoon, July 12. This event has been going on for one, maybe two years, starting at 3 p.m. Many of the participants of the DeFillipis’ MUSIC WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT open mics would then travel to RAFTER’S TAVERN in Callicoon. I have been quite remiss in not doing the same, but with the hourly demands of my former life, I just didn’t have the energy to make it out there. But that was then, this is now.

The array of talent was

amazing. The host of this afternoon was a fireball of energy, Elizabeth George, with a voice that was immediately recognizable as trained for Broadway. In fact, in our chat I discovered we lived in New York City at the same time and that she had had a one woman show while I was booking the clubs. We probably ran across one another, but because what we were doing was so different, ‘never the twain shall meet’, so they say. It was amusing to both of us.

I was surprised how many familiar faces were there to participate, especially when a severe thunderstorm delayed everything for an hour and another threat limited everyone to one song. Along with favorites DAVID MILLER, CASWYN MOON and the wonderful surprise of POISON LOVE out of Pennsylvania were some from CABERNET FRANK’S first-of-the-season open mic: KATHY GEARY “The best voice in radio” who hosts NOW AND THEN on WJFF, NICK HEATHEN, ELIZABETH ROSE KEATING (who was stuck here update when her tour was cancelled due to the pandemic), JAMIE LILY, BREWSTER and a really excellent surprise of POISON LOVE out of Pennsylvania, whom I saw for the first time at THE PICKLED OWL.

Saturday afternoon, July 26 found me at the DANCING CAT DISTILLERY for THE JOHNNY JULES BAND. I swear, they seem to be the most booked group right now with the limited re-openings. As always, they never disappoint with their country/blues/bluegrass style. And by the scope of their audience on Saturday, I’m not the only one who is

never disappointed. Many were people from the city, and got their first taste of the band last year because of the 50th Anniversary of Woodstock and sought them out where they were performing, and showed up. It’s gratifying to see my friend doing so well in these still uncertain times.

They were joined by owner and very talented STACY COHEN, who is always excellent, on backup vocals, and by a young woman who was introduced simply as “Max” who can really play that ukulele of hers on two of the Dylan tunes.

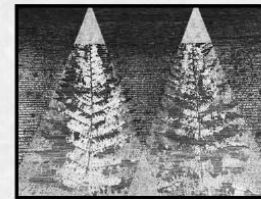
After bemoaning having to spend like a drunken sailor to replace all of the ‘things’ that crashed and burned, I received some sobering news that immediately put things into perspective. I found out that my friend, a man I admired for his grasp of the jazz guitar, passed away on the morning of this writing... July 27. Just as the Covid pandemic made us come face to face with our mortality, so does the death of someone we know. There will be a small family ceremony as he is laid to rest.

AL DEFINO lived in Hurleyville. He spoke a few different languages fluently and skyped regularly with friends around the world. He had been a professor of music at the esteemed BERKLEY COLLEGE OF MUSIC in Boston. He had played the Las Vegas casinos behind “The Rat Pack” and toured with SAMMY DAVIS JR. And he was not without his struggles. Several months ago, he was diagnosed and was being treated for throat cancer. He will be missed greatly.

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PANDEMIC SPARKS INNOVATION

THINC Team Continues to Rise to the Occasion

by Denise Sullivan

HURLEYVILLE – Necessity is the mother of invention. The need for protective equipment is ever-increasing as regions of the country reopen. The demand for this equipment has created opportunities for businesses that may have stalled during COVID shutdown.

Design and fabrication companies that normally

produce automotive components are now marketing desk accessories with antimicrobial protection and touchless hand sanitizing stations, in addition to social distancing floor graphics and disposable face shields. Flexibility and adaptation of production and work flow have been the keys to quickly producing personal protective equipment in response to the reopening guidelines for schools from

state and federal agencies.

At THINC, the production and work flow is focused on protective barriers, both the free-standing type and the table divider, for seven different educational locations at The Center for Discovery (TCFD).

After consulting with educational leaders at TCFD to choose from a number of designs created by Design and Fabrication Coordinator Mark McNamara, the

THINC team is now elbow deep in the fabrication and installation of close to 200 table dividers. A significant cost savings was realized by making the dividers at THINC rather than buying them from a fabrication company that has shifted gears to make protective equipment.

The design that was chosen by administrators has a unique modular system that includes easy to use C-clamps that are tightened securely to the table without marring its surface. Clear thermoplastic sheets are cut to custom sizes and fit like puzzle pieces into the C-clamps creating a secure barrier that can't be knocked down and has no sharp edges or visible fasteners. It is adaptable to the popular U-shaped tables used in many TCFD classrooms. These tables seat up to four students around a semi-circle with a teacher sitting in the middle and support staff nearby.

The primary parts of the barrier are cut on a computer numeric controlled

(CNC) router, which is a computer controlled cutting machine that can perform the tasks of many different carpentry shop machines. The CNC router produces consistent, high quality parts for any project, and has been used for many THINC designs, including many of the business signs seen on Hurleyville's Main Street.

Standing barriers are another necessity for the reopening of TCFD classrooms. Much like a standing sneeze guard, these barriers can be used to divide a room, or simply to block airborne germs and droplets. Jason Kean, THINC Director of Innovation, found that there were plenty of reasonably priced standing barriers to choose from, and there was no cost advantage in designing and building the barriers in-house. The problem to solve with ready-made barriers is that they can be easily knocked over, or they have bases that create tripping hazards for students and staff. Adapting or modifying the barriers



PHOTO BY MARK MCNAMARA

Table dividers are fabricated in different styles to fit different styles of tables.

to make them safer became the design challenge. Custom rounded wooden bases were designed and cut on the CNC router, creating more stability and reducing tipping and tripping.

Empathizing and knowing the user's needs is the

first step in design thinking when creating a product or solution to a problem. The team at THINC, combined with TCFD educators, are extremely well versed in

knowledge about their students, always putting safety first, and employing care and concern as they move to reopen their schools together.



PHOTO BY MARK MCNAMARA

One of the custom table dividers designed and fabricated at THINC.

Uh-Oh...They're Back!!

by Elaine Corrington

HURLEYVILLE – Many moons ago, the Hurleyville Ukulele Orchestra was formed to play in a "Vaudeville in the Catskills" performance in the theater of the Sullivan County Museum. There were a couple of people who had sung or played instruments in high school, college, or professionally, but none had performed with ukuleles. A challenge had been put forth by a person who always made a New Year's Resolution to do something that was scary. The scary thing in 2012 was supposed to be to audition, not to win a spot-- actually being chosen to be in the show was not expected.

With the horrifying discovery of unexpected success came a very fast and furious determination to not have to do this performance alone. At the January meeting of the local Hurleyville-Sullivan first Renaissance group in the Hurleyville Firehouse- the reluctant winner tossed out some ukuleles and a few starter songs, and begged the group to join in. And they DID!! All of a sudden it wasn't scary- it was fun.

And, we decided to call ourselves an Orchestra



PHOTO BY J. JAMES WALL

The Hurleyville Ukulele Orchestra has been practicing outdoors on Main Street.

(with full recognition of just how un-orchestral we were, for Pete's sake). With some breaks and trips already scheduled among the Uker's, we practiced when we could and put together a couple of songs we could do. At the end of March, the show went on. Audiences seemed to have a great time with the whole show (deserts helped!).

People came and went over the years, and we played at SNU monthly and did shows here and there. Then came the pandemic-- an awful reality that allowed us to remember fondly the Hurleyville of even six months ago-- and wishes to recapture that community where some-

thing so simple could be fun and neighborly. Since April, it was clear that we were not going to be able to practice and perform together for a long time. In the middle of July, we found that meeting at the Fireman's Park right on Main Street allowed us to wear masks and socially distance ourselves and play music- in the midst of cars and trucks passing, pedestrians strolling by, occasional waves and honks, and lots of laughing.

It has now become a tiny revival in the middle of a small hamlet. A revival that welcomes people who want to join in with something new that celebrates something old!

State Offering Assistance in Paying Rent

One-Time Only, But Can Help Up to Four Months

LIBERTY – Those renting their housing in Sullivan County and throughout New York State may have a portion of that rent covered in response to the impacts from coronavirus, under a new program announced by the State.

The NYS COVID Rent Relief Program will provide eligible households with a one-time rental subsidy that will be sent directly to the household's landlord. **Applicants will not need to repay this assistance.** Applications will be accepted through July 31, 2020. The State will prioritize eligible households with greatest economic and social need, accounting for income, rent burden, percent of income lost and risk of homelessness.

The rental assistance payment will cover the difference between the household's rent burden on March 1, 2020 and the increase in rent burden for the months the household is applying

for assistance. Tenants can apply for up to four months in rental assistance.

Eligible households must meet the following criteria:

- The housing unit must be the tenant's primary home and located in New York State.
- Before March 1, 2020 and at the time of application, household income must have been below 80% of the area median income, adjusted for household size. In Sullivan County, the median income is:
 - o One-person household: \$42,300
 - o Two-person household: \$48,350
 - o Three-person household: \$54,400
 - o Four-person household: \$60,400
 - o Five-person household: \$65,250
 - o Six-person household: \$70,100
 - o Seven-person household: \$74,900
 - o Eight-person household: \$79,750

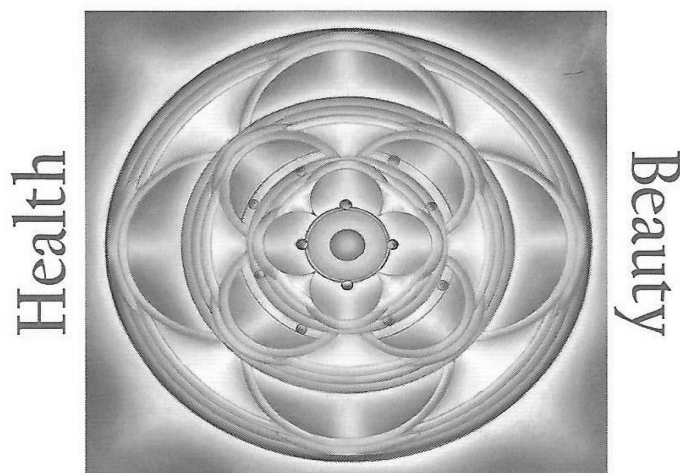
hold: \$79,750

- Before March 1, 2020 and at the time of application, the household must have been paying more than 30% of gross monthly income towards rent. Gross income includes wages as well as any cash grants, child support, social security, unemployment benefits, etc.
- Applicants must have lost income during the period of April 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020.

(NOTE: If a tenant is receiving a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher for their housing costs or resides in public housing and their rent cannot be more than 30% of their income, they are not eligible.)

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Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

There's something uncanny about hail in July. I know the conditions for hail are determined not by the heat on the ground but by the cold in the clouds. Still, it feels like a seasonal disorder when chunks of ice drop from the sky in mid-summer, like one of those reversals of nature in Shakespeare that signal moral disorder in the social realm.

This year hail came early one July evening. The sky was divided between a cloudless blue to the north, and, to the south, what looked like an approaching wave – a dark blue-green boiling mass of clouds moving fast and preceded by a blast of cold air. Against the clear north a perfect rainbow appeared, colors sharply defined, the complete arch visible. There'd been no rain, so currents of moisture from the stormfront must have already been circulating in the upper atmosphere.

The wind was picking up; the air was getting colder; the light in the sky dimming. We readied for rain, but it didn't rain. Instead, when the cloud-wave reached us, we heard loud clanking sounds as the precipitate hit the roof; stuff was bouncing around up there, peppering off the roof and pelting the porch, the garden, our cars. I went out for a look and picked a chunk of ice off the ground fit for a cocktail glass. The weather advisory had upgraded their forecast from "dime-sized" to "quarter-sized" hail. An ice pellet less than 5 millimeters in diameter is called "graupe" rather than hailstone. This was not graupe.

The hail fell with a certain relentlessness, the way troubles sometimes

do. Robert Johnson, the Delta Blues master, seeking a natural emblem for the feeling that so haunted him, found it in hail: "I've got to keep movin' / I've got to keep movin' / Blues fallin' down like hail." Hard things falling from above, with an obduracy you can't temper, no matter how far and how fast you keep moving: the very image of the blues, as inescapable as the sorrows we're all heir to. Hail, like the rain, falls on the just and unjust alike.

When the storm finally passed, a second rainbow, just as big and brilliant, appeared in the same quarter of the sky as the first. So the hailstorm fell between these parentheses of rainbows, nature's gentler aspect enfolding its fiercer – a reminder that the natural world contains multitudes, the lovely as well as the calamitous. Too exclusive a focus on the lovely risks sentimentality over nature, a sentimentality that curdles into kitsch; too narrow a focus on nature's ferocity risks fatalism, stirring up doubts about the benevolent stewardship of the universe that can veer into nihilism. A due appreciation of nature demands a degree of nuance, a type of bifocal vision, that is a challenge to sustain.

When, the following day, the experience of the storm was shared with an acquaintance in Liberty, his comment was: "Hail? What hail?" The ice, it turned out, had been a very local affair, one of Divine Corners' microclimatic events. So Liberty got a pass, while my neighbor, working outside when the storm arrived, got bonked on the head with sufficient force to raise a welt.



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SUMMER SEASON

From the Firehouse

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



The Hurleyville Fire Department is always looking to recruit new members. You can stop in on any Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the firehouse to get an application or to see what we are all about. If you don't want to fight fire we can use fire police or you can work behind the scenes and support the frontline fire fighters. We do more than just fight fire. We even provide all of your training and gear for free.

Unfortunately, the Hurleyville Firehouse as of this writing is still not open yet. We are responding to all calls as we always do.

The virus has affected us in many ways. Most important is the training part. It looks like that the Sullivan County weekend at the State Fire Academy in Montour Falls will be cancelled. Each year over 100 firefighters from Sullivan County go to classes there on the third weekend of October. These classes are not offered at our local training facility. The State Fire Academy is just now opening on a scaled down version. Classes that were started in March and then had to be postponed are now restarted so those firefighters can finish them. That is what is also happening at the Sullivan County Training facility. The postponed classes have resumed at this time. We will only be able to offer seven essential classes for the foreseeable future.

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Normally we are running a full schedule of classes throughout the spring and summer months.

Some departments that have their elections in May are just having their elections now. Some firehouses are now open on a limited basis.

Hurleyville has had to cancel the Morningside Fishing Classic and the Bill Carlson Golf Classic.

Many of the County Parades around us have been cancelled, as well. This year's Sullivan County Firemen's parade in White Lake is also in jeopardy. A decision will be made on that parade soon.

Many of the fire department fund raisers such as Chicken Bar-B-Qs have been cancelled along with pancake breakfasts. Some departments have resorted

to having a drive through breakfast or Bar-B-Q dinner.

Since the Grahamsville Fair has been cancelled, the Grahamsville Fire Department will have a drive through Sausage and Pepper sandwich on Sunday, August 15, starting at 3 p.m. until they sell out. The fair is a big fund raiser for the Grahamsville Fire Department.

On the fire scene, it has been busy. With more people out and about there has been an increase in lost hikers needing to be found and/or rescued because of injuries and there has been an increase in water rescues. Sadly, vehicle pedestrian accidents have also been up. One type of call that I only hear of once in awhile is bee stings and allergic reactions to them.

Those calls have been way up the past three weeks, with a couple of days where there were two such calls in the day.

With all of the summer- and second-homes in the county being occupied, the activated alarms are way up. I have also noticed a few more CO and gas alarm calls.

These types of calls are hard to find when you do not have your 911 number posted by your driveway. PLEASE get your house numbered so we can find you.

Fortunately, there have only been a few structure fires since the last column. The month before there was a higher than normal number of structure fires.

Be safe out there and stay hydrated.

Civil Air Patrol Cadet Earns Earhart Award

SULLIVAN COUNTY – Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Cadet Galen Ferrara recently earned CAP's Amelia Earhart Award. The Earhart Award is presented at the culmination of almost three years of work and is the third in a series of five awards available to Cadets as they progress in CAP's Cadet Program.

A native of Barryville, NY, Cadet Ferrara joined CAP's Sullivan County

Cadet Squadron in September 2017. At that time he was the Squadron's only Cadet but through his contributions, the unit has grown to 21 Cadets and Cadet Ferrara has earned a position as their Cadet Commander.

The Earhart Award is accompanied by a promotion to Cadet Captain and Cadet Ferrara was presented both by the New York Wing's Commander, Col-

onel Thomas Carello in a virtual ceremony on July 16th.

"It was a lot of hard work and study, and it pushed me out of my comfort zone, but it was also a lot of fun with great friends. I have to thank my fellow cadets and the senior member volunteers who helped me get here," Cadet Ferrara said.

Cadet Ferrara was motivated to join CAP because his older brother had been a CAP Cadet. His mother, 1st Lt Claire Sullivan is also a CAP member and said. "The persistence and hard work necessary, the team-building and leadership, the camaraderie, and all of the wonderful experiences that make up the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program are wrapped up in each milestone achievement and I could not be prouder of him."

The Earhart Award is named after aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart who set may aviation records

before disappearing in the South Pacific during an attempt to circumnavigate the globe.

For information on Civil Air Patrol's Sullivan County Cadet Squadron, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/secsnycap>

Civil Air Patrol is the longtime auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and as such is a valued member of its Total Force. CAP operates a fleet of 560 single-engine aircraft and 1,550 small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS). It performs about 90% of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 82 lives annually. CAP's 66,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies.

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August 9, 1916

A Close Call for Harris

Roy Harris, who is employed as a lineman by the Murray Electric Co., of Monticello, came very near leaving this little sphere one day last week. It seems that the Murray Company is running a new line from their power house to connect with the village of Fallsburg and Harris was stringing the wire on St. John Street. He was perched on a cross piece on top of a thirty-foot pole in front of Geraghty's garage, when he came in contact with a real line which is supposed to have carried 2,400 volts and the shock of the surprise at finding a real current in it so upset him that he lost his balance and fell to the ground. Fortunately, he did not strike the sidewalk but landed on the sod beside it, as he weighs about 190 pounds and his chances would have been very slim indeed, but as it was, he sustained a dislocation of his right shoulder. Everyone admits that it takes considerable to shock Roy, but this was evidently too much for him. The accident must have happened in the morning for there is considerable more "juice" in the wire at Monticello, for it wouldn't shock a chirping bird here after six o'clock.

August 23, 1916

Local and Personal Items

Last Friday night, Will Connolly was returning to Hurleyville alone in his Ford about half past eight o'clock when in front of Morgan Divine's house he noticed a wagon about to turn into the road to Marvin LeRoy's and pushed

out his clutch and allowed the car to coast until past the rig. George Quick was walking toward Sheldrake and was on the side of the road. Connolly dropped the clutch in and started the car again and just then Quick stepped and turned half way around and before the car could go past him, he took a couple of steps directly in front of it. Connolly was running very slow and attempted to turn the car far enough out to avoid hitting him but the front hub cap struck his leg, breaking it below the knee. Connolly got out and placing him in the car hurried to Dr. DeKay's office and summoned Dr. Laidlaw also. Upon examination it was found that he was suffering only from the broken limb and after this was set, he was removed to the home of his father, Adm. Quick. The accident was undoubtedly due to a nervous affection of Mr. Quick and he attaches no blame to anyone but himself.

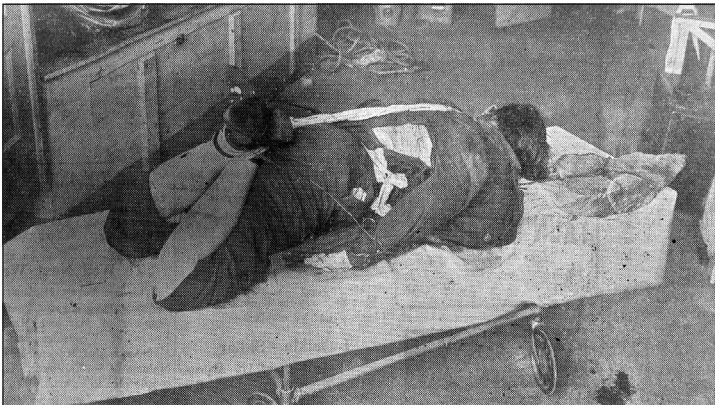
The wholesale price of gasoline in Ellenville last week was 22 cents. Why is it 23 this week here?

Midland Grange will meet this week Friday night in their new hall in Fred Lawrence's building.

August 30, 1916

Local and Vicinity Notes

Now that the busy season is drawing to a close and the long winter nights are approaching we will begin to watch for the news from the neighboring towns each week in the Sentinel. This is the only paper printed in the town and every village in the town should be represented in its columns. Liven up your little village by sending in the little items of interest and there-



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

The body of mobster Walter Sage, a well-known figure in and around Hurleyville, was fished out of Swan Lake on July 31, 1937.

by advertise the business in your vicinity – let people know there is such a place. But above all don't forget that the place to advertise such a fact is in your home paper. If correspondents are out of stationary kindly notify us at once.

Local and Regional Items

It is rumored about town that the O&W will have to put on extra cars on Friday and Saturday to carry the many friends of the Columbia Minstrel Band who will be hurrying along from New York and Brooklyn to be on time for the greatest show in Sullivan County on Saturday evening. Part of the Minstrel Band will arrive Friday evening. The old favorites Joe Higman, John Higman, Ed Quinn, Dan Farrell, Bill Harry and Ed Donnelly will arrive on the "scoot," if they don't be delayed at "Peppers."

August 6, 1937

Chandler Chosen as G.O.P. Candidate for Assembly

Supervisor William A. Chandler has been designated by members of the Sullivan County Republican Committee as candidate for Member of

Legislation Passed to Protect Farmers Reduced Assessment Remains in Event of COVID-Related Sales Declines

ALBANY – New York State Senate Agriculture Chair Jen Metzger (SD-42) and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (AD-100) this week passed a bill (A10464/S8464A) to ensure farmers negatively affected by COVID-19 do not lose their agricultural property tax assessments.

Nationally, many farms have seen a big decline in revenues, and dairy farms have taken a particularly big hit, many being forced to dump their milk. Currently, agricultural operations are required to have at least \$10,000 in gross sales over two years for farms over seven acres in size and \$50,000 in gross sales for those under seven acres. The Gunther-Metzger bill provides that farms that met the requirement before the pandemic would continue to receive the assessment despite the potential reduction



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State Senator Jen Metzger

in sales.

"New York State needs to be doing everything it can to support our farmers. We've all seen the stories— farmers having to dump their product because distribution channels were disrupted due to COVID," Assemblywoman Gunther said. "Farmers have had a difficult enough time during this pandemic, we shouldn't

be increasing their property taxes on top of everything else."

"Our family farms have been hit hard during this pandemic, and face great uncertainty about what this year will bring in terms of sales," Senator Metzger added. "This bill provides assurance that farms can hold on to their agricultural property tax assess-

ment even if gross sales fall short during this challenging time. Our farms are critical to New York's economic recovery and food security, and this bill will help to keep our farmers on their land."

In April, Senator Metzger sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue urging the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to swiftly aid New York's dairy farms, which have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The joint letter with the State Senate's Rural Resources Commission, signed by six Senators, requests that the USDA immediately direct to the New York dairy industry a portion of the \$9.5 billion set aside for agriculture in the \$2.2 trillion federal relief package, known as the CARES Act, which was signed into law on March 27.

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PATRIOTS ARE BORN Part II

An original short story by John Conway

In Part One of our story, we were introduced to young brothers Andrew and Morgan Worth, timber rafters who lived along the Delaware River. It was May of 1775, and they were preparing to take a draft of timber to Philadelphia when they were paid a late night visit by Alexander McDougall, a New York State politician, who asks them for a ride to Philadelphia on their raft. Revealing himself to be a long time seaman, he offers to pay for the ride and to help with the raft. He also reveals that there are men pursuing him. We now pick up the story...

I could see right away that Morgan was not happy with my decision to allow

McDougall to hitch a ride downriver on our raft, and I knew my little brother was not one to hold his tongue for very long when he had something to say.

“Look, Andrew, we’ve got a tough trip ahead of us,” he finally said. “Do you really want to be responsible for someone who’s never been on a raft before? And besides, he just told us he is being chased by someone, and he hasn’t really said why. Does this mean they are going to be chasing us? I don’t think we need that kind of trouble.”

I wanted to tell Morgan that we could really use the money, since we had no idea when we might be able to take another raft downriver, but McDougall piped

up before I could formulate an answer.

“You don’t want trouble?” he said loudly. “Then you’d better leave this continent, because what is happening now is going to be more trouble than you can possibly imagine, and for a long, long time.”

“How about letting us in on just what it is that you’re talking about?” Morgan retorted, clearly not backing down.

“Calm down, Morgan.” I interjected, but McDougall was quick with an answer.

“As I told you, fighting has already started in Massachusetts, at Lexington and Concord, and it is likely to get much worse before it gets better. Congress will be assembling in Philadelphia in a few days, and I intend to be there to urge our New York representatives to push for total independence.”

“Independence from England?” Morgan asked. “Are you serious?”

“Have you ever heard of the Sons of Liberty?” McDougall asked.

In our travels to Philadelphia over the past few years, we had heard of the agitators for separation from England who called them-



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selves the Sons of Liberty, had heard Charles Thomson speak to small gatherings in the city, and had even met some of the men who were members, but I wasn’t sure we should admit that to McDougall. But as usual, Morgan was much less cautious.

“Of course we’ve heard of them,” he said. “We even know some.”

I found myself shaking my head, almost imperceptibly, as much for my own benefit as for Morgan’s, and I

wasn’t sure he even noticed.

“I’m going to trust you, and admit that I was one of the organizers in New York City, where it is a fairly unpopular group,” McDougall said.

“Is that why people are chasing you?”

“Yes,” McDougall confided. “There are men who would do almost anything to keep me from reaching Philadelphia. As I told you, they almost caught me sev-

eral miles back, but I was able to elude them by sliding down a steep embankment to a rushing creek below. I’m telling you this because if you allow me to ride down river on your raft, you could be in danger, too.”

“We cut and raft timber for a living,” Morgan said defiantly. “We don’t back down from danger.”

He looked at me for the first time during the discussion, apparently seeking my agreement.

“Like I said before, McDougall. If you can pay, you can ride. Getting the raft to Philadelphia is always a challenge, I don’t think whoever is following you will be too much trouble.”

“I admire your spirit,” McDougall said, addressing both of us. “We need more good men like you to join our cause.”

“We didn’t say anything about joining any cause,” I advised. “We’re not choosing up sides, we’re just giving you a ride.”

“And you’re paying us for it,” Morgan added.

“True enough,” McDougall said, smiling. “But remember, I was told about you boys by some of our neighbors. From what I

have heard, you are not Loyalists. That’s one of the reasons I am here.”

“Truth is, we are not much of anything,” I said. “We like living our lives on our own terms, without anyone telling us what we have to do. But we’ve spent enough time in Philadelphia the past few years to know very well what’s going on there.”

I saw Morgan suppress a yawn, and realized how late it was. We had plans to be on the river as soon as dawn broke in the morning, and we needed to be at our best, so I suggested we all get some sleep.

“Do you think one of us should stand guard?” Morgan asked. “I mean, if people are after him, they might pay us a visit.”

“That’s probably not a bad idea,” McDougall said. “I could take the first watch.”

“No, I will,” Morgan said emphatically, hoisting his musket. “You get some sleep; dawn will be here before you know it.”

I noticed that Boson decided to keep Morgan company while he acted as sentry, and I tried to fall asleep, but thoughts of the trip and what we might be

getting ourselves into by offering to help McDougall kept me awake. Eventually, I began mentally checking off things we typically did before heading downriver, such as packing food into our buckets, drawing fresh water from the well, shutting the house, and soon I was sleeping, although fitfully.

It seemed as if I had been sleeping for just a few minutes when Morgan shook me awake.

“It’s your turn to keep watch, brother,” he said wearily.

And so I did.

Rafting timber to Philadelphia was the first great industry in the upper Delaware region, beginning in 1764, but because of the mounting tensions and open hostilities, it largely ceased when the Revolutionary War broke out. Our fictional brothers, Andrew and Morgan Worth, along with their big black dog, Boson, and a passenger, real life historical figure Alexander McDougall, launch their raft for Philadelphia in the next chapter of Patriots Are Born. Don't miss it in the September edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel.

PHILOSOPHICALLY ALIGNED WITH IMPREFECTION

by Elaine Corrington

There are certain things in life that have to be perfect: foods, clothing, gardens, exercise routine, dancing, clean windows and floors, art projects, make-up, hairdo, shoes, underwear drawer, closet organization, friendships, work projects, weird philosophies (a personal one).

Over the last couple of months, the pandemic has caused us to accept the reality of an imperfect present- and possibly an imperfect future. With all the changes in family dynamics, work realities, social interactions, access to needs and wants from stores, our view of our health, communities with very limited access areas, and... OH YES...loss of half of the face of every human being who wants to do what is necessary to keep you well and alive, we no longer have all the tools we need to achieve perfection as we once perceived it.

We have to define what is acceptable and can bring us joy-- and we have the opportunity to think about the downside of perfection. We also need to look at how we define perfection and imperfection in those around us.

But what is the downside of perfection?

Is it linked to our personal goals and joy, or to another person or other people who observe our actions and judge our personal worth? Who put these ideas in our heads? Can other thoughts and actions-- and access to tools and ideas we would have rejected as being beneath us-- result in a life we value, share, and possibly laugh at with an intensity we have not experienced for years? Perfection is nice when we see it-- if we like it.

There will be many who do not share that view of the “new you,” and who will pity the joyous new you while cursing themselves and blaming others when the same life shortages you chose to adapt to are ruining their lives.

Different tasting foods (yum!?). Wild cloth-

ing combinations (and what are you saving your “good” clothes for when there are very few special occasions?). Unique and funny gardens with hidden “treasures” for kids to find (not a perfect garden that the eyes stop seeing as you pass it many times). Strange exercise routines (perfect movement is NOT your exercise style!). Dancing (yes weird moves CAN make everybody laugh and clap- especially with music you love. Clean windows and floors (uh, no-excuse zone?). Art projects (use the word “modern”) and all colors, tools, and styles are bragable for your wonderfully snotty new image of your art talent. Make-up (can’t see it anyway). Hairdo (as long as you can still see past the hair on your forehead). Shoes that are wild with what you are wearing (25 years old???). Organized underwear drawer (really?). Closet organization (how about tossing or giving away?). Friendships – stay connected in any way you can- laugh, aid, share. Work (redefine and create new ways to do or change your work based on the new needs). Weird philosophies are all yours- if they don’t hurt anyone and they bring you joy, embrace them.

Can it be that there are some pandemic gifts- gifts we did not want, but gifts that allow us to match our new reality with some positive and joyous choices? We can always go back to our old choices if and when it is possible, or we just might have found that at least some of the new choices have rewards that we value keeping in our lives.

I have had the title of this article cut out on metal- and the spelling was an intentional choice- not an editing mistake:

Philosophically
Aligned with Imperfection

I also had another metal sign made which shows where my mind has come: Perfection is Exclusive.
Imperfection is Inclusive.
Which is Better?

FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Kelly Wells & Amanda Letohic



WE’RE BACK!! (sorta)

We hope that this finds you and your families well as we continue to navigate this crazy, ever changing world. Although the COVID-19 pandemic has made us shut our physical doors, we have continued to provide services online through the OverDrive and Libby apps, Rosetta Stone Language Online Software, and dozens of other databases – all FREE with your library card! Our summer reading program has gone virtual this year too, so be sure to download the ReadSquared App today, and start tracking yours and your children’s summer reading. But, if you’re like so many of us – you’re probably feeling some ‘screen fatigue’ which we can happily help you with also!

The Fallsburg Library is offering curbside services, and has been for about 1 ½ months. You can go into our online catalog to request materials (though please note it will be limited to ‘C Route’ items only – which you’ll notice in the drop down menu), email us at fbr@rcls.org, or call 845-436-6067, we’ll pull what is available for you, check it out to you, set up an appointment for you to come pick up the materials, and run those materials out to you when you

arrive at the Library! You can also email us items that you might need printed off, or set up an appointment to come and have materials copied and/or faxed. While receiving curbside services, we just ask that you wear a mask, as we’ll be wearing ours.

For the little ones this summer, we have also been doing weekly craft kits, with tutorials being posted weekly on our Facebook page. Call or email Miss Amanda at aletohic@rcls.org to reserve your craft kits today! We do have a limited supply from previous weeks, so reach out today!

And finally, the Library is finalizing plans to resume limited, in building use of the Library – all of which will be done on an appointment only basis. You can call, email, check our website, www.fallsburglibrary.org, or follow us on social media for the most up to date information. Although we likely won’t be able to be your ‘hang out’ spot for some time, we are here and eager to help you with your information needs in whatever way we can! Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we move forward through these uncharted waters. We hope you continue to be well and we hope to see you soon!

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GOSHEN – “Hunger doesn’t take a holiday” has become the moto for iHeartMedia’s bi-annual Stuff-the-Bus food drive, now in its 23rd year. This year, in the wake of the pandemic, issues of hunger and food insecurity are growing daily, making the Summer Stuff-the-Bus food drive more important than ever to feed hungry neighbors.

Thanks to the generous support of Stop & Shop customers at three store locations, approximately 4500 pounds of non-perishable food and \$3,569 in cash donations was collected by iHeartMedia radio personalities greeting shoppers as they entered the store. In addition, iHeartMedia’s Virtual Stuff-the-Bus online fundraiser, hosted in April, resulted in \$3,245 in cash donations.

“Most years, the Summer Stuff-the-Bus drive helps restock food pantries around the time school lets out and the need surges because students no longer receive breakfast and lunch at school,” said Chuck Benfer, iHeartMedia Market President and founder of the long-running drive. “This year, COVID-19 made the need even greater. With



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Cynthia Hernandez-Gonzalez, Catholic Charities Sullivan County Regional Supervisor, packed a van with non-perishable food donations to deliver to Sullivan County.

kids out of school and many parents out of work for so many months, families began turning to food pantries for assistance earlier and more frequently than ever before and inventories were depleted quickly. We are incredibly grateful to the many shoppers and donors who gave so generously to Stuff-the-Bus,” added Benfer.

Buses donated by Gallagher Bus Service/Leprechaun Lines were loaded with contributions of non-perishable food items collected by radio personalities from iHeartMedia stations Country 107.3 WRWD, Q92, Z93, 96.1 KISSFM, and News Radio 1450 1370

98.5 WKIP, staff, and volunteers at three Stop & Shop locations. Other event supporters included Mental Health America of Dutchess County, The John Flowers Foundation, and the Claudio Cares Foundation.

The donations were shared with food pantries in Sullivan, Orange, Ulster, and Dutchess Counties. More than 150,000 pounds

of food have been collected and distributed through Stuff-the-Bus since Catholic Charities began partnering with iHeartMedia in 2015.

“Catholic Charities is blessed to be the beneficiary of iHeartMedia’s Stuff-the-Bus event,” said Hector Morell, Director of Catholic Charities Social and Human Services. “We are grateful for this wonderful partnership and the donors who give so generously to help their neighbors who are struggling. We are stronger together.”

Those in need of emergency food assistance should contact Catholic Charities for additional information:

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START DATES DELAYED

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS UPDATE

LATHAM, NY – The Officers of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA), voted to delay the official start date of the Fall 2020 sports season cancel the Fall 2020 Regional and State Championships and prepare to implement a condensed season schedule in January 2021 if high school sports remain prohibited throughout 2020 due to COVID-19. This decision comes at the recommendation of the NYSPHSAA COVID-19 Task Force.

“As the state considers reopening, it is unrealistic

to believe athletic seasons can start on August 24th as originally scheduled,” said Paul Harrica, NYSPHSAA President. “The priority will continue to be on the educational process and a return to learning in the safest way possible.”

The NYSPHSAA Officers’ decision includes:

- Delay Fall sports start date until Monday, September 21st (NYSPHSAA PAUSE)
- Cancel Fall Regional and State Championship events
- Waive seven-day practice rule
- Maintain current practice requirements

- Encourage geographic scheduling for games & contests
- Schools would have the option, if permitted by state officials, to offer off-season conditioning workouts.

“We recognize this is challenging for everyone, but the decisions made at the State level are based upon data and statewide infection rates all in an effort to stop the spread of COVID and reopen responsibly,” said Dr. Robert Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director. “At this time, Department of Health



guidance presented on July 13th prohibits interscholastic athletics across the state. The Association will continue to follow state guidance and will work collectively with State officials to ensure high school athletics will start up responsibly in the future. As an association, we must be willing to be flexible and continue to explore all options with students’ safety as our main focus,” Zayas concluded.

With regional differences, schools and areas will be impacted differently by the COVID-19 crisis.

At the discretion of the NYSPHSAA Officers and authorization from state officials, if the Fall sports seasons are interrupted or impacted by COVID-19 crisis (i.e. state official guidance, school closings, cancelation of high-risk sports, etc.) then a condensed seasons plan will be implemented.

The Condensed Season plan would entail the following, with the stipulated dates being tentative.

Season I (Winter Sports)
Dates: Jan. 4-Mar. 13 (Week 27-36) 10 Weeks

***Note: tentative dates**
Sports: basketball (girls & boys), bowling (girls & boys), gymnastics, ice hockey (girls & boys), indoor track & field (girls & boys), skiing (girls & boys), swimming (boys), *wrestling, *competitive cheer.

* Because of high risk nature of wrestling and competitive cheer, sports may have to be moved to Season II or season III.

Season II (Fall Sports)
Dates: Mar. 1-May 8 (Week 35-44) 10 Weeks

***Note: tentative dates**
Sports: football, cross country (girls & boys), field hockey, soccer (girls & boys), swimming (girls), volleyball (girls & boys), Unified bowling.

Note: Weather will have an impact upon outdoor sports in some parts of the state in March and potentially early April.

Girls Tennis moved to Season III.

Season III (Spring Sports)

Dates: Apr. 5-Jun. 12 (Week 40-49) 10 Weeks

***Note: tentative dates**
Sports: baseball, softball, golf (girls & boys), lacrosse (girls & boys), tennis (girls & boys), outdoor track & field (girls & boys), Unified basketball.

The NYSPHSAA Officers have the ability to adjust seasons with the authority granted within the NYSPHSAA Constitution which states: “Article IV, 2: A committee of officers in consultation with the staff shall have the authority to act on all matters not provided for in this constitution and bylaws, and on such emergency business as may arise between regular meetings of the Executive Committee.”

In an effort to assist schools in complying with recently released NYSDOH guidance, the NYSPHSAA COVID-19 Task Force is supportive of the use of the ezSCRN application. The ezSCRN application provides a unique online tool for schools to utilize if screening is part of their re-opening plan as it complies with New York state and national restrictions and guidelines (i.e. Ed 2D Law, etc.). The EzScr application allows a school or team to easily screen, trace and track students/ staff and immediately notify school administrators and health care officials of anyone exhibits COVID-19 symptoms.

A full report, including meeting minutes, will be released later this week. The next meeting of the COVID-19 Task Force has not been determined.

FIVE GENERALS HONORED

Named to NJCAA Academic All-America Team

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE – Five SUNY Sullivan student athletes have been named to the 2019-2020 Academic All-America team by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Christina Martinez, a native of Hurleyville who graduated from Liberty High School, is a sophomore at Sullivan. She was named to the Academic All-America second team. Ms. Martinez was a member of the Sullivan volleyball team, and was voted Most Improved Player on the squad in 2019, while also being named to the All-Region XV Sportsmanship Team

Anwinita Stasilli was also named to the Academic All-

American second team. Ms. Stasilli is a sophomore and resident of Sullivan County. She competed for the Generals in cross country.

Lindsey Rau, a freshman from Livingston Manor, who was a member of the Lady Generals basketball program, was named to the Academic All-America second team.

Alexander Ouellette, a freshman and international student-athlete from Canada, was named to the Academic All-America second team, as well. He plays for the Generals baseball team.

Anas Samir, a freshman and international student-athlete from France was named to the Academic All-America third team. He is

a member of the Generals wrestling program, where he represented the Generals in the 2019-20 NJCAA Eastern A District Championships in the 157 pound weight-class.

The Academic All-American Teams are based on a student-athlete’s overall grade point average for the semester(s) during their season. The NJCAA All-Academic first team incorporates those student-athlete’s earning a 4.00 GPA. The NJCAA All-Academic second team includes those student-athletes with a GPA within the range of 3.80 and 3.99, and the third team comprises student-athletes with a GPA from 3.60 to 3.79.



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NJCAA ANNOUNCES NEW SPORTS GUIDELINES

SUNY Sullivan Among Schools Impacted

CHARLOTTE, NC – Following the recommendations from its Presidential Advisory Council and Board of Regents, the National Junior College Athletic Association has announced its adjusted plan of action for the upcoming 2020-21 academic year. Following the Board of Regents’ vote on Monday, a majority of competition will be moved to the spring semester.

“Our greatest focus is and always has been providing the best opportunities for our student-athletes,” Dr. Christopher Parker, NJCAA President & CEO, said. “Through a unified effort from our Presidential Advisory Council, the Board of Regents, and leadership staff, our most

recent plan of action provides a path that keeps our student-athletes competing at the highest level with proper safety measures in place. As we move forward as an association, we will continue to provide opportunities for our student-athletes, coaches, and all those involved with the NJCAA to be safe and successful.”

The most recent plan of action shifts all close-contact fall sports to the spring semester. These sports include football, men’s and women’s soccer, and court volleyball. The NJCAA cross country championships for all three divisions and half marathon championships will remain as their originally scheduled dates in the fall, as will Division III women’s tennis.

All winter sports competition will begin in January, with a majority of championship tournaments moved from March to April. These sports include men’s and women’s basketball, wrestling, and swimming and diving. Men’s and women’s bowling and men’s and women’s indoor track and field will be held at the beginning of March.

Spring sports competition remains intact with minor adjustments to dates. These sports include baseball, softball, beach volleyball, men’s and women’s golf, men’s and women’s lacrosse, track and field, and men’s and women’s tennis.

Along with the adjustments to competition season and championship dates, the NJCAA has provided information as it relates to scrimmage and practice dates and allowances in the fall.

Championship dates are subject to change based on championship facility availability.

Sullivan’s DePew National Chairman



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Christopher D. DePew

LOCH SHELDRAKE -- The NJCAA announced that SUNY Sullivan’s Dean of Student Development Services/Director of Athletics, Christopher D. DePew, has been named as the 2020-21 NJCAA Division II National Basketball Committee Chairman.

Mr. DePew will be responsible for the oversight of NJCAA Division II Basketball across the country including the NJCAA National Championship [in Danville, IL], National Polls, and the selection of Division II All-American teams.

Mr. DePew previously held the same position for NJCAA Division III Men’s Basketball, from 2014-2018. He has also served as the President of the NJCAA National Basketball Coaches Association both in 2018 and in 2019.

Mr. DePew is currently a NJCAA Region XV National Board of Regents Representative and the Region XV Director for Men’s Sports.

He previously served as Men’s Basketball Coach for the SUNY Sullivan Generals from 2001-2007; making 4 National Championship Tournament appearances, finishing as the National runner-up in 2001 & 2002, and winning an undefeated National Championship in 2007.

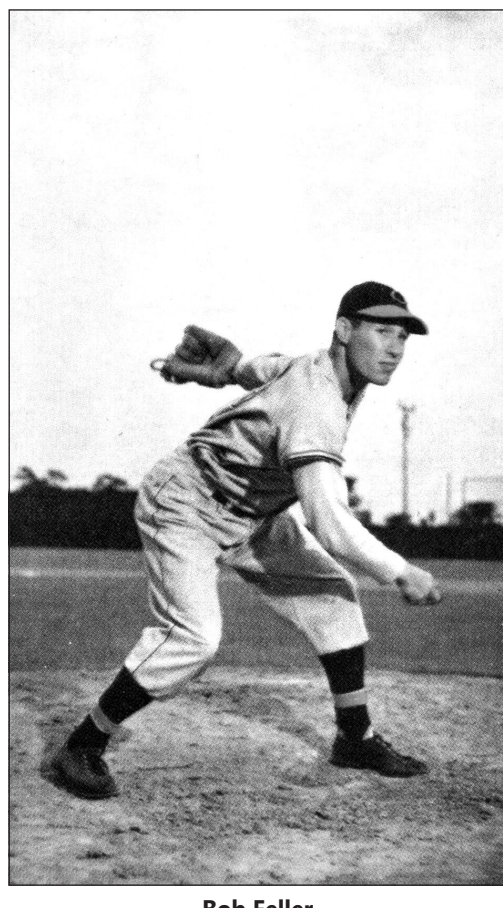
BASEBALL CAMP FEATURED HALL OF FAMERS

by John Conway

LOCH SHELDRAKE – Back in the summer of 1967, local boys ages eight to 19 were given the opportunity to hone their baseball skills with instruction from a couple of all-time greats.

Bob Feller and Max Carey, both members of the Baseball Hall of Fame, were featured instructors at the Hall of Fame Baseball School and Camp in Loch Sheldrake that summer. The camp was run by former professional baseball players Lou Haneles and Nick Rhabe, who ran the Ft. Lauderdale Baseball School and Camp in Florida during the winter months.

There were other instructors that summer, including brief appearances by several major leaguers, but Feller and Carey were the most renowned. The camp offered



Bob Feller

major league career with the Cleveland Indians, winning 266 games between 1936 and 1956, missing three years from 1942 through 1944 because of World War II. His victories included three no-hitters and 12 one-hitters.

Max Carey was already 77 years old that summer. He had retired from baseball in 1929 with a .285 career average after playing 20 years as an outfielder with the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Brooklyn Robins.

Lou Haneles was a minor league player and manager in the 1930s and ‘40s, and one of the few left-handed catchers to ever play professionally. His managerial career included a short stint with the Walden Hummingbirds in nearby Orange County in 1946. He also owned that ball club for a time.

instruction in all phases of the game, conducted in two four-week sessions throughout the summer in three different age brackets, 8-12, 13-15, and 16-19 year olds.

Bob Feller had an 18-year



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