

INCREASED AND NOT IMPAIRED

STATE GRANT TO TOWN OF FALLSBURG FOR RAIL TRAIL EXPANSION

HURLEYVILLE – State Senator Jen Metzger was in Hurleyville last month, joining local leaders, Sullivan Renaissance, and The Center for Discovery, to announce a \$200,000 State and Municipal Facilities Capital (SAM) grant secured by her office for the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Expansion Project in South Fallsburg.

The funding will help the Town acquire needed properties beneath and adjacent to the rail bed, enabling trail development and expanded access to the Neversink River, and contributing to over 13 miles of continuous trails.

Once finalized, the new

acquisition would provide an almost continuous trail from Ferndale to the Neversink River at Woodridge, including the Fallsburg tunnel.

“I worked on rail trail development in my community when I served in local government, and I’ve seen the kind of transformative impact it can have on the local economy and on community quality of life,” Senator Metzger said. “Rail trails are accessible to everyone, regardless of age or ability, and are truly a benefit to the whole community. These trails are also a magnet for tourism, bringing visitors to our downtowns and to our local businesses.



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Gathered in Hurleyville to celebrate the extension of the rail trail were (left to right) Woodridge Mayor Joan Collins, The Center for Discovery Vice President Richard Humleker, State Senator Jen Metzger, Fallsburg Supervisor Steve Vegliante, County Legislator Luis Alvarez, and Sullivan Renaissance Executive Director Denise Frangipane.

I am thrilled to be able to help support the expansion of Sullivan County’s rail trail, and applaud the collaborative efforts of towns, the County, and community partners like Sullivan Renaissance and The Center for Discovery to create a continuous rail trail through Sullivan communities.”

Fallsburg Supervisor Steve Vegliante added, “I am proud to stand next to the Senator today, and welcome her help in rebuilding this trail system throughout our Town. Senator Metzger has consistently put the

people of this Town and her entire Senate District first, and with this help we will be completing a trail system of over 13 miles, linking our hamlets and offering much needed outdoor recreation. This project would not be possible without her commitment to our Town.”

Sullivan County Legislator Luis Alvarez, who represents District Six, which includes Hurleyville, was also on hand for the event.

“Thank you so much for what you do for Sullivan County,” Mr. Alvarez said to Senator Metzger, “I

was very fortunate to have worked for 35 years for the Sheriff’s Department because it gave me the ability, the knowledge, and the understanding of what Sullivan County really looks like. I’ve always seen the beauty of Sullivan County, and people come to Sullivan specifically to experience its beauty. It’s magnificent what we’re doing here—opening this to the people of Sullivan County—to people from outside. This trail has a lot of history.”

Sullivan Renaissance Executive Director Denise

Frangipane spoke about the effectiveness of the partnerships that have made the various rail trail projects in the county a reality.

“The trailheads and the areas of trail are as unique as each of the hamlets they touch on,” Ms. Frangipane said. “We need the public, private, and community partnership to make it succeed. Sullivan Renaissance has been involved and we’re committed to staying involved. We’ll be there for any crossing or station that we can possibly be supportive of, and look forward to

enjoying the trails together.” “We are so grateful for Senator Metzger’s efforts to secure a \$200,000 grant for the Town of Fallsburg’s Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Expansion Project,” Patrick H. Dollard, President and CEO of The Center for Discovery said in a statement. “For more than a decade, The Center for Discovery has been leading a comprehensive effort to reimagine what it means to be a fully inclusive and sustainable community in Hurleyville. Thanks to major partnerships with local government, the Open Space Institute, SUNY Sullivan, Sullivan Renaissance, and a number of individuals and private foundations, we have been able to transform Hurleyville into a viable, fully integrated Main Street that includes new business ventures and recreational opportunities. The Rail Trail is a signature component of the hamlet’s – and the region’s – revitalization, and we couldn’t be more grateful for Senator Metzger’s unwavering support.”

Village of Woodridge Mayor Joan Collins also attended the presentation, and expressed appreciation for the financial help in furthering the village’s ongoing

effort to build and improve the rail trail system.

“The Village of Woodridge is thrilled to see the progression of the improvements to the O & W Rail Trail, a project we have been working on with the Town of Fallsburg for many years,” Ms. Collins said. “We appreciate Senator Metzger’s attention to and support of this project that enhances our community and is an asset to our residents.”

[About our headline: Before, after and during his presidency, Teddy Roosevelt was a great champion of nature and of the natural beauty of our nation. He pioneered the preservation of that beauty and was well known as a proponent of conservation. He famously wrote: “There is a delight in the hardy life of the open. There are no words that can tell the hidden spirit of the wilderness that can reveal its mystery, its melancholy and its charm. The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased and not impaired in value. Conservation means development as much as it does protection.”]

COLUMBIA HILL SCHOOLHOUSE FEATURED

New Book by

Henry and Gordon MacAdam

by John Conway

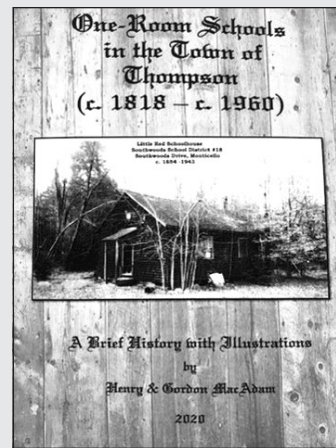


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story of the project, and how it all came about.”

“There are many very interesting articles, documents, and photos of every aspect of the One Room School experience,” Mr. Lounsbury said.

“It is a wonderful souvenir for your family, for those interested in learning and preserving our local history, and especially if your family lived in the Town of Thompson,” he adds.

Mr. Lounsbury says the book culminates the third part of the schoolhouse project, following phase one, which entailed the research and funding necessary to obtain and erect 20 historic markers at the locations of the schools, and phase two, which was the creation of the website.

“It has been a wonderful experience for me to have been part of the team that accomplished this historical project,” he said.

MOVE SULLIVAN EXPANDING ROUTES

Fares Now in Effect

MONTICELLO – Move Sullivan, Sullivan County’s year-old public transportation system, is about to take the next step forward.

“Thanks to the support of this Legislature, Move Sullivan buses have continued running throughout the pandemic, and I’m pleased to announce that, starting November 2, the routes will be expanded to meet public demand,” County Manager Josh Potosek explained.

“In addition to realignments of some existing stops to better serve riders, Move Sullivan buses will now travel into Sleepy Hollow Apartments in the Village of Monticello, visit Crystal Run Healthcare in Rock Hill, run to the Liberty Market grocery store and Achieve Rehab and Nursing Facility in the Village of Liberty, swing by the Woodbourne traffic light, and stop at Green Avenue in the heart of the Village of Woodridge,” said Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley, who oversees the program.

As long intended, Move Sullivan buses will also institute a \$2-per-trip fare on November 2, with three-trip ticket booklets selling for \$5. Tickets (available on the bus and at the Sullivan County Treasurer’s Office in the Government Center) must be purchased in cash, exact change only. Transfers between buses will be allowed at no charge, so long as riders

obtain a free transfer ticket from drivers.

“My fellow legislators and I remain committed to ensuring local commuters, shoppers and students have a way to get where they’re going even if they have no vehicle of their own,” Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty said. “This service is vital to our economy, and I’m intent on strengthening and expanding our middle-class workforce through important initiatives like this.”

Time and the Valleys Offers Virtual Program

Events Leading to Attack on Pearl Harbor the Subject

GRAHAMSVILLE – The public is invited to join the Time and the Valleys Museum for an on-line virtual program: “Events that Led to the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor” on Sunday, November 15, at 2 p.m.

Military historian Charles Breiner will discuss Japan’s relationship with the United States, starting with Commodore Mathew Perry’s visit to Japan in 1853 up until the war with the United States began on December 7, 1941. Topics include Japanese transformation from a feudal system to a modern industrialized military power, the first Sino-Japanese War, the Russo-Japanese War, the Japanese seizure of Manchuria in 1931, the Second Sino-Japanese War, and an explanation of how President Roosevelt maneuvered Japan into going to war with the United States.

Admission is FREE and virtual attendance is EASY. Just email the Museum at info@timeandthevalleys-museum.org to register,

and you will receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in for the talk. Please call 845-985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleys-museum.org for more information. Time and the Valleys Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleys-museum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleys-museum.org. Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

The Inquiring Photographer

by Kathleen Sullivan



*Q. How are you planning to vote in November?
What issues facing us today are important to you?
(Asked prior to Election Day)*



JOE RAUSCH

I'll vote in person. COVID-19, the economy and health-care are issues that are important to me. I hope that the persons elected live up to their campaign promises.

I'll be voting in person. As an American, I will join millions of other patriotic Americans to exercise my constitutional right of voting for the leaders who are determined to steer our country into greater heights. It is my belief that democracy is not a spectator sport. My commitment to voting is required to play my role in bringing the required change for the sake of our current and future generations. The aggregate of individual roles will yield a big achievement in the spectrum of democracy. My vote will be based on the most practical policies fronted by the candidates in solving the pressing issues that affect our country. The United States is in a state of uncertainty and turmoil. We are being characterized by record-shattering climate and weather disasters, a spurring economy, media landscape muddled with conspiracy theories, disinformation, racial reckoning and civil unrests as well as a pandemic. These major issues have dominated the debates on the campaign trail. My vote is underpinned on the coordinated responses towards healthcare, inequality, immigration, climate change, foreign policy and violent crimes.



ISRAEL SULLIVAN



THANKSGIVING
The table's set and ready
And the food looks so delish
Before we raise our forks and knives
We say grace or make a wish.

A platter has the turkey
With a drumstick on each side
And a green bean casserole
With crispy onions that were fried.

There might be some mashed potatoes
Depends on your family's taste
A chicken or a honeyed-ham
Never eat this meal in haste.

How about another veggie
Carrots, peas or candied yams?
And a salad with crisp lettuce
Or a dressing (stuffing) made with clams.

With the meal, the drinks are
Eggnog, different sodas, wine and beer
Many family spats forgotten
Only words of toasts and cheer.

There's still a tiny section open in our stomachs
We can't lie
Bread pudding or a brownie,
A piece of cake or apple pie.

The scoops of ice cream glisten
As they begin to melt
And we settle in for comfort
So all loosen up their belts.

If you're sitting round a table
This year you have been blessed
If you've lost someone beloved
Let's pray for their peaceful rest.

- Mimi (November, 2020)

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



HURLEYVILLE -SULLIVAN FIRST

The volunteers from Hurleyville-Sullivan First will be getting our barrels, planters and gardens ready for winter soon. We are continuing the maintenance of Hurleyville Firemen's Park with help from community volunteers and staff from the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre.

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

HURLEYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Hurleyville United Methodist Church has reopened for Sunday services. The Bible study group meets at the church every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Protocols for social distancing, disinfection and cleaning are being followed. Masks must be worn.

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

The volunteers at the Bread of Life Food Pantry provide pre-made boxes of food to individuals and families in need. The food pantry will provide at least 60 families with food for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 19. The food pantry will be open in December only on Thursday, December 17. The food pantry will be open from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. on those days.

Personal hygiene products and COVID-19 supplies (masks, hand sanitizer and hand soap) are also being distributed at the food pantry.

You can pray with others over the phone on the church's prayer line on Sundays from 7 to 8 p.m. The prayer line phone number is 605-472-5491 and the access code is 251678.

"MESSY CHURCH" Youth Group meetings and

Bread of Life Food Pantry



HURLEYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

the women's group meetings are cancelled for now.

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

THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

A limited number of research requests that have been sent to the Sullivan County Historical Society during the pandemic are being worked on by volunteers.

The volunteers at the Society and the Museum appreciate the support of the community for the work they do to preserve the history of Sullivan County.

Members of the society are working on a way to safely hold elections for officers before the end of the year.

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

FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



Most people seem to be fascinated by tornadoes. Maybe because they have never actually experienced one.

Back in the 1960s, before the popularity of cable television, broadcast television was popular. Some people believed that if a tornado was in your area, you could tell when it got close to you by changing your television set to Channel 2 and setting the brightness control to dark. When the tor-

nado was nearby, the TV would suddenly get brighter due to the electrical energy present in the tornado. This was called the Weller Method.

However, scientific research later showed that this method is accurate only 10 to 20 per cent of the time.

I wonder if anyone ever experimented to see if it would work with cable television. We may never know.



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A water spout can become a tornado and create devastation over land.

The Scene

Music and Entertainment in and around Hurleyville



by Jane Harrison

Weren't the colors Mother Nature truly spectacular? I did spend quite a bit of time just riding around and drinking in the brilliance. It made me smile. It made me happy. And with all that's going on in the world, including positive cases beginning to spike again in Sullivan County, I'll take what I can get. And a gathering of friends/family on Thanksgiving is NOT a given.

One of the last outside events I went to in October was THE JOHNNY JULES BAND at CABERNET FRANK'S, which seemed fitting to me. They were the first band to venture out into the outside venues and CABERNET FRANK'S was one of the first venues to dip their toes in these waters. So, seeing this band in this venue near the end of the season, well, it's like bookends isn't it?

I truly enjoy this band whose music embodies the true feeling of the original WOODSTOCK FESTIVAL. Our summer visitors from the city seemed to flock to see them, wherever they played. That blues/country/blue grass of JOHNNY JULES, vocals and guitar, BOBBY D on the dobro and backup vocals, DAVE D'ARCY, bass and vocals and the addition of PAUL SHARP on fiddle and mandolin, gave everyone just a little peace and love. And they were the most hardworking band in this area this very difficult summer. Almost everywhere I went where I felt safe, I'd run into THE JOHNNY JULES BAND. They even played out in Callicoon at both the WESTERN and RAFTERS and they were sought after to play several of the limited "mini fests" as well.

By mid-October, a few venues (CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville and THE RUSSIAN MULE in Claryville that I know of) opened their doors for a try at "indoor" music again. I personally am

not sure I'm comfortable with being indoors yet. I have mild panic attacks going into huge spaces like a grocery store. But we'll see.

On October 23, Mother Nature granted me one more wish. CABERNET FRANK'S hosted a multi-band night, set as an "inside" event, but the weather was so warm, myself, others even a few of the bands were outside. Now CABERNET FRANK'S has the new indoor rules down. Anyone violating them was asked to leave.

It was a "future star"-studied night, something I've come to expect when CASWYN MOON is booked. CASWYN, if you have not had the pleasure of seeing him, has a deep, rich quality to not only his guitar but to his voice, which is something quite rare and one can recognize it best when he performs solo, as he did for the first song of the night. And once those qualities are blended with the other members of his 'incidental music' band mates (Friday it was CHIP FORELLI on bass, STEVE TANCZYN on drums, NICK HEATHON on keyboard) his sound becomes something magical...something not lost on the people who make it a point of going to see him or on the musicians who will travel in from Pennsylvania, the capital region and Brooklyn just to be part of these nights. It's a bit mind boggling.

This night's fare included ALEX McBEATH, a young

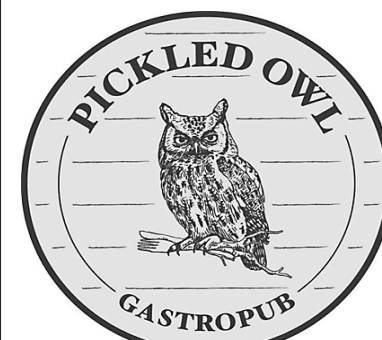
man who has a wealth of original music but riveted my attention when he wove in a line of Tom Petty lyrics and music into one of his originals and did so flawlessly. THAT is not an easy thing to achieve and I definitely will be talking to him further.

ELIZABETH KEATING is the young woman who had a tour locked up and scheduled...then COVID cancelled all of it. The cadence of her voice is very reminiscent of ALANIS MORISSETTE and coupled with the fact she certainly knows her way around a keyboard makes for a very unique experience.

And perhaps the most surprising of the night was ERIC BEST. No doubt you have not heard of him. I hadn't. But you will. His performance was the unofficial official album release performance. That day, further upstate, ERIC BEST officially released his album through all the virtual avenues available. Let me tell you, this man rocks! His music is bright, vibrant without being over the top, which would have put him in a much narrower category.

Once again, I can't give you, dear readers, a schedule of upcoming performances. No one knows where anything stands. My suggestion is, check venues on Facebook, check your favorite local bands/artists on Facebook and if you're up for "inside," go see them.

*It's a weird world right now.
Stay safe, stay strong.
Until next time...*



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When we take the oath in becoming a firefighter, we pledge to serve and protect our neighbors, residents, and visitor of our fire districts. We also pledge to assist our Brother and Sister Firefighters in protecting their communities as well. But who pledges to serve and protect us?

The Members of the Hurleyville Fire Department are sending an urgent plea for help. One of our Firefighters need all of us to come to his aid. He has been diagnosed with a form of Kidney Disease which will lead to Kidney Failure. Our Brother Firefighter has been given 2 months of quality time unless he receives a kidney transplant.

The Hurleyville Fire Department is asking for your assistance in considering being tested for possible donation. We understand that this is a BIG ASK one that should not be taken lightly but given our fullest thoughts and consideration. Time is of the essence in this case as the disease will become fatal in a short time.

Our Firefighter James "Jim" Kaufman needs our assistance. Jim is a dedicated active firefighter with many years of service. He is a Life Member, Past Chief and presently our Chaplin. Jim has been there for others in their time of need during many emergencies and non-emergencies. Jim has been there for others to help heal their souls as well. We are sending this request as Jim needs our help now.

The Hurleyville Fire Department is sending this request out not lightly but after a great deal of discussion as this is a life changing ask. If anyone is interested or may know someone that is interested in being tested for possible donation, please contact Hurleyville Fire Department President Miranda Behan at 845-434-3908 or 701-9292.

Please share this message as Jim needs our help.

Thank you, Stay Safe, Stay Healthy,
Miranda Behan, President
Hurleyville Fire Company No.1

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BRUNO APPOINTED GENERAL MANAGER OF WJFF RADIO CATSKILL

JEFFERSONVILLE--WJFF Radio Catskill's Board of Trustees has named Tim Bruno the station's new general manager. Tim had served as interim general manager since September, and as assistant general manager since early this year.

"We're delighted to have found someone with Tim's extraordinary abilities and experience to run our station," says Thane Peterson, president of Radio Catskill's Board of Trustees. "We see tremendous opportunities developing for the station over the next couple of years. Tim knows WJFF inside out and cares passionately about its suc-

cess. He has already made very significant contributions to our station."

During Mr. Bruno's short tenure as a WJFF employee, he has worked with program director Jason Dole to dramatically expand and improve WJFF's local public affairs programming, with a robust schedule of community interviews and public service announcements, to help local residents grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic. This new focus has won numerous plaudits from the station's listeners and volunteers.

Mr. Bruno plans to build on this success by further expanding local news coverage. His top priority,

though, is to complete the station's move to a new, state-of-the-art facility in the town of Liberty.

"My big goal is to get us to Liberty by next year so the station can have the studio and facilities it needs to meet our programming and community outreach goals," he says.

Mr. Bruno's ties to WJFF and local community run deep. He is a longtime volunteer who, for several years, has produced the station's community-focused "Radio Chatskill" Saturday morning show. He also served on the Board of Trustees, most recently as vice president. He and his husband, Lee Hartwell,



Tim Bruno

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are well-known figures in and around the Catskill business community, where Mr. Hartwell owned an antiques business for many years. Mr. Bruno has a notable resume as a producer and media executive at NBC News, Viacom and HSN.

Mr. Bruno says the new job is a return to his first love.

"Growing up in Indianapolis," he recalls, "I was fortunate that my high school had its own radio station. Basically, we were broadcasting to the parking lot, but that led to a part-time job with a commercial radio station while I was still in high school, and I had

a part-time radio job all through college. It allowed me to avoid flipping burgers to make ends meet, and I found that I really love radio."

WJFF Radio Catskill is a member-supported National Public Radio station based in Jeffersonville, NY, with a satellite studio in Honesdale, PA, and has been serving the Catskills, Upper Delaware Valley and Mid-Hudson region of New York and Northeast Penn-

sylvania since 1990. Its programming is an eclectic mix of local music and public affairs, along with national and international programming from providers that include NPR, BBC, American Public Media and Pacifica.

Nearly 100 volunteers produce local shows, cover board shifts and assist with events, maintenance and other non-broadcast functions.

Out Divine Corners Way

by Jonathan Shimkin

For the first time in several summers we didn't plant corn in the garden, so a few days after the autumn equinox I went to a local farmstand and bought a sheaf of cornstalks. These were bigger and heavier than our home-grown crop - professional cornstalks. It took a bit of grappling with stalks and twine, and the better part of a morning, to get them tied to our porch posts. I placed an uncarved pumpkin at the base of each post to complete the tableau.

This is an autumn rite I relish, yet this year it was mixed with an uncommon sense of urgency, an impulse to turn from the bleakness of the contemporary scene and connect to a rhythm deeper and steadier than the disquieting fibrillations of our nation's public life. I wanted to touch the pulse of the perennial, and found it in this old custom.

Corn, pumpkin, squash, melon, apples: fruits of the season, emblems of harvest, representatives of a natural round as old as agriculture, a cycle that surpasses and subdues our twitchy 24/7 news cycle. The celebration of harvest emerges out of ancient themes - fertility, death, regeneration - that humanity shares, at root, with the plants and the crops. Traditional folklore and balladry knew this well and sang of it in songs like "John Barleycorn" (the life of a stalk of cereal grain figured as a human life) and "Barbara Allen" (the fate of star-crossed lovers figured as plant life, with rose and briar growing from the lovers' graves).

"Folk music is just based on myth," Bob Dylan once said, "it comes about from legends, Bibles, plagues, and it revolves around vegetables and death and all kinds of things like that which are nothing but mystery and you can see it in all the songs: roses

growing out of people's brains, and lovers who are really geese, and swans that turn into angels, and seven years of this and eight years of that and it's all really something that nobody can really touch."

It was precisely that "something that nobody can really touch" that I was looking to touch by means of the ritual with the cornstalks - something contained in, and conveyed through, custom. When, during the course of the day, I pause to look at the symbolic fronds and gourds adorning the entrance to our cottage, I feel an intimation of traditional wisdom that harkens back to mythic, and not historical, time, a wisdom that serves as a necessary balance to the wild gyrations of our current national moment, in which things fall apart and the center does not hold and the very flaring of the autumn colors takes on an ironic cast, so wide is the gap between the perennial and the contemporary.

Perhaps it's in those forms of custom and art, based on myth and mystery, that the gap is bridged. "In custom and in ceremony /Are innocence and beauty born..." - when Yeats wrote his prayer for his daughter, he wished for her a life rooted in custom. I understand now a bit better what he meant. Custom is a conduit for a timeless wisdom, and all the more precious these days, when one feels a wisdom deficit of staggering proportions, when detachment is not enough to maintain steadiness and one needs some shoring up, just as the cornstalks need twine to stay upright. So I turn to my yearly rite as a source of consolation and continuity, with its links to cycles of time beyond our measure, and I turn towards home, at the end of the day: the cornstalks wave in the wind as daylight fades, and the pumpkins glow in the dusk as if lit from within.

DISTRICT SIX LEGISLATOR ON NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Alvarez Appointed to National Health Policy Steering Committee

LIBERTY - Sullivan County Legislator Luis Alvarez, who represents District Six, which includes Hurleyville, has been named to another committee of the National Association of Counties (NACo).

NACo President Gary W. Moore recently notified Mr. Alvarez of his appointment to the national advocacy organization's Health Policy Steering Committee.

"The expertise and engagement of our steering committee members like you is a major reason why Congress and federal agencies often look to NACo for feedback on legislative policy decisions being made in Washington, DC," Mr. Moore wrote. "This nomi-

nation to a NACo steering committee also presents a great opportunity to share with and learn from your county colleagues."

Mr. Alvarez currently sits on NACo's Health Steering Subcommittee (as Vice Chair of Medicaid and Indigent Care), Healthy Counties Initiative Advisory Board, Large Urban County Caucus Steering Committee, Programs and Services Standing Committee, Rural Action Caucus Steering Committee, Veterans and Military Services Committee, and Immigration Reform Task Force.

He previously served as vice chair of NACo's Law Enforcement Subcommittee, and began participat-



Legislator Luis Alvarez

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ing with the organization in 2017, when he was Chair of the Sullivan County Legislature.

"I strongly believe in NACo's mission and am proud to represent Sullivan County on its committees,

which have national influence," Mr. Alvarez related. "I remain committed to my constituents as their legislator, but it's important to recognize that we're part of a larger system of government that constantly needs review and improvement."

NACo strives to unite America's 3,069 county governments. Founded in 1935, the nonprofit brings county officials together to advocate with a collective voice on national policy, exchange ideas and build new leadership skills, pursue transformational county solutions, enrich the public's understanding of county government and exercise exemplary leadership in public service.

LOCAL AUTHOR TO DEBUT NEW THRILLER

by John Conway

LIBERTY - Author and Sullivan County resident Gray Basnight, whose 2018 thriller, "Flight of the Fox," was partially set in the town of Bethel, will launch his latest book on December 3 at the Liberty Public Library.

The new thriller, entitled "Madness of the Q" will again feature the hero from Mr. Basnight's "Flight of the Fox," college mathematics professor Sam Teagarden.

"Professor Sam Teagarden returns this December in "Madness of the Q," where the letter Q is not about QAnon, but it is provocative..." the book's publicity states. "The story kicks off when an ancient biblical parchment is unearthed at an archeological dig in Israel, which sets off fanatical religious turmoil across the globe. It's a roller-coaster page-turner with a theme ripped from the headlines—and ripped from theological history."

Mr. Basnight says the inspiration for the book came from "two personal experiences: an audio lecture on the theory about a missing source for the biblical books of Matthew and Luke, first postulated



Gray Basnight

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by a 19th Century German scholar, and named The Quelle (German for the word 'source'), and having written far too many news stories about faith-based bloodshed during my years in broadcast news."

Prior to his career writing fiction, Mr. Basnight spent nearly 30 years in journalism.

The program at the Liberty Public Library will be the national debut of the new book. It begins at 3:30 p.m. and will include a limited number of in-person spots as well as unlimited ZOOM participation. More information can be obtained from the library by emailing lib@rcls.org.

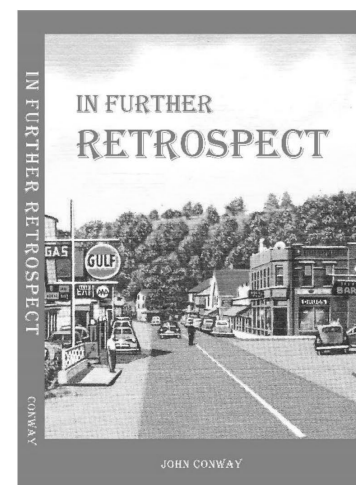
Books will be available for sale at the library during the week leading up to the event, and can be pre-ordered now at Amazon.com.



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The Fallsburg Lions made a donation to support Hurleyville firefighter Jim Kaufman while he waits for a life-saving kidney transplant. Please call Miranda Behan at 845-434-3808 or 845-701-9292 for information on how to help. Pictured are (left to right): Vickie Kaufman, Lillian Ayala, Mariah Kaufman, Jim Kaufman, Miranda Behan, NYS Senator Jen Metzger, Patricia Behan-Gibson, Hailey Behan-Gibson, George Gibson and Tony Harvey.

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From the Firehouse

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



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

The firehouse is still closed to the general public and we continue to answer all calls. It has only been in the last two months that we have had a fire department meeting. Before the pandemic hit we had an application for membership and we finally had a meeting to act on it. I would like to welcome our newest member, Tom Becerril. Welcome aboard Tom.

Call volume has remained up throughout the county for the past month.

By now you should have changed your clocks.



(Spring ahead; Fall back) This was the time when the fire service would say” Change your clock change your batteries in your smoke detector.” Today’s detectors come with a ten year battery and you don’t replace the battery, but replace the whole detector. Too many people were not changing dead batteries or they take the battery out to use in some other device. If you still have an older

detector, change the batteries. You can vacuum the dust out of your smoke detectors and CO detectors to keep them in good working order. Remember: **SMOKE DETECTORS and CO DETECTORS SAVE LIVES.**

We have had a mild and beautiful October. But winter is right around the corner. Are you ready?

Did you get your furnace serviced yet?

Did you get your chimney inspected and cleaned? Clean leaves away from the drier vent.

Inspect your portable heaters for worn or broken parts.

Make sure you have the correct fuel for your portable heating device and they have an automatic shut off

Have you signed up with NY-Alert to received weather advisories (alert.ny.gov)

In the Town of Fallsburg you can sign up for Code Red and get all of the emergency notifications. (public.coderedweb.com)

When a storm strikes will you be ready?

Do have a working flashlight. (go check it now)

When a storm is approaching do you have enough medication for the duration of the storm and beyond?

If you lose power and you have a water pump you will not have water. Do you have bottled water on hand?

Most of all, use a little common sense.

With Thanksgiving coming up, remember cooking fires are the number one cause of residential fires, so don’t leave your cooking unattended.

If you are thinking about deep frying a turkey, please be careful. We have at least a couple of fires a year from fryers falling over. Put you fryer on a level, noncombustible surface. Not inside or on your back deck.

Happy Thanksgiving.

FROM THE FILES OF...

THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

The Only Newspaper Published in the Town of Fallsburgh

COMPILED BY **Sullivan County Historian John Conway**

November 1, 1916

Submission of Propositions

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an application made therefore as prescribed by Section 48 of the Town Law, which application was filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Fallsburg on the 22nd day of September, 1916, the following propositions will be submitted to be voted upon by ballot at a special town meeting duly called therefore at the respective polling places of the town to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 1916, to wit:

Proposition No 1

Shall the Town of Fallsburg acquire a site and construct a suitable building thereon for the purpose of housing its highway machinery, tools and implements for a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars.

Proposition No. 2

Shall the Town of Fallsburg purchase on the most favorable terms a steamroller.

Lester W Kaune, Town Clerk

November 8, 1916

News of the Week

The Methodists are putting a new roof on the church here, having secured permission from the Baptist Association to do so.

One platform upon which both presidential candidates might share: “Save us from our friends.”

Now is a good time to look at the figures after your name on the Sentinel and see if it is paid in advance as it should be. Pay up now while you have the money.

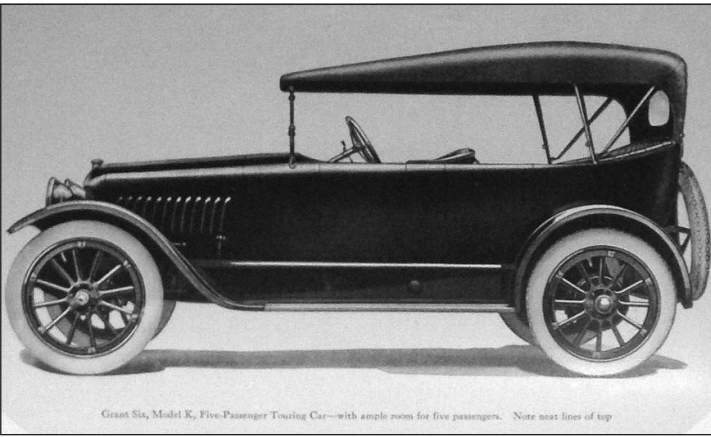
Where are our correspondents? If you need stationery let us know. If you expect to read the news of the nearby villages in which you are interested, you must also consider that others might like to hear from your village and the only way is to send in the news.

November 22, 1916

Local and Personal Items

The next meeting of the Midland Grange will be held Friday evening of this week. All members are urgently requested to be present.

The corporation “M. E. Gardner, Inc.” of Hurleyville has been chartered by the secretary of state to conduct an insurance agency. The capital stock is \$4,000, consisting of shares of \$100 each



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

The 1917 Grant Six

and the directors for the first year are as follows; Marvin Gardner and Sadie Gardner of Hurleyville and Milton Gardner of Loch Sheldrake.

I. T. McNally of Hurleyville has secured the agency for the Grant Six. Come in and look over the 1917 model. Immediate delivery. Let us tell you more about it. There is nothing that can be compared with it for anywhere near the price of \$825.

To the public, I wish to announce to my friends, patrons and general public that I am moving my grocery business from its present location to the new and larger quarters in the Slausen building next door which I recently purchased. In the future I shall handle a complete line of groceries, butter, eggs, vegetables, dry goods, shoes and in fact everything in the line of general merchandise. Thank you for past favors and soliciting new business, I remain respectfully yours. A. Newberg, Hurleyville

There are lots of things you want for Thanksgiving, such as favors, postcards, etc., and the place to get them is at Wood’s Studio.

November 29, 1916

Local and Vicinity News

W. J. Prince & Son are putting up their saw mill on their large wood tract near Strongtown today and expect soon to have it in operation and will then be in a position to furnish wood as well as coal.

Last week Monday, Miss Hilda Halstead, who has been employed in the household of Mrs. McNally for the past four years, stated she was going to take her vacation and was going to her sister’s, Mrs. David Fraser’s near Monticello and would return Thursday night. Wednesday afternoon she came to town with two young men in an automobile and going to Mrs. E. G. Ratcliff’s. Mrs. Ratcliff was asked if Miss Lulu Terwilliger, who was employed there, could go with them to a party and Mrs. Ratcliff

nice appearance from the outside.

Farmers, Attention!

Do not spoil yours and your fellow farmers’ interest by selling milk to shippers at present. We do not ship to New York. We pay \$2.1 per hundred for 3.6 milk for October. We pay 3c for each one tenth of a percent above 3.6 and deduct 3c for each point below. We pay twice a month. We will pay the League’s prices as soon as shippers will be forced to sign with the Dairyman’s League.

We sympathize with the great work of the Dairyman’s League. We are a co-operative, organized by farmers for the benefit of farmers. We will do our utmost to help the farmers gain their rights. Do not dump your milk; bring it to the co-operative Jewish Farmers Creamery, Hurleyville.



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NYS Senator Jen Metzger presented Behan’s Garage & Towing of Main Street, Hurleyville with the New York State Senate 2020 Empire Award on October 15. The award was presented in “recognition of outstanding contributions and dedication to the growth, prosperity and betterment of their community and New York State.” Pictured are (left to right): Miranda Behan, Senator Metzger, Peder Behan, Peder Behan, Jr. and Patricia Behan-Gibson.

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THE SHOW MUST GO ON

Pandemic Can’t Stop SCDW



SOUTH FALLSBURG – The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop will be presenting “Hate Mail” via www.BroadwayonDemand.com/ShowShare on November 13, 14, 20, 21 starting at 8 p.m., and on November 15 and 22 at 2 p.m.

This hilarious comedy features the exquisite genius of SCDW’s fabulously talented Amber Schmidt as Dahlia, and the sublime brilliance of the amazing Josh Rosengrant as Preston. Their love/hate relationship romps through many ups and downs in this wickedly funny alternative to “Love Letters.”

Watch as the two lead characters embark on an epic, often acrimonious

correspondence as their lives intertwine. Whether Preston and Dahlia are joining cults, having breakdowns, shipping each other deceased lizards, or falling in love, “Hate Mail” is a comedy full of surprises at every turn.

The show is directed by the Workshop’s award winning, creative Bunny Wloszczak and Sally Gladsten, and is sure to make the audience giggle. Funds for tickets go to SCDW – a non-profit organization which owns and maintains the historic Rivoli Theater in South Fallsburg.

To watch the show, go to www.BroadwayonDemand.com/ShowShare. Tickets are \$7.95 each.



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PATRIOTS ARE BORN PART V

An original Short Story by John Conway

It is May of 1775, and our young brothers, Andrew and Morgan Worth, their big black dog, Boson, and a passenger, wealthy statesman Alexander McDougall, have taken a raft of timber down the Delaware River to Philadelphia, where McDougall is hoping to persuade New York's representatives to the Continental Congress to vote in favor of independence. Ambushed by a group of men who are trying to arrest McDougall as a traitor, the group has just been saved by the appearance of two Native Americans, Ben Shanks and Canope. We rejoin them now as they resume their raft trip...

We decided not to spend the night on land, and instead said goodbye to Ben Shanks and Canope and, in the dark, put the raft back in the water. With Boson's help we pulled it back out into the eddy and got it moving again, very slowly at first, and then, as we gradually moved beyond the stillness of the eddy, picking up speed.

We decided that one of us at a time would get some sleep while the other two manned the fore and aft oars. We fastened two of our lanterns to the front of the raft to provide us with a little visibility, and tried to keep the raft under control.

While it was obvious that McDougall had never been

on a timber raft before, he learned quickly, and it was easy to see that he had once been a seaman. He was also a fascinating storyteller, and while Morgan slept, he kept me entertained with a steady flow of narratives about his time as a commander of small vessels in the French and Indian War, and more recently as the owner of his own merchant ship, the Schuyler.

He talked of the fascinating episode of his life when he had been jailed by the Royal Governor of New York for publishing critical articles about the government in his newspaper.

McDougall had made the most of his time in prison, and had become somewhat of a celebrity while serving his time, actually entertaining guests—dozens at a time-- and making his case whenever possible for freedom for the colonies. He refused to renounce his views on the abuses of power of the British government, and was only released from prison when the Royal Governor who had ordered him jailed had been replaced.

He was a persuasive speaker, and by the time we had reached Philadelphia three days later, both Morgan and I had become quite taken with him, and furthermore, we both began to look forward to hearing him expound on his political views, particularly his



McDougall handed the boys a stack of cards to distribute.

notion about freedom and why independence from England was so important. His arguments seemed sound to us.

He told us that our taking timber to Philadelphia was critical to the fight for independence.

"Make no mistake about it, we are already at war with England," he told us. "And it is going to be a long struggle. If we are to stand a chance in that struggle we need a well-trained fleet of ships as well as an army.

And Philadelphia is where those ships must be built!"

He told us we were both patriots, whether we intended to be or not.

"Like it or not, you have joined in the fight," he said, and Morgan and I quietly agreed that we were beginning to like it.

When we arrived in Philadelphia, McDougall insisted upon paying us for the trip. After we had delivered the timber to the ship yard and secured our payment, he accompanied us to a nearby

tavern to procure some food and drink before we began the journey home, much of which would be on foot.

Once inside the tavern he was gregarious, and before long was holding court, talking of independence and of the atrocities the King and Parliament had been perpetrating upon the colonies. He found a willing audience, and the crowd in the tavern cheered his every word. At one point, he introduced Morgan and I to the crowd.

"These two fine young men have already made an immeasurable contribution to the fight," he said. "In many ways they remind me of a young man I met a couple of years ago from whom I think you will be hearing much in the years to come. His name is Alexander Hamilton, and like these two men he is extremely bright and committed to the struggle."

McDougall paid for our food and drink, and when he saw that we were pre-

paring to leave, he excused himself from the group with which he had been conversing, and walked over to us.

"The way I understand it, you boys generally walk back to your home, is that right?" he asked, and we nodded. "I would like to make you a proposition, then. I will put you up for tonight in the finest hotel, taking care of every expense, if only you will agree to hand these out and to talk up the cause of independence every chance you get on the return trip." He handed me a stack of printed cards.

"Well, thank you, but we couldn't possibly stay in a hotel," Morgan said, catching a glimpse of the cards.

"Nonsense!" McDougall said emphatically. "I owe you two my life. It is the least I can do."

"I meant because we have Boson," Morgan added. "What would we do with him? Probably best if we just started back so we can get out of the city and set up camp before dark."

"I'll hear of nothing of the sort!" McDougall insisted. "I know most of the good hotels in this city, and I will find you one where Boson is welcome. That's a promise."

"If you can deliver on that promise, we'll take your offer and we will shout the call for independence from the rooftops," I said. "We'll make sure everyone has one

of your cards from here to Cushetunk!"

And so Morgan and I and our big black dog spent the night in one of the city's finest hotels, compliments of Alexander McDougall. He even met us the following morning for breakfast.

"I have a busy day today, trying to convince the New York delegates to get behind independence," he told us. "I fear it is going to be a hard sell, but eventually I am sure they will see the light."

"If anyone can convince them of the wisdom of declaring independence it is you, Alexander," Morgan told him as we parted company. "Just tell them what you told us during the trip, and remember to add the final argument, it is sure to work."

"The final argument?" he asked.

"When all else fails, just tell them to 'Join us, or die!'"

That concludes our story, "Patriots Are Born." Although Andrew and Morgan Worth are fictional characters, several of those featured in the story—Alexander McDougall, Ben Shanks, Canope, and Robert Land—were actual historical figures. Watch for another exciting piece of serialized fiction in the next edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel.

by Elaine Corrington

We have all had experience with the effects of illness. You can probably easily name a dozen different sicknesses you have had in your lifetime. Some were little-- the itches, the sniffles, the loud burps followed by throwing up, fever, aches and pains-- even when you can't remember doing anything to cause them. A few of you have had far more serious bouts with diseases that did not leave quickly and completely. Some people are

never able to reverse the evil progression of symptoms and complications. And yet, you always hear about people who still find joy in a complex and painful path created for them by so many different factors. DIS. EASE.

Now we are in the middle of a pandemic of proportions nobody living has ever experienced. We worry about loved ones as much as we worry about ourselves, and that seems natural. We worry about people who refuse to worry about us and our loved ones. We worry

about people nearby and far away. It is harder and harder to imagine anyone who is, has been, or will be experiencing joy. This is not a complex and painful path. It is a single road around the entire planet, and we are all on that road. And we are getting ready for THANKSGIVING???

In October, we had a couple of very dull days. Fog and clouds obliterated details that would make it a nice change of pace to get

out and exercise, do some art, get the yard ready for the coming winter. Shopping?? Too dangerous. Tired of reading and no nearby library or friends with the same reading taste. Tired of constant responsibilities to neighborhood and family. Tired of a messy house or tired from organizing the home to a fare-thee-well. Tired of politics. Even tired of the ballooning internet options available to us.

I have had constant

thoughts about my youthful writing days. No typewriters, no electric typewriters. No computers (that could erase and change ANYTHING). No colors. No pictures. You had to find and read references in your local hamlet or town.

And I thought about the pencil, the greatest invention for communication in those days. You could write. You could read. You could cross out, or even erase if you were lucky enough to

have an eraser! You could go back and underline. You could make words BIG! They were yellow, with orange erasers. You could buy one for a penny. For a nickel, you could get a sharpener for the point. Decades later, the pencil comes in many forms, some even luxurious and expensive.

So, I went to my desk and ignored every object on it that was more communicative, handy, multi-functional, and I organized my pen-

cils. I admired them from the original yellow and orange to the brightly gold and silver patterned fancy ones. I realized that I loved all of the versions of the pencil even more when they were organized. I picked up--yes, as you might have guessed-- an original yellow and orange, and wrote this article...on a lined pad of paper. I printed big and little, thick and thin, capitalized important words, crossed out and erased, and drew a couple of bad pictures, and I underlined.

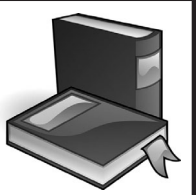
It was JOY in the middle

of a pandemic, even while still worried about everybody on the planet, at least until I realized I would have to type it on my computer to submit it for editing for this edition of the paper. But I learned something valuable in the process: Joy is available to us.

Thanks Giving is still available to us-- even if it is for a darned stupid reason. Find yours in the appreciation and Thanks you recognize and can smile about and share; and the Giving we can all manage this year.

FROM THE FALLSBURG LIBRARY

by Kelly Wells & Amanda Letohic



November is the time of year when we all normally reflect on what we are thankful for and extend thanks to our Veterans. Although this year has been unlike any other year, and COVID-19 has really turned our world topsy-turvy, we still urge you to take some time and reflect on the people and things that you are thankful for this year.

We're thankful to still be able to offer Library services to you all, albeit in a very different manner than we have all been accustomed to. Although we cannot yet welcome you to come in and hang out for an extended period of time, we are offering in-building use in 30-minute increments per person/per day. We STRONGLY encourage you to make an appointment ahead of time in order to use a computer or to browse, as we have limits on the amount of people allowed in the building at any

given time. We also are still offering curbside services for hold pick-ups, copies, faxes, and printing services (just email whatever you need printed to fbr@rcls.org, we'll print it for you and bring it out when you arrive).

In October we began to offer a monthly take home craft kit for kids and adults. We're very excited to inform you, that due to popular demand, we will now be offering take home craft kits for kids and adults every two weeks (or 2x/month).

Follow us on Facebook or Instagram, or contact Miss Amanda at aletohic@rcls.org or 845-436-6067 in-building use in 30-minute increments per person/per day. We STRONGLY encourage you to make an appointment ahead of time in order to use a computer or to browse, as we have limits on the amount of people allowed in the building at any

and let your creativity fly!

If you are not yet comfortable with visiting the Library, that's okay, too. Your library card gives you access to thousands of e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines, and e-videos through the OverDrive and/or Libby apps...all without having to leave your home! You also get access to the Rosetta Stone Learning Language Online Software and to Consumer Reports Online Database -- perfect for holiday shopping! Contact us today for assistance with accessing any of these fantastic e-resources.

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library, give us a call and we can direct you to the right library.

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

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FCSD Wellness Team Stays Active at BCES

FALLSBURG -- The Fallsburg Central School District Wellness Committee has been busy this fall semester while classes are being held remotely. Under the outstanding leadership of Director of Physical Education and Athletics Suzanne Lendzian, the Committee has been meeting monthly online and creating an active agenda of good health and well-being events.

On Thursday, October 15, Ms. Lendzian met with eight members of the group to paint at the Pre-K and Kindergarten playground adjacent to



PHOTO PROVIDED

Wellness Committee members Bee Moser (left) and SueAnn Boyd (right).

the wing of Benjamin Corcor Elementary School (BCES) that houses these classes. Two members, SueAnn Boyd and Bee Moser, are from Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE). They provided stencils through funding by a grant from Creating Healthy Schools and Communities to increase outdoor physical activity. NYS Department of Health funds this effort.

Ms. Lendzian met

SueAnn and Bee with an SUV filled with paint brushes, rollers, and paint provided by the Wellness Committee. The event began at 12:30 p.m. on a very sunny and warm afternoon conducive to painting. The large plastic stencils had creative designs with an array of playful serpents, a hopscotch game, and others to encourage skipping, jumping and running. As one of the painters said, she could envision the lit-

tle children playing. The gleam in her eye was saying that she wanted to be one of those kids.

Ms. Lendzian acknowledged all the participants—Dr. Aleta Lymon, Dara Smith, Vanessa Marsilio, Veronica Serrano, Ilene Wizwer and Larry Schafman that joined SueAnn and Bee and thanked them for giving the playground “a brighter, happier, more inviting vibe.”

SENTINEL SPORTS



"OUR TEAMS ARE READY!"

DEPEW: GENERALS CAN PICK UP WHERE THEY LEFT OFF BEFORE COVID

by John Conway

LOCH SHELDRAKE – SUNY Sullivan Athletic Director Chris DePew says the school's athletic teams have been able to retain most of their scholarship athletes throughout the COVID pandemic and should be able to hit the ground running whenever intercollegiate sports resume. That is, as long as the current "pause" does not extend too long.

For example, the Generals' basketball teams-- both men's and women's—enjoyed phenomenal success in their first year competing in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division II in 2019,

and DePew is confident that the "pause" won't disrupt the momentum the program has built.

"Both programs had just completed historic runs to the College's first ever NJCAA DII Scholarship-level District Championships and were within hours of leaving for their respective National Championship Tournaments when we were forced to close our residence hall and switch to remote learning at the college due to the COVID-19 outbreak," Mr. DePew said in an exclusive interview with The Hurleyville Sentinel.

"That was tough on our student/athletes, but they were resilient, worked ex-

tremely hard and had successful academic semesters to prepare for what we thought, at the time, would be a return in late August for a new year. In late July, the NJCAA made the decision that all sports (Fall, Winter & Spring) would be held in the Spring 2021 semester, which though expected, was a blow to our progress with recruitment and retention.

"I am proud to say that through the extremely hard work of my coaching staff, we were able to retain 95% of our expected recruitment class for the fall and have nearly 200 potential student/athletes currently enrolled in our predominantly remote



PHOTO PROVIDED

SUNY Sullivan Athletic Director Chris DePew

learning Fall semester."

Although the NJCAA's current plans are very

much subject to change, competition in all sports is expected to take place

during the spring semester, beginning in January, 2021. DePew says Sullivan looks to be in good shape as long as that doesn't change. It is much more difficult to predict where the school—or any college for that matter—will stand if the "pause" is extended beyond that time frame.

"Providing we are able to compete during the Spring of 2021, SUNY Sullivan will be able to pick up right where we left off and immediately compete at the national level," DePew says. "We are hoping to be able to safely make this happen, and if so, our teams are ready."

DePew also serves as

SUNY Sullivan's Dean of Student Development Services, and as Chairman of the NJCAA DII National Men's Basketball Committee, among other posts, and is in close contact with the athletic departments at many other schools. Obviously, multiple schools have to be able to rebound from the "pause" in order to make competition viable once programs get the go-ahead.

"I am speaking to all 18 of my colleges almost daily, to provide support through this time," he says. "We are lucky here at Sullivan that President [Jay] Quaintance keeps us well-informed on the daily information he re-

ceives from SUNY and the Governor's Office so that we can make real-time decisions as we progress through all of this. Many of my colleagues in Athletics, are not as lucky.

"Never in my wildest imagination, as we stood at Center Court in mid-March celebrating both our Men's and Women's first-ever DII scholarship District Championships, that we would be making the decisions that we are right now. It is a sad, frustrating time, but we will persevere and SUNY Sullivan Athletics will come through this stronger and ready to face anything that may stand in our way."

SULLIVAN COACHES STAY IN TOUCH

COVID Doesn't Stop Everything



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

Coach Ashley Weintraub



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

Coach Anthony Ng

by John Conway

LOCH SHELDRAKE – Although campuses are mostly deserted and practice courts and wrestling rooms are quiet, coaches at SUNY Sullivan have not been idle during the pandemic. Without the thrill of competition to keep athletes motivated, staying in close contact in the absence of daily practices has become critical, coaches say, and has challenged them to be innovative and assertive in their communication with their players.

Chris Depew, SUNY Sullivan Athletic Director and former men's basketball coach, says a number of new initiatives have been implemented in an attempt to keep student athletes enthusiastic.

"We speak to and engage with all of our current athletes multiple times weekly through virtual meetings, our outstanding student activities programs such as our Virtual Dances, Bingo and Game Nights, Meet & Greet Speaker Series and many other programs specifically designed to keep them focused academically as well as socially during this difficult time," DePew says. "We have additionally 'soft-launched' our brand new ESports Program that is providing interactive gaming opportunities for dozens of our students that we hope to officially launch in our brand new ESports Gaming Arena in the Spring."

Ashley Weintraub, who coaches men's and women's cross-country and track & field at the college, says technology has made staying in touch easier, but it cannot replace practice and competition for keeping athletes sharp.

"It has been an adjustment for our athletes," Weintraub says. "At this time, most of our programs are virtual, with the exception of a few classes. Our cross-country season was postponed for the time being. Luckily, with all of the technology out there I am able to text, call, and video chat with my athletes."

"The abrupt end to our spring outdoor track & field season was heartbreaking for our sophomores, but their health and safety is our number one concern. During the early months of COVID, our athletes participated in a Tik Tok Plank Challenge. Athletes would upload videos with music and different dance/plank routines. It was a fun and creative way to stay active while social distancing. As the fall semester has started, I make sure to keep clear lines of communication with my athletes and keep them up to date on workouts and upcoming virtual campus events."

"I personally have also participated in virtual workout groups sponsored by OrangeTheory, which has helped fill the void of not coaching this season."

Weintraub says she is hopeful that spring track &

field will start as planned next semester.

Sullivan's head wrestling coach Anthony Ng says that communicating with his wrestlers and providing motivation has enabled him to keep the majority of them in the fold despite the lack of competition.

"It's tough to keep them motivated to keep up academically when they don't have the incentive of matches and tournaments to look forward to," he says. "But we've managed so far."

Ng says he has recently learned that the NJCAA has decreed that no matter what transpires the rest of this school year, it will not be counted against an athlete's eligibility, "even if they get to compete."

As of now, Ng says he expects to start wrestling practice on January 4, and although existing schedules had to be scrapped when the "pause" was initiated, he is reaching out to other schools trying to set up matches.

"Currently, we are told that competition can start as early as January 11," he says. "We have scheduled a dual meet tournament at Jamestown (NY) for January 31. There will be six teams competing there."

Ng says he has also scheduled a dual meet at Sussex (NJ) Community College for February 12, and expects to have a few other competitions nailed down before the end of the year.

"Of course, all this is subject to change," he says.

by Win Hadley

LOCH SHELDRAKE – SUNY Sullivan's 2019 women's basketball coach Derek Marchione has taken a job as assistant coach of women's basketball at the University of New Hampshire.

He joined the Wildcat women's basketball program as assistant coach in October, leaving the Lady Generals without a head coach.

Marchione had served as head women's basket-



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Coach Derek Marchione

ball coach at Sullivan for just one year, but it was an

amazing year for the program. The Lady Generals finished with a 29-2 record

and the 2020 NJCAA D-II Region XV Championship. After losing two games in November, the team reeled off 24 consecutive victories. Under Marchione's guidance, the Lady Generals became a juggernaut, reaching the 100-point plateau 11 times during the season, and scoring at least 90 points on nine other occasions.

Marchione, a native of Waterford, N.Y., had been the head girls' coach at Putnam Science Academy in Putnam, CT for two seasons (2017-19) prior to

coming to Sullivan. Marchione started that program in April 2017 and, in his first season, led Putnam to a 21-9 record. In 2018-19 the program went 23-7 and reached the Independent School National Tournament semifinals.

Sullivan had not named a replacement for Marchione as of press time, but Athletic Director Chris DePew says the school is "moving quickly" to hire a new coach and has received "nearly 100 resumes already."

LADY GENERALS LOSE COACH

Derek Marchione Now Assistant at UNH

SULLIVAN MAY ADD WOMEN'S WRESTLING

by John Conway

LOCH SHELDRAKE – SUNY Sullivan may soon be recruiting athletes to compete in an intercollegiate women's wrestling program.

Sullivan Athletic Director, Chris DePew said there are discussions underway to add a women's program to the college's list of intercollegiate sports.

"The discussion happening right now at the Board of Regents level of the NJCAA, which I sit on, has a plan to add women's wrestling as an intercollegiate sport within the next 24 months," Mr. DePew old The Hurleyville Sentinel. "I feel that would be an instant game changer and enhance our programs even more."

Anthony Ng, head coach of Sullivan's men's program, said the addition of women's wrestling would be a positive development for the school, and he thinks it would help the men's program, as well.

"It is a great opportunity to advance the men's pro-

gram, and I think it would be a big draw," he said.

Women's wrestling at the junior college and college level is freestyle wrestling,

the format wrestled in international and Olympic competition, as opposed to folkstyle, which junior college and college men wrestle.



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

1. What year was pro football's very first "super bowl," and who won the game?
2. Who holds the NFL record of 54 touchdown passes in a single season?
3. What NFL team moved to St. Louis from Los Angeles after the 1994 season, and moved from St. Louis back to Los Angeles after the 2015 season?
4. What is the name of the NFL team that plays in New York?
5. In what year did the Jets win their only Super Bowl?

Bonus: Who got the walk-off game winning single in Game Seven of the 2001 World Series between the Arizona Diamondbacks and the New York Yankees?

Last week's answers:

1. How many games is Joe DiMaggio's major league record hitting streak and in what year did he do it? **56 games in 1941.**
2. In what year did the Dodgers leave Brooklyn to move their team to Los Angeles? **After the 1957 season.**
3. In what year did Major League Baseball retire #42 in honor of Jackie Robinson? **1997.**
4. Who was the first New York Yankee to have his number retired and what was the number? **Lou Gehrig, Number 4.**
5. Who has the major league record for the most stolen bases in a season? **While Hugh Nicol of the Cincinnati Red Stockings stole 138 bases in 1887, Rickey Henderson has the modern day record with 130 steals in 1982 for the Oakland A's.**

Bonus: Who got the walk-off game winning single in Game Seven of the 2001 World Series between the Arizona Diamondbacks and the New York Yankees? **Luis Gonzalez.**

We did not have a winner last month.

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