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Late Night Mischief Led to Damage at Delhi Pool

Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Discussed

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - Delhi council members discovered damage to one of the three cameras and several light fixtures at the town pool behind the American Legion on Page Avenue on Mar. 23. In reviewing camera footage, Councilmember Margaret Baldwin said the children responsible were identified, and the damage was done the evening prior to discovery.

At a meeting on Apr. 10, it was decided by board members a meeting should be scheduled with the children, their guardians, and two council members within the next two weeks. Baldwin will reach out to the local authorities to help organize the encounter. Council members will attempt to work out payment for the damage at the meeting.

Supervisor Mark Tuthill said the council could seek other action if an agreement can not be made.

According to Councilmember Bill Cairns, a letter from a resident was received requesting if the children could schedule a time to repair the damages they caused. In reviewing the damage, Cairns said it would be impossible for them to fix it as it requires electrical work.

Prior to a decision on the matter, Baldwin said she hoped that the children were held accountable and gain an understanding of the impact they caused.

It was agreed that speaking with board members at the meeting was the best way to hold the children responsible since getting reimbursed for the damage is most important to protect

the taxpayers.

In other business, Stacy Green from Delaware County public health educated the board on the lead prevention program. There are currently 25 active cases of individuals tested high for lead content in the county. Of those cases, three are located in Delhi. However, in 2022 of the 16 active county cases, five were in Delhi. Green said the most common cause of lead poisoning is lead-based paint in homes built before 1978. Lead is most harmful to children under two because they are often low to the ground, and small amounts of paint dust can get picked up into their lungs, she explained. Pregnant women and older children are also at a higher risk than adults. Poisoning can cause behavioral issues, slowed devel-

opment, growth problems, low IQ, anemia, kidney damage, hearing loss, and sometimes death.

Green suggests that all children under two be tested by their primary care physicians for lead levels through blood samples. The county offers assistance programs for individuals without insurance. For more information, call 607-832-5200.

If an individual is identified as having high levels of lead, the prevention program is designed to test the home for possible contaminants so that further exposure can be mitigated.

According to Green, once lead has infiltrated the body, the levels can be reduced, but any damage is permanent. She warned parents that lead is not regulated in some other countries, meaning toys shipped in from

those areas could still contain high lead levels.

In other business:

Following an executive session, board members closed out ARPA funding and will submit the annual report. ARPA funding was allocated to a new highway garage roof, Nixle community alert system, and the town park. The board also decided to move forward with ISD for computer upgrades and support after phone system upgrade costs are removed from the estimate of approximately \$15,000. The council will use Delhi Telephone Company for phone upgrades.

Advertisements will be made to fill the justice department assistant clerk position.

The tentative opening for the town pool is June 11.

Steve Hood was appointed

to the planning board for a seven-year term.

The highway department is preparing to put in seasonal speed bumps by the American Legion on Page Avenue.

In March, the clerk deposited \$1,700 for collected fees for dog licensing, marriage licensing, birth and death certificates, and other items.

The code enforcement officer issued two permits, one violation, three certificates of compliance, four C/O letters, conducted four conferences, two fire inspections, 13 inspections, and drove 161 miles in March.

The justice department reported \$8,270 in collected fees for March.

The next town council meeting is scheduled Monday, May 8, at 7 p.m.

Filmmakers Invite Community To View

Award-Winning Documentary 'Something in the Water'

By Liz Page

ONEONTA - A pair of filmmakers from Gilbertsville who went on a whirlwind trip to capture the thoughts and moods of people from across the U.S. during a unique and challenging time are hoping to draw an audience to view their award-winning documentary. Important Films Media is proud to present its New York premiere of "Something in the Water". It contains 200 voices from 30 states. The filmmakers, Jeri Wachter and Joseph Stillman, traveled 16,500 miles in 50 days during the peak of the pandemic and the days before and after the 2020 presidential election. The people they filmed provided their own thoughts and perspectives about some of the most pressing issues of our time.

The documentary won several awards at various film festivals.

According to Stillman, after interviewing folks in Gilbertsville, they wondered how other people were viewing the circumstances, or if it were just a local, or rural perspective. They expanded their basic questions to the Oneonta area and became inspired to expand it further. "People were isolated and things were brewing in their minds. People were glad to have the conversations," said

Wachter.

They had no trouble finding people willing to give their perspectives and thoughts on one of the most trying times in history. The conversations were started with some basic questions. You will not hear the filmmakers or see them. It captures those who willingly participated. They said they were pleased to know people wanted to come out during the height of the pandemic, wearing their masks, to participate and to engage in the events. They divided their trip into three legs, south, northeast and mid-west. They started each day at 4 a.m., filming for several hours and then would get on the road to travel several more hours to get to the next place and set up their cameras. "There was no time for sightseeing," said Wachter.

Their documentary includes people as young as 18 and as old as 95, from every ethnic group and every walk of life. It includes people from rural and urban areas. It shows what people were going through in different places and how they were affected. "It was a search for common ground and the testimonies, a mosaic of their own stories, of people in America.

"Americans across our



Jeff Rhone (right) with filmmaker Jeri Wachter at the Majors Inn, Gilbertsville, NY, October 3, 2020. Photo credit: Joseph C. Stillman

land have many concerns, and depending, of course, on their individual and family situations and connection to history, their viewpoints represent tremendous diversity, which is, as we found, the great American experience. As filmmakers, we take this responsibility seriously and are confident that our film offers an opportunity to learn from others what we don't often get a chance to see."

In hearing the testimony, they learned many of us want the same things. Many are grieving, others are angry. Some people lost loved

ones and lived in fear.

"Most people walk away feeling inspired and surprised when they see the people on screen. I think it is one of the greatest powers behind the film," said Wachter. "I was surprised that the people who were marginalized the most are the people who have the greatest amount of hope. They seem to accept imperfection and strive to make it better."

The film sparks dialogue, a sense of respectful curiosity, and an atmosphere of caring deeply about our fellow Americans; thus, engaging viewers to begin a process

to bridge misunderstandings about each other and around challenging and critical issues in our country.

Sponsored by Five Star Subaru, the documentary is being shown April 21 and April 22, at the Foothills Performing Arts Center in Oneonta. The doors open at 6 p.m. with the film at 7 p.m.. There will be music in the atrium bar with guest artists at 6 p.m..

It is 100 minutes long and intended for broad audiences, ages 14-103, in high schools, colleges, and universities, businesses and organizations, legislative policymakers, and where communities across our land can screen and hold forums.

The documentary cap-

tures the stories of ordinary people who faced political division, police, and racial tensions, a sharp economic downturn, and a global pandemic that altered their lives. Their thoughts and perspectives reflect some of the most challenging issues of our time. The film also reveals the resilience of America as the people's testimonies are not only filled with the challenging and critical issues we are facing in our country, but they are also of tremendous hope, pride, and love for the people and this place we call our country and our home.

"Something in the Water" sparks respectful curiosity and fosters dialogue among

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Obituaries

Dennis Valente



Dennis J. Valente, 67, of Davenport Center passed away Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany.

He was born April 11, 1955 in Queens, New York the son of Carmine and Margaret (O'Connor) Valente. On February 4, 1978, Dennis married Patricia Borg in Elmont, New York.

Dennis was a master repairman of windup phonographs, Davenport Garden Center manager and grower, Town Councilman, Supervisor for the Town of Davenport for more than

17 years, Delaware County Board member and Water District operator.

Dennis was passionate about people and nature, reading and learning, sharing and participating. He aspired to make a difference. Dennis truly appreciated the wonders of life.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Patricia, son, Alex and partner, Geneane Paulis, all in Davenport Center; his mother, Margaret Valente, sister, Nancy Valente, brother Steven (Elizabeth) Valente, all in Floral Park and brother Mark Valente in Montana; nieces Samantha Morrow, Katelin Seeto and Isabelle Seeto, nephews Brian Valente and Kevin Valente and several cousins. He was predeceased by his father, Carmine Valente and brother, David Valente.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 in the Lester R. Grummons Funeral Home,

14 Grand Street from 1:00 to 3:00 PM and 5:00 to 8:00 PM, and on Thursday, April 13, 2023 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 12:00 PM at St. Mary's Church, 39 Walnut Street, Oneonta with Rev. Christopher Welch officiating. Burial will be in the East Meredith Cemetery, followed by a reception at the East Meredith Fire Department.

Memorial donations may be sent to: St. Peter's Hospital-Becky's House, 296 Hackett Blvd, Albany, NY 12208 or East Meredith Fire District, PO Box 65, East Meredith, NY 13757 or Davenport Fire District, PO Box 63, Davenport, NY 13750.

To send the family an online condolence please visit www.grummonsfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by the Lester R. Grummons Funeral Home, Oneonta.

Small Town Bigger Dreams Awarded \$30K to Teachers and Students

DELHI - Some of the biggest dreams come from the smallest towns. It's where strong morals are born, challenges are overcome, and incredible bonds between neighbors are formed. That is why the Small Town Bigger Dreams (STBD) organization is committed to giving back. In 2022, this newly formed charitable organization awarded a total of \$30,000 to a teacher and graduating senior in the small towns of Delhi, NY, and Amenia, NY.

Last summer, the STBD board members selected the educators from each area for the Coby Clark Excellence in Education Award which recognizes a deserving educator employed by a recognized school district who best represents the qualities and passion for teaching, and mentorship, and who embodies the selflessness required to be a top-tier educator. Two graduating seniors, one from each area, were selected to receive the James "Tuffy" Clark Leadership in Service Award which recognizes a deserving high school senior who possesses great leadership qualities and has the best record of community service/service to others.

"From Delaware Academy, German teacher, Herr Legg was given \$10,000 and Abby Leahy, who graduated in June, was given \$5,000," says organization founder and DA grad, Justin Marano. Mr. Marano started this charity to give back to his hometown. "They say it takes a village. In our case, this is true, and it has motivated us to give back to our hometowns and, even-



tually, many small towns across the nation. We seek to create opportunity where there is none, to make an impact for those less fortunate or seeking assistance, and to continue telling the small-town story while paying respect to the fabric and traditions that help shape us all.

From Webutuck Central School, special education teacher Michelle Smith was awarded \$10,000 and Carissa Whitehead got \$5,000.

"I'm thrilled to be a board member of Small Town Bigger Dreams. I love Delhi, and supporting our teachers who help shape our future and students who will be our future is something that I jumped at the chance to be a part of" says Christina Viafore, Treasurer for STBD. The remaining board members include Taylor Marano, Tommy Bartlett, Mike Bickert, and Monica Baker.

STBD is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, volunteer-led organization that grants funds to honor the commendable work of local teachers and the efforts of local graduat-

ing seniors in the Delhi and Amenia schools districts in NY. The next fundraiser for the group is an online auction through Member For A Day, which helps nonprofits and charitable foundations exceed their fundraising goals by auctioning off once-in-a-lifetime golf experiences. The auction to benefit STBD opens on Wednesday, April 12, and closes Wednesday, April 19, and will include an overnight stay and play package in Cabo San Lucas. Auction and bidding can be accessed through www.memberforaday.com.

Visit smalltownbiggerdreams.org to donate to support local teachers and students and other community initiatives in the future. The next round of awards are currently open for submissions and applicants can apply exclusively thru the website. www.smalltownbiggerdreams.org. Any questions can be directed to Justin@smalltownbiggerdreams.org or Christina@smalltownbiggerdreams.org.

Filmmakers, Continued from A1

its viewers to help bridge misunderstandings. It explores American perspectives around racism, economic disparities, democ-

cracy, leadership, the Black Lives Matter movement, the American Dream, COVID-19, and finding common ground.

To reserve your space, visit: <https://somethinginthewater.today>. Seating is limited.

Village Organizes for the New Fiscal Year, Budget Hearing April 18

By Liz Page

STAMFORD - Members of the Stamford Village Board of Trustees welcomed a new trustee on April 4 and named Sandra Collins Village Clerk/Treasurer.

It was the board's annual meeting, with official appointments and desig-

nations being made. Robert Schneider was sworn into his second term as mayor by Clerk/Treasurer Sandra Collins and Jim Kopp, who was also recently re-elected, was sworn in as deputy mayor. Catherine Snyder is the newly elected trustee and was sworn

in by the mayor.

Appointments and designations were, as follows: Jim Kopp, Auditor of the Abstracts; Wayne Bank and NBT as official depositories; Mountain Eagle, official newspaper and WRIP as the village radio station.

Regular Board of Trustee meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.. Trustees also renewed a long list of policies.

A hearing on the proposed budget is set for 6:45 p.m. on April 18 in the Stamford Village Hall.

Appropriations for the proposed budget total \$1,985,244.49, up \$213,177 from the current budget. The appropriations will be offset by estimated revenues of 1,3250,903.47 and an unexpended fund balance of \$75,652.65. The amount to be raised by taxes totals \$558,688.37. The amount to be raised by taxes is up from the current budget by \$65,096.

HELP WANTED

The Watershed Agricultural Council (WAC), a non-profit organization working to protect the NYC Watershed, while supporting farm and forest land uses, seeks a Stewardship Specialist. This position is responsible for stewarding WAC's working land conservation easements as well as maintaining professional working relationships with landowners and partners. Bachelor's Degree in Natural Resource Management, Environmental Studies or related field. Minimum of three years related experience. Salary range low \$50,000's. Excellent benefit package including 8% employer contribution to 403(b) pension, portable life insurance, health, dental and vision; employer pays 95% of cost of plans. Qualifications detailed in position description available at <http://www.nycwatershed.org/careers>. To apply send letter of interest and resume to Patti Bowker, Watershed Agricultural Council, 33195 State Highway 10, Walton, NY 13856 or e-mail to pbowker@nycwatershed.org. EOE. Review of applications will begin as received.

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SK Rams, Gilboa Pick Up Early Season Wins

DELAWARE LEAGUE - Darren Dengler connected on a pair of doubles, and teammates Adam Champlin, Jacob Staroba and Logan Reinshagen each doubled to help the South Kortright Rams to a

24-3 win over Roxbury in action on Monday. Cole Thomas picked up his first win in his first start on varsity.

The Rams opened with a big 8-run first inning and never looked back, with the game ending early on the mercy rule.

Chris Garafolo picked up the pitching loss for the Rockets, who scored three runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

In action last Thursday, Gilboa-Conesville defeated Roxbury 15-1 in a non-league pairing.

Joe and Sean Wille combined on the mound to strike out 23 Roxbury batters. Sean Wille also helped his cause, going 4 for 5 behind the bat, including an

out of the park homer to left centerfield. William Cipolla added four runs to the win.

Last Wednesday, SK shutout Roxbury 20-0 in a shortened five-inning game. Adam Champlin, Jacob Staroba and Logan Reinshagen combined for a no-hitter, striking out 14. Darren Dengler led the battery, going a perfect 5 for 5 behind the bat, including a pair of triples and a pair of doubles for five RBIs on the day.

The Charlotte Valley Wildcats opened their season on March 29 with a 9-6 victory over non-league Bainbridge-Guilford.

In action Tuesday, SK picked up a 13-0 win over Stamford/Jefferson in another five-inning contest. The Rams scored runs in each inning, using nine hits and one error. Adam Champlin picked up the win from the mound, striking out 14 S/J batters, and giving up one hit and two walks. He added a pair of hits, including

a double, to help his cause, with Darren Dengler and Damon Pietrantonio also adding a pair of hits. Cole Thomas also doubled in the action, along with Dengler.

Gilboa-Conesville picked up a 13-5 league victory over Windham-Ashland-Jewett on Tuesday. David Cammer led the charge with a perfect 3 for 3 performance behind the bat with a double and two walks for three RBIs on the day. That helped his win from the mound where he struck out four batters before Jacob Strauch came in to strike out eight more. Shawn Willie, Jamie Perry and Brayden Carr also doubled in the win.

For Windham, Leon Honge struck out six over three innings of work. He also added a hit, along with teammates Conner Schaefer, Connor Aplin and Jacob Schwartz.

Margaretville fell to non-league Laurens/Milford 11-1 on Tuesday.

More photos inside.

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Public Hearing Set For Proposed Department Head Raises Davenport Supervisor Honored

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - Delaware County Supervisors scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, Apr. 26, at 1 p.m. regarding proposed salary increases for several department heads. According to Chairperson of Supervisors and Bovina Supervisor Tina Molé, the proposed raises follow concluded contract negotiations with New York State CSEA (civil service employees association), which require a 7% increase.

Proposed increases include:

Republican Elections Commissioner Maria Kelso to be raised to \$55,252 annually.

Democratic Elections Commissioner Judith Garrison to be raised to \$55,252 annually.

County Attorney Amy Merklen is to be raised to \$139,100 annually.

Director Real Property Tax Sherri Falcone to be increased to \$82,192 annually.

Personnel Director Carara Knoetgen to be raised to \$85,731 annually.

Director of Information and Technology to be increased to \$94,124 annually.

Director of Emergency Services Stephen Hood to be increased to \$71,698 annually.

Director of Community Mental Health Services Douglas Elston to be increased to \$102,306 annually.

Commissioner of Social Services Sylvia Armanno to be increased to \$106,408 annually.

Director of Veterans Services Agency Charles Piper to be raised to \$56,981 annually.

Director Office for the Aging Wayne Shepard to be raised to \$81,897 annually.

County Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett to be increased to \$104,564 annually.

Director of Economic Development Glenn Nealis to be increased to \$93,738 annually.

Commissioner of Public Works James Thomas to be raised to \$110,607 annually.

Public Health Director Amanda Walsh to be increased to \$108,562 annually.

County Clerk Debra Goodrich to be raised to

\$77,819 annually.

Sheriff Craig DuMond to be increased to \$97,822 annually.

County Treasurer Beverly Shields to be increased to \$77,819 annually.

If approved, salary increases will be retroactive starting Jan. 1, 2023.

In other business, supervisors honored Davenport Supervisor Dennis J. Valente after his death on Apr. 4. Valente has served as supervisor since 2006. The resolution states, "He will be remembered with distinction for his hard work, notable service and dedication to the county and the Town of Davenport."

"His wit was just amazing and I enjoyed his company and I will miss him dearly," said Meredith Supervisor

James Ellis.

Stamford Supervisor John Kosier's comments were met with attendees' laughter: "He was my go-to guy for gardening, and I hesitate to say this, but we drank the same beer."

"There's going to be a big hole here (in the county)," said Colchester Supervisor Arthur Merrill.

"I spent many good hours talking to Dennis in his shop while my wife shopped for flowers," said Roxbury Supervisor Allen Hinkley.

"He loved the county, he loved his town, and was always a strong supporter of the sheriff's department, for that and his friendship I am forever grateful," said DuMond.

According to Molé, prior to his death, Valente requested Kosier to take over as chairperson of the economic development committee should he pass or be incapable.

In other business:

Supervisors accepted a grant from the US Depart-

ment of Justice for \$3,300 for reimbursement of 50% of costs for bulletproof vests.

Hotel occupancy tax revenue of \$144,623 will be distributed as grant funding for 44 approved proposals reviewed and recommended by the tourism advisory board. According to Nealis, the grants will amount to a \$540,000 investment in Delaware County's tourism industry.

Supervisors authorized the chairperson of supervisors to sign bonds and notes in the event the county treasurer or deputy treasurer was unavailable.

Kosier was appointed to the tourism advisory board.

Supervisors adjusted a past resolution to collect an additional 1% sales tax for three years. The amendment will allow additional collection for two years instead of three.

The next board of supervisors meeting is scheduled Wednesday, Apr. 26, following the public hearing at 1 p.m.

Finding Those Special Easter Eggs

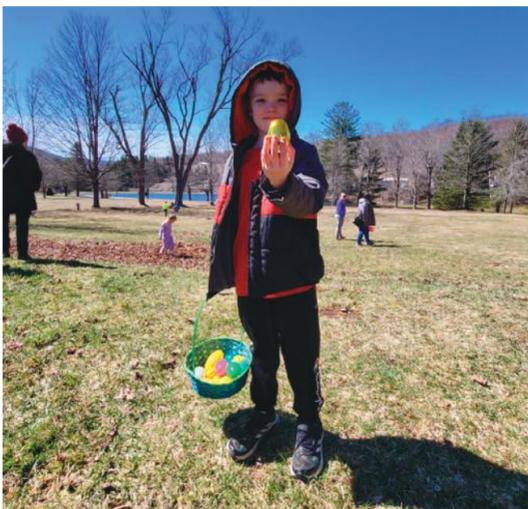
Rexmere Park in Stamford was filled with brightly colored Easter eggs and some very anxious young hunters last Saturday as the Stamford Rotary Club held its annual Easter Egg Hunt in Rexmere Park. The gold and silver eggs hold cash prizes, while the hundreds of other eggs are filled with candy.



Above: Morgan Meade, 3 and Mabel Anthise, 4, hold up their silver and gold Easter eggs, following Saturday's Stamford Rotary Club Easter Egg Hunt in Rexmere Park.

Above left: Natalie Kosier, 8, holds the silver egg and Lily O'Brien, 6, found the golden egg.

Right: Declan Rueffer, 6, found a golden egg.



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HELP WANTED

The Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District is seeking two (2) interns to perform field work and data collection on riparian forest buffers implemented in the Susquehanna watershed portion of Delaware County. Duties will include planting native trees and shrubs, performing tree tube maintenance and removal, collecting data on tree health and survival rates, and writing summary reports. These are 12-week summer positions (40 hours per week) that pay \$14.50 per hour. Must have a valid NYS driver's license. Interest in working outdoors with ability to perform physically demanding work. Experience with ArcGIS and Microsoft Excel is preferred. Tree, shrub, and herbaceous species identification skills also preferred. Please send resume and cover letter to Jay Czerniak, Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District, 44 West Street Suite 1, Walton, NY 13856 or email jay-czerniak@dswcd.org
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Letters to the Editor

MCS Budget

It's almost like all school districts have a playbook that they follow. You might think that when you vote on the MCS budget next month that you are voting on spending \$24 - \$25 million. This is what the district wants you to think when, in actuality, after you take away salaries and benefits (over 70%), water, heat, electricity, scheduled maintenance, transportation, and factor in non-negotiable state and federal mandates, you are only voting on a tiny slice of that big number. If you vote this down and the system goes on austerity, the students loose because the things that get taken away are sports, music, field trips, and virtually all after school activities and clubs. You are being held hostage and have no choice but to approve the budget. If you're concerned about rising taxes and the quality of education, you need to recognize that the district reports to the board of education (BOE), and the BOE reports to the voters, parents, and taxpayers - that's you. You are not going to change anything in that budget, this is the game that every school district plays. You have to take a long-term view and realize that the only way you get the budget under control is to elect a BOE that will be responsible to the voters, taxpayers, and parents and not to the district.

As taxpayers, we are not getting the information we need to make the decisions that need to be made. If you go the 2022 - 2023 budget booklet <https://www.middleburghcsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/MCS-Budget-Binder.pdf>, for example, you see 82 pages of line items and statistics, what you don't see is where we were, where we are, where we are going, and why we are spending what we are being asked to approve. For example, the oldest budget information on the MCS website is (\$20,150,481) for 2012 - 2013 which equates to \$283,809 per graduate and for 2021 - 2022 (\$22,922,240) it is \$487,707 per graduate. Just to put this into perspective, \$283,809 is more than 4 years at Columbia and \$487,707 is more than what you would pay for a Harvard

MBA or law degree. If you are happy with this, you don't need to do anything. The reason for the disparity is that 2013 saw 71 graduates and 2022 only 47. This is an example of a very serious question; the district had to know that 13 years prior to 2013 (2000) the enrollment was roughly 71 and they would graduate in 2013 and that in 2009 the enrollment was only 47-50 and that this class size was going to move through the system and graduate in 2022. Yet when you compare the budget for 2021 - 2022 to 2012 - 2013 you will note that it is \$2,771,759 more. The point is that this time bomb had been moving through the system for 13 years and, not only weren't the danger signals recognized and resources and expenses adjusted accordingly, but taxpayers had to cough up \$2,771,759 more. You not only have to ask how, and why, this happened, you have to ask how many other time bombs there are that the district and BOE are hiding. If you look at the budget, you will see that over 70% of it is salary and benefits and you have to ask why, when it became obvious that we were facing diminished class sizes, weren't there staff reductions. I'm not suggesting terminations, but in 13 years there had to be normal attrition, retirements, departures, etc. where remaining resources could have been used to fill any gaps.

What we need to know as taxpayers, on an ongoing basis, is the size of each one of the 13 classes and the projected enrollment, the job descriptions for every employee in the system, the number of employees working under each job description, what the workload is for every position, and have the contracts of every employee with contractual employment published. When you look at any budget and you want to consider making cuts, you look at the biggest items and, in this case, it's the 70% number. All of this is in the public domain and we have a district website where all of this should be available but is conspicuous by its absence. This lack of transparency is something everyone should be concerned with. The reason

knowing the details of each job description is so important is that they define the limit of what a particular position is expected to do, and if they are too narrow, people, being people, are not going to do any more than they are obligated to do, and you now possibly have 5 people doing the work of 3. MCS is facing declining class sizes, but the budget keeps increasing and this needs some serious analysis. It's up to the BOE to make this information available to all of us so that we know what's going on and the voters and taxpayers can make the decisions that the district is making for us. That flyer printed in green ink only tells you what decisions have already been made for you. You need a BOE that will work for the taxpayers and not be a rubber stamp. This is an evolutionary process and every time a seat opens you need to elect someone who will be transparent and work for you.

As a point of information, I can be reasonably objective because I do not have, never did have, and, unless God has some other ideas, never will have any children in the MCS system.

Ted Werner
Fulton

Open Letter to the Stamford Library

Dear New Library Committee, and all readers,

Thank you for pursuing a vitalized region. I remain puzzled how the largely rectangular blueprint of the proposed, grand, fully-inclusive library, with its planned and multiple Green areas, 29 parking spots, driveways, sidewalks, and incorporating the required Lake Street bank reinforce-

ment to uphold Rt. 10, will fit in this somewhat small, and square, library Site. Odd is the architect can't cite the building drawing's dimensions. I expect discord exists over who owns the real estate immediately west of the Site.

Libraries seem on that same declining track of post offices. People don't need them. The entire world is in their phone. I did love libraries. I spent study halls volunteering in Middleburgh school's, and was a New York State Yorker all 6 years offered. I relished the creaking floors of the village's old public library, with its multiple rooms in a converted old house. One best book I read there is Seuss's The Sneeches and Other Stories; relating conceit of society, rather than neutered greens and blues, ones and twos, I like shirts and socks and shoes. Go ahead. Try to find the provoking Sneeches...without using the internet I'm saying.

Today's libraries have adventure sterilized out. At the March 23 public meeting I learned there is overwhelming support for the new Site. Spurred thus, the next day I took a library tour guided by your visions and my beliefs. Open hours, and rural libraries cited by Architect Mays dictated my 8-counties passage to Cambridge, Greenwich, Schuylerville, Cairo, and Gardiner. All structures are bright and airy. At none of the five were patrons perusing the bookshelves.

I thank the entity, Stamford Public Library for it directly spurring me to get out again, research something, think, and write. Such hosting people to action must be integral to a modern library. Can longevity of a library - new or otherwise - continue through a half-century more without

such?

I expect my thoughts would have been better entertained by this committee in early planning stages rather than now when progress has advanced to a new library property having been purchased. The advanced concept of a glistening new library and a banner "We are Bound!" or "Stamford: Incubus of Innovation" or some other inane fingertip of words strategically strung across it, where now is a raggedy tree stand, would present a progressive community that I can see, as in the Committee's eyes, could lure newcomers. Course those one-way streets...Not so many drivers, even locals, will be lured to make the full circle just to go to a library. And to try and make West Main Street two-way heightens the possibility of traffic accidents at the Lake Street intersection.

On the concept that a flashy library would attract passersby who would not otherwise be attracted, I submit Rt. 23 has three times more traffic than Rt. 10. It is why the traffic light at their intersection predominately stays green for Rt 23. Now, it would have to come in stages. But frankly, the idea bypassed of not redeveloping the current library with a gleaming edifice straight to the sidewalk, of not uniting Village Hall across the street, of not incorporating the brand new swimming pool complex, of not joining to the senior housing, of not feeding onto the playground in back, of not re-designing the gym space but still incorporating the early childhood program, of not designing a united structure monumental to the blocks-long Churchill complex of a century ago that sat on these blocks and inspired the very beginnings of the library, and, ahem, having an enclosed walkway from a tiered parking lot to the Library and Main Street...

Middleburgh has a showcase library, the centerpiece of the village. The proposed Stamford Site seems too removed to be beneficial. Devising the Site in superior function is a park of sculpture and floral, stately, inviting folks, and retaining the quiet integrity of that section of village. There would be a bench here for Jimmy May. I expect the committee has scrutinized the Delaware Inn. It has ample, private parking and village parking across the street, straight-line handicap entrance, huge amounts of

space inside adaptable to any library design, is historically on the old Catskill/Unadilla Turnpike (like Churchill Library) as well as near the rail trail (unlike Churchill), already has an elevator, and dates to the very beginnings of Stamford. The upper rooms could be rented as b&b fund-raisers within 401k, guideline structures. Is the building purchasable?

I tell you, much ado STEM, disallows art and culture. And I don't even like new books. Half seem to have downloaded information plagiarized and rearranged. The fiction is mostly whiny first person accounts that overtly infuse adjectives and adverbs. Do I care to perpetuate this kind of thing with a new library? Let me plug-in: The Treadwell school, insistent by the Delhi School Board, soliciting millions of dollars in funds, erecting and subsequently closing it. Not enough kids. The whale sits still beached in a field 20 years beyond, Another example is the Mary McClellan Hospital, Washington County where I was born, which afterward closed and was commensurately leveled.

Gifting me couldn't be topped, a sentiment consummated by Mom immediately upon my birth who said gimme a cigarette. She'd never smoked before. Luckily it was August, for a hospital built on a knoll panorama was poor planning from the get-go because ambulances and nurses, visitors and doctors in winter couldn't even get up there.

K.O. Wilson
Jefferson

Thank You

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Stamford Library, I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the recent community meetings regarding the future of the library. Thanks to the Village Board and Mayor Schneider for the use of the village hall, which was a wonderful space for the meetings; also to the Mayor for his thoughtful responses to questions. Thanks also to Ulla Wadner for the delicious refreshments. And a big collective expression of gratitude to the standing-room-only crowds of both March 23 and March 25, for their comments, concerns, and ideas. We have a wonderful community of people interested in helping it be the best it can be.

Janet Wenner
Member, Stamford Village Library Board of Trustees

HELP WANTED

The Watershed Agricultural Council, a non-profit organization working to protect the NYC Watershed while supporting farm and forest land uses, is seeking to hire one Economic Viability Program Intern to assist the Economic Viability Program with Pure Catskills membership relations and support, Pure Catskills Guide deliveries, document archiving, content development for various electronic and print media, event coordination and setup, and creating outreach materials consistent with messaging of the Pure Catskills Buy Local Campaign which will reinforce the positive impact being made in the region. This is a 10-week summer position that pays \$16.00 per hour. Must have a dependable vehicle, insurance and a valid N.Y.S. driver's license. Will be reimbursed for mileage incurred on the job. Send cover letter and resume to Patti Bowker, WAC, 33195 State Highway 10, Walton, NY 13856 or email pbowker@nycwatershed.org. Job description: www.nycwatershed.org. WAC will accept cover letters/resumes through April 27, 2023. E.O.E.

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A STORM of Controversy

Opinions Mixed but Most Schoharie Alumni Not Happy with Choice for New Mascot

By David Avitabile
SCHOHARIE - Now that the Storm has been chosen as the new mascot for Schoharie Central School, what does the public feel about the name?

In a very unscientific Facebook poll conducted by the Mountain Eagle, most people do not like the choice for the new mascot which replaced the much beloved (by most) Indian. The state education forced state school districts to remove Native American names and images under penalty of loss of state aid and removal of officers.

Schoharie Central School asked for ideas for a new mascot and received hundreds of suggestions. In a public vote, the Storm finished first ahead of the other semi-finalists Coyotes, Titans, Vales, and Hawks.

A sampling of the opinions on the new names:

* Robin Rowison, "We have beautiful Eagles that have moved into the valley...Not sure why Eagles wasn't even a choice. Since it HAS to be replaced, doing so with one Majestic icon for another would be way better than Storm...." Other posters noted that Duaneburg is already the Eagles.

* Midge Diamond Howland, "Worse name ever! Now we will forever be reminded of the damage the storm caused and affected so many Schoharie County residents! I am a Schoharie school alumni from 1969 and I will forever be a Schoharie Indian. How that name was even put into the voting is beyond all reasoning."

* Mike Taccone, "Poor choice to name it after something that had a

negative impact. Heard this name floating around before the committee was even formed so it is what it is unfortunately."

* Jennifer Crewell Alescio agreed, "Yes you are correct !! I believe it was set way back and we just went through the process !!! My opinion !!!"

* Tammi Puchala Cammer, "I was hoping for something historically accurate. (Revolutionaries, Patriots, etc.)"

* Gammie Pals, "It's ridiculous. My opinion."

* Shari Brienza Carr, "I understand how some people feel 'triggered' by the implication of storm. I see it has we survived the storm. It shows strength and resilience.."

* Dave Yorks responded, "Oddly enough, Indians showed strength and resilience to most people. In my 69 years never

heard anybody say that it was offensive....Some 'woke' people at the state-level forced the change."

* Jake Davis answered, "The Native Americans are the ones who find it offensive and they are vocal about it (to anyone who cares to listen). That's why it's being changed."

* Frank N Tucker re-

sponded, "'Woke' means caring, supporting others, having compassion."

* Lora Newell, "The larger issue is: Why we are allowing ourselves to be bullied by the state?"

* Travis Hofmann was direct and concise with his opinion, "It's s**t."

* Rachel Bernhardt, "I agree. They have left it

as Schoharie Indians. There was nothing Wrong with this School Mascot. We will always Be The Schoharie Indians No Matter What!!!"

* Amy Wilber Wayman, "I am not at all happy with having to change the mascot. I want to know if anyone took the

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Gilboa's Terry Loses GOP Nod

GILBOA - Gilboa Town Supervisor Alicia Terry lost her nomination for another term in office Wednesday. Former Town Supervisor Tony Van Glad nominated his son Tim Van Glad, which was then seconded.

Under Town of Gilboa Republican Party rules, a non-party member cannot receive the party's nomination if a registered Republican is nominated and seconded.

Supervisor Terry is a registered member of the Conservative Party.

At the caucus, Supervisor Terry said that she would seek office under the Conservative Party line.

We received this information not long before press time and will follow up in coming editions.

Gilboa Seeks Speed Reduction on Wyckoff Road

By Liz Page

GILBOA - A speed limit reduction along Wyckoff Road, bids for mowing and sealing and striping parking lots, and concern about a section of Dave Brown Mountain Road, were on the agenda for members of the Gilboa Town Board on Monday.

The speed reduction request for Wyckoff Road is out of concern for the increased amount of traffic that is being rerouted over the roadway as a detour due to the closure of a section of Flat Creek Road. The greatest concern is for the area that travels through the Gilboa-Conesville Central School. Supervisor Alicia Wyckoff said the road narrows in that area and there are people crossing the roadway, to and from the parking lot. Visibility is often limited due to the parking and hinders both drivers and pedestrians.

The request requires a study of the traffic by the state Department of Transportation and due to the concerns, board members are hoping DOT realizes the circumstances and issues approval. The request will be forwarded to the Dan Crandell,

Schoharie County Public Works Commissioner and DOT.

Board members awarded the bid for mowing of town properties to the lowest bidder, A & A Lawncare in the amount of \$6,750.

The bid for sealing the parking lots at the town hall/post office and town highway garage and striping them was awarded to the lone bidder, Webster Asphalt, of Oneonta.

The Gilboa Historical Society and the town are moving closer to the transfer of property at the museum and Juried History Center. Terry said it is being reviewed and must be approved by the attorney general's office. She said they do not want to miss any critical steps with Gerry Stoner, president of the GHS, presenting a task list of things that must occur prior to the transfer.

He also presented some additional events that will be taking place over the coming months.

He reported that the students from the Bright Hill Center in Franklin visited the museum recently and he was impressed by their knowledge and behavior for

such a young group. He said they are trying to have the museum open for as many daytime visitors as possible, with other school groups also visiting.

In his report, Highway Superintendent John Wyckoff said there is an

area along Dave Brown Mountain Road where he is concerned about future stability, due to the steepness of the embankment. It is not an area that has seen work due to flooding or Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) projects. The dis-

cussion indicated he would have someone with some expertise look at the embankment and determine if something needs to be done,

In her report, Terry said the county is seeking a Certificate of Need for its ambulance service and

are looking for letters of support from the town.

She also reported the dog control officer received approval of his facilities from state Ag and Markets.

The next Gilboa Town Board meeting will be held May 8 at 6:30 p.m..

Schoharie Confirms Comp Plan Candidates

By Joshua Walther

SCHOHARIE - On Tuesday evening, the Schoharie Village Board met to discuss their potential candidates for the upcoming comprehensive plan review, as well as the recreational creek trail.

Last August, the Village and Town decided to update Schoharie's comprehensive plan, which hadn't been done for

years. The plan in question oversees several aspects of the future, and it often serves as a roadmap for how elected officials want to develop the town.

Launching a joint operation, both Boards decided to take a few months and find several candidates from members of the community to serve on a review committee. The aim was to

find a diverse pool of people from all walks of life and who held Schoharie's interests at heart.

Although it was a lengthy process, the Village Board is nearly ready to announce their candidates. There are six names in total, with two of them being Board members Jeff Palmer and Cody Robinson-Bullock.

The Village resolved to

compile these names into an official list and send them to their consultant, Nan Stolzenburg. Members have also discussed reaching out to a handful of other candidates while these six are being finalized.

A final joint meeting between the Village and the Town is expected to take place soon to decide upon a review committee from both candidate lists.

In other news, the Village is moving forward with their recreational creek trail project, and the Board is now facing the prospect of an environmental review.

Passing Resolution 2-2023, the Board has declared itself as the lead agency for the review, with members eager to tackle the project. They'll be expected to collaborate with the floodplain administrator and other agencies as they work through the necessary stages.

Village Candidates to Hold Campaign Kickoff

MIDDLEBURGH - With petitioning for the 2023 Village of Middleburgh Election beginning next week, a ticket of four local candidates are holding a cam-

paign kickoff that Village residents are invited to attend.

Village Mayoral candidate Timothy Knight and Village Trustee candidates Robert

Tinker, Amanda Fernandez, and Kevin Young will be hosting a petition party at Green Wolf Brewing Company on Tuesday, April 18th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

When elected, the four candidates will join incumbent Village Trustee Sheryl Adams - who has two years remaining in her term of office - in collaboratively governing on the Village Board of Trustees.



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Obituaries Mary Curran



Middleburgh - Mary E. Curran, of Cliff Street, found eternal peace on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 in the loving care of her family.

Mary was born 92 years ago, on May 18, 1930 at home, in the Town of Broome, to Mamie (Whitbeck) and Robert Felter. The most important thing to Mary, was her family and she made them all a priority from the time she

was married. Mary was blessed to have several of her children close by and loved spending time with everyone and hearing from others farther away about everything going on in their lives. Mary's faith was also a constant in her heart, though not always able to attend church, it was her faith that she always leaned on through difficult moments. She also took pleasure in crocheting, raising a multitude of house plants, never passed by a good yard sale in search of a treasure and she dearly loved her rescue pup, "Teddy."

Cherishing her love forever are her children: Tammy Freeman (Tony Marsh), Donna (John) Enright, Sandra Wood

(Tim Warner) and Kathy (Joe) Best; Floyd G. (Buffy) Armlin, Jr., Nelson (Hope) Armlin; siblings: Raymond Felter and David Felter; 31 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. Mary was predeceased by her first and second husbands: Floyd G. Armlin Sr., and Robert Curran; her children: Dorothy Dyer, Sally Armlin and Thomas Armlin; her siblings: Lester Felter, Robert Felter, Joan McMullen and infant brother: John Felter.

A graveside service and celebration of Mary's life will be at a later date to be announced. Coltrain Funeral Home, LLC of Middleburgh is honored to be caring for Mary and her family.

Power Authority Reopens Reservoirs for Recreational Boating

New Picnic Amenities at Upper and Lower Reservoir Available

NORTH BLENHEIM—The New York Power Authority (NYPA) has opened the lower and upper reservoirs for the season to recreational boating at the Blenheim-Gilboa (B-G) Pumped Storage Power Project. Both fishing areas were recently enhanced with picnic tables and portable bathrooms for the convenience of the boating and fishing communities.

Use of the upper reservoir is limited to rowboats, canoes, stand-up paddleboards and kayaks only—with or without electric-trolling motors. Gasoline-powered engines and sailboats are prohibited on the upper reservoir. Recreational craft, including rowboats

or canoes, with or without electric trolling motors and boats with gas-powered may be used in the lower reservoir.

The public fishing access along the Schoharie Creek just below the lower reservoir is currently open.

For access to the upper reservoir, boaters are required to stop at the south gate on Valenti Road no earlier than 7 a.m. on the day use of the upper reservoir is intended. All boats must be off the reservoir promptly at 7 p.m. Shoreline fishing closes at dusk. Daily inspections of the reservoir will be performed by the NYPA B-G Security.

For access to the lower

reservoir, boaters are required to stop at Mine Kill State Park's toll booth or the Park Office on the day use of the lower reservoir is intended. Boating will be permitted from 7:30 a.m. until the park closes, however all boats must be off the reservoir one hour before the park closes. The park will be open until 4 p.m. until the first weekend in May; afterward, it will remain open until dusk.

Please visit the New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation webpage on tips for boating safety.

The reservoirs may be closed to boating at any time at the Power Authority's discretion.

Easter Egg Fun in Central Bridge



Kids and adults in Central Bridge had fun searching for Easter Eggs at the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the ballfield on Route 30 on Saturday morning. The hunt was sponsored by the Central Bridge Civic Association.



Dinosaur Week!



Jessica Shea introduces the library audience to a milk snake, while a Blue Tongued Skink has lunch, and her assistant Brian Shea stands by with a Panther Chameleon perched on his head.



Reagan Sandburgh, of Middleburgh, gets an up close look at a Panther Chameleon held by Jessica Shea, during Wednesday's "Reptile Adventure" show at the Middleburgh Library.

Middleburgh Central School District Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

Student registration for both kindergarten and pre-kindergarten (UPK 3 and UPK 4) are now open for the 2023-2024 school year.

For the UPK 3 and UPK 4 programs, children must be 3 or 4 years old on or before Dec. 1 and reside in the Middleburgh School District to be eligible. The program does not require income eligibility and registration is on a first come, first serve basis once the registration packet has been completed.

For the Kindergarten program, children must be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1 and reside in the Middleburgh School District to be eligible.

If you would like a registration packet or have any questions, please contact our registrar at (518) 827-3600 ext 2601.

D. F. Hasbrouck at the Gilboa Museum



D. F. Hasbrouck was a largely self-taught artist who chose to settle in Stamford after exploring the Catskills by train while sketching illustrations for Ulster & Delaware Railroad advertising brochures. His landscape paintings now grace collections in homes and museums, including the Smithsonian.

REFRESHMENTS

Author T. M. Bradshaw
6:00 PM, April 19, 2023, at the Gilboa Museum
122 Stryker Road, Gilboa, NY
Just west of Schoharie Creek, off Route 990V
607 652-2665

The April Spring Break was Dinosaur Week at the Middleburgh Library. Highlights included dinosaur books, dinosaur themed crafts and games, a dinosaur scavenger hunt, and on Wednesday, April 12th, a reptile show. Jessica Shea, from Schenectady, and her "Reptile Adventure" introduced a packed audience to her lively and interesting reptile friends, including a tortoise, lizards, Argentine black and white tengus and several snakes. Jessica answered audience questions during her presentation, which was followed by the opportunity to touch or hold some of the animals.

Schoharie Valley Concert Band Returns

After having been sidelined by the pandemic for three years, the Schoharie Valley Concert band will strike up the band at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Cobleskill-Richmondville High School.

Under the direction of Martin Zavadil, the band will renew its quest of performing quality concert band music for the community.

The concert will lead off with "Covenant," fanfare and celebration, by Robert W. Smith, composer and arranger of marching band literature. Smith's music has received extensive air-

play on major network television, inclusion in many movies, and in professional ensembles such as the United States Navy Band, United States Air Force Band, Boston Pops and the Atlanta Symphony.

The program will also feature familiar tunes from Broadway musicals, march music from the circus, a piece portraying the dreams of a matador's last bullfight, and a reflective composition that captures youth and innocence through the eyes of a child.

The variety of music will include "The Old Matador,"

with a Spanish flair by composer David Bobrowitz. The Old Matador is a tone poem in which the music evokes the content of the poem. The piece depicts an aging matador's desire to return to the arena for one last bullfight. The Matador is brave, courageous, and proud. Yet fearing for his life, his señora pleads with him to come to his senses and retire. The music portrays the march to the arena, the bullfight and the Matador's victory.

"Robinson's Grand Entrée March," is one of 188 marches composed by Karl King.

It is a circus march called a screamer, aimed at stirring up the audience during the circus show. Screamers are a very demanding type of music due to their extremely fast and advanced rhythms, especially the low-brass parts. Some say King did for the circus march what Sousa did for the patriotic march.

"A Childhood Remembered," by Rossano Galante, urges you to imagine a time of carefree days and magical

Star-filled nights. Sprightly melodic lines play tag with more lyrical, lush sonorities, taking audiences back to their own childhoods.

Selections from two popular Broadway musicals will highlight memorable songs from "Into the Woods," by the late Stephen Sondheim and "Carousel," by composer Richard Rodgers and lyricist-dramatist Oscar Hammerstein.

The Schoharie Valley Concert Band is open to all area

residents, including high school and college students. The new season for band will start in September. Rehearsals are held on Thursdays in Cobleskill-Richmondville High School. For information on how to join the band, contact Martin Zavadil at Zavamart@aol.com or Ed Truax by calling (518)925-0745. The Schoharie Valley Concert Band website is <http://svconcertband.org/>

Country Classroom to Offer Summer Camps

MIDDLEBURGH - Country Classroom at 2136 Huntersland Road in Middleburgh will be offering summer camps from July 1-14 and August 7-11. They will be offered from 9am to 3pm with instructor Michelle Norman.

Come join them for some summertime fun. They will dig in the dirt and the sand to see what they can find. They will wade up the stream to find the source of the water and explore in the woods.

Bring your eagle eyes, deer ears, and mole claws. What will we discover? Tracks, interesting insects, special sticks, and so much more are waiting for us in the fields and forest. The week will be full of songs, games, activities and lots of free play.

The camp week is Monday through Friday, and the day is 9 am - 3 pm. The cost is \$250 per week. Additional siblings are 10% off (\$225 each).

To complete your Summer Camp registration, fill

out their Online Registration form.

Mail your payment (2136 Huntersland Rd., Middleburgh NY, 12122) or pay online. Registration is not complete until payment has been submitted.

Visit their Registration Document page to download and submit your medical and permission forms. Alternate options for filling out the registration can also be found there.

Email admin@countryclassroom.com with any questions.

Following in the Footsteps



Pastor David Houck leads the procession of the Ecumenical Walk of the Cross Friday afternoon in Middleburgh which included the faithful from Our Lady of the Valley, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, United Methodist Church, and Reformed Church on Good Friday. Photo by David Avitabile.

Library News

Middleburgh Library
4/17 - 6:00 PM - Library Board of Trustees Meeting - The public is welcome.

4/18 - 10:45 AM = Drop-in Storytime - Join Miss Terry for this fun, interactive storytime geared toward little ones

ages 0-5 and their caregivers! We will read books, sing songs and watch a short film based on our weekly theme. All children will go home with a coloring sheet and take home craft. No registration is required.

4/18 - 12:00 PM - Embroidery Club - Join local artist Betty Pillsbury at our Embroidery Club. Bring whatever projects you are working on and enjoy the company of your fellow teachers! Betty will not be teaching but will provide help if needed. No registration required. Refreshments will be provided.

4/18 - 1:00-4:00 PM - Mahjong. Join the group for some fun. If you don't know how to play, they will teach you.

4/19 - 1:00 PM - Home-school Elements of With Ms. Wendy - Join Ms. Wendy on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, to explore art! Topics that will be covered are color, value, line, shape, texture, space, and form. This class is for home-schooled students ages 10 and up. Siblings are welcome! Registration is required.

4/19 - 7:30-8:00 PM - Middleburgh Library Public Budget Hearing.

4/20 - 10:30-11:30 AM - Schoharie County Quilt Barn Trail with Ginny Schaum - In an interactive program, author Ginny Schaum will answer your questions and more about the Schoharie County Quilt Barn Trail. Books will be available for purchase.

4/22 - 11:00-3:00 - Puzzlemania: Team Jigsaw Puzzle Competition - Test your puzzle prowess. Teams of 2-4 players will have 2 hours to see who can put together an identical unopened 500-piece jigsaw puzzle in the least amount of time. Each team will get to keep their puzzle and the winning team and runner up will get to choose another puzzle to take home! Children 10-14 must compete with an adult. Children 15 and up can compete without an adult on their team. All ages are welcome! Registration is required. Please check our calendar on our website at www.middleburghlibrary.info for future programs. Also, don't forget our Facebook page.

Cobleskill Library
Wednesday, April 19 at 3:30 We've got the LEGO, just bring your imagination! Each session we'll have a different building theme to challenge participants, but you can build anything that inspires you. Open to kids in grades K-8.

Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 5-Minute Experts This new event is a fun, fast-moving, educational program where 4-5 presenters deliver five-minute talks on a specialized area of expertise. Each presenter must prepare a slide show of 10-20 slides and the presentations may not exceed 5-minutes. Topics will be as varied as the participants' interests. For audiences, it's an opportunity to learn something new and different, with less likelihood of getting bored by a long-winded presentation. It's like TED Talks for audiences with short attention spans! If you're interested in presenting at a future program, contact Adult Services Librarian Don LaPlant at cob-adult@mvls.info

Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 pm The Short Fiction Workshop: This monthly writing workshop for teens and adults features writing prompts, exercises, and moderated feedback sessions where authors working on short fiction can practice their craft, develop new skills, and get constructive input from other writers.

Tuesday, April 25 at 6pm Yoga for Teens Join local yoga instructor Lana for a beginner-friendly yoga practice! Participants will learn a little about yoga's history and modern practice, then follow a sequence of poses and breathing exercises. No experience necessary, but registration is required. Open to middle and high schoolers (ages 11-18). If you have a mat, please bring it; mats can be provided for those who don't have their own.

Thursday, April 27 Trivia Night@ the Library 6:30 pm. If you would like to be a 2023 sponsor, please contact the Library. Special thanks to The Friends of The Community Library for sponsoring the snack table.

Saturday, April 29 the Library will be at the Maple Festival. Stop and say hi and learn more about programs and things you can borrow with your Library card!

Wednesdays weekly StoryTime at 10:30 with Miss Courtney is for children ages birth to 5 and their caregiver featuring stories, songs and fun activities. A special thanks to the Stewarts Holiday Match for the new storytime program cart.

Paws for Reading Join our favorite therapy dogs, for reading and cuddles! This is a great, relaxed opportunity for kids to practice their

reading with a friendly face. All ages welcome. No registration necessary. In April Lily will join our Paws for Reading program on Tuesdays at 4:30 and Thursday April 6, 13, and 27th at 4:30. Nico will be back on Fridays April 14 and 28 at 4pm.

Families Count bags are now available to check out at the Community Library! These bags cover a variety of math topics and are aimed at elementary schoolers. Each bag includes lesson guides, books, and hands-on activities that help families build math skills together. Stop by the library to get started!

Cobleskill-Richmondville Battle of the Books events are scheduled for April Radez, Golding and C-R and Schoharie High Schools have teams participating. 2023 Battle of the Books is supported by The Friends of The Community Library, The Community Library, Mohawk Valley Library System, Games A Plunder, Catnap Bookstore, Stewarts, Gobbler's Knob, Burger King, Walmart and Via Aquarium. Good luck to all participants. These events couldn't happen without the support of the team coaches, the school librarians, library staff and the numerous volunteers and supporters.

Tuesdays join your neighbors and make new friends during the Tuesday Knitters group! You can find them in the program room at 1pm. Bring your own supplies and learn something new while you chat, listen or just get in your zone.

April Tabling Tuesdays visitors:

Tuesday, April 18 from 3-7pm a representative from Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth will be at the Library. Berkshire's mission is to strengthen children and families so they can live safely, independently and productively within their home communities. Berkshire will have information on becoming a foster parent. There are currently over 17,000 children in foster care in NY with more than 6,000 coming into care every year.

Tuesday April 25 from 11 to 1pm April is sexual assault awareness month and a representative from Planned Parenthood of Greater NY will highlight ways people can help, how to access services if in need and share flyers with the hotline number.

Do you have used Inkjet or LaserJet toner you want to recycle? Please bring them to the Library. We recycle and use the rewards to supplement our office supply budget. Please don't bring the empty toner containers from your copier, we can't recycle them. The recycle box is under the card catalog

by the water fountain. We really appreciate the donations we have received.

To receive Library News by email sign up here <https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryNews> Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter! It is easy to find age-appropriate programs on the event calendar visit <https://bit.ly/CommunityLibraryEvents>

Schoharie Library
Schoharie Library Hours: MTF 11am-6pm, Wed. 5-8pm, Thurs. 12pm-7pm, and Sat. 10am-2pm

Note our NEW hours: Tuesday, 10am-8pm. Wednesday, 12pm-7pm. Thursday and Friday, 11am-6pm. Saturday, 10am-2pm. Closed Sunday and Monday.

"Hello, Puddle" with children's author Anita Sanchez: Thursday, April 13, 11am. This magical, beautifully-illustrated book shows the life of a puddle and all the animals who depend on it. Ms. Sanchez will read the book, speak about it, and answer questions. Though geared toward children, this program will be interesting to all ages.

Storytime with Yvonne: Fridays at 10am. Stories, songs, fun activities!

Needle felting with Sally Ziegler*: Saturday, April 15, 10:30am and Thursday, April 20 at 4:15pm. Join us for either or both classes and create a cool design on felt with colorful wool! It can be as simple or as intricate as you wish - either way it will be fun. Ages 10 to adult. Signup: <https://bit.ly/NeedleFeltApril2023>

*This project is made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of The Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered in Schoharie County by CREATE Council on the Arts.

Writing Club (Virtual): Mondays at 6:30pm. <https://bit.ly/SchoharieLibraryPrograms>

For the Love of Books: April 19th, 4:30- 6pm. Book Lovers unite to discuss your latest reads and share recommendations! Bring 2-3 books that you've read to share over refreshments. We will meet the 3rd Wednesday

of each month. Please register at <https://bit.ly/ForthLoveofBooksGroup>

Virtual UFO Club: Thursday, April 20, 10am. Work on projects and chat on Zoom. Signup: <https://bit.ly/SchoharieLibraryPrograms>

Middle Grade Book Group: Thursday, April 20, 4:15pm. Children grades 3rd - 6th are welcome to join us the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Refreshments, track reading to earn prizes. Sign up today at <https://bit.ly/MGBookGroupSHO>.

Earth Day Celebration: Friday, April 21, 4:15pm: Pollinator planting, pine cone bird seed feeders. Learn about how to make your space pollinator-friendly! Then we'll have a Volunteer Library Cleanup on Saturday, April 22 at 10am to clean up the lawn and start some spring projects. Signup for either activity: <https://bit.ly/SHOEarthDay23>

Self-publishing and Promoting your Book: Saturday, April 22 1-3pm. Authors Niamh Schmid and Rebecca Schmid will talk about different strategies for formatting and getting your book out there, as well as handling different social media and how to promote yourself. We'll have refreshments after the program, so there will be a chance to talk and connect with other writers. This will be a "hybrid" program, both in person at the Schoharie Library and also on Zoom. Click here to sign up: <https://bit.ly/PublishPromoteBook2023>

Knitcetera at the Library: Tuesday, April 25, 10:30am-noon. Embroider, sew, knit, anything goes! Coding Club: Friday, April 28, 4:15pm. Youth Grade 5 and up are invited to attend. Explore Hour of Code, Learn Scratch, play with our Dash Robot and much more. Last Friday of every month, 4:15 - 5:45pm. Please register at: <https://bit.ly/SHOCodingClub>

Arts in Bloom Fest call for Schoharie County artists and artisans: Saturday, June 10, 10am-3pm. To reserve a free space on the library lawn: <https://bit.ly/ArtsinBloom2023> or email JMoshier@mvls.info. 5:45pm. Please register at: <https://bit.ly/SHOCodingClub>

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Auto Racing News

By Tom Coughlin

A quick reminder that Albany-Saratoga Speedway in Malta has their 58th. season opener tonight paying \$5,800 to the DIRTcar modified winner and that Utica-Rome Speedway in Vernon has an open practice session tonight.

Saturday, Fonda Speedway will throw open their gates with an open practice. Gates open at 2:00 pm. with on track practice from 4:00 pm. until 7:00 pm. Grandstand admission is free. A rain date of Wednesday, April 19 will be used if necessary.

Saturday, April 22 Fonda will kick off the 72nd. year of weekly racing at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds track known as the Track of Champions. The Jack Johnson Memorial-Montgomery County Open will consist of a 40-lap modified/ with sail panels feature offering \$12,000 to the victor.

All weekly divisions are on the schedule which

includes Amsterdam Truck Center modifieds, Swagger Factory Apparel crate 602 sportsman, Below Zero Ice Cream prostocks, Montgomery County Office of the Aging limited sportsman, and Fonda Fair 4 cylinder Cruisers.

Championship points will begin for each division.

With the Can-Am Speedway near Watertown cancelling their DIRTcar series events this weekend, due to wet grounds. Hopefully a few more teams will show up at Fonda for practice.

Glen Ridge Motorsports Park announced this week that Leatherstocking Credit Union will be the division sponsor for the DIRTcar mini-stock division in 2023.

Sunday, April 23 Glen Ridge Motorsports Park will host their Spring Fling, which will entail a Car Show, Meet & Greet, and Staff Day. The Ridge tentatively has a practice session scheduled for Sunday, April 30 and

plans to open their season on Sunday, May 7.

Next week on Friday, April 21 Utica-Rome will kick off their 2023 season with the \$6,800 Alex Friesen Memorial for modifieds. All weekly divisions will also be in competition and points will start in all divisions. Grandstand admission will be \$22 for adults. Friday, April 28 will find all divisions, plus the slingshots.

Please mark your calendar for two upcoming work days at the Gas-Up grounds. Saturday, May 20 and Saturday, June 3. These are planned rain or shine beginning at 9:00 am. More information will be out soon. Sunday, May 21 family and friends of Gerald E. Sampson Sr. will gather at the Winner's Circle restaurant in Fonda to hold a celebration of life memorial in his honor, from 11:00 am. until 3:00 pm. Special and custom cars are welcome to help pay tribute to his life & legacy in Sampson motor Car fashion.

The Brookfield Speedway is making a number

of upgrades to the Madison County Fairground facility in Brookfield. A new announcer's stand is under construction and track lighting is also scheduled to be installed soon.

Results have wet conditions in Bristol Tennessee throughout the day Friday, which forced NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series qualifying to be pushed into Saturday.

Last Saturday the Orange County Fair Speedway in Middletown ran

the Ollie's Elite Series-Hard Clay Open. Matt Sheppard scored the victory over Larry Wight and Mat Williamson. Area drivers finished as follows: Jack Lehner 4th., Peter Britten 9th., Marc Johnson 11th., Bobby Hackel IV 13th., Mike Mahaney 16th., David Schilling 20th., and Chris Curtis 22nd.

And at Bristol Motor Speedway in Tennessee in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series. Stewart Friesen was running a

great race as he rode the high side gaining ground on the leaders, until his usual run of bad luck saw him getting collected into another competitor's mishap.

Stewart was credited with a 23rd. place finish. Jessica Friesen was shut out of the feature as a lack of practice due to rain. Did not allow her ample time to practice on the high banked 1/2 mile dirt covered track and she unfortunately did not qualify.

Upcoming Events at the Conesville Historical Society

April 28th

- National Historic Marker Day at 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Corner of Bear Kill Rd and State Rte 990V

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May 16th

Join us on May 16th at 6 p.m. for The Catskill Geologists. A brief membership meeting will be held following the program. Light refreshments will be provided.

LOCATION: Conesville UM Chapel Church, 1295 State Route 990V

April 30

Nature Writing Houseplant Swap at Landis Arboretum, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

May 1

• Garden Discussion Group, 7 p.m. every first Monday of the month at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St., Stamford. Share garden methods, successes and failures. Bring cuttings, samples, and favorite tools to show and to share!

May 11

• Legends of Lore, 6-8 p.m. at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St., Stamford. Every second and fourth Thursday.

May 13

Celebrate Spring with a Saturday Night Dance on May 13th, 6-10pm at the Hobart Community Center, 80 Cornell Ave. DJ KDC plays old and new favorites. 20s-theme and country-theme Best Costume Contests. Sponsored by Hobart Rotary. Refreshments provided. Admission Free.

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July 9

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July 15-23

Sicily tour, small group 20 spaces available, extended to July 25 with Rome extension. grouptoursite.com/rosemariekeller or call 800-438-7672 group #60918243

August 2-14

Sicily tour, small group 20 spaces available - grouptoursite.com/rosemariekeller

August 5-13, 2023

U.S. National Park Tour: The Rockies, Arches, Yellowstone. 9 days. 13 days with Badlands and Mount Rushmore extension, through August 17. grouptoursite.com/rosemariekeller

August 6

The Lion King at Proctors Theater. 1 p.m. \$40 per person. Limited tickets. RSVP with payment by December 12. Contact Rosemarie Keller at kellerr22@gmail.com

August 13

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September

Sicily tour, 13 days, with Rosemarie Keller. In the midst of the Mediterranean, discover an island with personality all its own—full of flavor and teeming with one-of-a-kind art and architecture. From multicultural Palermo to breathtaking Taormina, each stop on this tour of Sicily reveals unexpected treasures. Visit goaheadtours.com/ZOM or call 800-597 0350

September 10

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October 8

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Community Calendar

Ongoing

• 2022 Adult Grief Support Group, Cobleskill United Methodist Church, 107 Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

• Free Story Times each Tuesday at The Book Nook, 645 Main St., Hobart. 2:30 p.m. for toddlers 18 months to 3 years and 4 p.m. for ages 4 and older.

• Family Support Meetings

Open Arms Recovery Resource Center 289 Main St. Schoharie NY 4 till 7 Thursdays. call Chrystal @ 518 605-4180 for details.

• Open Arms Recovery Resource Center

289 Main St. Schoharie NY 8:00 - 4:00 Tuesdays 8:00 till 7:00 Thursdays. Addiction and recovery information call 518 605 3867 for more details.

• The historic Charlottesville Schoolhouse is available for community use and events and school groups during their April-October 2023 season. It is located at the corner of Baptist Church Road and Charlotte Valley Road in Charlottesville. The Schoolhouse provides a large well-lit space, seats up to 48 people, has a full kitchen, ample parking and lovely grounds for picnicking. For Schoolhouse availability and further information please email csr641@gmail.com or call Joe Dahms at 607-397-9180.

• The historic Charlottesville Schoolhouse in Charlottesville, NY is inviting non-profit organizations and school groups/clubs to fundraise through the sale of baked goods during their monthly Pancake Breakfasts, which are held from 8-11 on the third Sunday of the month. Dates that are currently available to hold a Bake Sale during the Pancake Breakfasts are 4/16, 9/17 and 10/15. Send email inquiries and requests to csr641@gmail.com.

April 14

• Yoga at Headwaters, located at 66 Main St. in Stamford. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m.. Drop in rate is \$10 - \$20 sliding scale, bring your own yoga mat. Optional blocks, blanket, towel, strap, water.
• Adult Literature Group, 10 a.m. every second Friday of the month at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St., Stamford. Interested in discussing novels, poetry, or other literary works? Join other adults to talk about all kinds of literature. Feel free to bring your favorite authors and books.

April 15

• Houseplant Swap at Landis Arboretum, 11:00 AM
• Pop Up at Catskill Outpost, 81 Main St., Stamford. Featuring hair cuts from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.. Haircuts start at \$60, bangs and framing \$25 and Fades and clipper cuts \$50. Book your appointment at albatrossfarmy@gmail.com.

• Presentation "Finding Money in Your Budget to Keep Up With Inflation", 11 a.m. at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St., Stamford. Eileen Knott from the Western Catskills Community Revitalization Council will lead this free, interactive presentation. Free worksheets and credit card interest and payments. Call 607-652-5001 to reserve a spot.

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April 18

• Stamford Scarecrow Festival meeting, 4 p.m. at Mountain Dog Cafe, 5 Harper Street, Stamford. All are welcome, volunteers are needed.

April 19

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• Hand Needlework Group, 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St., Stamford. We welcome all who knit, crochet, quilt, do needlework, crewel, embroidery, etc. of all levels, including those who would like to learn. We will offer help and encouragement while you work on your own projects.

• Stamford History Hour with Karen Cuccinello, 10 a.m. at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St. Stamford. Bring something to share. All are welcome.

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April 20

• Dungeons & Dragons Game Nights— Every other Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St., Stamford. Gather to play Dungeons & Dragons every first and third Thursday (and fifth Thursday when there is one.) at the Stamford Library! All gaming supplies are provided! Next date May 4.

April 21

• Yoga at Headwaters, located at 66 Main St. in Stamford. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m.. Drop in rate is \$10 - \$20 sliding scale, bring your own yoga mat. Optional blocks, blanket, towel, strap, water.
• Rummage Sale, 4-7 p.m. East Jewett United Methodist Church - 2252 Rt. 23C - East Jewett. Housewares, tupperware, lamps, antiques, toys, puzzles, books. Clothing - men's 2xl tops, like-new women's winter coats, kids clothing plus clothing in all sizes. Light refreshments will be available.

April 22

• Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. East Jewett United Methodist Church - 2252 Rt. 23C - East Jewett. Housewares, tupperware, lamps, antiques, toys, puzzles, books. Clothing - men's 2xl tops, like-new women's winter coats, kids clothing plus clothing in all sizes. Light refreshments will be available.

• The Stamford American Legion club will hold a Chicken BBQ at the club, located on state Route 10 north at the intersection of Terry and Taylor Mountain Roads. Takeout begins at noon, until sold out. Two sides and a half chicken, \$12.

• Chicken and Biscuit Dinner, 5-7 p.m. at the Charlottesville Fire House, Charlottesville. Menu includes chicken n' biscuits, mashed

potatoes, gravy, vegetable, salad, drinks and dessert. Cost is \$12, to benefit the Charlottesville Cemetery Assoc..

• Earth Day 5K and Fun Run, parking lot next to the Stamford Village Pool. Live music and crafts provided for youngsters of all ages during the 5K run. Also special activities throughout the village. The fun run begins at 9 a.m. and the 5K at 9:45 a.m.. To register for either race, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yuva22vp/>. Children younger than 11 are free, while students and senior citizens are \$15 and adults are \$30. In addition to a T-shirt, registrants will receive a packet of seeds and a seedling to plant in honor of Earth Day. The event is sponsored by the Stamford NY Business Alliance.

• Earth Day at the Mountain Dog Cafe, 5 Harper St., 1 p.m. presentation, Conservation Through Woodlot Stewardship by Zane Lawyer, plus Catskill Forest Association table and free seedlings from Arbor Day Foundation.

• Trail Tale "Over in the Forest" in conjunction with Stamford Earth Day 5K and Fun Run. Follow a fun story of our forest friends along the rail trail at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St., Stamford.

• Bovina Fire Department Open House, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.. This is one of the Recruit NY activities designed to spark interest in joining the ranks. There will be tours of the station and apparatus throughout the day. Visitors will be able to try on gear, demonstrate firefighting activities and ask questions about becoming a member. It is designed to give visitors a taste of what it means to be in the fire service. Members will be present to discuss the requirements and rewards of joining.

April 22 and 23

Earth Day Weekend at the New York Power Authority Visitors Center

April 23

• Flat Creek Church will hold a "Wild game Dinner" more information to follow closer to this date.

April 25

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• Numerology & Cosmic Image Connections, 1 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St., Stamford. Exploring the Universal Laws, by bringing to light our potentialities and the way to actualize them.

• Support Cats for Parents and Caregivers of LGBTQIA+ YOUTHm 7 p.m. at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St., Stamford. Info: delaware-countypride@gmail.com or visit www.delawarecountypride.com. Come to connect, share and ask questions.

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April 29

• Annual Spring Hawk Watch & Hawk Identification Workshop Houseplant Swap at Landis Arboretum, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
• 2023 Daffodil Jazz Brunch, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Tom Morgan and Erna McReynolds invite you to the 2023 Daffodil Jazz Brunch benefiting those cared for by Helios Care. There will be wonderful music and delicious food amidst 100,000 daffodils at their lovely country home in Franklin. RSVP by April 21st at helioscare.org/events. Home of Tom Morgan and Erna McReynolds

1077 Otego Road

Franklin, NY 13775

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• IFamily Day at the Conesville Town Field, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.. Join in with churches from across the region for hours of faith based activities including: Bible lessons, music, prayer walk, crafts, and games. Need more information e-mail conesvillesundayschool@gmail.com or call Kim 607-588-3258.



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All About Racing



Matt Sheppard of Savannah, NY in victory lane after winning Saturday's opening event at Orange County Fair Speedway in Middletown, NY. Facebook photo

By Ed & Betty Biittig

Fonda opens the gates this Saturday, April 15 for Open Practice (Rain Date: Wednesday, April 19) Pit Gates Open: 2 p.m., practice 4-7 p.m. Grandstand Admission: FREE – Pit Admission: \$30 (Members) or \$35 (Non-Members)

Albany Saratoga opens this Friday night for the 58th season at the "Great Race Place" in Malta, NY. On the schedule is a \$5,800 to win Modified event, a \$1000 to win Pro Stock race and \$1000 to win Sportsman event. Rain date is Sunday, April 16.

The Super DIRTcar Series, Thunder in the 1000 Islands scheduled for this weekend at Can-Am Speedway in LaFargeville, NY has been canceled due to excessive rain in the area from the past couple of weeks creating over saturated grounds.

The Short Track Super Series (STSS) Ollie's "Elite Series" and the River Valley Builders North Region kicked off this past Saturday at Orange County Fair Speedway (OCFS) in Middletown NY beginning the 104th season of stock car racing at the historic track.

Savannah, NY's Matt Sheppard picked up where he left off last season on the series and in a late race surge moved past Larry Wight to win

the 50-lap event paying \$12,000 to win.

It was notably, Sheppard's first Sunoco Race Fuel checkered flag utilizing the Wegner Automotive LS 427 "Weekend Warrior" engine, listing for just over \$22,000.

Sheppard drew 12th in the redraw, the worst available but started 11th after Max McLaughlin relinquished his starting position due to engine issues in his qualifying heat.

Following Sheppard at the checker was Larry Wight of Fulton, Mat Williamson of St. Catharines, Ontario, Dillion Steuer was fourth and Jack Lehner of Saratoga Springs finished fifth.

The day brought 56 STSS Modifieds in the pit area with the 15-lap qualifying heats won by Steve Bernier, Max McLaughlin, Billy Decker and Sheppard. Last Chance event winners were Peter Britten and Corey Cormier.

The next North Region STSS event is scheduled for May 9 at Accord Speedway in Accord, NY, Modifieds, 50-laps paying \$6000 to win; 602 Crate Sportsman, 25-laps paying \$1500 to win.

As with all of the STSS events there was plenty of other money and awards on the line. American Racer/Lias Tire Bonuses went to Max

McLaughlin (seventh) and Bobby Hackel (13th). BDR Speed Bonus \$50 Gift Card, David Schilling (20th); Behrent's Performance Warehouse Bonuses, \$50 Gift Cards to Dillon Steuer (fourth) and Peter Britten (ninth); Beyea Custom Headers Redraw Bonus, \$50 to Matt Sheppard who drew 12th; CXM Floors Top Orange County regular, \$300 to Matt Sheppard; EIBACH Springs Bonus, \$100 to Jimmy Phelps (sixth); Hard Clay Observer Hard Luck Award, \$315 to Kevin Root; Henry's Exhaust Power Position, \$50 certificate, Marc Johnson; Midnite Auto Parts Hard Charger, \$300, Marc Johnson (28th to 11th); Penske Racing Shocks Bonuses went to Matt Sheppard, winner, \$150 certificate; Larry Wight, second, \$75 certificate; Mat Williamson, third, \$50 certificate; Billy Decker, 10th, \$25 certificate.

Rock Fantasy Halfway Leader, Larry Wight, \$300; Wildwood Brokers "Lucky 7" Bonus, Max McLaughlin, seventh.

With the beautiful weather we are having this week we should see many of our readers at the races this weekend.

Until next week please send all news and/or comments to biittig@yahoo.com

New Schoharie DCO Faces More Calls

By Joshua Walther

SCHOHARIE - The Schoharie Town Board met on Wednesday to welcome and congratulate Morgan Kraemer, the new dog control officer. During her statement, members deliberated on a current dilemma she finds herself in - being called by other towns she does not work for.

Mrs. Kraemer stated that during her first weeks on the job with Schoharie, she has received numerous calls to attend to dogs in other municipalities. Thus far, she has taken up the mantle of lending her services, but with the risk of injury prevalent, the issue of liability becomes

unclear.

Supervisor Alan Tavenner says that money is not an issue in this regard, but he would like to see some clarification on who pays out things like worker's compensation, if at all.

With other DCOs often serving numerous towns, he said that something like this is commonplace, but he wants to see a written agreement with the other towns in the county nonetheless.

However, member Ben Oevering believes that there is no liability fall-back on Schoharie. Addressing Mrs. Kraemer directly, he cautioned to be careful of any job that happens outside of the Town's borders, as she

will likely not receive any of Schoharie's benefits from answering other municipalities.

"Maybe this is a county-level issue," Mr. Oevering went on to say, voicing his concerns over dispatches calling on DCOs for jobs outside of their jurisdiction.

Mrs. Kraemer replied that she will be more careful and be stricter about how and when she lends her services, saying that she feels the need to help animals when she can.

Additionally, as they were on the subject of animal handling, the Board renewed their regular agreement with the animal shelter.

Mascot, from B1

time to research contacting a Native American tribe to see if they would give the ok to keep the Indian since that was an option? As an alumni I will always be a Schoharie Indian."

* Katie O'Brien, "My opinion is almost anything is better than the old mascot. Educated change is good!"

* Raema Obbie, "I think it's unique and pays homage to this valley's resilience. It sure beats the mascot my high school came up with

when we had to do away with the Indians mascot I grew up with... ahem... 19 years ago! People are always going to take issue with a change like this because of the sentimentality of the old mascot - it's understandable. But it's long overdue."

* Joe Nastasi, "Okay folks, so to all that want to keep the name, Indians is another slag term pertaining to the Native Americans. Does any see a team called the Hispanics or the caucasians. I don't think so."

* Bonita Mickle, "It's always been Indians so leave it alone."

* George L. Diamond "Personally I don't like Storm, too much of a reminder. Being around Schoharie area there was Foxendorf and Foxenkull and Fox Creek, just seems like I could come up with something using a fox and smart as a fox, I think Storm is terrible."

* Dee Meese, "It doesn't fit..."

* Susan Margas Miers, "Don't like it!!!"

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SEEC Aims for Highbridge Project Support, Completion

By Matthew Avitabile
SCHOHARIE — The Schoharie Highbridge project will continue and thrive, according to the Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corp, or SEEC and Schoharie County in two interviews this week.

SEEC Director Julie Pacatte and Sam Forehand, Strategic Collaboration and Communication Associate joined us Tuesday for a discussion about the pending project.

Pacatte cited the 2017-2018 Fairweather Report, which discussed a number of potential economic strengths for Schoharie County. Among the findings by Peter Fairweather, the economic expert hired by the county to put together the report, one of the recommendations was to promote industrial development along the Route 7 Corridor.

Pacatte said that she was asked by former County Administrator Steve Wilson on potential Route 7 development plans, and worked closely with the County Planning Department. She credited Brian Fleury and Shane Nickle for much of the information and work completed on the planning stages.

Pacatte said that Town of Schoharie officials was working on the Map Plan Report in March 2020 on the future of the Schoharie Business Report. Within the report was to expand water and

sewer access near the intersection of I-88 and Route 7.

Pacatte said that there was a potential funding opportunity made available by former Congressman Antonio Delgado. The Mohawk Valley Economic Development District desired to use coronavirus emergency funding and a grant from National Grid to assist with a site assessment for the site, delivered in December 2021.

The SEEC head cited the "desire" of the town to work on projects such as this, as well as the town's Comprehensive Plan. She also described the process of how the potential Highbridge site was purchased by the Roth family during a 2021 auction.

The Roths reached out to SEEC in early 2022 and worked together on the plan for the potential Highbridge project.

Pacatte said that the town has set up the project for potential success, including cooperation from the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. She called this "tremendous."

"The community has had many opportunities to speak," she said. The public process, she said, "was working as it's supposed to."

Pacatte said that the process so far has been open.

The SEEC head said that she was "encouraged" because there has-

n't been a land-use change request and complimented the Highbridge developers. She said that the town leadership has been "eager for development."

The town is currently looking to expand the business development district, she said.

Pacatte said that those who support the project have multiple opportunities, including attending meetings, sending letters of support, or reading more at seecny.org/highbridge-development.

For those skeptical of the project, Pacatte said that "there were opportunities 25 years ago, seven years ago, and throughout all of the planning work post-flood."

She also cited the work of the Schoharie Planning Board, saying that they have been "direct" in such approaches and that the public should be "comfortable that the Planning Board is working in their best interest."

Pacatte said that the project would provide well-paying jobs, which would result in an increase in sales tax revenue, as well as an "extraordinary" collection of property tax from the project. The current haul from the property would go from under \$300,000 to \$7.5 million over the course of the next fifteen years.

"The big winner is the school district," she said. More than \$4 million of

the total would go to the school district and the remainder would be split between the town of Schoharie and the county. The town would also bring in water and sewer rents, she added.

"That would help everyone," she said.

If the current plans are approved, construction would not start until there's a tenant in place and ready to proceed. Pacatte said that her gut instinct was that if the project was approved, there would be a potential tenant by the end of the year.

"They have strong networks," she said. Pacatte estimated that Highbridge currently has more than \$1 million in the project, "which means they're serious."

There are no public tax dollars at risk in the project so far, Pacatte said. There would be matches for development projects from the county, Highbridge, and the town of Schoharie for future potential development. One

potential project could be a fire tower on site to provide pressure in case of need, but this is not set in stone.

"Industrial development is outpacing residential and commercial development," she said.

County Administrator Korsah Akumfi said that at the recent Schoharie Planning Board meeting, the county needs to "reevaluate how taxes are levied."

He said that increasing property tax rates is not sustainable. Higher taxes increase the rate of people moving away, he said.

Akumfi said that it's important to look at the "economic potential" of development. This includes industrial property and hopes to build more housing.

Regarding property taxes, he said, there is a "derived benefit" that the potential Highbridge project can bring. This includes the potential for broadening the tax base.

The increase in residents and local workers

would also increase the potential amount of sales tax brought into the county.

The county administrator said that the Highbridge project could bring valuable economic development, from small to large. He said that it could start with nearby Dunkin Donuts hiring more workers or new restaurants potentially opening. Akumfi said that "the rippling effect is huge."

Such changes could improve local quality of life.

Akumfi said that he is "confident" that the Schoharie Planning Board will make an informed decision with county assistance. He said that the project is an economic benefit "that we cannot afford to lose."

Akumfi said that he was looking forward to future discussions and to make sure that "our communities are protected and businesses are supported."

"We have to be competitive," he said.

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M'burgh Girls Tie with CVS-SS, Lose to B-P

MIDDLEBURGH - The Middleburgh girls softball team tied Cherry Valley-Springfield-Sharon Springs last Wednesday before falling to Broadalbin-Perth Monday afternoon.

Last Wednesday at MCS, the game went into extra innings before ending in a tie.

Payton Yung started the game in the circle for the Knights.

On Monday at Broadalbin-Perth, MCS fell 33-3 in a game shortened to five innings.

B-P scored 13 times in the first inning and 14 more in the second to put the game away. MCS tallied once in the third and twice in the fifth. It was B-P's first win of the season while MCS fell to 0-2-1.



Above: The Umpires giving instructions to the Coaches and Team Captains prior to the start of the game.



Right: A CV-S-SS player slides safely into home plate. Middleburgh pitcher applying a tag.



Left: Payton Yung started in the circle for Middleburgh. Photos by Bob Roney.

Right: Cierra DuPont puts a tag on a CV-S-SS player at second base.

MCS Downs CV-S-SS 10-0 Fuller, Hoop Star on Mound

MIDDLEBURGH - Derrick Fuller and Jaeson Hoop combined to one-hit Cherry Valley-Springfield-Sharon Springs and strike out 13 in a 10-0 win Monday at Middleburgh.

The game was shortened to five innings as MCS took control of the game early and scored on every inning but one. MCS tallied twice in the first inning, and twice more in the third and fourth innings and four

more times in the fifth. Fuller went the first four innings and struck out 10 batters. Hoop pitched the fifth and struck out three. Lucas Shaw was the Knight catcher.

Julius Prescott singled for CV-S-SS to open the fifth inning.

Hitting stars for Middleburgh were: Bill Martinez who went 2-4 with two runs scored, and a run batted in; Fuller who went 2-3 with a triple, a run scored, and two RBIs, John Shaw who had a double, and Lucas Shaw and Ethan Trombley, who contributed singles.

The game was a non-league affair and MCS improved to 2-1 on the season.

Middleburgh plays next: Monday at Galway; Wednesday at St Johnsville/Oppenheim/Dolgeville; and Friday home versus Fonda-Fultonville.



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Residents, Board Spar Over Access to M'burgh Village Hall Village Board Moving Ahead with Plans for a Vertical Lift

By David Avitabile
MIDDLEBURGH

While two Middleburgh residents are complaining that the 143-year-old Middleburgh village hall is not compliant with state and federal ADA laws, village officials are defending their actions.

Resident Dave Jere-menko, who has been complaining about handicapped access to the Main Street village hall for over a year, took up his argument again Monday night. He asked to be put on the top of the meeting agenda and outlined a possible solution to address the access is-

sue, which could be made "fairly easily."

He noted that the vil-lage originally got quotes for an outside lift in 2016.

"I'm asking this vil-lage to meet with ADA compliance," he said. "Dis-abilities are tough enough to live with. We need to live up to the state law...I'm just asking for the civil rights of the peo-ple here. Who in this vil-lage will stand up for handicap rights? I have been called everything in this village. I've been called a s***head."

Resident Tony Ander-son added, "Stand up for those who can't stand up

for themselves."

Board members did not address the remark but issued a statement after the meeting.

The statement read, "Even though it is not re-quired by ADA guidelines for municipalities of our size in older/historic build-ings, the Village Board has been working on making Village Hall handi-capped accessible for six years now. This would have been accomplished sooner, but significant damage occurred to our building foundation and we had to (a.) ensure the building stabilized before making any major repairs or improvements, (b.) go through the insurance claim process, and (c.) allow our engineering firm time to study the damage and develop their solution.

"Now that we are close to beginning repairs on Village Hall, we have ap-

proved the purchase of a handicap lift to be in-stalled in a new side en-trance because granting greater accessibility has always been the Village's goal.

"So far as handicapped parking, the Village of Middleburgh has more accessibility than any other community in Schoharie County. Al-though New York State law requires no on-street handicapped parking, the Village of Middleburgh provides four spots be-tween Main Street and Railroad Avenue; in ad-dition to multiple spots located throughout our municipal parking lots, as is required by law."

During Monday's meet-ing, board members ap-proved a quote from Na-tional Seating and Mo-bility for a vertical plat-form lift for \$11,940. The village also received another bid for \$12,925. Those prices do not in-

clude any enclosure for the lift, which Mr. Jere-menko said was essential, and other work on the hall such as creating an opening on the side of the building.

The village will be get-ting at least \$500,000 in insurance payments for the damage to the hall that happened after re-pairs were made to the parking lot of the nearby Stewart's Shop more than three years ago. Those funds will not go toward the installation of a lift.

In March village board members agreed not to move their meetings tem-porarily to a handicap-accessible location by a count of 3-2. On Monday,

board members did agree to move their meetings to the library, which is handicap accessible, dur-ing the work on the vil-lage hall later this year.

During his "possible solution" to the handi-capped accessibility issue at the village hall, Mr. Je-remenko outlined a plan for a lift, an enclosure, a handicapped parking spot behind the building, and making the old bank vault into a handicap-ac-cessible bathroom by re-moving the door.

He also asked that the handicapped parking spot on Railroad Avenue be moved closer to the gym.

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Lexington Calls for Special Ambulance District Meetings

By Michael Ryan

LEXINGTON - The future of emergency services has been unfolding slowly and is now coming into focus more surely in Lexington following action taken by government leaders.

Town council members have scheduled public hearings for April 18 and May 2 that could lead to the formation of a special ambulance district.

If those talks go smoothly, starting at 6 p.m. each night, the ambulance will be set up similar to the existing firefighting district, showing up as a separate line item in the annual municipal budget.

While the new format will make it simpler for taxpayers to know specifically how much is being spent on rescue efforts, it is just one piece of a larger emergency services puzzle being assembled.

Lexington, for several years, has been contracting with the town of Ashland for primary ambulance response, being billed yearly based on the number of times Ashland answers the tone.

That system has worked well but Ashland town supervisor Richard Tompkins, last fall, let it be known things had to change.

Other than a dedicated First Responder Unit in Lexington that is available on a limited basis, volunteerism is becoming a cherished memory.

The trend for emergency services, on both the county and local levels, is moving toward full time paid personnel, requiring Tompkins to advise Lexington officials that the good old days are fading.

Ashland, over the years, has also been han-

dling primary response for the town of Prattsville, likewise billing them based on their specific use.

An oncall system employed by Ashland has been manageable, producing professional-level chute times (measuring how long it takes for the ambulance to leave the station and arrive at the scene).

However, as the leaves were falling, in the autumn of 2022, Tompkins told Lexington town supervisor Jo Ellen Schermerhorn and Prattsville town supervisor Greg Cross the financially grim news.

If the town of Ashland was going to continue absorbing the responsibilities and fiscal headaches of running a squad, Lexington and Prattsville would need to pay more, plain and simple.

Discussions took place between the three supervisors and Tal Rappleyea, the attorney for all three towns. While there have been some unexpected bumps in the road, the path now seems clear.

New contracts have been signed, spreading operational costs differently, obliging Lexington to pay 30 percent of Ashland's annual ambulance expense with Prattsville paying 41 percent and Ashland 29 percent.

Tompkins has emphasized that the arrangement is temporary, gradually shifting to a merged district between the three towns.

That merger can happen only after each town has shaped its own ambulance district, a process that is now fully underway.

Ashland began that process, last month, and Prattsville held the first

of two required public hearings, this past Monday night, scheduling the second hearing for April 24, with no opposition voiced at this week's hearing.

Lexington will hold the first of two required public hearings, next week, and after some initial resistance to the new contract it appears the town is prepared to welcome, or at least accept, changing realities.

Lexington officials had already agreed to the contract terms, this winter, but questions were subsequently expressed by Liza Dwon, a respected member of the First Responder Unit and Greene

County EMS.

Dwon was concerned that while Ashland determined Lexington's share of the 2023/24 budget based on having full time workers on staff, that scenario was not yet in place, impacting actual spending.

And Prattsville was uncertain whether to say "yes." Ashland had initially proposed an even, 3-way split of costs between the three towns.

As months passed without a signature from Prattsville on the 1/3 split, the terms of the offer from Ashland were modified to reflect the larger 41 percent share for Prattsville, based on

their actual historic usage.

Tompkins, ready to move on with or without Prattsville, explained that any budget monies not spent would either be returned to Lexington and Prattsville or rolled over into the following year's budget.

And, Tompkins stressed that chute times, even without having a full time, in-the-station crew yet, have remained steady from previous years.

Ultimately, the contract has been signed and the districts are being formed, setting the stage for Step 2, an even larger

merger between the so-called Ashland 3 and the towns of Windham, Hunter and Jewett.

If that happens, it would be a ground-breaking unification, creating a Mountaintop Corporation aimed at solidifying ambulance service for generations to come.

In other matters:

—Board members observed a Moment of Silence for two folks who recently passed away; Frank Hermance, a native son of Lexington and the longtime local highway superintendent, and Brenda Rappleyea, the mother of town attorney Tal Rappleyea.

Easter Egg Hunt in Prattsville

By Michael Ryan

PRATTSVILLE - The only thing better than one Easter Egg Hunt is two which is "eggactly" what happened in Prattsville, last Saturday.

Auxiliary members from American Legion Post 1327 Virgil E. Deyo returned to Young's Ace Hardware & Lumber Store for their traditional indoor search-and-sack attack, attracting scores of kids from itty-bitty to bigger.

Eggs were stashed on shelves everywhere the eye can see - and then some - at heights suitable for legs that don't stretch very high yet.

That happened in the late morning and then immediately afterwards, the same platoon of kids scampered a few steps down Main Street for the second assault, discovering the town green dotted with findables.

Prattsville Diner owners Beth and Mike Kamma sponsored that outdoor event which included face-painting and eggs hanging in trees.

It is anticipated the multiple mad dashes will be combined into one, next Easter, turning downtown Prattsville into perhaps the world's largest "eggtravaganza."



"She's never seen this many people at one time," her father said, laughing, as 15-month-old Emma Schreiber tries to absorb all the frantic goings-on at the Prattsville town green Easter egg hunt, last Saturday. Scores of kids were doing the running and picking up and there's Emma, without a basket.



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Obituaries

Markus Steinmann



Markus Steinmann, 59, died on April 9th 2023 at his home.

He was born and raised in Germany and was the son of the late

Axel and Irmgard Steinmann.

Markus was the Innkeeper at Brookside Bed and Breakfast, Haines Falls, before he retired last year. Markus enjoyed entertaining and feeding his guests. He gardened and fished. Music of all types inspired him and football was his passion.

Markus is survived by his wife of 33 years, Nuala Ratcliffe, his brother Lukas

Steinmann, aunts, uncles and cousins near Nauheim, Germany and his Irish family in both

Ireland and Australia. Markus also left behind so many friends in the US, Ireland, Germany and many other countries around the world. He deeply valued his family and friends.

Markus's life will be celebrated here and in Europe. Details to come.

Memorial contributions may be made, in Markus's name, to:

St. Peter's ALS Center 19 Warehouse Row, Albany, NY

Arrangements by Ashton-Basagic Funeral Home, 7742 Main Street, Hunter, NY.

Gilboa Defeats WAJ-HT



In a spray of dirt, Gilboa Wildcats' B. Strauch slides into a stolen third base, beating the tag by WAJ/HT Warriors' Connor Schieler in Gilboa-Conesville's 13-4 victory. Photos Scott Keidong.



In a game populated with many pitchers from both teams, shortstop Leon Hinge takes over the mound for Windham-Ashland-Jewett/Hunter Tannersville to retire Gilboa Conesville in the bottom of the second inning. He struck out the final batter, and ended a nine run Wildcat rally.



Stealing home with a Wildcats' batter and the umpire looking on, Gilboa's B. Strauch slides under WAJ/HT Warriors' catcher Tom Houlihan, part of a second inning rally that put nine runs on the scoreboard for Gilboa Conesville.



After the Gilboa Conesville's pitcher's pick off attempt at first base got him in a rundown, Connor Schieler of the WAJ/HT Warriors' is tagged out by Wildcat shortstop Christian Greene.



The ball doesn't get to WAJ/HT catcher Tom Houlihan in time to stop S. Willie from scoring another run for Gilboa Conesville.



Walked in the seventh inning, Leon Hinge steals third base after stealing second, and just before stealing home as well, scoring a fourth and final run for the Windham-Ashland-Jewett/Hunter Tannersville Warriors.



The ball gets away from the glove of Wildcats' first baseman J. Perry, letting Warriors' Payton Navarette on base with a single.

Local Worship Services

Resurrection Lutheran Church
186 Main Street, Cairo, NY 12413
(518) 622-3286 / www.RLC.life
Online Worship (after 8:15am)
Inside Worship (8:15am, 9:15am & 10:30am)
Sunday School & Bible Study (9:15am)

Barnerville United Methodist Church
224 Shady Tree Lane Howes Cave
Sunday at 8:30 AM

Greek Orthodox Church of the Assumption
State Rte 23 Windham, New York 12496
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St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church
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Lexington NY 12452
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Sunday morning

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Prattsville, NY 12468
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Ashland Speaks

By Lula Anderson
I trust you are all enjoying the ups and downs of the weather. Getting ready to go on my walk yesterday, I checked all the thermometers and they said 60. Went outside and the cool wind didn't feel like 60, so I changed the batteries in my transmitters, and it still registered as 60. OK, I'll put on a fleece since I was still cold. By the time I got to the top of the first hill on Rice Street, I knew that it was definitely 60 out. Have you noticed that overnight the spring flowers have popped out. Snow Drops and early daffodils, the buds on the trees are starting to swell. Soon we'll be complaining about the heat. Happy Easter phone call from Mary Aull. Many remember her when she was tax collector.

Many attended Sunrise and Easter Services and breakfasts on Sunday. This year was rife with Easter Egg hunts, from C.D. Lane Park, to two in the town of Prattsville. Such an enjoyable activity for the little ones.

Our next Dinner Church will be on April 28 at 6 PM in Lexington. Then on the 30, we will have our combined (6th Sunday) worship at Windham UMC at 11 AM. Both are covered dish Fellowship. Come and join us.

East Jewett UMC has announced their first sale of 2023 will be April 21 and 22. Friday hours are 4-7 PM and Saturday 9 AM - 1 PM. They have been blessed with a lot of great things to sell such as: Women's like new winter coats and more clothing. Men's really nice 2XL brand-name shirts, sweaters, polos, slacks and shorts. Many men's size 38 waist jeans and work pants and of course, many other sizes and kid's clothes, too. The White Elephant table(s) are overflowing with housewares, Tupperware, antiques, you name it, it's probably there. ! Lams, jigsaw puzzles, toys books for all ages - toddlers to 105+ years. Light refreshments will be available.. BARGAIN PRICES

Prayers for Opal DeLong who is in Room 225 at the Pines in Catskill, if you care to send her a card, or go visit. Leona Knox is in Home Sweet Home. Continued prayers for Buck (Maya's dad) . Tom Bristol and Ellouise Cole who is also celebrating her birthday.

As I remember it
Much conversation on teaching young people to be responsible adults. When do you start, how much can you expect from them? How much do they know about how things are run. Not much. What age do we teach our children to be independent? Do your children have daily chores, without expecting to be paid for them? How many are have to set the table, then clear it at the end? We always had to wash, dry and put away the dishes before we could relax in the evening. Now most homes have dishwashers, but who clears the table and puts the dishes in? Probably mom. Does your child know how to change the sheets and make the bed? Plus keep

her (his) own room clean? I know of many parents who do all the work because the child's work is "not up to standards". How will they learn if you do it all for them?

Did you know that Ashland had 4 active churches on Main Street: Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist and Catholic besides the West Settlement and North Settlement. Windham had Catholic, Methodist and Presbyterian. St. Theresa's had daily Mass on Weekdays, Saturday evening Vigil Mass and at least 2 on Sundays. Not now. Now you have to find which of the area churches are having Mass.

Ashland had Sunrise services at 7 AM, then breakfast, then another service at 9 AM. Not now. We're lucky to get 20 people to regular service.

Would you consider bringing your children to church to learn how to ring the bells, or how to light the candles and take care of the Altar. Back

in the day, every boy couldn't wait to become an Altar Boy or Acolyte. Then, girls were allowed these positions, and there was always someone who could assist the priest or minister. Yes, mistakes were made, but soon the kids grew up and could teach the younger ones how to do the various jobs. We trusted them, we guided them, we taught them, then let them be the mentor.

For our breakfast, someone told me they would have made a pot of coffee, but didn't know how. A few years ago some teens were asked to reset tables at a church function, they stood around and said they didn't know how, so a little girl grabbed the silverware, napkins and taught them how to do it. Easy Peasy.

I think it's time to teach our children responsibility and respect. Bring them back to church (I know, you're busy and Sunday morning is a good day to sleep in, etc, etc). But, it will strengthen yours and their life.

Out Lexington Way

By Christine Dwon

What a beautiful Easter morning. Sunrise Service at the Lexington Cemetery was very well attended and the service was joy filled. Everyone, 25 of us, came to the breakfast at the Lexington/West Kill UMC following the service, and of course, there was a bountiful array of delicious food. At 9 a.m. worship followed in the sanctuary. It was an extremely moving service with hymns, sermon, scripture and sharing. We are truly blessed.

Don't miss the annual Maple Brunch, Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. hosted by the West Kill/Lexington Community Improvement Association at the Community Hall, 141 Spruceton Road, West Kill. There will be pancakes with real maple syrup, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, old fashioned grits and much more—all for \$12 a person and kids under 5 are free. Delicious food and great fellowship.

Happy birthday to Kathy Falke on Friday, April 14.

Sunday, April 16 is Elouise Cole's birthday.

Devon Russ celebrates her birthday on Monday, April 17.

Best wishes to all.

Bonnie's Trails Inaugural Run and Hike will be held Sunday, April, 16 starting at 10 a.m. There will be an organized run and hike on Bonnie's Trails in West Kill. Through the efforts of the dedicated volunteers, these trails are completed and marked. Thanks to the Town of Lexington, bananas, cookies, water and trail maps will be onsite for participants before and after completion of this event. Please RSVP if you will be joining the run and hike to bennettwine@gmail.com or 518-989-6312. Bonnie's Trails are opposite 745 South Beech Ridge Road.

The Greene County Department of Human Services Senior Nutrition Program menu for the week of April 17 - April 21 is as follows: Monday—Fish Florentine, O'Brien potatoes, broccoli, tropical fruit; Tuesday—stuffed cabbage, carrot/corn medley, low sodium V8, pears; Wednesday—Meatloaf with gravy, Brussels sprouts, mashed potatoes, chocolate cupcake; Thursday—Chicken Dijon, mashed potatoes, Monaco vegetables, yogurt parfait with blueberries; Friday—Kielbasa with sauerkraut (low sodium diet substitute—BBQ chicken cutlet), marinated beets, baked beans, fresh fruit. The meal will be the meal that is delivered to all Greene County homebound meal clients. All persons over the age of 60 can receive a meal. Meals served at noon and

suggested donation for each meal is \$4. Those wishing to receive a meal are required to call the respective location by noon, a day in advance. The number to call for the Senior Nutrition site at the Jewett Municipal Building, Route 23C, Jewett is 518-263-4392.

On Thursday, April 20, starting at noon, at the Jewett Municipal Building, the Greene County Department of Human Services is sponsoring Nutrition Education with Nicole Gehman, MS, RD, CD-N. Come and learn about healthy nutrition habits. Feel free to ask questions. Recipe and tasting to follow. If you would like lunch that day at the location, please call last a day in advance to reserve a meal.

The annual Patriots' Day Celebration, Saturday, April 22, will be honoring the Town of Lexington employees and volunteers. Please join us in thanking all the hardworking and dedicated individuals, volunteers and community organizations at the Community Hall in West Kill at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Prattsville Hose Company is holding a Roast Pork Dinner, 47 Firehouse Drive, on Saturday, April 22 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Adult dinners are \$15; children 6-12 are \$7.50 and under 5 are free.

Friday, April 28 is the next Potluck Dinner Church in the Fellowship Hall at the Lexington/West Kill UMC starting at 6 p.m. Topic of the evening will be Seeds of Faith. All welcome.

The Ashland Fire Department, State Route 23, Ashland, will hold their annual Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, April 29. Take outs

start at 4:30 or in the dining hall at 5 p.m. Adults are \$15; children 5 - 12 are \$8; under 5 free.

There will be a Republican get together on Saturday, April 29, 4 p.m. in the West Kill/Lexington Community Hall, 141 Spruceton Road, West Kill.

Sunday, April 30 there will be a combined worship service with the Mountain Top Parish churches at the Windham-Hensonville UMC, Main Street, Windham at 10 a.m. All welcome.

If you would like to donate to the humanitarian aid for Ukrainian children, women and men, there is a collection box at Van Dusen's Market, 4021 Route 42, Lexington, Warm clothing, coats, socks, thermal underwear, flashlights, night-lights, hand, foot and body warmers, sleeping bags, and letters of support are gratefully accepted and appreciated.

There will be a Mother's Day Cancer Patient Aid Craft Fair on Saturday, May 6 from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. at the Historic Catskill Point, One Main Street, Catskill. Proceeds benefit the Greene County Women's League Cancer Patient Aid. There will be vendors, food and raffles. Numbers to call if you have questions are 518-965-4998 or 518-819-1249 or greencountywomensleague@gmail.com.

Prayers for all who are dealing with illnesses, healing, loss, difficulties, our country, Ukraine, the world.

Until next week take care, be thankful, be courteous, be respectful and please be kind to one another. Your act of kindness may change someone's life.

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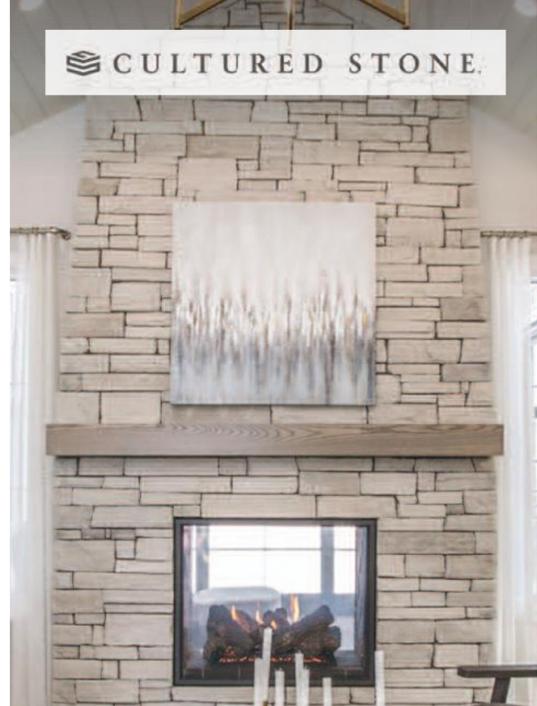
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The Prattsville Scoop

By Abby and Gabby
PRATTSVILLE – Sincerely wish that your Easter was as enjoyable as were those who visited Prattsville on Saturday morning for the two Easter Egg Hunts and accompanying activities on the Prattsville Town Green. Instead of a conflict of scheduling for the two Easter Egg Hunts, one just segued into the other without a hitch, much to the enjoyment of the children attending and participating. The parents were also able to enjoy the day and activities. The American Legion Auxiliary Virgil E. Deyo Unit 1327 Easter Egg Hunt at Young's Ace Hardware started off the program at 11 AM with an egg hunt for nearly 1,000 eggs. Looking on and awaiting the children loaded down with eggs was Prattsville's famous Easter Bunny. The children had their picture taken with the Bunny before going on to the Easter Egg Hunt, face painting, the wooden egg decorating, and refreshments provided by our Beth Camna of the Prattsville Diner. She is truly a wonder woman because three weeks after welcoming her baby, son Nicholas Michael, into the world, she arranged for all the activities on the Town Green. Not to be intimidated with this year's start up, she wants to do it again, hoping to make it a yearly event, and already has new events to be included with established activities. There was what was thought of a conflict of schedules that turned into one big party with most finishing the day with what was thought of as home town community spirit. Everyone got to do their thing and the children benefited from it. Thank you Beth and your helpers: family members and staff of the Prattsville Diner; and ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary as follows: Shelly Brainard, Debbie Wandursky, Marianne Krauss, Cathy Martino, Nancy Kizyma, and Ginny Gurley and Young's associate Karen and Peggy Young. Lending a hand and moral support were Legionnaires Dana Hommel, Post #165, and Bob Gurley, Post #1327. Wish we could relate the community spirit that was evident throughout all the activities. Of course, the beneficiaries were the children. Children from Prattsville, Grand Gorge, Gilboa, Lexington and other mountain top town were there for their Easter eggs. After making an appearance at the two Easter Egg Hunts, the Easter Bunny took a victory lap to Jim's Great American,

where Jim Eisel was duly acknowledged, the Prattsville Town Green and the Prattsville Diner. At each stop, multiple pictures were taken by appreciative visitors. Talk about the Eveready Bunny. Thank you to supporters and organizers of these events. Without you, these events could not have happened. Just wait until next year.

Just a bit of personal information. Gabriella Ramundo is the daughter of Erica and Matthew Ramundo who celebrated her birthday on April 11. She is the granddaughter of Donna Ramundo. Knew Gabriella had an affinity for chickens but now know she has a pet chicken, a little black Silky, that goes by the name of Thelma. Fun news.

Don't forget the Breakfast Buffet of the West Kill/Lexington Improvement Association's Maple Brunch at the West Kill Community Center, Spruceton Rd, West Kill on Sunday, April 16, 10 AM - 1 PM. \$12 per person, under 5 - free. This is a brunch that outshines any you can get elsewhere and pay much more for. See you there.

A graveside service for John Wilkens will be held on Tuesday, April 25 at 2 PM at the Fairlawn Cemetery, Prattsville. John was a Korean War veteran and veterans are invited to attend to pay their final respects to one of their own. John was a long time resident of Prattsville before moving to Florida.

Sympathy to the family of Clara Persons Lanahan. Clara's mother Dorothy, was a Simmons of the West Kill Simmons so there are many of her cousins in our area.

The Prattsville Firemen will host their Annual Pork Dinner on Saturday, April 22, at the firehouse on Fire House Road, Prattsville. The hours are 4 - 7 PM, Adults \$15, ages 6 - 12 \$7.50 and under age 6 are free. The main course will be followed by their famous homemade desserts. Takeouts will be available. Support our volunteer firemen.

Proud Grandpa Ken Maurer was out walking with his grandson Rev, son of daughter Julianne and Roman, Saturday afternoon. They were enjoying each others company on a sunny day and hope Rev got to enjoy one of the Easter Egg Hunts. T

Get well wishes to the Young families of Prattsville, both generations, upon returning home from their vacation in Williamsburg, VA were laid low by whatever ill-

ness is making its presence known in our area. Believe the sickness caused all but Peggy to miss the Easter Egg Hunt at their store. We thank the Youngs for their continued support of our local children. Peggy and John start early in the year reminding us that they want the Easter Egg Hunt at their store and they have close contact with the Easter Bunny so that is a wonderful thing. Thanks again. Brian Young and his family also was part of this vacation and have not heard if they suffered the same sickness as our Youngs.

While we are sending out thank you greetings, thanks go out to local media - WRIP aka Jay Fink and our newspapers Mountain Eagle and Hud-



American Legion Auxiliary members with the Easter Bunny

son Valley Newspapers, Our groups and children appreciate it. Thanks also to all the businesses for allowing posters to be put up in their places of business. Hope these special feelings go on all year. Be kind to each other.

Happy Birthday to

Kendall Thorington on April 15. On April 18 we send Happy Birthday greetings to Brianna Irwin. April 20 it is Happy Birthday to Randy Brainerd. Happy Anniversary to special friends Jane and Joe Concato on April 22. Send your news to gurleyrv@gmail.com or

518-299-3219.

The East Jewett UMC is having their spring rummage sale on Friday, April 21, 4 PM - 7 PM and Saturday, April 22, 9 AM - 1 PM. at their East Jewett Church. Lots of items for all categories. Light refreshments will also be available.

LEGISLATURE STUFF

Not an Airplane or Riverboat PILOT

By Michael Ryan

CATSKILL - When everything was said and done, and there was a lot said, the Greene County Legislature gave its blessing to a resolution asking for an extension of a PILOT agreement with the Athens Generating plant.

The initial 20-year Payment in Lieu of Taxes deal between NAGC and the Greene County Industrial Development Agency ran out in January.

NAGC wants an additional two decades, a request the IDA reportedly strongly supports, expecting to make their decision this month.

While the IDA is not a county entity, and the legislature has no authority over them other than appointing or removing members, the agency is reportedly seeking all the help it can get, making the situation more palatable for the town of Athens.

Lawmaker Edward Bloomer (District 3, Athens) was the lone no vote, last week, although he said "nay" with mixed feelings.

"This is a minor issue for the county but a major issue for Athens," Bloomer said during an Economic Development & Tourism Committee meeting.

"If this PILOT goes forward, I feel it would be a positive benefit for all parties. I think it is the

best way to go.

"There is a significant volume of people in Athens who disagree with that, people I respect, being far more learned than I am. I want to honor their voice. I vote a reluctant 'no,'" Bloomer said.

Otherwise it was a solid "yes" as the resolution spelled out the reasoning, stating the..."IDA is charged with the economic development and employment opportunities in the communities in Greene County.

"NAGC is a limited liability company which was organized in 2004 solely for the purpose(s) of owning and operating a natural gas fired electricity generating power plant located within the...town of Athens.

"Annual payments from NAGC, in accordance with the PILOT agreement, was the sum of \$923,500 to the town of Athens, \$554,185 to the county and \$3,552,315 to the Catskill School District," the resolution states.

Payments without the PILOT would be more, based on full tax assessment rather than fixed dollar amounts, one of the resistances to the extension expressed by the town of Athens.

But the IDA says it has "evaluated all essential criteria" and the legislature agrees there is a bigger picture needing to be seen, stating, "a new PILOT

agreement will result in a projected facility component upgrade project investment by NAGC in the amount of \$32 million."

The resolution further states the longer PILOT will, "provide for stable and known revenue streams to the taxing jurisdictions in amounts equal to or greater than those payments made pursuant to the expiring PILOT agreement."

Striking at the financial heart of the matter, the resolution states, "to avoid potential expenses associated with a complex legal challenge by

NAGC of the generating facility's assessed valuation for tax purposes;

"And to avoid the unnecessary risks and uncertainty associated with tax certiorari litigation... the [legislature] hereby supports the proposed PILOT agreement which will result in the natural gas fired power generation plant maintaining commercial operation during the entirety of the 20-year PILOT."

NAGC gets the lengthened tax break, "while making all payments as set forth in the PILOT Agreement, in full and on time, investing in plant upgrades and continuing to provide employment opportunities and other economic stimuli to the county and town of Athens," the resolution states.

It wasn't that simple for former county legislator Joe Izzo, who spoke against the PILOT extension at recent public hearings on the plan, repeating that opposition, last week.

Izzo, warning against setting a bad precedent, said, "a PILOT is a great idea. The IDA did their job getting the company

moving but if you do this you can technically do it for any PILOT.

"This would be going down a path of indentured service. They are saying the company could go bankrupt but this power plant is run by a foreign corporation with 30-plus corporations" under their umbrella, Izzo said.

"I believe they have the money to support the plant. This is a company, owned by venture capitalists. They are there to make money.

"This PILOT impacts the Catskill school district," said Izzo who represented Catskill in the legislature.

"They will go forty years without a proper tax receipt. All other taxpayers have to pick up the difference.

"And there are small businesses who don't have PILOTs that have to pay the full tax rate. Why give [NAGC] another twenty years?" Izzo said.

Legislature chairman Patrick Linger views it differently, saying in a phone interview, "this does not set a bad precedent.

"We had [IDA executive director] April [Ernst] in here a week ago. She had gotten wind there is push-back from Athens. She was looking for support.

"At the public hearings, they mostly heard from people against this but the loudest voice is not always the right voice," Linger said.

"They only put dollar values out there for what the PILOT is worth. But what they didn't say is Athens Generating would sue and win a tax certiorari.

"In that case, their assessment would be lowered and everybody loses. This is protection for everyone involved," Linger said.

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BETTER THAN HEARSAY

A Sweet Tooth Panacea Confession

By Michael Ryan
PHOENICIA - There used to be a radio broadcaster named Paul Harvey who was well known for revealing "the rest of the story."

He died in 2009 - and it would be very interesting to hear him share the rest of that story- but in the meantime there is an anecdote worth telling about the grassroots opening of Wellness RX Pharmacy in Phoenicia. It is the first such not-for-profit enterprise in the country and its creator, Ed Ullmann, pulls no punches, saying the existing corporate-controlled pharmaceutical industry ought to change the way it does business.

There is a related report in this week's newspaper on the ribbon-cutting ceremony, held last Saturday, in finger-chilling spring sunshine.

Father Ed Stewart, in his benediction, made reference to the cold (using less sinful verbiage than I would've) praising Ullmann's persistence in making the venture happen.

"What better place to do this than the valley of the Esopus?" Father Stewart said, meaning the Catskills creek that flows thru Ulster County enroute to the Hudson River and can be bone-numbing even in summer.

"It is appropriate that Ed is doing this here, diving into cold water," Father Stewart said, bucking the unbalanced marketing of vital meds.

Money is needed to do what Ullmann is doing, such as the \$100,000 raised to get things off the ground, an expedition that began in a hairdresser's shop in Phoenicia, according to Greg Madden, and he would know.

Madden is a Wellness RX team member, an award-winning sportscaster and an alternative medicine practitioner, having the course of his life changed by a health crisis that struck like an Esopus flood.

Greg is still with us, helping others now, and says, "the great story here is that Ed gets his haircut in the same place Darrel gets his," filling in the blanks in true Paul Harvey fashion.

Ed is Ed Ullmann and

Darrel is Darrel Fontenot who is married to Mary and is a patent attorney for Moderna, a major pharmaceutical and biotechnology company.

Darrell and Mary came up with 50 Grand to help get the Phoenicia project up and rolling but we have to step back before moving forward.

Before either Darrell or Mary thought about donating 50 G's to the cause, Ed had sat and schmoozed with a guy named Jay Jacobs.

Taking another step back, that conversation wouldn't have occurred if not for an earlier chat Ed had with Mike Riccadella, a local businessman and Phoenicia restaurateur.

Ed and Mike struck a handshake deal on a vacant brick building that would serve perfectly as the expanded Wellness RX space, but before that could occur there was the tiny detail of finding the moolah to do anything.

Which is where Debra Jo, from Debra Jo's Unisex Hairstyling in downtown Phoenicia, enters the scene which she has a good habit of doing, leaving Greg Madden to explain what unfolded next, as follows:

"Ed first met with Jay Jacobs, a home-bred, successful businessman and two-time and current chairman of the New York State Democratic Party.

"Jacobs grew up locally and now runs many thriving businesses, including many beautiful summer camps and the superb Shandaken Inn.

"The two men sat in the Inn's plush lounge, and Ed answered Jay's questions about what Ed was going to do with his vision.

"Within thirty minutes, Ed was smiling and on his way back to Wellness Rx with a deal that if Wellness Rx could raise fifty thousand dollars, Jay Jacobs would match that amount in kind.

"Within two weeks, Ed reached back to Jay to let him know his challenge had been met by the very next potential donor he met," Madden says, which is where Darrel and Mary come in.

Which is where Debra Jo enters. She heard

about Ed's dream of bringing a pharmacy back to town, introduced Ed to Darrell Fontenot with Ed explaining the matching donation offered by Jay Jacobs.

Darrell ran the idea past Mary who loved it and as Greg Madden says, "two meetings, \$100,000 raised. The vision overnight had become real and Wellness Rx Phoenicia was on its way to opening sooner than later."

"The real "beauty" of all of this activity is that this deal was pulled together by the community itself and not in a corporate boardroom," Madden says.

"A six-figure donation for Wellness Rx in the heart of Shandaken was literally "cut" in a hair salon on Main Street," Madden says.

The ribbon-cutting was not without appearances from politicians including State Senator Michelle Hinchey and Ulster County executive Jen Metzger.

"This is an incredible moment," Hinchey said, noting how she initially came in contact with Ullmann and Wellness RX as she was out campaigning for the Senate, meeting her would-be Greene County constituents.

"I met with mountain-top community leaders who told me, 'You have to meet our pharmacist,' this cornerstone of the community in a county that doesn't have a hospital," Hinchey said, speaking off the cuff.

"That moment stayed with me in terms of the challenges that our smaller communities face, trying to access the basic level of care," Hinchey said.

"Ed Ullmann has come up with a solution to a massive gap in health care. Hopefully this serves as a model for other communities," Hinchey said.

Metzger, likewise dispensing with a prepared speech said, "we have so many under-served communities. I am so grateful to Ed and his whole team for taking this risky [financial] step.

"It is hard to see the trend, over time, with corporate consolidation and the loss of connection between the phar-

macist and the people they serve.

"You don't hear about a customer quilting at CVS," said Metzger, which is the case at Wellness RX. "I hope to see this

blossom in every community. Today, we are getting back to what community means."

Concluding the event with a small town, homespun snippet, Father

Stewart made a sweet-tooth confession, saying, "I was glad to discover that the healing power of Kit Kats and Almond Joys are still under the counter."



History was made with the opening of Wellness RX Pharmacy in the hamlet of Phoenicia, the first not-for-profit apothecary in America. On hand for the event, last Saturday, were (left to right) Wellness RX team member Greg Madden, NY State Senator Michelle Hinchey and Ulster County county executive Jen Metzger.

More in the Catskills Chronicle Section

LOCAL HISTORY BY DEDE TERNS-THORPE

Fred Wilson's Gang

This story is from a "local kid" that claimed to be a member of a "Northeast Gang" from Tannersville. It all happened some years after the Legg's Diamond era. He graduated from Hunter-Tannersville Central High School in 1955 and if you didn't know Fred, you probably knew his father, a favorite bus driver, and custodian, Percy Wilson.

Fred Wilson speaks of the gang that was around during the 1940s and 1950s. He said there were 6 teenagers who lived on Spring Street and Park Lane. ALL BOYS! Fred shows us how sometimes a gang member turns out okay!

"They were all within 16 months and 1/4 mile of each other. Perry and Edward Legg, Carl Ruoff, Phillip Thorpe, John Colton, and Fred Wilson. John was rarely allowed out of the house, so really, it was a gang of 5. One year, about 1949, on Halloween night, somebody threw stones at the streetlights all the way around Spring (St.) and Main Street. Fred's father's sister, Grace Wilson, worked at the Tannersville Central Hudson office. For some reason, the gang of five was suspected. A few months later the same

five found a window unlocked on a "summer house" on Spring Street, right next door to the Thorpe house. We did no damage, and just looked around, but we got in some serious trouble about that, too. A few months later Winnie Thorpe sent Phillip off to boarding school. Phillip was told that it was because of his father's deteriorating health, but we all knew she was getting him away from the gang. Now just down to a gang of 4: Perry, Ed, Fred, and Carl." (Perry and Ed Legg are cousins of Fred Wilson.) After Fred graduated, he went to RPI for a short time, and the U.S. Naval Academy from 1957-1961. He graduated as a Second Lt. He went from a Captain in the Air Force to a 30 year career as a pilot with United Airlines. Fred married Pat Bursiel, had 2 kids, an exciting life, and retired at 75 years. They settled down in 1990 and still reside in Las Vegas.

Fred also shared a bit of Mountain Top hotel history. His family owned the Belle Vue in Haines Falls, but sold it in 1947 when Fred was about 10 years old. After Fred's grandfather died in 1941 [leaving his grand-

mother to run the hotel], he and his parents would move to Haines Falls to help his grandmother operate the hotel from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

"The Belle Vue got its name from the great view of the Hudson Valley and the river from the East facing rooms. The photo: Alfred and Jessie in the center had four children (surrounding them in the photo). Beatrice (Bea) Huston (his family had a house in Santa Cruz), and her husband Bill [Back center]. On the left side are Marguerite (Geat) Jenkins, and her husband Howard. They got divorced shortly after this photo was taken. On the right side are Perry Legg Sr. and his wife Jackie (who was Mollie Smith's daughter). In the front is my mother Jessie (June) Wilson and my father, Percy."

The "Legg" family, taken in the front yard (the early 1930s) of the "Belle Vue House."

Thank you, Fred, this was great. Great stories about growing up on the Mountain Top. Like Justine always said, "It's people that make history." Thanks so much.

Stay safe, and thanks for reading.



Moss Ensemble Coming to Hunter

By Bradley Towle
HUNTER - When the Moss Ensemble takes to the stage in Hunter at The Doctorow Center for the Arts this Saturday night, it will mark the first official performance for the quartet under that moniker. The four musicians: Darcy Dunn (mezzo-soprano), Elizabeth Rodgers (piano), Mary Wooten (cello), and Marshall Coid (violin, counter-tenor, and composer), first came together as a quartet at a memorial service for Mimi Stern-Wolfe in 2021. Stern-Wolfe had held a special place for the members of the Moss Ensemble (as well as countless other musicians). A resident of Manhattan's Lower East Side, Stern-Wolfe began organizing classical concerts there rather than traveling uptown. Where nothing existed,

she created. Her loving obituary in the New York Times noted her Downtown Music Productions, which she founded in the late 1970s, presenting performances that ranged from children's programming to music of the Holocaust. Following the death of a close friend from AIDS, she began the Benson AIDS Series, which included works of "gifted composers and musicians" infected by or lost to H.I.V./AIDS.

It was through Mimi Stern-Wolfe that the Moss Ensemble first met. They all worked together throughout the years on various performances. Still, they had never even considered collaborating until they were asked to perform at Stern-Wolfe's memorial in honor of the woman who had brought them (and so many more)

together. They performed a piece entitled "Moss" at the event. They selected the song for its subject matter. As Darcy Dunn puts it, "Moss" is "an affirmation of life in front of death." The title of the number, and its affiliation, seemed like the perfect name for the organically assembled quartet. In addition to the musical program, the group's members will briefly discuss the songs to "let the audience in on the background." Tickets for the Moss Ensemble's performance are available at <https://www.catskillmntn.org/events/perfor-mances/2023-04-15-the-moss-quartet-1142.html>.

"We're really thrilled," says Darcy Dunn. "It (The Doctorow Center) is a place we love."

See related story on page C7.

TRADITIONALLY SPEAKING BY PAT LARSEN Celebrations that Stand the Test of Time

I'm in love with traditions, obviously. I'm a tail-end Baby Boomer who grew up in Brooklyn with an extended family that always celebrated pretty much everything together. From the ringing of the bell on New Year's Eve at 12 midnight, to the four courses including a ham and lasagna on Christmas Eve...I was all in!

That's how my husband and I chose to raise our three children and we are pretty happy we did. They too, as grown-ups who now have children of their own, no matter what, plan around the very celebrations that make up those special markers in life.

I was thinking about the spring celebrations this year in particular and the ease with which we flowed right back into those activities (now post-pandemic) to create a joy that we always recalled as so special.

Even in today's world of busy schedules, finding the time, or should I emphasize, "MAKING" the time to visit with each other to share in hiding Easter eggs for the younger kiddos and to watch the joy on their faces.

As I sit today and write about this celebration, I realized that the importance we place on these rituals are the batons that we then pass onto the children. If we didn't find the time to do this, what would we then be telling the kids about these celebrations? I think you can see where I'm going with this concept.

I especially love those BIRTHDAY markers that we celebrate together.

I'm guessing you like me, as these years add up, feel that comfort in knowing I'm surrounded by the family to mark these days.

Someone makes a spe-



cial cake, maybe there's even a few hand made presents, and when that birthday song gets sung out loud in unison, out of key and with everyone's own version, the laughter is the best gift anyone could receive. Sometimes, someone has to hold a votive candle because those birthday candles can't be found in the drawer, it's still okay. Isn't it?

My husband and I have always chosen to spend our wedding anniversary together without a lot of pomp and circumstance. It's just that much more special when the kids call to wish us a Happy Anniversary. This year is a pretty big one though. We're heading into our 50th year of married bliss in June. Hard to believe. But still magical in its scope. Our family wants very much to gather together on this special day with us and we couldn't be more thrilled to have them. They've asked to see the marriage album and some of our early dating pictures too. Yikes. I hope they recognize us.

Every year the holidays seem to take on more meaning as the younger ones grow up now. The focus for them shifts to the true meaning of these holidays when we receive some special hand-painted rocks or a card painted with watercolors that has hearts and butterflies. It's not just about what they will be "getting" on these occasions any longer. I've

noticed their parents insisting that the kids' gifts to their elders be the first to be handed out. This shift from "themselves" to others coming first is a remarkable way to teach them the importance of their place in the family.

I'm especially honored to be invited to a school play, a choral performance or to see our older grandkids' involvement in ESYO as musicians.

The goosebumps and then the tears streaming down our faces are the best feelings of all. I think when they're all grown, I'll still attend some of the local school activities because that feeling of pride and the energy in that auditorium is amazing and I never want to lose that feeling. Or, maybe just maybe, there will be grandkids that are added to this family as well... bringing more celebrations to come and more holidays to teach about as we carry on these celebrations that do stand the test of time.

I know there's also some tough stuff that has to be shared over all our life times as well. But when the right seeds have been planted in our lives, it's that strength from each other that will carry us forward when times get tough.

Pat Larsen lives in Greene County with her husband Chris and two pups.

She teaches fitness classes and wellness programs designed for Baby Boomers and Seniors at The Shamrock House in East Durham.

Pat is a certified clinical hypnotherapist. Please feel free to contact Pat via email at pelarsen5@aol.com As a local syndicated columnist who loves to hear from her readership, feel free to send her a note any time.

Bonnie's Trails Open in West Kill

WEST KILL — On Sunday April 16th between 10:00 AM and 11:30 there will be an inaugural non-competitive run and hike on Bonnie's Trails in West Kill. Bonnie's Trails are across the street from 745 South Beech Ridge Road. Bonnie's Trails, named for the beloved local community activist Bonnie Blader, are a series of paths on relatively even ground which were recently completed and marked. We will hand out cookies, bananas, water and trail maps that morning. Once the run/hike is complete, everyone will be encouraged to go to the Lexington Community Hall for the annual delicious Maple Brunch which is open from 10 AM to 1 PM. Should you want to partake please RSVP to this email: benettwine@gmail.com.

Bonnie's Trails, with a



little overlap, are between 3 and 4 miles of foot paths which afford beautiful views of Sprucetown valley, cross meadows, and meander through new growth and pine forests. They are used for cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking and running.

On October 14th, 2023 there will be a dedication ceremony in commemo-

ration of Bonnie Blader. Stay tuned for more details.

Bonnie's Trails are a joint project of New York City Department of Environmental Protection, The Town of Lexington, Greene County Soil and Water, and the Lexington Hiking Club. For more information write to: benettwine@gmail.com.

Man in Custody For 2022 Greenville Home Invasion

On 4/7/23 at approximately 6AM, Robert Viores, 32, of Pownal, VT, was taken into custody on an Arrest Warrant in Berne, NY for Burglary 1st (B Felony), Robbery 2nd (C Felony), Assault 2nd (D Felony), and Grand Larceny 4th (E Felony). These

charges stem from an active investigation dating back to November of 2022 in which Viores was a suspect in a home invasion in Greenville. There were 5 other suspects in this case, all of which have been apprehended and charged previously. Viores was ar-

raigned in the Town of Greenville Court before Judge Kraker and remanded to the Greene County Jail without bail. The Greene County Sheriff's Office was assisted in this case by the U.S. Marshals and the Greene County District Attorney's Office.

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Boating Season Has Begun

Its that time of year again. Boaters with crafts of all types and sizes are getting them ready to launch. There are important reminders for all those who operate everything from a kayak or canoe to larger motorized vessels; NYS law requires anyone aboard vessels less than 21 feet in length to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) between November 1st and May 1st. Dressing in layers is also recommended to avoid hypothermia as water temperatures are still quite cold this early in the boating season.

Another thing to consider before operating any motorized vessel is the need to have obtained a boating safety certificate depending upon your age.

While all operators of motorized vessels regardless of age, will have to possess a boating safety certificate effective January 1st 2025, here are the current requirements:

For calendar year 2023:

You must possess a boating safety certificate to operate a motor boat if you were born on or after January 1st 1983.

For calendar year 2024:

You must possess a boating safety certificate to operate a motor boat if you were born on or after January 1st 1978.

As stated, effective January 1st 2025 ALL operators of motorized vessels must obtain and possess a boating safety certifi-



It's that time of year again. Boats, large and small, are coming out of storage and onto our creeks and rivers for the coming season.

cate while operating that vessel.

To get a boating safety certificate, you must take The New York Safe Boating Course. According to NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation's website, (<https://parks.ny.gov/boating/education.aspx>), the class "...teaches basic boating skills and encourages common sense and courtesy to all who share the water."

Boaters can earn their certificate by taking a classroom course with certified New York State instructors or through approved online courses.

Certificates issued by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, America's Boating Club, US Powerboating (These classes are also offered by Waterfront | SUNY Maritime College) and any NASBLA certified

course from other states are also recognized.

With an approved online course, learning is completed online and successful completion of unit exams is required in order to advance through the course. Fees paid to the online provider include the cost of your permanent certificate issued by the provider.

Registering for a classroom course is quick and easy - follow the below links to find a course.

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Classroom courses are offered around the state by our certified and ex-

perienced instructors. Classroom courses offer the opportunity for boaters of all ages, especially first time and youth boaters, to earn their certificates. Some instructors may charge an instructional fee. Fees paid to your instructor do not include the fee for a permanent certificate for students age 18 and older.

With an approved online course, learning is completed online and successful completion of unit exams is required in order to advance through the course. Fees paid to the online provider include the cost of your permanent certificate issued by the provider.

To register for a classroom course - follow the below links to find a class near you.

Boating safety certificates are required for recreational boaters using motorized vessels, including personal watercraft.

*Operators of non-motorized boats, such as

kayaks and canoes, are not required to have a boating safety certificate at this time.

Other things to know about Boating Safety Certificates

New York recognizes the boating safety certificate issued by your home state.

Persons may rent and operate a motorboat from a livery without first obtaining a boating safety certificate. Staff at the livery must provide basic instruction and safety information before you depart the dock.

While operators of non-motorized boats do not need a safe boating certificate, they are encouraged to take a safe boating course as well.

For more information on boating safety and navigation laws, visit the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation website

Happy boating, hunting, and fishing, until next time!

The Moss Ensemble Performs at the Doctorow Center for the Arts



HUNTER- Catskill Mountain Foundation presents the Moss Ensemble—mezzo-soprano Darcy Dunn; counter-tenor; violinist, and composer Marshall Coid; pianist Elizabeth Rodgers; and cellist Mary Wooten at the Doctorow Center for the Arts, 7971 Main Street, Village of Hunter on Saturday, April 15 at 8:00 pm.

Join these world-class performers for an evening of adventurous and beautiful music. Expect an eclectic evening of fascinating, adventurous, and moving music—everything from pieces by classical music heavyweights Mozart and Haydn, to songs by 20th century composers such as Leonard Bernstein, Robert Chesley, Nick Scarim, and Mary Carol Warwick, to works by local composers Robert Manno and Marshall Coid.

The ensemble first came together as a quartet about a year ago, performing at the 2022 memorial concert for Mimi Stern-Wolfe, a pianist, conductor, and fixture on the Lower East Side, who specialized in presenting music programs with a social justice or political theme, who passed away in 2021. Each of these musicians relates to each other not only through their love

of music, but through their long histories with Mimi. "I've crossed paths and worked with these performers for many, many years," said Elizabeth. "Marshall and I go way, way back. I can't remember the first time Darcy and I crossed paths, but we've been on the same programs for years, and we love performing together."

Featured among the evening's offerings are a song cycle by Windham's esteemed impresario/conductor/composer Robert Manno and works by Andes' remarkable violinist/counter-tenor/composer Marshall Coid.

Marshall Coid, of Andes/NYC, has been described by The New York Times as "astonishingly versatile" for his multidisciplinary career as a counter-tenor; violinist, actor, director, conductor; composer, writer, and educator.

Darcy Dunn sings chamber opera, classical music and new works in NYC and is a founding member and featured performer of the Magic Circle Opera, as well as a graduate of Magic Circle training, under Maestro Ray Evans Harrell. She has performed leading roles with Chelsea Opera, Bronx Opera, Encompass Opera, Opera Manhattan, and

Downtown Music Productions, and has been a featured soloist at the Windham Chamber Music Festival. Darcy and her husband, Mark Singer, have a long-standing connection with the Catskill Mountain Foundation.

A New Yorker like Mimi, collaborative pianist Elizabeth Rodgers is in demand as a recitalist with singers and instrumentalists, including the distinguished soprano Judith Raskin, and in chamber music, orchestral, choral, and operatic repertoire.

Cellist Mary Wooten moves with agility among musical styles from classical, to jazz and pop improvisation, to commercial, to the avant-garde.

Please join the musicians for conversation and a reception after the show.

The Moss Ensemble performs at the Catskill Mountain Foundation's Doctorow Center for the Arts, 7971 Main Street, Hunter on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 8:00 pm. Tickets purchased ahead are \$25 adults; \$20 seniors; \$7 students. Higher at-the-door ticket prices apply. For tickets, visit catskillmtn.org, call 518 263 2063 or email boxoffice@catskillmtn.org.

MESSAGE OF HOPE BY SISTER CHIRYA

As You Sow, So Shall You Reap

Pure actions are like good seeds which, when planted, produce healthy, sweet fruit. Your mind is a garden, your thoughts are the seeds. You can grow flowers or you can grow weeds. What you see today is not the fruit of chance but a fruit from a seed planted in the past. Plant seeds of peace now and you will create a life of peace in the future. Concern for the quality of my actions, my karma, today ensures the success of my tomorrow.

The Law of Karma is clear. Actions performed under the influence of soul and God consciousness and divine virtues like peace, joy, love, bliss, purity, power and wisdom give us more happiness and attract more positive situations in our lives. Actions performed under

the influence of body consciousness and vices like lust, anger, greed, attachment, ego, jealousy, hatred and deceit bounce back, give us sorrow and attract more negative situations in our lives. We now understand we are spiritual - as well as physical, mental and emotional - beings, and our most valuable resource in my possession is right behind the eyes, the soul. Until this spiritual element is acknowledged, having compassion for human nature and performing right actions cannot be realized.

Within each one of us is a master of the universe. Not the universe out there but the inner universe of our thoughts and feelings, attitudes and actions. We may change our thoughts, our

feelings, even our sense of who we are, but we fail to visit the unchanging centre of our own self. However, nothing is more real than the inner space within each of us that never ever changes. Mindfulness means to be in this inner space where this peace is found, when all around would prefer chaos and crisis. Here is the deepest spiritual power that influences and changes everything and everyone around you! It is the eye of the storm; it is the oasis in the desert; it is the place where peace is power.

A better world requires human beings to be aware of this inner beauty; to use their positive qualities and to see

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Easter Egg Hunt, Continued from C1



American Legion Post 1327 Virgil E. Deyo Auxiliary members and friends were happy to be hopping again for the return of their traditional indoor Easter Egg hunt at Young's Ace Hardware & Lumber Store in Prattsville, last Saturday, including (left to right) Ginny Gurley, the rabbit herself (courtesy of Debbie Dymond), Cathy Martino and Marianne Krauss.



Mixed reactions to a giant rabbit from brothers Braden and Gavin Lawton.

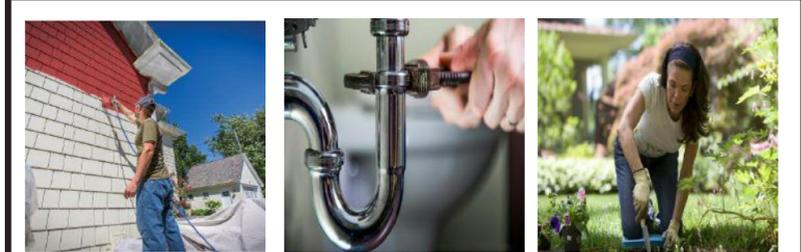


Above left: Dressed in Easter rabbit pink, 3-year-old Cheyenne Martin scans the shelves to find another sort-of hidden egg on the way to hopefully filling her basket.



Don't tell 4-year-old Reilly Haslam that Easter eggs don't grow on trees as he does his best imitation of a giraffe, reaching high for one to put in his duck basket (with his dad eventually lowering the branch).

Left: Not only Christmas trees get decorated in the town of Prattsville where (left to right) Eli Moore, Clara Moore and Chloe Kamma spruced up an Easter egg Spruce on the town green, awaiting eager seekers. Chloe (joined by her two cousins) is the daughter of Beth and Mike Kamma, proprietors of the Prattsville Diner who sponsored the outdoor hunt.



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VFW POST 1545 – WINDHAM, NY WEEKLY UPDATE



Well, this week I can say without reservation that spring is here. Grass is getting greener; buds are sprouting on the trees and heavy coats are finally put back in storage.

With the grass getting greener it brings me to the annual VFW golf outing. This year we will hold the fundraiser at the beautiful Windham Country Club.

This year's outing will be our 18th which supports our building fund and many of our veteran service programs. This year's outing is the Richard Hughes Memorial golf outing.

For many years Dick was a driving force on our golf committee. The date this year is Friday, August 4th. Cost will be \$ 125.00 per golfer which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, coffee

at registration, lunch at the turn and dinner following golf.

It is a foursome scramble with prizes, raffle and 50/50. For more information on this event, you can email marcf1545@gmail.com.

Memorial Day is upon us when we honor our fallen comrades. This is the one day that touches veterans the most. We remember the comrades we lost when we served and all veterans that have passed.

As we have in the past, we will hold a Memorial Day service at the WAJCS with the students. This ceremony is held on the front lawn of the school; weather permitting.

The school provides students to join us in the VFW Memorial Day ritual. This year it will be held on May 26th at 8:30 am. (0800 in military time).

The students get a feel for how solemn this ceremony is to veterans. The students realize the sacrifice that our soldiers and sailors made for our country.

Thank you to Emily Lacombe for arranging this ceremony for us. The administration and teachers should be saluted for their teaching patriotism to the students.

So, if you choose, we would love to see you there to take part in our ceremony.

God Bless America and keep our troops safe.

Marc Farmilette –
Quartermaster



Left: Marina Paulenoff is nothing if not serious about it as she gets her face-painted on the town green, having already raced across the lawn to seek and find eggs hidden in plain sight.

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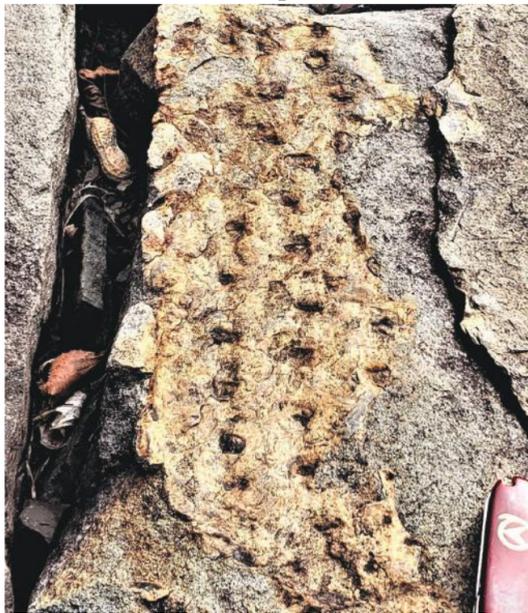
the good within each soul. Recognize and Use this valuable inner resource and Be this resource. Speeches count for little. Transforming the world is the natural outcome of transforming ourselves. If you always think in the same way you will always get to the same place. Think in a new way and you

will be a new person. Give happiness to all and you will live in peace. Create peace in your mind and you will create a world of peace around you. Go within today. Mind your mind and have concern for the quality of your actions. To be the master of your inner world is to be the master

of your own destiny. Excellent short class on karma a : <https://youtu.be/kJwEnG-GvfX8>
Contact: Yvonne Chirya Risely bkchirya@gmail.com chirya.risely@peacevillageretreat.org, Call 518 589 5000 for ongoing meditation classes

Creepy Crawlers at Opus 40

When you are a geologist and are exploring a new location, you can expect to find something remarkable, even exciting things. That was the case with our visit to Opus 40. Take a look at our photo. That is one very eye-catching fossil. We think it is something called a trace fossil. It's not the skeleton of an ancient animal; it is the evidence of an animal's activity. We think this is the trail left behind by a critter walking across soft wet sediment on top of the Catskill Delta back in the Devonian time period, perhaps some 385 million years ago. Each dark dimple on the rock surface is the imprint of an animal's appendage. There are a lot of them, and they are lined up in two rows. Which way was it going? Top to bottom or bottom to top. We can't tell.



narrow down the identification, does it?

Well, maybe we don't know which way it was going but what can we tell? How do we go about working on such a problem? What is it that we do when we find something like this? Let's make this a column about scientific thinking. The first thing we do is to shoot lots of photos, trying to catch the sunlight from different angles. The gives us plenty of take-home evidence to work with. That's important and it's very helpful. Then we look again. We see those two lines of dimples. We are guessing that these are the left and right impressions of that critter's feet (we scientists call them appendages) left behind as it walked along. That gives the animal bilateral symmetry, a left and a right. And that also gives it a front and a back, a head, and a tail. This is fine but it doesn't do much to help

So, then we rely on our experience. Over the years we have learned that there were some interesting candidate creatures that lived in the Devonian. Among them there were millipedes, big millipedes (you might know them as thousand leggers), on the Catskill Delta. Millipedes have sets of left and right appendages similar to what we see here. So, millipedes come to make up an interesting working hypothesis. We wrote about some of these recently. Did you read our Oct. 7, 2022 column? We liked the millipede hypothesis, so we googled "millipede tracks" and clicked on images. There, by accident were some photos of centipede tracks and those were very interesting. Centipedes ("hundred leggers") are cousins of millipedes but have differently structured legs. Some of the appendage imprints we saw online were

offset. That is that the left and right prints were not exactly parallel; instead, they zigzagged left to right. Sure enough, that's what ours did. Take a look; do you see that?

As of today, that's how far we have gotten with this. If we were doing serious peer review scientific research, we would dive into the issue of millipede and centipede locomotion. That might tell us a lot more and perhaps enough to solve the problem. But this project is only aimed at writing a Mountain Eagle column so that's going to be it for today. You likely have seen both millipedes and centipedes, living ones. But look at our photo again and see the knife. There were big bugs, don't you think!

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THE TAPESTRY BY DR. DEBORAH HERODES

Hide and Seek

What we hide and what we need to seek

When children play hide and seek, there is joy and laughter in the finding of a hidden person. But, when adults play hide and seek, it usually involves hiding things from others, for fear of embarrassment or shame, and seeking inwardly to see how the anxiety associated with our "hidden treasures" can become less of a burden.

There are the little things we hide with make-up or face apps, to conceal worry lines and wrinkles. Actors and actresses have been photographed under a rose lens forever, so this is no big deal. If it makes you feel better about yourself, do it. With manicures available for those who are unhappy with the way their hands and fingers look, many flock to the manicurist to cover broken and unsightly nails. Hair colors are ever-changing because an escape from who we really are, (for at least 6 weeks,) is often a welcome change. All of the aforementioned are easy fixes to hide what we don't want others to see, but when it comes to seeking help for

the hidden parts of our lives that involve habits, personality traits, faulty reasoning and the like, the fixes are not easily achieved.

Smoking has always been my biggest issue. I am not ashamed of it, and I know it is not good for my health, but I tend to hide the need, the addiction, et al, behind the excuse of, "I need them." This is ridiculous, of course, because I only need them because I am addicted to them. Seeking help for this issue has been done countless times through hypnosis, patches, pills, you name it, yet, still puffing is part of my life. To find the deeper meaning for this habit, runs far deeper than habit. To face the fact that I am a compulsive person is a difficult recognition, but if I look at my life honestly, I am compulsive about EVERYTHING! Compulsive addictive personalities are difficult to deal with, as they cannot sit still. They are always working, even when company comes to visit, and for those who love them, they are exhausting. Ther-

apy to deal with this personality trait makes one more desirable to be around and also is far better for one's nervous system. The need to always be busy needs to be quelled, with room left in one's life for relaxation.

The need to imbibe daily, to achieve relaxation, or toke daily to feel less stressed, follow the same pattern as the smoking issue. Addiction becomes part of the equation and trying to evade the real issue why you drink or toke continually, must be looked at. Genetics may have something to do with becoming an alcoholic, but there are choices we all make that can certainly overcome this possibility. Rehab. is available for both of these issues and on top of being a wise choice for your health, it is also a wise choice for your purse. Seek out the help and stop hiding behind the reason you feel it is necessary for you to be someone other than who you really are; there is no such thing as a happy drunk, not down deep!

LIVE DRUG FREE

Did You Ever Ask: Who Is This Person?

By Roger R. Barchitta CASAC, (Credentialed Alcoholism Substance Abuse Counselor) Retired

The process of addiction begins, especially for those who become addicted, with the very first use of drugs or alcohol. The use of these substances jump-starts the pleasure centers of the brain to produce more of the chemical "dopamine" that induces feelings of relaxed bliss, confidence and excitement. Over time, increased drinking or drug use conditions the chemically rewired (hijacked) brain to accept the substance that brings the feeling of being "high". The altered brain wants more and more of the substance because it cannot produce enough dopamine on its own to get the "rush" or "high".

The forebrain/cortex of the brain is the seat of consciousness and rational thinking and the midbrain/limbic and sub-conscious become controlled by its self-inflicted altered state of addiction. It now needs to feel good all the time and the damaged addicted brain is now obsessed with getting the substance and conveniently "forgets" how to think objectively along with its former morals and values. The addict becomes a master of deception and lies to family and friends in order to get and maintain their stockpile of the sub-

stance they crave.

The altered addict mid-brain/limbic system, that is always in instinctual survival mode, goes into constant self-preservation overdrive. The addict rationalizes everything into a totally self-involved view of themselves that contradicts the observed reality of those who care about them, or trying to help them. Because the addict's rational Fore-brain/Cortex has also been compromised, it weakly signals feelings of shame and humiliation that are smothered by the constant whine from the limbic/midbrain for the craved substance. The addict's constant spinning of deceit becomes habitual and the addict's self-perception becomes a "poor me" excuse for not being accountable for everything they have done during the throes of their addiction. The addict brain begins to believe its deception and this is the "denial" that is popularly accepted as a symptom of addiction.

Family and friends begin to notice the inconsistencies and deception followed by the addict's abandonment of personal responsibility for their actions because it's always the fault of others and society itself as the cause of lost employment, failing grades and law enforcement involvement. Sometimes there are changes in physical appearance along with the behavioral and personality changes both

obvious and subtle.

The obvious changes in the addicted individual are sometimes weirdly similar to the horror film "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" based on the classic novel that has been cited as an accurate depiction of addiction. The kindly Dr. Jekyll cannot stop using his lab brewed potion that keeps turning him into the nasty and murderous Mr. Hyde. Confronting Mr. Hyde brings out his beastly behavior and any confrontation of Dr. Jekyll's potion use brings out his inability to acknowledge (denial) the controlling effects of the "potion" that has rewired his brain and split his personality into two component parts of "Good" and "Evil".

Those of us who are in relationships with addicted individuals need to remember that any communication with an addict should be based on an acceptance of the addict's altered brain state and it is futile to debate either Jekyll, or Hyde, about their behaviors. The addict will lie, divert, redirect, insult and act out to avoid accountability. As a family member asking the question: "Who is this person?" means it is time to get professional help in addition to considering 12 step fellowship groups in the community that promote understanding and personal recovery to addicts and family members.

A CONVERSATION ABOUT Easter Flowers

By Jean Thomas

What to do with Easter plant gifts? Every year we face the same dilemma. A pot of flowering bulbs, whether lilies, hyacinths or tulips, is a wonderful thing. Until it isn't. The same goes for the gorgeous hydrangea or azalea plant. Mums are also popular, and sometimes we see old fashioned things like calceolarea, cyclamens, pansies or gardenias. The recipient's natural impulse is to try to keep the plant alive. The plant's natural impulse is to complete its life cycle. The two impulses are not always in agreement.

There's hope for us all, plants and people alike. The first thing to know is which type of plant we have. Most Easter plants are either bulbs, perennials, annuals or seasonal shrubs. Some can become landscape plants or houseplants, and, sadly, some must be discarded. Let's look at the options. Lilies, tulips, hyacinths, crocus, and daffodils are all bulbs that can be kept and planted outside once the soil is warmed up enough to dig in. The only "trick" is to remove the flowering stem when the flowers finish blooming, but keep the leaves alive by watering the



pot like a houseplant. The bulb can then be removed from the pot and planted when the soil is ready outside. Let the leaves continue growing until they die back of their own volition. They're busy building the flower for next year inside the bulb. The spring flowering bulbs like tulips, hyacinths, crocus and daffodils will reappear next spring. Don't be disappointed if some don't make it... they're all bonuses.

A word to the wise, though... tulips often only last a few seasons. The same goes for Easter lilies. Easter lilies, if they like their new home, usually bloom in late

July or August. If you have the colored lilies, they are more cooperative and will come back (also in late summer) year after year. There's another consideration with lilies. They're deer candy. If you have deer for neighbors, fence the lilies or be prepared for the buds to be nipped off the day before they're expected to open. There are two types of potted plants usually given as Easter plants, outdoor plants or houseplants. The outdoor plants can be either annuals or perennials. Annuals from *Storey continues on D3*



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LLC Notice
 Dan Hanchett General Contracting and Stone Masonry, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/22/2022. Off. Loc.: Schoharie Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Daniel E. Hanchett, 176 Hill Road, Cobleskill, NY 12043. General Purposes.

process against it to PO Box 433, Catskill, NY 12414. Purpose: Software publishing and all other lawful purposes.

LLC Notice
 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Mid Valley Diesel, LLC filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on March 8, 2023. The office of the LLC is located at 2663 State Route 145, Middleburgh in Schoharie County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served upon the LLC to Mid Valley Diesel, LLC, 132 Clover Lane, Schoharie, NY 12157. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Act.

https://de.biddyhq.com is the designated location and means for distributing and obtaining all bid package information. All Bidders are urged to register to ensure receipt of all necessary information including bid addenda. Any Addenda will be emailed from bidding service. Plan holders who have paid for hard copies of the bid documents will need to make the determination if hard copies of the addenda are required for their use, and coordinate directly with REV for hard copies of addenda to be issued. There will be no charge for registered plan holders to obtain hard copies of the bid addenda.

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The project is funded with federal grants funds. The right is reserved to waive any informalities in the Bid and to reject any or all Bids.

The successful Bidder, to whom a Contract is awarded, will be required to execute a good and sufficient bond of indemnity of a duly authorized surety company, equal to the full amount of the Contract, as security for the faithful performance on the part of the Contractor of all the covenants and agreements contained in said Project Manual and Contract Drawings. Bid selection will be made to the lowest, qualified, responsible bidder. The GC/SWCD reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities therein, and to select the Bid, the acceptance of which, in its judgment, will best assure the efficient performance of work. Bids may be held by the GC/SWCD for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids, for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding the Contract. All inquiries in reference to the project shall be directed to Rich Andressen at the GC/SWCD, at (518) 622-3620 or rich2@gcswcd.com. By Order of the GC/SWCD, Joel DuBois, Executive Director.

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This is an exempt capital improvement project, and Bidders shall not include taxes in the cost of materials which are to be incorporated into the work, and which are to be separately sold by the Contractor to the Village of Middleburgh prior to incorporation into the work of the Contract.

Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days from the date of the opening of Bid for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of the bidder(s) and the subsequent approval of the bids and related documents by the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or waive any informalities in the bidding, without explanation, and to select the Bid, the acceptance of which, in its judgment, will best assure the efficient performance of the work.

The contractors must also be aware that they must comply with the most recent State wage rates under New York State Department of Labor (www.labor.state.ny.us). In addition, the contractor must comply, if applicable, with Labor Law 220, section 220-h, which requires that on all public work projects of at least \$250,000.00, all laborers, workers and mechanics on the site be certified as having successfully completed the OSHA 10-hour construction safety and health course.

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Public Notice - Bids Wanted
 NOTICE is hereby given, that sealed bids or proposals for work in the Town of Lexington, NY will be received at the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District (GCSWCD), 907 Greene County Office Building, Cairo, NY 12413 until 12:00 PM, local time on May 4, 2023, and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes, addressed to GCSWCD and shall bear on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the appropriate contract title: "West Kill Stream-bank Stabilization near Wolff Road".

The GCSWCD will conduct a Site Showing on April 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM. Attendance at the site showing is Mandatory and Contractors shall meet near 1677-1677 County Route 6 (Spruceton Road), West Kill, NY. Submitting questions in writing before the Site Showing is strongly encouraged. Bidder questions after the Site Showing shall be requested in writing and will be answered prior to the Bid Due date.

The work consists of the restoration of approximately 720 linear feet of stream channel, and will include excavation and fill to create a new aligned stream channel as well as construction of in-stream rock structures and rock revetment. Work items also include the installation of various bioengineering practices and the creation of riparian and wetland areas and various plantings.

Bid Documents may be examined and issued free of charge on compact disc (CD) at GCSWCD, 907 Greene County Office Building, Cairo, NY 12413. Paper copies of the Project Manual can be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and Contract Drawings can be obtained for Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) on April 13, 2023. The checks should be made payable to the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District. Addenda, if any, will be issued only to those persons whose name and address are on record as having obtained the contract documents. It is the Contractors' responsibility to verify and obtain any and all issued Addenda. It is requested that bid packages be picked up prior to the Site Showing.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District, negotiable United States Government Bonds (at par value), or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety, in an amount equal to at least ten (10%) percent of the Base Total Bid shall be submitted with each Bid. The GCSWCD is exempt from paying sales and compensating use taxes of the State of New York and of cities and counties on all materials to be incorporated into the work.

Public Notice - Construction Notice
 The Delaware County Department of Public Works is replacing the deck on Bridge 16, Weaver Hollow Rd over Plattekill, beginning on Monday, May 1, 2023. Due to the location this work will need to be done while maintaining traffic. The traveling public should expect extended delays during construction. Work should be complete by June 9, 2023 weather permitting.

Public Notice - Harpersfield
 The annual meeting of the Harpersfield Rural Cemetery Association will be held Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 2 p.m. at the Cemetery on Colonel Harper Drive, Harpersfield, NY. In the event of rain, we will meet at the Harpersfield United Methodist Church on Colonel Harper Drive, Harpersfield, NY. All Board of Trustee members, lot owners or persons with interest are invited to attend. Contact Pat Hornbeck 607-434-6613 for further information.

Public Notice - WAJ CSD
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Budget Hearing of the qualified voters of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District, Greene County, Windham, New York, is scheduled to be held in the School Library in said District, on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the purpose of presenting the school budget as adopted by the Board of Education for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting and School District Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School, 5411 State Rte. 23, Windham, New York at which time the polls will be opened to vote to adopt the school budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, for the purpose of approving any propositions, and to authorize the required portion to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District; for the election of one member of the Board of Education, and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 1716 of the New York State Education Law, a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the vote, during the business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, at the Windham-Ashland-Jewett District Office.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education, shall be filed with the District Clerk of said School in the District office starting Monday, April 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., and not later

than 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 17, 2023, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., by appointment. Each petition must be signed by at least twenty five (25) qualified voters or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the previous election, whichever is greater, must state name and residence of the candidate; and must describe the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

One seat for the Board of Education, for a 5 year term, beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2028 will be filled; this seat is currently occupied by Debra Bunc.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that personal voter registration for persons not previously registered in the District will take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 to Friday, May 5, 2023, and Monday, May 8, 2023 to Thursday, May 11, 2023 in the District Office at Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School. Any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register provided at such time he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be entitled to vote at the district election to be held on May 16, 2023. The register containing the names of qualified voters will be available for inspection in the District Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each of the five (5) days prior to the election, except Saturday, May 13, 2023 by appointment only, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., and at no time on Sunday, May 14, 2023. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

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Notice of Formation of LLC
 WindyRidge Trading Company/LLC filed with SSNY 3/26/2023 Office located in Schoharie County SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to 137 Debar Hill rd Middleburgh NY 12122
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VILLAGE OF MIDDLEBURGH
 SCHOHARIE COUNTY, NEW YORK
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 2023

Contract 2G
 Work shall include but is not limited to:
 Contract #2G: Provision of submersible pumps for equalization tanks complete with piping, instrumentation, controls, electrical power, and integration to existing SCADA.

Proposals shall be submitted on bid forms which are contained in the detailed specifications available at www.debiddocuments.com beginning on April 14th, 2023. Bid Forms and associated contract documents will only be available from the bidding service.

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voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that voters at the annual meeting, shall vote upon the following proposition, which shall appear on the ballot in the following form:

PROPOSITION #1 - ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District #1, Towns of Ashland, Durham, Jewett, Lexington, Prattville and Windham, County of Greene, State of New York be and hereby is authorized to expend the sum set forth in the annual operating budget for the operation of the schools in said school district for the school year 2023-2024 and that said sum be raised by tax upon the taxable property of said school district after first deducting the estimated money available from state aid and other sources.

Public Notice - Stamford CSD
 A budget hearing for the inhabitants of the Stamford Central School District, qualified to vote at school district meetings will be held in the Cafeteria of the Stamford Central School on May 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., where there shall be presented the proposed school district budget for the following year.

DATE OF VOTE

The vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures or for any propositions involving the expenditure of money or the authorizing of levy of taxes, as well as the election of two members of the Board of Education shall be held on May 16, 2023, at the Stamford Central School District between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Stamford Central School District be authorized to purchase a 65 passenger bus (Freightliner/Thomas) not to exceed a cost of \$140,742, and to pay for such purchases from a previously established bus reserve fund and/or unappropriated fund balance.

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Stamford Central School District is hereby no longer authorized to levy and collect, pursuant to Education Law, Section 259, any annual tax, separate and apart from the annual school district budget to be paid to the Stamford Village Library for the support and maintenance of the library. This supercedes and rescinds all prior voter propositions authorizing the levy and collection of a tax on behalf of the above library.

VOTE FOR BOARD MEMBERS

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A three-year term ending June 30, 2023, presently held by J. Eklund

A three-year term ending June 30, 2023, presently held by E. Hager

ADDITIONAL PROPOSITIONS

Any proposition that is required to be included for vote shall be submitted in writing by means of a petition signed by at least 25 qualified voters, stating the residence of each signer, which proposition shall be filed with the Clerk not later than April 17, 2023, unless a greater number of days are required by statute. Any proposition shall be rejected by the Board of Education if the

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A list of all persons to whom absentee voters' ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours which are between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Any qualified voter may upon examination of such list, file written challenge of qualifications of voter of any person, whose name appears on such lists, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such list shall be posted in a conspicuous place during the election, and any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the absentee voters' ballots or a person on such list, by making this challenge and the reasons for the challenge known to the inspectors of election before the close of the polls.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

The qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law §2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

Public Notice - Charlotte Valley CSD

A budget hearing for the inhabitants of the Charlotte Valley Central School District, qualified to vote at School District meetings, will be held in the Elementary Gym of the Charlotte Valley Central School District, commencing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 09, 2023, where there shall be presented the proposed school district budget for the following school year.

Date of Vote
The vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures or for any propositions in-

volving the expenditure of money or the authorizing of levy of taxes and the election of members of the Board of Education shall be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 in the Library (APR) of the Charlotte Valley Central School Building between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m.

Statement of Money Required for Next School Year

A copy of the statement of the amount of money which would be required for the next school year for school purposes shall be completed seven (7) days before the budget hearing and may be obtained by any resident of the District at each school-house during the period of 14 days immediately before the annual meeting and election, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday or a holiday.

Propositions

Any proposition that is required to be included for vote shall be submitted in writing by means of a petition signed by at least 25 qualified voters, stating the residence of each signer, which proposition shall be filed with the Board of Education not later than 30 days before the date of the election as set forth in this notice, unless a greater number of days is required by statute. Any proposition shall be rejected by the Board of Education if the purpose of the proposition is not within the powers of the voters or where the expenditure of monies is required for the proposition, and such proposition fails to include the necessary specific appropriation.

Vote for Board Members

Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education may be obtained in person in the District Office and must be filed with the District Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., not later than April 18, 2023. The following vacancy is to be filled:

A three year term ending June 30, 2023 presently held by Rebecca Garrison

A three year term ending June 30, 2023 presently held by Jeff Vroman

Each petition must be addressed to the Clerk of the District, be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the district, shall state the residence of each signer, the name and address of the candidate, the name of the last incumbent(s), and the length of the term of office to be filled. Vacancies upon the Board shall not be considered separate, specific offices. The individual receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the vacancy.

Absentee Ballots

Applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the District Office. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the vote set in this notice if the ballot is to be mailed to the absentee voter, or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered person-

ally to the absentee voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 4:00 p.m. on the date of the vote.

Military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 4:00 pm on April 25, 2023. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. The School District will transmit military ballots to military voters on April 25, 2023. Completed military ballots must be received by the School District by 4:00 pm on May 16, 2023 in order to be counted.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting and Election, weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the office of the District Clerk. Such list will also be posted at the polling place at the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education.

Public Notice - Bids Wanted

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking qualified entities for the removal of steel pilings, grading of site, and armoring of stream bank on property located in the Village of Walton. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on at 10:00 AM on April 20th. Bids must be received at CWC by 3:00 PM, April 27, 2023. For bid documents please contact John Mathiesen or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE

Public Notice - Delaware County

The Delaware County Department of Public Works will be closing CR 16 in the Town of Delhi to through traffic beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 to replace a culvert pipe between the two intersections with Fleming Road. On Wednesday, April 26, 2023 the road will be closed in the Town of Franklin between the northern intersection with Fleming Road and Douglas Hall Road.

The traveling public should seek alternate routes.

In the event of rain the work will be done Wednesday and Thursday.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Public Notice - Prattsville

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Prattsville, Greene County, New York at Town Hall, 14517 State Route 23, Prattsville, New York on April 24, 2023 at 6:00 o'clock PM in the evening for the purpose of establishing a town-wide ambulance district in and for the Town of Prattsville.

A resolution subject to

permissive referendum may be adopted.

Copies of the engineering report and maps of the proposed district are available for review at the Town Clerk's Office at the Town Hall.

ALL persons interested in the matters will be heard at such time and place specified.

And any other business that may come before the board.

Public Notice - Windham

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Windham Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 7:10 p.m. at the Windham Town Hall, 371 State Rt. 296, Hensonville, NY. The purpose of said hearing shall be to consider a Major Subdivision Application for Lysy Subdivision, Yevhan Lysy, to subdivide 19.77-acre parcel into 5 lots located at Mill Street, Windham, NY, Tax Map #78.00-1-6.112. All persons wishing to speak upon this matter shall be heard at this time.

Public Notice - Windham

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Windham Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Windham Town Hall, 371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY. The purpose of said hearing shall be to consider a Site Plan Review Application for Or Not Apartments, Robert Giordano, 128 South Street, Windham, Tax Map #95.00-1-20; proposing to construct five 1-bedroom apartments and one 2-bedroom apartment. All persons wishing to speak upon this matter shall be heard at this time.

Public Notice - Seward

The Town of Seward, Schoharie NY will be hosting a Public hearing Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:00 PM, to hear the proposed plans by Applicant Ken Hellijas, located at 477 Looneburgh Tpke, (SBL#42.00-6-3) to amend an existing Home occupation/ Special Use permit to allow for the sale and manufacture of ammunition and sale of firearms, signage will be limited to a 3'x3' sign. This Use is a permitted Use within the Open Space zone with a special Use Permit/Home Occupation Permit. A Federal Firearms License is also required and currently approved under the condition the Applicant obtains a Special Use permit.

Public Notice - Stamford

Pursuant to Section 516 of the Real Property Tax Law, Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment roll for the Village of Stamford, County of Delaware, for the year 2023 has been completed by the undersigned Assessor. A certified copy thereof will be filed in the office of the Village Clerk on 1st day of April 2023, where the same will remain open to public inspection.

Public Notice - Lexington

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Lexington Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to sec-

tion 267 of the State Law and as prescribed by the Town of Lexington Zoning Law for the purpose of hearing the following applicant;

An application for an Area Variance was submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals by Deb Scotto for a parcel located at 638 County Route 2 in Lexington, further identified as SBL# 108.00-1-47 located in Rural Residential Zoning District.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for April 26, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Lexington Town Hall, 3542 Route 42 Lexington, NY 12452.

Anyone who wishes to make comment in regards to this application may do so during the Public Hearing. If you are unable to attend, you may send any comments you would like to be read during the meeting to kmcgalliard@lexingtonny.com. All such comments must be received no later than 3:00pm on April 26, 2023.

Public Notice - Delaware County

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Delaware County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, concerning proposed local laws as follows:

- 1. Introductory No. 1 to set the salary of Maria Kelson, Election Commissioner at \$55,252 per annum; No. 2 to set the salary of Judith Garrison, Election Commissioner at \$55,252 per annum; No. 3 to set the salary of Amy Merklen, County Attorney at \$139,100 per annum; No. 4 to set the salary of Sherri Falcone, Director Real Property Tax II at \$82,192 per annum; No. 5 to set the salary of Carrara Knoetgen, Personnel Officer at \$85,731 per annum; No. 6 to set the salary of Joseph deMauro, Director of Information Technology at \$94,124 per annum; No. 7 to set the salary of Stephen Hood, Director of Emergency Services at \$71,698 per annum; No. 8 to set the salary of Douglas Elston, Director Community Mental Health Services at \$102,306 per annum; No. 9 to set the salary of Sylvia Armanno, Commissioner of Social Services at \$106,408 per annum; No. 10 to set the salary of Charles Piper, Director Veterans Service Agency at \$56,918 per annum; No. 11 to set the salary of Wayne Shepard, Director Office for the Aging at \$81,897 per annum; No. 12 to set the salary of Shelly Johnson-Bennett, County Planning Director at \$104,564 per annum; No. 13 to set the salary of Glenn Nealis, Director Economic Development at \$93,738 per annum; No. 14 to set the salary of James Thomas, Commissioner of Public Works at \$110,607 per annum; No. 15 to set the salary of Amanda Walsh, Public Health Director at \$108,562 per annum; No. 16 to set the salary of Debra Goodrich, County Clerk at \$77,819 per annum; No. 17 to set the salary of Craig DuMond, Sheriff at \$97,822 per annum; No. 18 to set the salary of Beverly Shields,

County Treasurer at \$77,819 per annum.

All persons interested in speaking concerning the proposed local laws will be heard at the aforementioned time and place. Disabled citizens who require assistance in attending said public hearing or in furnishing comments or suggestions should contact the Clerk of the Board to request assistance at (607) 832-5110.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION JEFFERSON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing of the qualified voters of the Jefferson Central School District, Towns of Jefferson, Blenheim, Gilboa, Harpersfield, Kortright and Summit; Counties of Schoharie and Delaware, State of New York, will be held at the Jefferson Central School Cafetorium on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., for the presentation of the budget document.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that said budget vote and election will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 12 noon and 8 p.m. prevailing time at the Jefferson Central School at which time the polls will be opened to vote upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2023-2024 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district.

2. To authorize the Board of Education to purchase one (1) 35-passenger school bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$97,000, and one (1) Chevrolet Traverse at an estimated maximum cost of \$43,000, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$140,000, less trade-in value, if any, and that such costs, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$140,000 shall be issued, or the School District may enter into an installment purchase contract if the Board of Education determines that it is in the best interest of the School District to finance the purchase in that method.

3. Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Jefferson Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of construction and improvements to the existing school building and facilities, various site, athletic field and parking lot improvements, and the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$5,000,000; and to appropriate and expend from the existing capital reserve fund \$500,000 for such costs, and that the balance of such cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefor; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$4,500,000 shall be issued.

The School District, acting as lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder

("SEQRA"), has completed its environmental review and, on March 21, 2023, has duly issued a negative declaration and has determined that the implementation of the unlisted action as proposed will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

4. To elect one member to the Board of Education to a five-year term last held by Jessica Hendrickson.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN

that a copy of the statement of estimated expenses for the ensuing year may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

AND FURTHER NOTICE is given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of the Board member must be filed with the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023. Nominating petitions must be directed to the

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District Clerk, must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate, and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including at least the term of office and the name of the last incumbent. Nominating petitions are available at the District Office during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. excluding weekends and holidays.

AND FURTHER NOTICE is given that any proposition that is required to be included for vote shall be submitted in writing by means of a petition signed by at least 25 qualified voters, stating the residence of each signer, which proposition shall be filed with the Board of Education by no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023. Any proposition shall be rejected by the Board of Education if the purpose of the proposition is not within the power of the voters or where the expenditure of monies is required for the proposition, and such proposition fails to include the necessary specific appropriation.

AND FURTHER NOTICE is given that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable from the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least (7) seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2023.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on each of the 5 days prior to the budget vote on May 16, 2023, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Election Inspector before the close of the polls.

Dulcie Fowler
District Clerk
Jefferson Central School District
Dated: March 27, 2023
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND VOTE GILBOA-CONESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Budget Hearing

A budget hearing for the inhabitants of the Gilboa-Conesville Central School District qualified to vote at School District

meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8th, 2023, where there shall be presented the proposed school district budget for the following school year.

Date of Vote

The vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures or for any propositions in-

volving the expenditure of money or the authorizing of levy of taxes and the election of members of the Board of Education shall be held on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023, 12p.m - 8 p.m.

Absentee Ballots

All eligible voters are entitled to an absentee ballot. You are an eligible voter if you are 1) a U.S. citizen, 2) eighteen years of age or older, 3) a resident of the school district for at least 30 days before the vote, 4) and not otherwise disqualified to vote by law. The District Clerk shall mail absentee ballots to registered voters. Applications for absentee ballots may also be applied for at the office of the District Office. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the vote set in this notice if the ballot is to be mailed to the absentee voter or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the absentee voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk of the District not later than 5 p.m. on the day of the vote.

A list of all persons to whom absentee voters' ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours which are between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Any qualified voter, may upon examination of such list, file written challenge of qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reason for the challenge. Such written challenge shall be transmitted by the Clerk or designee to the Inspectors of Election on election day.

Statement of Money Required for Next School Year

A copy of the statement of the amount of money which would be required for the next school year for school purposes and the tax exemption report shall be completed seven days before the budget hearing and may be obtained by any resident of the District during the period of 14 days immediately before the annual meeting and election, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

Vote for Board Member

Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., not later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 17th, 2023. The following vacancy is to be filled:

A five-year term commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2028. A five (5) year expired term of Michael Fleischman.

Each petition must be addressed to the Clerk of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, shall have the name and address of the candidate, and shall describe the specific vacancy of the Board of Education for which the candidate is nominated, which description shall include at least the length of the term of office, and the name of the last incumbent.

Additional Propositions

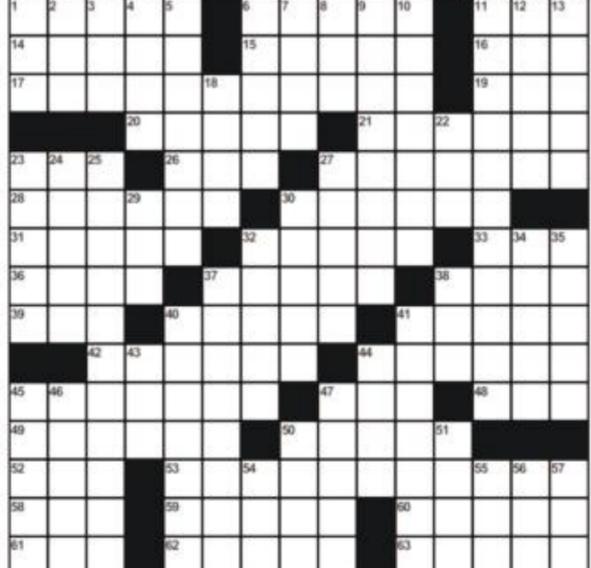
Any proposition that is required to be included for vote shall be submitted in writing by means of a petition signed by at least 25 qualified voters, stating the residence of each sign-

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ACROSS

- 1) Deep gulf
- 6) Highlight reel accompaniment
- 11) Certain Beatle's lady
- 14) One of the Allman Brothers
- 15) America's bird
- 16) Fighter at Vicksburg
- 17) Seller's hoped-for number
- 19) Tarzan beast
- 20) Beach playthings
- 21) Sports complexes
- 23) "To ___ is human ..."
- 26) Drag before a jury
- 27) Bit of glitter
- 28) Type of doll or economics
- 30) Orbital high point
- 31) "My Cherie ___"
- 32) Smoothing tool
- 33) Sail afore the foremast
- 36) British title
- 37) Speak at length
- 38) Popular sandwich option
- 39) Not the longest dashes
- 40) Deceptive appearance
- 41) Large water conduits
- 42) Doesn't act conservatively
- 44) It holds one cup
- 45) Jeans magnate Levi
- 47) Experienced office holder
- 48) Important time
- 49) Frolic
- 50) Part of A/V
- 52) ___-Wan Kenobi
- 53) Kind of insurance
- 58) "The Blacklist" network
- 59) Remove from a hard drive
- 60) A day's march
- 61) It can be rolled or batted
- 62) Wigwam kin
- 63) Submarine locator

FROSTY BUTT By Luke Cayon



DOWN

- 1) Toothpaste-certifying org.
- 2) Mass transit carrier
- 3) Chatter incessantly
- 4) Pinking shears sound
- 5) Washington post
- 6) Answer
- 7) They're good listeners
- 8) Some special effects (abbr.)
- 9) "Untouchables" target
- 10) British aristocracy
- 11) Breakfast staple
- 12) Country in the Himalayas
- 13) Way too big for one's britches, say
- 18) ___ d'Italia (cycling event)
- 22) Reverse from WSW
- 23) Avoid
- 24) Subject of Caesar
- 25) Hotel amenity
- 27) Outpouring, as of words
- 29) Word with "date" or "process"
- 30) "Amo, amas, I love ___"
- 32) Is inquisitive
- 34) Word with "tube" or "circle"
- 35) Iraq's main port
- 37) Win a "no blinking" contest
- 38) Frat "T"
- 40) Haute cuisine patron
- 41) Feelings of spite
- 43) "Nixon in China" role
- 44) Carbonated drink
- 45) Breakfast pastry
- 46) Cat, informally
- 47) Blender option
- 50) Cathedral section
- 51) Sgt. Snorkel's dog
- 54) Drink like a 46-Down
- 55) Actor McKellan
- 56) Tax pro
- 57) Always used by a poet?

Easter Flowers, Continued

pots can be kept in containers or planted into the ground if they are garden plants. Annuals grown for Easter exclusively are meant to be discarded when they finish their bloom. An attentive owner can keep one of these going for a long time, but it can be torture and sometimes it's an act of mercy to let it go. These include calceolaria (pocketbook plant) and mums. Very rarely is a mum bought flowering at Easter going to even survive planting outside, let alone reflower or return for another season. Composting is the most merciful disposal because it keeps the plant out of the trash and lets it be useful in another form. You can learn about composting at <https://ccecolumbiagreene.org/gardening/compost-resources>.

Those of us lucky enough to receive pansies have instant bedding plants for outside the door, and some cyclamens are hardy enough to plant outside (others prefer to be container plants). Hopefully there will be plant care labels. Hardiness is an issue for recipients of potted hydrangeas and azaleas. Like mums, the varieties used for forcing at Easter are not hardy. Plant them if you are an incorrigible optimist, but don't be disappointed if they fail to prosper. Of course, if the plant arrives wrapped in burlap over a big root ball, you already know it's meant for planting... and you probably don't need my advice anyway.

Likewise, things like orchids, African violets, jasmine and gardenias are clearly house plants. They may benefit from a summer outside in the shade, but they're house dwellers in general in this part of the world. If you received a dish garden as a gift, there's a whole other set of rules. Listen to episodes 12 and 56 of "Nature Calls, Conversations from the Hudson Valley" on any podcast platform or at <https://ccecolumbiagreene.org/gardening/nature-calls-conversations-from-the-hudson-valley>, for more detailed information.

DISABLED VET living in Stamford is looking for home health aid. Flexible hours and days. Please call (607) 652-2449.

EDITORIAL

It's Green!

Spring may have passed on the calendar several weeks ago, but the weather this week has shown that it's finally here. Grass is now approaching that richer, healthy green.

The latest ability for our area to come alive is upon us. Our pages are already brimming with recent and planned events-- and hopefully this year will be a record-breaker both for the number of events and those involved.

Each year is a gift, and we have a chance to make the most of it.

- Matthew Avitabile
Publisher

Bovina Council Approve Revised Building Code

Playground Outdated, Comprehensive Plan Survey Pending

By Mary A. Crisafulli
BOVINA - Bovina council members accepted the revised New York State building and construction minimum required codes at a meeting on Apr. 11.

Local municipalities have authority to create and enforce building, construction, and fire codes provided they adhere to state minimum standards, referred to as the uniform code. The state revised the uniform code in

2020 following the goals mandated in its 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. Municipalities were given until Dec. 31, 2022, to revise local code enforcement laws to meet the state's new minimum standards. If local towns do not adopt the minimum requirements, they will be deemed unfit to oversee the code, and responsibility falls to the county. If the county does not assume

the standards, the authority to enforce and develop code will fall to the state. Essentially municipalities have no choice but to adopt the standards or release local power to the state.

A public hearing on the proposed local law was held on Feb. 14. However, the council had several questions regarding its effect on the local community and tabled the law. Town attorney Alison Phillips advised the board



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and answered questions at the April meeting.

Councilmember Dominic Gullow had a previous concern about an amendment requiring any high-piled combustible item storage.

According to Phillips, highly combustible materials, which are listed in the fire code, of 12 feet or higher will now require the code enforcement officer to inspect and issue a permit. Phillips clarified that the only adjustment is the permit requirement; safety provisions regarding such materials were already in place.

Supervisor Tina Molé asked if the state's revised code directly correlated to the act, requiring the state to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 40% by 2030 and 85% by 2050.

While the code adjustment does not directly correlate to the climate act, Phillips said some amendments support the goals of the legislation and the direction the state is moving towards.

While council members unanimously agreed the adjustments were not favorable and would create an additional workload for the code officer, they approved the retirement in determining the local municipalities should remain in control of code enforcement.

In other business, Councilmember Donna Dickson Noonan announced it is anticipated the playground will be found to be out of compliance with updated safety standards. An estimate received from Parkitects Inc. came to \$166,776 for equipment updates. Noonan explained that the current wooden equipment was installed in 2001, and it is determined that wood can no longer be used due to splinters and other safety hazards. The everyday use of the playground space will need to be determined before a decision. There has been interest in the area from local master gardeners and other residents, said Noonan.

Councilmember Marni Greenberg said it is possible to place questions regarding the playground on the comprehensive plan survey being developed. During the first comprehensive plan committee meeting, each member was tasked with exploring possible survey questions for four categories; demographic, quality of life, business development, and government services.

In other business: Council members scheduled a public hearing for May 9, at 6 p.m., regarding a local law amendment to waive town residency requirements for the deputy highway supervisor.

Council members agreed to pay \$2,000 for training for a (CDL) for a potential local candidate for highway department heavy equipment operator. According to Highway Superintendent Edward Weber, the applicant is the only one received since advertised four months ago and is a good candidate.

Molé will seek a secondary quote for a community hall furnace. The quote from Dubbins is \$9,100, which includes one gas furnace and the removal/disposal of the old one. Molé applied for a grant from the O'Connor Foundation to cover 50%. ARPA funds will cover the remaining costs.

The Bovina Fire Chief Kevin Brown announced the annual state burn ban until May 14. In addition, the FASNY recruitment event is scheduled for Sat., Apr. 22, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The historical society is hosting its annual crock pot cookoff on Sat., Apr. 15, from 6-9 p.m. at the community hall. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$7 for children.

The next town council meeting is scheduled Tuesday, May 9, following the public hearing at 6 p.m.

WHITTLED AWAY WITH DICK BROOKS

Weeding Through

The other day I went to sit at the kitchen table for a second cup of coffee and fell off my wallet. I pulled my semi-obese old friend out of my left side rear pocket where it lives and placed it on the table where I could have a closer look at it. Realizing that it had been a while since I had weeded through it, I pulled all its contents into the light of day and spread them out on the place mat before me. Unfortunately it wasn't a larger than usual amount of cash that was causing it's plumpness, it was my habit of stuffing business cards and phone numbers written on various scraps of paper that seemed to be the major problem. I sorted through the sixteen business cards and since I didn't recognize anyone or any place where I could ever remember having been, I placed them in the circular file under the kitchen sink, same with the scraps of variously colored paper with phone numbers on them.

There seemed to be an inordinate number of plastic cards so I went through them also. I was able to eliminate my Montgomery Ward and Jamesway credit cards. I also decided that I no longer needed my 1996 AAA membership card and the Kmart cash card I got for my birthday three years ago since it no longer had any value because I had blown the whole thing on three pairs of nice socks which I still enjoy almost daily.

Having reduced the pile on the table to what looked to be a manageable amount, I put the remaining important things back into the painfully stretched and saggy looking chunk of leather. I still had quite a few plastic cards that I considered important, a soccer picture of The Princess when she was

nine, and of course, the licenses. I carry my fishing license and my driving license. I slid the "lite" version of my wallet back into its home pocket and was able to sit down to my delayed cup of coffee with only a slight list to the right. Mission accomplished!

As I am sometime want to do during moments of little physical activity, I took a little time for a ponder. The licenses I had placed back into the wallet came to mind. I have other licenses that I don't have to carry with me. The most important of which is my marriage license. I had read the other day that more than half of today's marriages end in divorce. Maybe it's time to rethink the licensing policy for getting married.

My fishing license came with a little pamphlet giving me all the rules and regulations for fishing in our great state, I never got anything like that when I got my marriage license. In order to get my drivers license, I had to take an eye test, a written test and a road test. I have to renew it occasionally or I can't drive. If we made the licensing procedure for getting married more like the process used by Motor Ve-

hicles, maybe marriages would last longer. The eye test would be valuable, do you see the other person for what they really are? A written test might be harder to come up with but should include questions about patience, pantyhose in the shower, socks on the floor, and who takes out the garbage. The road test would be easy, make the couple live in a small apartment or maybe a trailer with four kids under the age of ten and a puppy for a week. It would also provide a nice break for the real couple who owned the kids and the dog. If after all this, they still want to be married, then the license would be issued, making the license renewable every four years or so might not be a bad idea either.

I guess the old system isn't so bad for most folks, my parents got to celebrate their 72th anniversary. It brings to mind the old Beatles song—"All you need is love".

Thought for the week-A man may be a fool and not know it, but not if he is married. -H.L. Mencken

Until next week, may you and yours be happy and well.

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DATED: March 21, 2023
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DEP Holds Arkville Headquarters Ribbon-Cutting

Job Opportunities Touted At Event

By Mary A. Crisafulli
ARKVILLE — New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its Delaware County office in Arkville on April 11.

Although the office space has been in use since the building was completed two years prior, the event commemorated DEP's move to Arkville and opened several new career opportunities in the area. The global pandemic put a hold on not only an official ribbon cutting but DEP's ability to hire new staff.

Ground was broken in 2018 on the 35,000-square-foot building and holds offices for DEP and Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC). The structure is also home to the Catskill Water Discovery Center, an educational organization open to



NYC DEP cuts the ribbon at offices in Arkville. From left DEP Deputy Commissioner Paul Rush, US Representative Marc Molinaro, DEP Commissioner Rohit T. Aggarwala, Chairperson of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors Tina Molé, State Senator Peter Oberacker, and Catskill Watershed Corporation Executive Director Jason Merwin.

the general public.

The idea for a DEP presence in Delaware County came about in April 2014, and "we quickly got to work with Catskill Watershed Corporation," said DEP Deputy Commissioner Paul Rush.

DEP Commissioner Rohit T. Aggarwala said, Arkville is the center of the watershed, and it is symbolic for DEP to be

located here. "When DEP thinks about its world, the watershed is up here, and we are anchored down there (NYC). We also have to respect how you all think about the world and how you live in the watershed and this (Arkville) is really the center of the West of Hudson Watershed and I think it's fantastic that we are here," he said. In

addition to strengthening the relationship between DEP and watershed communities, Aggarwala said the facility opening would be an economic driver as they aggressively recruit to fill positions based in Arkville.

"The construction of this facility was a welcome addition to the long-term commitment

we made in 1997 to partner with New York City to provide high-quality drinking water while also preserving our local economy, culture, and identity," said Chairperson of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors and Bovina Supervisor Tina Molé. "The lack of professional positions over the past many years has left us with an out migration of our younger families, affecting our school enrollments, our ability to support our volunteer fire squads and downsizing of many fraternal organizations that have supported or communities for generations," she continued, "These positions will help breath life back into our communities and support new investments on our main streets, help grow our agricultural community and support our local organizations."

US Representative Marc Molinaro, State

Senator Peter Oberacker, and Catskill Watershed Corporation Executive Director Jason Merwin all spoke at the event, echoing the notion that the development of the shared office space will help the local community by bringing in jobs and strengthen the relationship between DEP, CWC, and the watershed communities.

Open DEP positions in Arkville include assistant civil engineer, associate project manager, two civil engineer positions, conservation easement program supervisor, conservation easement steward, job order contract assistant, two land acquisition specialist positions, project manager, Schoharie basin stream project manager, and flood hazard mitigation coordinator. Salaries range from \$51,000 to \$122,000 annually. For more information please visit nyc.gov/jobs.

1st Nonprofit Pharmacy Opens In Phoenicia

Edward Ullmann Driving Force For New Model

By Michael Ryan

PHOENICIA — The official opening of Wellness RX Pharmacy in the quaint Ulster County hamlet of Phoenicia, last week, was hailed as a great day.

Greg Madden, a Wellness RX team member and master of ceremonies for the event, used those words not to diminish any sacred arising but to fully embrace what he also called an "industry-changing moment."

"We are thrilled to be here," Madden said. "Today is an historic day for Phoenicia, Shandaken, Ulster County, New York State and America."

"This is the first non-profit pharmacy in the country. It is here because of one man's

vision," Madden said, referring to Edward Ullmann. "He is a fighter for your health care."

Ullmann was the inspirational force behind the creation of Wellness RX in the Greene County village of Tannersville, ten years ago, spreading its community roots fifteen or so miles south to Phoenicia, his home.

"It's time for the little guy to fight back," Ullmann said to a good-sized crowd of Ulster and Greene County residents and government officials. "It's time for our communities to join together for change and to be bold in establishing new health care systems that level the playing field and work for them," Ullmann said.

The reshaped system will "allow the People to establish policy built around wellness, educa-



Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held, last Friday, for the root-spreading of Wellness RX Pharmacy from the Greene County village of Tannersville to the Ulster County hamlet of Phoenicia, creating the first non-for-profit pharmacy in America. Wellness RX founder

and visionary Edward Ullmann welcomed family, friends, residents and government officials and performed the ceremonial snipping. Among those attending was State Senator Michelle Hinchey, pictured at left in second row. — Photo by Michael Ryan

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Cake Contest Sweet Success

ROXBURY — The enticing aroma of cake filled the hallways of Roxbury Central School on Wednesday, March 22.

The school held its 18th annual Family Cake Contest as part of a month-long For the Love of Books reading celebration for K-12 community.

Twenty-Five families baked and decorated cakes on a book or reading theme. The cakes were then donated to the school for a silent auction. Through out the day, students voted for their favorite cakes and a panel of judges made their choices for top honors.

In the evening, approximately 75 people attended the Read Across America night which included crafts and to cap the evening off, a silent auction of cakes.

All entrants received certificates of participation and an ice cream certificate. They also received a prize from various donations or a cookbook. The following cakes received the evening's top awards and additional prizes:

Grand Prize went to Emma and Brielle Hanley for their cake Hocus Pocus.

Student Choice Award was given to Mackenzie Hynes and Kylie DeMaio for their cake If You Give A Pig A Pancake.

2nd was given to Anthony and Abigail Accordino for their Thelma the Unicorn cake.

3rd was awarded to Derek and Kyle Speenburgh for their Chocolate Fever cake.

4th was given to Isabel, Autumn, Savannah, and Ayana Sandford-Sarter for their The Old Woman Who Swallowed A Fly Cake.



The Student Choice Award was given to Mackenzie Hynes and Kylie DeMaio for their cake If You Give A Pig A Pancake.

5th was given to Calleigh and Mac Porter for their The Very Hungry Caterpillar cake.

6th was given to Rhea and Liem Wallace, Natyla Finch, and Gina Galunas for their Peep Racing to the Finish FLOB cake.

7th was given to Neveah Ballard for her Book of Monsters cake

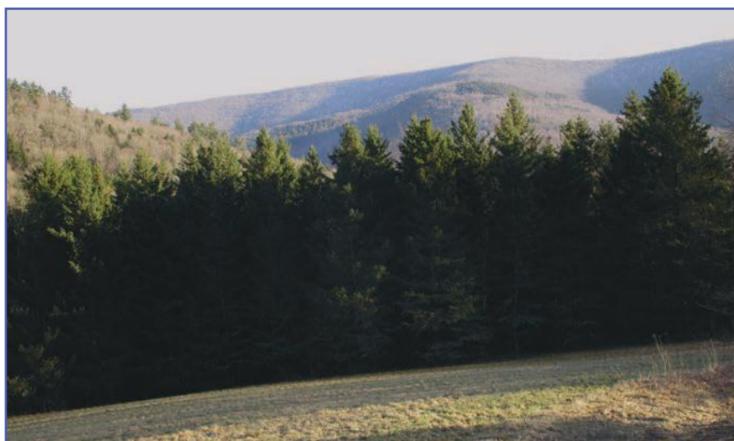
8th was given to Lily Aulino for her Harry Potter Quidditch Field

cake. Prizes for the celebration were donated by faculty and staff of RCS as well as the following local businesses: Hanah Country Resort, Fierce Grizzly, Plattekill, Spray Foam Solutions, Freshtown Marketplace, Happy Giraffe, Picnic, Sundaes, Bolger Construction, Roxbury Wine and Spirits, and Frosted by Stacey.



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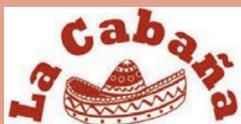
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Getting Out There

By Peter Manning

Rochester Hollow

Much of what makes this place special is that it is an easy walk along an old road next to a stream. This may not seem unique, but in the Catskills most trails are rugged up-and-down affairs with significant elevation gain and loss -- with the "loss" often taking its toll on tired climbing legs. Nevertheless, this road gains about 800' feet in the better part of two miles, yet you are happy to stride with ease alongside the cascading stream.

Early April is a good time to enjoy this stroll since the abundance of water adds an audible element to the adventure. The time of year also coincides with the birthday of Catskills naturalist and author John Burroughs (April 3) -- and a small monument in his honor was placed at the heart of the hollow shortly after his death in 1921.

Many years ago, in early April, my introduction to Rochester Hollow was a Burroughs-themed bird-watching hike to the monument. Since then, I've visited the hollow numerous times at all different times of the year -- even on snowshoes, skis, and bicycle -- but never reprised the Burroughs-birthday walk, until last week. As for the birds in the hollow, it would be tough to match the Barred Owl and Louisiana Water Thrush sightings of that first hike, and indeed bird activity was very quiet. So, hiking companion John and I embraced the simplicity of just being out in the forest.

Landscapes volunteers

However, one year, Becky and I volunteered for the Birds in Forested Landscapes Project, an effort organized by Cornell Lab of Ornithology and The Nature Conservancy. The purpose of the project was to measure the effects of acid rain on the songbirds in unfragmented forests of the northeast. Mercury contamination and acid deposition, along with loss of habitat, have been identified as reasons for the decline of the wood thrush and other species.

Our assignment: find four pre-established data collection stations in the woods, try to determine the presence of four species of songbirds, lay out cardboard "traps" to collect insects, and return the next morning to collect any insects.

Volunteer kits included CD players with speakers and recordings of the Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker, Eastern Wood Pewee, Wood Thrush, and Black-throated Blue Warbler. A fifth call -- the mob call -- was a panicked cacophony of several birds sounding an alarm of danger. When played, all birds within a half-mile radius would immediately flock to the scene. The first time we played this call (in Woodland Valley) we were stunned by the instantaneous reaction. Unfortunately, we collected no insects, only insect bites.

In Rochester Hollow, however, we collected numerous millipede-like critters, doing our part for citizen science (instead of just riling up the birds with fake mob calls). The sad truth is that coal-burning power plants and other industrial processes produce emissions that ride the westerlies to northeast forests and impact the neurological and reproductive health of many birds and other wildlife. Studies, like the one we participated in, show that impacts are found not only in water bodies but in forests.

Flag markings

Heading up the hollow, John questioned why we were seeing several marking flags in the ground. At first, it reminded me of the bird project, but we soon realized the flags were marking the many culverts that run beneath the road. It is likely the flags were placed for maintenance and safety purposes. The enduring road is well built, and these hand-crafted stone culverts are the unsung heroes in keeping the road from becoming part of the mountainside.

Other humanmade features in the hollow include stone pillars and a foundation, these all being remnants of the estate of Colonel William Rochester. The colonel served in the War of 1812, became an attorney and a member of the NYS Assembly, and his father, Nathaniel, was the founder of the City of Rochester.

After rounding the distinct lefthand curve in the road, the Burroughs memorial soon comes into view on the right, although you could easily walk past it without noticing.

The refurbished stone marker, originally placed by the boys of the Raymond Gordon School, marks the base of a plantation of White and Norway Spruce, which have struggled but still survive. I had intentions of picking a Burroughs quote to read but hastily tossed a couple of books in my pack at the last minute. Yet, you can open most any Burroughs book to any point and have your perspective refreshed by his.



The author's hiking companion at Burroughs Forest Memorial.

Flipping open In the Catskills, I begin reading from the Speckled Trout essay. As with the best of Burroughs, it is an experience of being transported. You're soon immersed in the place and share the wonderment of its in-the-moment vitality and fullest range of expression.

And it's part of the larger process of humans and nature being so seamlessly interwoven at the deepest levels, but only wholly realized by the author's absolute absorption of the natural world and his talent in guiding this so effortlessly into words that it flows forth like an improvisational melody, and with similar effect in bringing about both a joyous shiver and an awe-struck reverence. I'd try to pull a quote out of the essay, but the line is bound to snap.

Rochester Hollow is located just off Route 28 between Big Indian and Pine Hill and can be found by following the brown-and-white highway wayfinding signs. Round trip mileages are 4.2 to the Burroughs monument and 5.6 to the lean-to. Peter Manning is the Executive Director of the Catskill Mountain Club. To learn about CMC events, membership, and projects please visit catskillmountainclub.org.

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Auction Benefits Woodchuck Lodge

ROXBURY — John Burroughs' Woodchuck Lodge is hosting its third annual online charity auction this month, to benefit the Roxbury non-profit. The auction went live on April 1 and continues through April 30, when bidding closes.

Dozens of local products and experiences were donated, including signed Burroughs books, a home landscaping consultation, Plattekill Mountain ski tickets, a night at the Emerson Resort & Spa, and a four-hour guided fly-fishing experience. Browse and bid by clicking the auction link on the organization's homepage: JBWoodchuckLodge.org

The JBWL is also happy to announce the establishment of an endowment, which will help ensure the long-term protection and maintenance of this historic site. Donations of \$500 or more will go toward the endowment, but membership contributions start at just \$12 and can be made anytime.

Woodchuck Lodge is a registered National

Historic Landmark. From 1910 to 1921, it was the summer home of John Burroughs, America's most prominent and adored naturalist-essayist. The Lodge was built in the early 1860s by Burroughs' older brother Curtis on Burroughs homestead land where the naturalist was born and raised. John Burroughs wrote several essays during summer sojourns at Woodchuck Lodge in the last years of his life, and there he also entertained luminaries such as Harvey Firestone, Thomas Edison, and Henry Ford.

John Burroughs' Woodchuck Lodge is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the historic Lodge and to promoting the ideas and legacy of John Burroughs through events and activities that encourage people to live, work and prosper in harmony with nature.

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Here's The Scoop

Overseas Assignment Part 2

By Brian Sweeney

If you read last week's column, you probably remember I have an obligation to continue detailing my recent "business" trip to Iceland.

A quick summary for those subscribers whose mail was delayed or others who somehow found another use for a spare dollar instead of purchasing this newspaper. Our trip to Iceland was centered around attending a three-night residency by what many critics and dedicated fans have dubbed "America's Best Rock Band" – Wilco. My wife and I wholeheartedly agree with this rating. The fact the shows were in Iceland was icing on the cake, so to speak.

You may be asking yourself: Wilco. Three nights in a row? We agree — it's *not enough* nights to experience this remarkable band! That's all we were offered, though. Because the concerts were about two hours each night, we were pleased to have quite a bit of time to check out this stunning island during our eight-day visit. And explore we did!

Rules of the road

Fully experienced in my tendency to be "thrifty," my wife mentioned before we set out, that it would be nice (and unusual) if I didn't raise a fuss every time an outing involved parting with funds. I'm proud to note I heeded her advice and didn't utter any verbal protests. She did, however, need to occasionally pry the debit card from my hand.

In all honesty, none of that really mattered as we had a simple goal of enjoying this unique experience. Traveling with two friends, we toured like, well, tourists! The trip involved exploring volcanoes (not live ones), visiting stunning black sand beaches, and cascading waterfalls (there are reportedly 10,000 in the country — but we didn't check out all of them).

A bit too cloudy

No, we didn't get to view the renowned Northern Lights. It was late in the season to see that spectacle, but it was still possible if the skies were clear. They weren't.

Unlike beach vacations where rainy days result in browsing cheesy T-shirt shops, we were prepared for the "unsettled" weather of Iceland. We had plenty of warm and water-proof clothing and intermittent rain and relentless winds added to the experience of exploring this awe-inspiring land.

With tour drivers behind the wheel, we could sit back, learn lots of interesting history (Vikings were *very bad* people!) and then get out to discover the natural wonders on foot. Even with a relatively long stay, there were many points of interest we didn't have time to check out.

One "must do," according to many guidebooks, had nothing to do with Iceland's natural wonders. Nearly every piece of literature encourage visitors to sample the country's famous hot dogs. In particular, one stand in the capital of Reykjavik rose to worldwide fame when former President Bill Clinton stopped for a meal. That newsworthy event put this hot dog stand (there are many others) on the map as a tourist attraction. The hot dog is served with fried onions, ketchup, sweet brown mustard, regular mustard, plus remoulade.

Unusual setting

Generally, I only enjoy hot dogs when I'm seated at a major league baseball park on a warm summer's day. I would have made an exception in this case, but many others had apparently read the same tourism highlights and the line for this famous food was longer than a presidential campaign.

Hopefully we can achieve the hot dog tasting on our next visit. After all, it's just a five-hour plane trip to be transported to a completely different and fascinating world. The experience was music to our ears — in more ways than one.

Not-For-Profit Pharmacy

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tion and equity for tomorrow's kids," Ullmann said.

"Yes, that's why we are all here today, for tomorrow's kids. This is a true community Wellness Center with policy established by a local board of directors.

"And while the Wellness Center will operate as a business, all profits will be returned for the public good," Ullmann said. "Most important, no non-profit Board will allow the sale of their Wellness Center to a big chain store or regional health system. Today, 25 percent of American communities no longer have easy access to a pharmacy. Today, 47 percent of Americans are expressing dissatisfaction with our American health care system.

Rural areas suffer

Today, consolidation of health care services to urban markets at the expense of rural America is accelerating at a record pace."

That is happening "along with consolidation of health care systems and health care providers so that only a handful of companies control each regional market in America," Ullmann said.

"It becomes a stacked deck," Ullmann said. "I say, 'why shouldn't Phoenicia become a seed of change that will allow other communities across America to replicate its success?'"

"Why not Phoenicia and Ulster County, where renaissance ideas and innovation have a long history of acceptance?"

"If you can't think big in the Hudson Valley, you can't think big anywhere," Ullmann said. "I say, 'if not now, when?'"

Giving disturbing numbers on local and national suicide, depression and other health care issues, Ullmann summed up his feelings in two words.

"Enough! Enough! Eighty percent of the nation's reimbursement system for filling prescription drugs is controlled by three health systems. We have to do better. What is better than a community health center?"

"Little folks can come together and make a difference," Ullmann said. "We've been doing this for ten years so I can tell you it works. [In my career], I've hit it big and I've hit it bad. I can tell you I won't quit."

Madden noted that Ullmann has been navigating the regulatory bureaucracy for over a year to secure mandatory permits, etc.

"This is our second try to bring Wellness RX here," Madden said. "It worked this time. We were told we would never get non-profit status."

"We did. Today, we open this pharmacy for the public good and at the same time, pharmacy returns to Phoenicia."

"All of you have made this happen. This is your pharmacy and hopefully it serves as national model. Along this journey we found we have been supremely guided," Madden said, noting, "our next stop is New Lebanon," in Columbia County, where efforts are already underway for the arrival of another Wellness RX.

See related story
in the Windham
Weekly section

Democrats Again Support Riley

ITHACA — Various County Democratic Chairs and Vice Chairs in Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Greene, Sullivan, Tioga, Tompkins, and Ulster counties announced support this week for Democrat Josh Riley for Congress on the first day of his 2024 campaign for the 19th Congressional District.

"As Democratic Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs across New York's 19th Congressional District, we are excited to support Josh Riley in his campaign for Congress," said the chairs and vice chairs. "Josh is a fifth-generation Upstate New Yorker with the roots, work ethic, and experience needed to deliver results for this District."

"We also know that Josh is uniquely positioned to win this race. Josh ran an exceptionally strong campaign in 2022, turning out a higher percentage of Democratic voters than any other House campaign in the State while also winning substantial Republican and Independent support. We believe Josh can finish the job in 2024, and we look forward to working with Josh to get it done."

Among the County Democratic Chairs and Vice Chairs signing the letter were: Kathleen Hayek, Delaware County Democratic Committee Chair; Lori Torgersen, Greene County Democratic Committee Chair; Jeff Collins, Ulster County Democratic Committee Vice Chair; Patrick Kennedy, Greene County Democratic Committee Vice Chair; Josh Lipsman, Greene County Democratic Committee Vice Chair; Beth Schneck, Greene County Democratic Committee Vice Chair; and Kim Van Atta, Delaware County Democratic Committee Vice Chair.

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Letters

Vague Voter Registration Requirements A Problem

To the Editor:

I would like to correct an error in your reporting of my testimony in the Fleischmanns voter fraud trial.

I did not have "a conversation" with Mr. Mendlovic. I was sitting behind and slightly to the left of him at a village board meeting where the discussion was about purging his bloc of absentee voters. In what appeared to be a fit of pique he turned around, and addressing nobody in particular, said that he would keep on registering people no matter how many were purged.

Registering voters is not a crime. NYS elec-

tion law allows people to choose where they vote provided they maintain a "residence" there. But there is no strict definition of what constitutes a residence. Courts must consider a preponderance of factors in deciding whether a place is a legitimate residence for voting purposes. It doesn't help to sort things out when the law now allows anyone to vote exclusively by absentee ballot.

And the last time I looked at a New York State Voter Registration Form, it did not ask you to prove that you actually live where you say you do.

Deliberately vague and poorly-written (in my opinion) voting laws have extended the franchise to large numbers of people but at the same time invited massive voter fraud.

Unscrupulous actors with an agenda use the imprecise language of the law to advance their own interpretation. This spells bad news for small communities whose small number of in-person votes are cancelled out by unlimited numbers of absentee ballots harvested from persons claiming "residency."

**Vicky Szerko,
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Wayside Cider Donation Boosts Fire Tower

ANDES — Wayside Cider in Andes recently donated more than \$1,300 to the Bramley Mountain Fire Tower.

The money came from proceeds on the sales of Mugwort Dream Cider. Every year, Wayside Cider dedicates one of its ciders to a local charity. This year, cider maker Theresa Ferringo chose to dedicate her original creation, Mugwort Dream, to the Bramley Mountain Fire Tower.

Theresa enjoys hiking on the Bramley Mountain Trail, and she is looking forward to having a fire tower at the end of the trail.

Ann Roberti, president of the Friends of Bramley Mountain Tower, said, "The cider that Theresa created was terrific, and this was a fun way to fundraise. Wayside is such a beautiful spot, and a lot of folks tend to go there after hiking."

"Wayside has always been supportive of the hiking community. We are very grateful for this generous donation," she continued.

The Friends of Bramley Mountain Fire Tower are continuing work on the project and we will be lining up an alternative partner for the project.

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Wednesdays, April 19-May 24

Writers in the Mountains (WIM) presents Just Hit Send: Submitting to Literary Journals, a six-week long workshop with Sally Simon, April 19 – May 24, 2023. The class will be held online Wednesday from 4 to 6 pm. To register, e-mail writersinthemountains@gmail.com. To register online, visit writersinthemountains.org. Class fee is \$125. Registration deadline is April 12.

Through April 23

A Special exhibit Farms, Farmers, and Farming: A Tribute to Local Agriculture at Longyear Gallery in Margaretville opened March 24. The show runs through April 23. Longyear Gallery is located at 785 Main Street, Margaretville. For information, please call 845 586-3270 or visit: longyeargallery.org. Hours are Friday-Sunday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Thursdays, through May 4

Writers in the Mountains (WIM) presents Ekphrastic Poetry: A Jump Start from Other Art Forms and Everyday Objects, a six-week long workshop with Sharon Ruetenik, March 30 – May 4. The class will be held online Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. To register, e-mail writersinthemountains@gmail.com. To register online, visit writersinthemountains.org. Class fee is \$125.

Saturday, May 6

Diamond Hollow Books in Andes welcomes artist Denise Corley to start the Spring/Summer exhibition series. DENISE CORLEY - COME WHAT MAY, RECENT WORK will open on Saturday, May 6 with a reception for the artist from 12-4 p.m. The show will run through June 11. The book store is located at 72 Main Street, Andes. For information visit diamondhollowbooks.com or e-mail: biz@diamondhollowbooks.com

Through May 6

Liberal Arts Roxbury is present a solo exhibition of multi-media works by Moscow-born, Brooklyn/upstate-based artist Dasha Shishkin. chik chirik, featuring drawings and prints on various supports. A closing event during finer weather on May 6 is also planned.

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Sound/Poetry Performance at Andes

ANDES — Diamond Hollow Books in Andes is hosting a collaborative sound/poetry performance by Jared Daniel Fagen and Nyhne on Friday, April 28. Doors at 6 p.m. with the performance starting at 6:30 p.m.

Jared Daniel Fagen is the author of *The Animal of Existence* (Black Square Editions, 2022). His prose poems, essays, and conversations have appeared in *The Brooklyn Rail*, *Fence*, *Lana Turner*, and *Asymptote*, among other publications. He is the editor and publisher of *Black Sun Lit*, a PhD candidate in Comparative Literature at the CUNY Graduate Center, and an adjunct lecturer at the City College of New York. Born in Jeollanam-do, South Korea, he lives in Brooklyn and the western Catskills.

Nyhne is a blood-stained poem in an ornate frame. It is the sonic moniker of Nancy Kim, an interdisciplinary artist whose work navigates across sculpture, sound, design, and architecture. Their projects consider both time and "waste" as physical materials that transmute into portals to

JARED DANIEL FAGEN & NYHNE



Poetry & Sound
Friday, April 28th
Doors at 6PM

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stories untold, often making ancestral connections. As Nyhne, their music explores feedback, voice, drone, found sounds, ritual, and spoken word to form textural landscapes for catharsis.

Fagen's recent collec-

tion of poems, *The Animal of Existence*, will be available. The evening will be curated by she who is graced by stardust, Iris Cushing.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres. No reservations necessary but please arrive early. \$10 - \$20

suggested donation at the door.

Diamond Hollow Books is located at 72 Main Street, Andes.

For information about this event, visit diamondhollowbooks.com or e-mail: biz@diamondhollowbooks.com

Farms, Farmers and Farming Longyear Exhibit Thru April 23

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING AND VOTE Margaretville Central School

Budget Hearing
A budget hearing for the inhabitants of the Margaretville Central School qualified to vote at School District meetings will be held at The Margaretville Central School Cafeteria, commencing at 5:00 p.m. on May 2, 2023 where there shall be presented the proposed School District budget for the following school year.

Date of Vote
The vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures or for any propositions involving the expenditure of money or the authorizing of levy of taxes, as well as the election of members of the Board of Education shall be held on Tuesday May 16, 2023 at The Margaretville Central School Cafeteria between the hours of 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Statement of Money Required for Next School Year
A copy of the statement of the amount of money which would be required for the next school year for school purposes shall be completed seven days before the budget hearing and may be obtained by any resident of the District at each schoolhouse during the period of 14 days immediately before the annual meeting and election, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

Vote for Board Members
Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. not later than April 26, 2023. The following vacancies are to be filled:
A three year term ending June 30, 2026 currently held by Doris Warner

- Each petition must be addressed to the Clerk of the District, be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, the name and address of the candidate, and shall describe the specific vacancy on the Board of Education for which the candidate is nominated, which description shall include at least the length of term of office, and the name of the last incumbent. No person shall be nominated for more than one specific office.

The following propositions shall be voted upon at the same time as the vote upon the appropriation of monies for the coming school year and for Board members:

Shall the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire two school buses, at a maximum aggregate cost of approximately \$160,685; and (2) finance such school bus by expending \$160,685 from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund?

Additional Propositions
Any proposition that is required to be included for vote shall be submitted in writing by means of a petition signed by at least 25 qualified voters, stating the residence of each signer, which proposition shall be filed with the Board of Education not later than 30 days before the date of the election as set forth in this notice unless a greater number of days is required by statute. Any proposition shall

be rejected by the Board of Education if the purpose of the proposition is not within the powers of the voters or where the expenditure of monies is required for the proposition, and such proposition fails to include the necessary specific appropriation.

Absentee Ballots
Applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Office. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the vote set in this notice if the ballot is to be mailed to the absentee voter or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the absentee voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk of the District not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

Military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on April 21, 2023. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. The School District will transmit military ballots to military voters on April 21, 2023. Completed military ballots must be received by the School District by 4:00 p.m. on May 16, 2023 in order to be counted.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting and Election, weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the office of the District clerk. Such list will also be posted at the polling place at the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education.

DATED:
March 31, 2023
By order of the Board of Education of The Margaretville Central School District
By: Beth E. Teuber, District Clerk

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the ongoing nature of the Covid-19 pandemic, the dates, times and locations of the events set out above may be subject to change by executive order of the Governor or by the enactment of legislation.

ANNUAL MEETING
The annual meeting of the plot owners and directors of the cemeteries of both the Clovesville Cemetery and the Bedell Cemetery will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. The location of both meetings will be at the Fleischmanns Fire Department located on Main Street, Fleischmanns, NY. The purpose of these meetings is to elect officers and directors and transactions of other such business that may come before the next meeting. The Bedell Cemetery, Inc., meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the Clovesville Cemetery Inc., meeting will be held immediately following at 6:00 p.m.

MegAnne Balcom
Secretary/Treasurer
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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF 2023 TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL & HEARING OF COMPLAINTS

(Pursuant of sections 506 and 526 of Real Property Tax Law)
Notice is hereby given that the assessor of the Town of Roxbury, Delaware County, New York, has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year; that a copy thereof will be filed on or before May 1st, 2023 with the Town Clerk. The assessor will be in attendance with such tentative assessment roll during the following dates and times: Wednesday, 5/10/2023, 4pm-8pm; Saturday, 5/13/2023, 11am - 3pm; Wednesday, 5/17/2023, 11am-3pm; Monday, 5/22/2023, 3pm-7pm.

The Board of Assessment Review will meet Thursday, May 25, 2023, for a period of four hours, from 4-8pm in said town, to examine all written complaints on the application of any person believing himself aggrieved thereby by submission of a written complaint. Information on how to contest your assessment may be found at www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/contest/contestasmt.htm by calling 607.326.4362 to request such forms to be mailed.

Robert Breglio,
Assessor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION ANDES CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE TOWNS OF ANDES, DELHI, BOVINA, HAMDEN AND MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE COUNTY, NEW YORK

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Andes Central School District, Towns of Andes, Delhi, Bovina, Hamden and Middletown, County of Delaware, New York will be held in the Distance Learning Room of the Andes Central School, Andes, New York on Thursday evening, May 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for the presentation of the annual budget document.

And further notice is hereby given, that said vote and election will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. prevailing time, in the fitness center of the Andes Central School Technology and Bus Garage building, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by paper ballot upon the following items:

PROPOSITION 1
School District Budget 2023-24

A copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of the public money, may be obtained by any qualified voter in the District during the fourteen days immediately preceding the budget vote (May 5, 2023), except a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the office of the Superintendent of Schools from 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

PROPOSITION 2
Shall the following proposition be adopted, to wit?

Shall the Board of Education of the Andes Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire a school bus at a maximum cost of approximately \$91,888 (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such

years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid and trade-in value; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$77,388, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER TO FILL A VACANCY

To elect one member of the Board of Education for a five year term commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2028.

Notice is hereby given that petitions nominating candidates for a five year term of office currently held by Alice DeVita; shall be filed with the clerk of said school district not later than April 17, 2023, before 5:00 p.m. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of each signer and must state the name and residence of the candidate. Nominating petitions are available at the Andes Central School District office, Delaware Avenue, Andes, New York.

And further notice is hereby given, that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable during school business hours from the district clerk; completed applications must be received by the district clerk at least (7) seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the district clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on May 16, 2023. Any person who appears on the County of Dela-

ware Board of Elections registration list pursuant to subdivision 3 of Section 5-612 of the Election Law of New York as a permanently disabled voter shall be entitled to receive an absentee ballot by mail in the manner prescribed by Section 2018-a of the Education Law.

Military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on April 21, 2023. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. The School District will transmit military ballots to military voters on April 21, 2023. Completed military ballots must be received by the School District by 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2023, in order to be counted.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the district in the office of the district clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting and, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election. Such list will also be posted at the polling place at the Annual Meeting and Election of members of the Board of Education.

Dated: March 28, 2023
Heather Evangelista
District Clerk
Andes Central School
Town of Andes, Bovina, Delhi, Hamden and Middletown, County of Delaware

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DISABLED VET living in Stamford is looking for home health aide. Flexible hours and days. Please call (607) 652-2449.

TREE NURSERY & TREE PLANTING Andes, Delhi Area \$30/hr. Call 845-676-4364. Mon-Fri 8-4. Tree Planting. Young Tree Maintenance, General Nursery Work.

NOTICE OF VACANCY SCHOOL YEAR 2022-23 TEACHER AIDE

Margaretville Central School District has an opening for a Full Time Aide to start on May 1, 2023 until the remainder of the 2022-23 School Year. Starting pay will be as per the MESPA Union Contract. All applicants must have a High School Diploma and pass NY State Fingerprinting. Interested applicants should complete an application and submit to the District Office by March 24, 2023.

Contact: Michelle Osterhoudt, Superintendent of School Margaretville Central School 415 Main St, PO Box 319, Margaretville, NY 12455. (845) 586-2647

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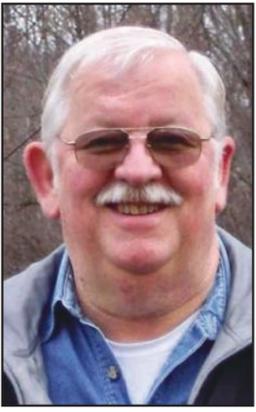
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Obituaries



Bob Carroll

On Thursday, April 6, 2023, Bob Carroll of Arkville transitioned peacefully at home to a state of eternal rest. Robert M. Carroll was born in Brooklyn on January 3, 1946. He was raised in Queens by the late Barbara (Arnold) Carroll and graduated from the prestigious Brooklyn Technical High School in 1963.

Bob went straight into the workforce and made his way up through the ranks of AT&T as a supervisor technician until 1965, when during the Vietnam War he followed the longtime family tradition of enlisting into the U.S. Navy, where he served as a Naval technician on the A-7A aircraft.

A proud patriot, Bob's time in the service shaped him into the man he was for the remainder of his life. As a member of Attack Squadron 82 aboard the USS America, Bob achieved a rank of ATN3, was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation, the National Defense Service Medal, the Bronze Star Vietnam Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign medal. Bob also circumnavigated the entire globe joining an elite group that were initiated into "The Order of Magellan."

He was honorably discharged from the Navy in December 1968, and returned back to Queens and his job at AT&T, where he stayed until moving to Arkville with his wife and children in 1983.

Bob built a new life for himself and his family in the Catskills. He worked for many years as a security technician installing alarm systems in the area. He also furthered his passion and respect for firearms by working in Betz's Sports Shop.

He was a history buff and his other interests embodied stamp and coin collecting, outdoor sporting activities and his eternal love of doowop music. His heart was so big and anyone who knew him could count on him for support, laughs, or just some good company. He will be forever loved and missed by so many.

Bob is predeceased by his wife Diane. He is survived by his daughter, Dianne Angelo (Darin) of Syracuse; and his son, Brian Carroll of Brooklyn.

Arrangements will be handled by Hynes Funeral Home, 48 Walnut Street, Margaretville. Viewings will be Thursday, May 18 from 6-8pm, and Friday, May 19 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. A graveside serv-

ice with military honors will be held at the Margaretville Cemetery Annex immediately following.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff of Margaretville Hospital and Helios Health Care for their incredible care and support leading up to Bob's passing.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Vietnam Veterans of America at vva.org.

William Blish

MARGARETVILLE — William "Bill" Blish passed away peacefully at his home on March 28, 2023, surrounded by his wife Anna and stepdaughter Amber.

Bill was born on October 17, 1949 to Martha and Paul Blish. A lifelong Margaretville resident, Bill joined the United States Air Force out of high school and was stationed in Delaware and Korea during the Korean War. Upon completion of his military service, Bill was employed by the Margaretville Telephone Company for 46 years and played a vital role in keeping the local telephone system operating on a day-to-day basis.

As a 50-year member of the Margaretville Volunteer Fire Department, Bill enjoyed serving the community which he was born and raised in. Chances are, you have enjoyed Bill's BBQ chicken sauce recipe each summer during the 4th of July celebration in town. Bill was one of the warmest, most selfless and genuine individuals you could ever meet. Without a doubt, if you knew Bill, he made a lasting impression on you.

Bill was an avid golfer, taking golf trips each year, and an overall sports fanatic. His favorite team was the NY Yankees, and whatever team his stepson, Clinton, was currently working for. As a competitive bowler, Bill competed in state tournaments for years with his bowling buddies.

Bowling happened to be where Bill met his forever partner, Anna, and they shared a love like no other. You often would find Bill and Anna on the golf course, at the bowling alley or traveling, looking for sunshine or a beach to relax on and read a book.

Bill's family was of utmost importance to him. His wife, Anna, daughter, Kari, stepdaughter, Amber, and stepson, Clinton, (Michelle) from Florida were integral parts of Bill's life. He also enjoyed spending time with his three grandchildren, Keegan, Caedan and Kiley. Bill's face would glow each time his grandchildren would yell "Poppa Bill" and you could see in his smile that it made his day.

Bill was survived by his mother Martha, sisters, Barb (Rick) Funck and Diane (Ralph) Ackerly, along with several nieces and nephews and their families. Bill was predeceased by his father, Paul.

A memorial service was held April 4 at 3 p.m. at Hynes Funeral Home in Margaretville and a private committal will be held for close friends and family at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Helios Care (Delaware County Hospice) or the Margaretville Volunteer Fire Department.

"Spooky" Squires

"Spooky" Leighton Louis Squires, father, husband, grandfather, hardest working man you've known, prankster, everybody's best friend, a lover of laughter and inappropriate humor, local legend, and all around -one of a kind jovial man, left his achy body behind on April 3, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. His wife Lois, daughter Jeanette, and his son Warren "Benny" Squires were all anxiously waiting for his arrival on the other side of Heaven's door.

Spooky loved to hunt in his younger days, but most of all he just loved being as one with the great outdoors emersed in the splendid rolling hills of the Catskill mountains that he was

lucky enough to call home for 84 years. He and his bestie Joe Hewitt, had a passion for Bee keeping, making their own signature honey, and tapping trees bringing home the best maple syrup to ever touch your lips. He loved to split wood and to build things, making things with his hands is what he did best.

The friends in his life were numerous. He particularly fancied the underdogs in life. He made everyone feel special, understood, needed, loved, and always made you laugh. He wanted to help anyone in need no matter how laborious the job might be. When he walked into a room, everyone lit up and the smiles were a plenty. His fun loving energy was beyond contagious.

He loved the ladies, calling them all "Sweetheart" "Honey" or "Baby" he always had a hug and squeeze for all. He loved his mom Emily Squires (Deceased) His loving wife Lois Squires (Deceased) his favorite cousin Francine Ladenheim, his sister Joanne Santulli, and his daughters Tracy, Jeanette (Deceased) and Lisa, with all his heart. As well, he

adored his New Kingston neighbors as if they were his very own family. A great loss to the very special Hamlet of New Kingston.

He married his love Lois Marie Kurdt Squires, almost 61 years ago, with whom they had four children, Tracy Lynn Squires (Jim Yaekel) of Margaretville, Jeanette Ruth Squires (deceased) of South Carolina, Warren Louis Squires (deceased) of New Kingston, and Lisa Jo Squires (John Ganske) of Sun Valley ID. He taught them to treat others how they would like to be treated, to work hard, to love nature, to laugh a lot, to remember that less is more, friends and family are everything, and to just be thankful.

He excelled at helping others. Some people take in Stray animals, he took in stray humans. A plethora of cousins, inner city children, friends, neighbors, and anyone else that needed some love his doors were always open. His favorite pastime was befriending the local chipmunks and fed them daily, climbing up his leg and nestling into his hands for a free meal each day. He took extreme

pride in his three grandchildren Virgil Conklin of Brooklyn, Benjamin Corley of Kingston, and Francesca Rippo of Sun Valley. All were blessed with a touch of Spook's good ole' fashioned humor.

Spooky was a very proud lifetime member of the Margaretville Fire Department. He once took over 300 stitches to the leg when a fire hose broke away, and he wore his scars like a badge of honor.

He joined the US Navy in 1957 where he served as a Machinist "mate" aboard the USS Ingraham DD-694 and was always happy to share his stories with fellow US Veterans.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to Margaretville fire dept. 845-586-4419 Graveside service will be held at the New Kingston Cemetery on May 13 at 1 p.m., rain or shine. Please join the family and friends for food and libations following the service at the Margaretville Fire Department 77 Church Street.

"Don't cry because it over, smile because it happened." – Dr. Seuss

Like the old saying goes, "It's not a goodbye, it's a see you later."



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE	
4/14 Fri	6:00PM - Citizen News Bureau - Lori Fairbairn brings you the Weekend Weather report for the Catskill Region. 6:30PM - The Catskill Center - Jezz Harkin talks with Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center talks about the Center and funding from New York State. 7:00PM - Mostly Folk with Artie Martello - with guest Dan Pallotta. Dan is an American entrepreneur, author, and humanitarian activist. He is best known for his involvement in multi-day charitable events. Dan has returned to writing and performing music after a 30 year hiatus. 7:30PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mami talks with Jim Richardson from Music on the Delaware about upcoming performances in April at the historic Walton Theater. 8:00PM - WARK Community Television Archives - Music with the Kryptonites recorded at the Pine Hill Tavern (Airdate Early 80s).
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4/17 Mon	6:00PM - Weekly Weather Forecast - Lori Fairbairn brings you the Weekly forecast for the Catskill Region. 6:30PM - Solid Waste Management Center and Compost Facility - Jezz Harkin talks with Tyson Robb, Solid Waste Coordinator. 7:00PM - Mostly Folk with Artie Martello - Artie talks with Antje Duvekot who has solidified her reputation as one of Boston's best singer-songwriters, winning some of the top songwriting awards. Antje will be performing in Phoenicia at the end of May. 7:30PM - Delaware County Board of Supervisors meeting - recorded on April 12. Thank you to the Delhi Telephone Company. 8:00PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mami talks with filmmaker Robert Rosenbaum who discusses his new upcoming film, Psych Ward, a horror film in the tradition of 80's thrillers like Friday the 13th and Halloween. 8:30PM - The Sonny Rock Show - with Joe Ferla, is a guitarist, singer, engineer, and producer. Winner of 5 Grammy Awards.
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Blaze Sweeps R'ville



BELOW: Richmondville Fire Chief Shawn, DesRoches being interviewed.



Photos by Bob Duso. Much more inside.



Nature Writing at Landis

Nature Writing
Dates: Sundays, Apr 30, May 7, June 4, & June 11
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: The Welcome Center
Registration: Members and nonmembers: \$5
Nature writing is the opportunity to connect in new ways with the natural world. For centuries, writers have composed poems, stories, essays, and journals to explore, celebrate, and analyze nature. Through writing, we form what we want to say and, by saying it, we learn about ourselves, about

others, about plants, and about the world. Together we will explore creative exercises and inspiring texts to have fun with words and our thoughts and insights in a guided, friendly natural environment. Bring your notebook or journal. These workshops are open to writers of all lev-

els. Classes meet on April 30, May 7, June 4, and June 11, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. You may register for one or all classes; please complete registration for each session you wish to attend.
Instructor: Gert Coleman, writer, herbalist, and plant enthusiast
Location: The Welcome Center



Cobleskill Briefs

Do you have any events you'd like to see featured in the Cobleskill Herald? Let us know at cobleskillherald@gmail.com.

Senior Congregate Meal Sites Open

Local residents are invited to enjoy noon-time meals and good company (except holidays) at one of Schoharie County Office for the Aging's two congregate meal sites:

-Jefferson (Tues./Wed./Thurs.), Community Center, Rte. 10
-Sharon Springs (Mon./Wed./Fri), Firehouse, 137 Beechwood Rd.) Reserve a meal by calling Schoharie County OFA at 518-295-2001 before 2 pm the day before you want to go. A suggested donation of \$4 is accepted from those 60 years old and older. Under age 60? You're welcome to participate and will be charged \$5.

Cobleskill - Board of Education Meeting

The Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School Board of Education will be meeting on Monday, April 17th at 7:00 PM at the Golding Middle School Library. Meetings are also available for viewing afterwards on the SCHOPEG website.

CRCS Board of Education Petitions Available

Nominating petition forms for residents interested in running for a seat on the Cobleskill-Richmondville Board of Education will be available at the District Office beginning on Monday, March 6th. The District Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Petitions with the signatures of at least 25 qualified voters must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 PM on Monday, April 17th.

Richmondville - Village Board Meeting

The Richmondville Village Board of Trustees will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 18th at 4:30 PM at the Municipal Building on Main Street. Prior to this meeting, the Village Board will be holding a public hearing on the proposed tentative 2023-2024 Village Budget at 3:30 PM.

Cobleskill - Village Board Meeting

The Cobleskill Village Board of Trustees will be meeting on Tuesday, April 18th at 7:00 PM at the Cobleskill Firehouse. Meetings are also available for viewing afterwards on the SCHOPEG website.

Family Recovery Support Group

Every Wednesday evening from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM., SCCASA hosts Family Recovery Support Group Meetings facilitated by Maggie Jackman Pryor, a Family Support Navigator, and Tom Moran, a Peer Engagement Specialist and Recovery Coach at 349 Mineral Springs Road.

Sharon Springs - Village Board Meeting

The Sharon Springs Village Board of Trustees will be meeting on Thursday, April 20th at 7:00 PM at 129 Main Street. Meetings are also available afterwards on the SCHOPEG website.

Schoharie - Board of Supervisors Meeting

The Schoharie County Board of Supervisors will be holding its monthly meeting next week - Friday, April 21st - at 9:00 AM. Meetings are also available for viewing afterwards on the SCHOPEG website.

Sharon Springs - New Everything Shoppe

A new Everything Shoppe, which is administered by the Schoharie County Council of Senior Citizens, is poised to open in early May at 209 Main Street in the Village of Sharon Springs.

OFA and The Gathering Place Offer Grab & Go Meals

The Office for the Aging provides healthy grab and go meals for individuals 60 years +, daily (M-F) at The Gathering Place, 127 Kenyon Rd., Cobleskill. Each person may make a suggested \$4 voluntary contribution for a meal. Interested individuals must reserve grab and go meals 24 hours in advance by calling 518-920-3757 and speaking to Judy between 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Meals are available daily beginning at 11 a.m. One can take meals home to eat or stay at the Center and enjoy them with company. Monthly meal menus are available at The Center's front desk or by contacting OFA at 518-295-2001.



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Obituaries John L. Rose III



Cobleskill- John L. Rose III, 73, of School Hill Road, died Tuesday, April 11, 2023 after being stricken suddenly.

Born December 13, 1949, in Davy, West Virginia, he was the son of the late John L. Rose II and Dora (Horton) Rose, who survives him.

John enjoyed camping with his family, as well as hiking, kayaking and bicycling.

He was a former pres-

ident of the Rotary Club of Cobleskill and former president of the Habitat for Humanity for Schoharie County. John was also a former chair of the Cobleskill Creek Trail.

He retired from NYS Construction Fund where he worked for many years as project manager. He was also project manager for the Agriculture Department at SUNY Cobleskill for several years.

John was predeceased by his father, a grandson, Emerson Rose, and two sisters: Sandra Kay Rose and Doreen Martini.

Cherishing their memories of John are his wife, Joan (Moccio) Rose whom he married January 14, 1973; two sons: John L. (Julie) Rose IV of Cobleskill and Jason

(Barbara) Rose of Delmar; six grandchildren: Jack, Sean, Abigail, Clark, Lucy and Magdalene; his brother, David Rose of Virginia; his mother, Dora Rose and several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to a period of visitation on Monday, April 17, 2023 from 4PM to 6PM at Mereness-Putnam Funeral Home, 171 Elm St., Cobleskill. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10AM on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 138 Washington Ave., Cobleskill, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to St. Vincent de Paul Church or St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 201 Main St., Worcester, NY 12197.

Beware of Woke Bears

By Robert Brune

CATSKILLS REGION — Late March into April is when the bears begin to awaken. This is a perfect opportunity to be proactive and get ahead of taking precautions and creating awareness. The reason that this time of year is so critical is because this is when bears develop their habits. Through the late fall and winter months, many of us relax our bear awareness and put bird feed out or move the trash cans closer to the house. Bears will gravitate toward these easy food sources making it more likely for them to encounter people or destroy property.

Joe Nelson, a wildlife biologist with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in Stamford, points out, "Bird feeders are a particular problem this time of year because people haven't taken them in yet." Joe pointed out that bear incidents are cyclical depending on drought conditions. If the berries aren't plentiful, they'll tend to venture out into populated areas to seek out food. This time of year berries aren't yet in season so I asked what the bears waking look for until that food source is available. Joe responded, "If they have an easy food source, that include BBQ grills, trash cans, and bird feeders, they'll choose that. Bears are incredibly strong, it's nothing for them to rip a car door open. We've had a couple of incidents where someone left a couple of french fries in the back seat and bears got into the car. Their sense of smell is unbelievable." Bears have a sense of smell seven times more acute than a dog and most species of bears can detect food from up to a mile away.

However, black bears, the bears most common to our area, can detect food up to two miles away. Some of the other incidents that can provoke a bear encounter is littering. Imagine hiking up a trail and dropping a food wrapper. With their sense of smell, that is just a perfect invitation for a hungry bear. Lots of trails require hikers to return the same way they walked in. Littering is not only bad for the environment, but now you've increased your chances of running into a bear family on your way back from your trek up the mountain.

Robert Stewart-Green, a resident of Roxbury, says that bears are a frequent problem in his neighborhood on Roosevelt Avenue. Last year, a bear kept roaming through his back yard. He suggested it might be due to Ballard's Honey that has their building next door. No matter how careful you are, bears will surprise you oc-



asionally. Phoenicia also attracts bears every year. Last year someone from Phoenicia posted a YouTube video of a mother bear sleeping in a tree with her cub. Margaretville had several sightings of bears at the car wash next to Rt 28. Unfortunately, a bear was struck by a car in Arkville on Rt. 28 as well last summer. Some suggest that the increase of bear sightings could be contributed to downstate people flocking to our area since Covid. Joe Nelson of the DEC isn't so sure, he says that he hasn't done a study on the increased population in relation to bear activity yet. This past May - June of 2022, my road in Arkville had a string of at least five weeks of bear visits. According to hunters in my neighborhood, there's a den of at least 8 bears within a 1/2 mile of a road off Dry Brook. On one occasion, I was out with my dog and noticed a bear feeding on vegetation across the small ravine in my backyard. A fawn that had been taking cover in some grass behind the bear got up to flee and caught the bear's attention. The bear swiveled and jumped at least six feet to the crest of the ravine into a full sprint to take down the fawn. It was shocking to see how fast bears can be. Don't let the large lumbering walk of a bear fool you. Bears are also incredibly fast at climbing trees. One of my neighbors has nest cameras with motion detection. This is a great advantage to know when bears are in the area, as it sends alerts to your cell phone or laptop. Nest cameras can be found at Home Depot, Lowes Hardware, and online at Amazon for under \$150.

Here are some tips from the Forest Service of the US Department of Agriculture (FS USDA) if you're confronted by a bear DO NOT RUN, remain calm, group together and pick up small children. Continue to face the bear and back away slowly, talking calmly to identify yourself as a human.

If the bear continues to approach, try to scare it away by making yourself as large and imposing as possible by stretching your arms overhead and making loud noises, and carry and know how to use bear spray which can deter a charging bear. One of the best ways to prevent a bear encounter is to avoid coming near them or surprising them. This is especially true for mother bears with cubs. Make noise when hiking or walking trails in the woods. Most bears will try to avoid humans if possible. www.fs.usda.gov

Here is the official response from the DEC press officer Jojo Miller out of Albany: DEC has received more bear reports than usual, mostly because of the mild winter and warm weather. As New York's bear population increases, their range is also increasing, resulting in more sightings in developed areas. The same guidance and advice for living with bears that has worked in countless locations across the region and state also apply to suburban and urban environments. Frequently, humans unknowingly create potential food sources for bears. This may attract bears into close proximity with residential areas and subsequently result in human-bear conflicts. Most conflicts with bears in New York can be resolved or minimized by removing or adequately securing whatever served to attract them. The most common items that attract bears to residential areas are food sources like unsecured garbage, bird feeders, feeding pets outside, and messy grills.

The New York Department of Environmental Conservation office in Stamford, NY are open Monday - Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm. If you're having bear troubles this season, call them at (607) 652-7367. For more information see www.dec.ny.gov https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/livingwithbears.pdf

https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/bears1.pdf

Easter Hunt in Sharon Springs this Weekend!

By Alexis Pencar

SHARON SPRINGS — The Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt is at Sharon Springs Central School this weekend on Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 am!

This Easter Egg Hunt will offer big prizes to kids of all ages! There will even be a brand new bike per age group for the lucky one that finds a golden "bike ticket"!

The organizers, KNK Landscaping LLC have sectioned off areas by

age group this year, putting safety first! There will also be an 'allergy free' hunt in the teacher's parking lot.

All children should meet at the front of the school before the Easter Egg Hunt for directions on assigned areas. Little ones will be at the front of the school with older age groups behind. Volunteers will also be available at each station to help in any way.

A longtime resident of Sharon Springs com-

mented that, "Ken Kennedy and his family go above and beyond, especially for the kids! They are a huge asset to our community!"

There will be additional goodie bags at the church across from the school, compliments of the A.C.T.

Rain or snow date of April 22 has been provided as a backup. If you have any questions, please contact (518) 729-7410 or check out KNK Landscaping on Facebook.

Legion Mourns Loss of Newhoff

Below is a somber announcement from the American Legion in Cobleskill.

I have sad duty of reporting the passing of

Willie Newhoff.

Willie was a 21 year member of Post 57.

Please keep Willies family and friends in your thoughts and Prayers.

As of now there are no arrangements. They are pending.

That is all
Richard Frank cp57

Police Blotter



Thursday, April 6, 2023

At 2:17 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Larry Stevens, 41, of Cobleskill, N.Y. for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree and two other vehicle and traffic law violations. He was issued traffic tickets to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 05/02/2023 at 2:00 PM.

At 5:18 PM, Cobleskill Police executed an arrest warrant from Cobleskill Town Court and arrested Patrick Lubin, 38, of Cobleskill, N.Y. for assault in the third degree and unlawful imprisonment in the second degree. He was arraigned in Schoharie County CAP Court at 6:00 PM and released with pre-trial conditions to return to Cobleskill Town Court on 04/18/2023 at 2:00 PM.

Saturday, April 8, 2023

At 3:20 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Tymothy Stanton, 20, of Cobleskill, N.Y. for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, unlawful possession of cannabis, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the second degree and one other vehicle and traffic law violation. He was issued appearance tickets and traffic tickets to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 04/18/2023 at 2:00 PM.

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SUNY Announces Opening Of Nominations For Athletic Hall-Of-Fame

COBLESKILL — The SUNY Cobleskill Athletic Department announced today that the department has opened nominations for the SUNY Cobleskill Athletic Hall-of-Fame Class of 2023. The 2023 induction ceremonies will be conducted during the college's annual Alumni Fall Weekend which will be held from Friday September 29 thru Sunday October 1.

The Hall-of-Fame recognizes student-athletes, coaches, administrators, teams and contributors from Varsity Championship-sponsored sports who have distinguished themselves in competition and in service to the college. Nominees should also have demonstrated qualities such as outstanding sportsmanship and have brought great distinction to Cobleskill.

For information regarding Hall-of-Fame eligibility requirements, the nomination process and an on-line nomination form, interested parties can go to Fighting Tiger Athletic Website at: https://fightingtigers.cobleskill.edu/sb_output.aspx?form=10. Nominees so far include our own Timothy C. Knight for his exploits on SUNY Cobleskill's track.

Schoharie County DMV Partners with Donate Life NYS

SCHOHARIE - Schoharie County Clerk Indy Jaycox is proud to announce that the Schoharie County Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is teaming up with Donate Life NYS in observance of National Donate Life Month (NDLM) this April, celebrating the lifesaving impact made by organ, eye, and tissue donors. Donate Life NYS is the statewide nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase organ, eye and tissue donation in New York State through collaborative advocacy, education, research, and promotion. The theme of 2023's Donate Life Month, "Make a Splash," was inspired by the natural world of a pond coming to life in the spring.

During the month of April, the Schoharie County Clerk urges all residents to learn more about organ, eye and tissue donation and to say yes to donation while completing transactions at the DMV. Brochures, posters and enrollment forms will be on display in the lobby of the County Office Building throughout National Donate Life Month as a reminder of the importance of the gift of life.

While nearly 3,400 life-saving organ transplants were performed in the state last year, more than 8,100 New Yorkers remain on the national organ transplant waitlist. In 2022, more than 400 patients awaiting an organ transplant in New York State died because the organ needed to save



From left: Mark Schroeder, NY State Commissioner DMV; Indy Jaycox, Schoharie County Clerk; Aisha Tator, Executive Director of Donate Life NYS; Holly Tanner, Columbia County Clerk

their lives was not donated in time.

"DMVs throughout the state have already helped nearly six million New Yorkers enroll in the New York State Donate Life Registry. By providing the opportunity for the public to enroll in the NYS Donate Life Registry, they are the key to saving and healing the lives of the thousands of New Yorkers in need of a transplant," explained Aisha Tator, Executive Director of Donate Life NYS.

"As the Schoharie County Clerk, I am thrilled that we can offer visitors the chance to make a life-saving impact by enrolling in the New York State Donate Life Registry while conducting any license, permit, non-driver ID transaction, or when registering a vehicle," said County Clerk Indy Jaycox. "Throughout the month of April, our office is dedicated to raising awareness of the critical need for organ, eye, and tissue donation in New York State. We

urge all residents to consider saying 'yes' to being a donor and making a profound difference in the lives of others."

Regardless of your medical history, all New Yorkers aged 16 and above can join the New York State Donor Registry through forms used to apply for or renew a driver's license or non-driver identification card or registering a vehicle. By choosing to donate, you have the potential to save up to eight lives through organ donation, restore sight with cornea donations, and enhance the lives of 75 others with tissue donation.

To register, simply visit donatelifenys.org/register, and take the first step towards giving someone a second chance at life. Your kindness can make a lasting impact and create a legacy of compassion and generosity.

Learn more about National Donate Life Month and Donate Life NYS at donatelifenys.org and donatelifenys.org.

NOTICE *revised & re-issued*

A vacancy exists in the Schoharie County Health Department in the position of

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR

Starting Salary: \$54,810 (CSEA grade 18)

The work involves responsibility for planning, preparing and completing projects relative to an emergency-ready public health department. Incumbent upgrades, integrates and evaluates local public health preparedness for responses to terrorism, pandemic diseases, and other public health emergencies with federal, state, local, private and non-governmental organizations. These efforts are intended to support continuous improvement of a national system of public health emergency preparedness that uses Centers for Disease Control preparedness goals and associated measures to monitor public health system response performance. Incumbent may be assigned either to lead major projects or complete phases or projects. The work may also involve the coordination of grant-funded activities with other municipal departments, collecting and analyzing data, and preparing documents necessary for community and economic preparedness activities. The work is performed under the general supervision of the Public Health Director. Does related work as required.

This will be a provisional appointment; permanent appointment will be contingent upon successful completion of a Civil Service examination and becoming reachable on the resulting eligible list.

Candidates interested in being considered for this position must submit an employment application to the Schoharie County Department of Personnel & Civil Service, 284 Main Street, PO Box 675, Schoharie, NY 12157, (e-mail: civilservice@co.schoharie.ny.us) by the close of business on **APRIL 18, 2023**.

Applications may be obtained in the Personnel Office or online at: www.schohariecounty-ny.gov

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- (A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a master's degree or higher in Public Health; OR
- (B) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a bachelor's degree in Public Health, Education, Health Science, Nursing, Emergency Management, Human Services, the Natural Sciences, or a closely-related field; and two (2) years of paid professional experience in Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, or in planning, implementing, coordinating or administering a public health program; OR
- (C) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an associate's degree in a field listed in (B); and four (4) years of paid professional experience as outlined in (B).

NOTE: Part-time experience can be pro-rated to equal full-time, based on number of hours worked per week, and a higher level of education in Education, Health Science, Nursing, Emergency Management, Human Services, the Natural Sciences, or a closely-related field can be pro-rated for experience up to one year under minimum qualification (B).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: This class requires frequent travel. Incumbents will be required to possess a valid, appropriate level, New York State Motor Vehicle operator's license, or otherwise demonstrate the ability to meet the travel needs of the job.

****In accordance with NYS Public Health Law, appointee must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at time of appointment and provide proof of vaccination status****

NOTICE

A vacancy exists in the Schoharie County Health Department in the position of

DEPUTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

Starting Salary: \$73,084

Incumbent has responsibility for assisting the Public Health Director in the overall administration of health department programs and activities. Responsibilities include budget preparation, fiscal management, data collection, cost analysis studies, and assisting in the planning and development of programmatic policies and procedures. The work is performed under the general direction of the director, with a high level of autonomy. Incumbent acts for and in place of the director in their absence. Supervision is exercised over assigned departmental staff. Does related work as required.

This will be a provisional appointment; permanent appointment will be contingent upon successful completion of a Civil Service examination and becoming reachable on the resulting eligible list.

Candidates interested in being considered for this position must submit an employment application to the Schoharie County Department of Personnel & Civil Service, 284 Main Street, PO Box 675, Schoharie, NY 12157, (e-mail: CivilService@co.schoharie.ny.us) by the close of business on **APRIL 17, 2023**

Applications may be obtained in the Personnel Office or online at: www.schohariecounty-ny.gov

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Possession of a Bachelor's degree in Public Health, Health Administration, Nursing, Environmental Health, or a closely-related field; and two (2) years of professional supervisory or administrative-level experience in a recognized public or private health-related agency.

NOTE: A higher level of education can be pro-rated for experience up to one year.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Incumbent must possess a valid New York State driver's license or otherwise demonstrate the ability to meet the travel needs of the job.

Charlotteville Schoolhouse Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale

Sunday April 16, 8:00-11:00 AM, at the corner of Baptist Church Road and Charlotte Valley Road in Charlotteville All You Can Eat.

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SUNY Cobleskill Fighting Tiger Weekly Recap

The SUNY Cobleskill baseball team took four-of-five games during the week to roar into first place of the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Western Division race with an 8-10 overall record including a 3-0 record in NAC action. The Fighting Tigers opened the week on Monday with a non-league 2-0 road loss to the Red Dragons of SUNY Oneonta in Oneonta, N.Y. followed on Tuesday with a 10-4 non-conference road victory over the Pioneers of Utica University in Utica, N.Y. Then over the weekend Cobleskill opened their 2023 NAC season by sweeping a series versus league rival the Wildcats of the SUNY Polytechnic defeating the visitors on Friday 5-2 before winning a double-header on Saturday by scores of 13-0 and 6-4. Junior utility player Matthew Snyder, Latham, N.Y., Shaker High School, batted .412 on the week going 7-for-17 with two

triples, three stolen bases, four runs scored at six RBI. The Fighting Tiger men's lacrosse team took to the road on Saturday to post a 21-4 victory over the Cyclones of Centenary University in Hackensack, N.J. in non-league action to improve to 5-2 overall on the season. Cobleskill was led by junior midfielder Sean D'Amaro, Northport, N.Y., Northport High School, who scored four goals and passed out four assists on the day. Sophomore multi-event athlete Lilah Ward, Arlington, Vt. Arlington High School, was the Fighting Tiger women's outdoor track & field teams' top finisher at the 2023 Cortland Red Dragon Open Invitational hosted by SUNY Cortland in Cortland, N.Y. on Saturday. Ward placed third overall in the High Jump against the field by clearing a height of 1.55 meters. **F i r s t - y e a r**

jumper/sprinter Jeremy Rosario, Colonie, N.Y., Colonie High School, was the Fighting Tiger men's outdoor track & field teams' top finisher at the 2023 Cortland Red Dragon Invitational hosted by SUNY Cortland, in Cortland, N.Y. on Saturday. Rosario won the High Jump by clearing a height of 1.78 meters. The Fighting Tiger softball team dropped four-of-five contests during the week splitting a non-league at home on Tuesday with the Soaring Eagles of Elmira College dropping the first game by a score of 4-6 then taking the second game by a 7-1 margin. Cobleskill then opened the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) season by dropping three conference road contests versus the Wildcats of the SUNY Polytechnic Institute over the weekend in games played at Utica College's Greenman Field to fall to 3-14 overall with a 0-3 record in NAC action.

Sophomore catcher Mackenzie Wendelken, Stuyvesant, N.Y., Ichabod Crane, led the team offensively batting .444 by going 8-for-18 with two doubles, three runs scored and two RBI on the week. **UPCOMING HOME CONTESTS:** Cazenovia College 4/18, Utica University 4/25

Bay Path College 4/15, SUNY Delhi 4/18, SUNY Canton 4/21
Lacrosse vs. Thomas College 4/14, Northern Vermont-Lyndon 4/16, MCLA 4/19

Week Three for Mountain Eagle's Baseball Trivia Contest

It's Week Three for the Mountain Eagle's famous baseball trivia contest! The first place winner of the contest will receive two tickets to a Mets or Yankees game this summer. The second place winner will receive two tickets to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. The third place winner will get a \$20 gift certificate for Yastrzemski Sports on Main Street in Cooperstown. Just answer the five questions each week and mail in your answers. Since we live in New York, the questions will

center around the Yankees and Mets. Now we know, in the age of the Internet, you can Google the answer to almost anything in five seconds, and we can't stop you from doing that. But, TRY, to answer these questions on your own. This week's questions will focus on new Yankee Stadium firsts:
1. Who did the Yanks play in the first game on April 16, 2009?
2. Who won the game?
3. Who started for the Yankees?
4. Who had the first hit in the new Stadium?
5. Who hit the first

home run? Answers to last week's questions: Citi Field firsts:
1. Who did the Mets play in the first game on April 13, 2009? Padres.
2. Who was the Mets' starting pitcher? Mike Pel-fry.
3. Who won the game? Padres 6-5.
4. Who batted leadoff for the Mets that day? Jose Reyes.
5. Who had the Mets first hit in the new stadium? David Wright, a double. Good luck and keep rooting for the "home teams."

SUNY's Wacksman Honored with APCA National College Advisor of the Year Award

COBLESKILL — Michael Wacksman, SUNY Cobleskill's Associate Director of Student Leadership, has been named the National College Advisor of the Year Award by the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (ACPA). Wacksman accepted the award earlier this month, surrounded by student members of the College's Campus Engagement Board and more than 165 colleges that attended the ACPA's annual conference. "The award was a total surprise, and it means a lot," said Wacksman. "There are so many talented and gifted advisors in the APCA community,

and it is an honor to receive this prestigious award. One of my Campus Engagement Leaders submitted the nomination, and the organization told me it was very compelling. It feels great to know I have the support of my colleagues and students in our work together." "We are so proud of Mike – he always goes above and beyond for our students. His dedication and commitment to his work is outstanding, and receiving this reward is indicative of his good work and positivity," said Anne M. Hopkins Gross, Vice President for Student Development.

Wacksman serves as the advisor for the Campus Engagement Board, a team of student leaders that develops events and activities for SUNY Cobleskill's student body. In his 24 years at the College, he has introduced and cultivated countless new student experience opportunities through his career-long personal commitment to elevating campus life. SUNY Cobleskill has been a member of APCA for more than 20 years. The Association promotes campus engagement through quality educational experiences, affordable entertainment, and community service initiatives.

NOTICE

A vacancy exists in the
Schoharie County Health Department
in the positions of

***PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE Starting Salary: \$61,631 – CSEA grade 20 OR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE Starting Salary: \$51,771 – CSEA grade 17**

*Appointment to the position of PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE will be provisional. Permanent appointment will be contingent upon successful completion of a Civil Service examination & becoming reachable on the resulting eligible list.

Candidates interested in being considered for a position must submit an employment application to the Schoharie County Department of Personnel & Civil Service,
284 Main Street, PO Box 675, Schoharie, NY 12157, (e-mail: civilservice@co.schoharie.ny.us) by the close of business on MAY 4, 2023.

Applications may be obtained in the Personnel Office or online at:
www.schohariecounty-ny.gov

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Public Health Nurse: Possession of a bachelor's degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited or New York State-registered college or university; and licensure & current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State.

Registered Professional Nurse: Possession of an associate's degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited or New York State-registered college or university; and licensure & current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State; and two (2) years of general nursing experience. (Part-time employment can be pro-rated to count towards full-time, based on number of hours worked per week).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: These positions require extensive travel. Incumbents will be required to possess a valid, appropriate level, New York State operator's license, or otherwise demonstrate the ability to meet the travel needs of the job.

****In accordance with NYS Public Health Law, appointee must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at time of appointment and provide proof of vaccination status****

NOTICE

A vacancy exists in the
Schoharie County Health Department in the position of

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT I

Starting Salary: \$33,299 (CSEA grade 8)

Performs routine administrative support and accounting functions for a department or a unit. Tasks involve a substantial amount of time operating a computer and completing tasks to ensure the efficient workflow of the office. The position requires trust and confidence and may involve the exchange of confidential information. Incumbents work under general supervision of higher-level staff. Does related work as required.

This will be a provisional appointment; permanent appointment will be contingent upon successful completion of a Civil Service examination and becoming reachable on the resulting eligible list.

Candidates interested in being considered for this position must submit an employment application to the Schoharie County Department of Personnel & Civil Service, 284 Main Street, PO Box 675, Schoharie, NY 12157, (e-mail: CivilService@co.schoharie.ny.us) by the close of business on **APRIL 12, 2023**

Applications may be obtained in the Personnel Office or online at:
www.schohariecounty-ny.gov

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

(A) Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State with an Associate degree or higher in Business Administration, Accounting, mathematics or a closely related field; OR

(B) High School diploma or possession of a high school equivalency diploma AND two years of paid professional clerical experience working with accounts or budgets.

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Reluctance From Town on Kiddie Pool

By Alexis Pencar
SHARON SPRINGS — The Town of Sharon held its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 5th at 6:30 pm at the Sharon Springs Community Building.

Town Supervisor Sandy Manko kicked the meeting off promptly at 6:30 pm with a small audience present. Privilege of the Floor was utilized by the Sharon Springs Youth Commission.

Jeanne Irwin of the Youth Commission and Arianna Parsons of the SSCS PTO, spoke in length about quotes received for a new kiddie pool with the installation of pumps included. The quote totaled \$103k and the Youth Commission has hopes of raising money and receiving grants to pay. They have already applied for a Kubota Grant.

The Sharon Springs Youth Commission lead-

ers were asking for support in fundraising, potential financial backing, and overall approval for the project with reluctance from the Town Board citing that main pool repair is the priority first.

The kiddie pool at the Sharon Springs Rec Center has been an ongoing and unresolved issue since 2021. This Rec Center is in need of help since the attention of who is responsible has been distracted from the needs of the community.

There was a motion of support to back the Youth Commission on their fundraising efforts by one member, passed by another. The Town, however, did not move to allocate any funds to this endeavor at this time.

Though this is a small victory for approval to start fundraising, there is so much work ahead to make this necessary project a reality. The

Youth Commission is “so determined to get this done” so please look out for upcoming fundraisers soon!

With the meeting running through business as usual, there was a large portion set aside to address Healthcare plans.

SCHOPEG, the video recording service for Schoharie County, was present at this Town meeting to record and upload this meeting for all residents to see. Schopeg’s goal is to “enhance local communication access”. Check out www.Schopeg.com for more information and meeting recordings under “Video On Demand”.

The regularly scheduled Town of Sharon Board Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm at 129 Main Street, Sharon Springs NY 13459. Call (518) 284-3010 for more information.

April Skies Full Of Celestial Wonders



By Jennifer Patterson

As winter gives way to spring, April is the month to look toward the night sky.

With Mercury reaching its highest point in the evening sky for the year, the Moon is also making its monthly rounds and will pair up with several planets later in April.

Mercury – the smallest and fastest moving of the planets in our solar system – is only visible for a few weeks every three to four months. The rest of the time, it flies too close to the Sun and is lost in the bright glare.

This weekend, the Moon will be near Saturn in the east, most visible in the few hours before sunrise. On April 23, the crescent Moon

will hang just five degrees above Venus in the west after sunset, and on April 25, the Moon and Mars pair up high in the west after dark.

Viewing conditions may also be ideal for the annual Lyrid meteor shower, one of the oldest known meteor showers in history (the first recorded sighting was in China some 2,700 years ago).

The medium-strength shower begins on Sunday, but will peak on the morning of April 23 with as many as 20 shooting stars possible per hour, and comes to an end late in the month. The Lyrids are expected to put on an exceptional show this year, thanks to no interference from the Moon.

As with most meteor showers, the best viewing time is before dawn, but the Lyrids will become visible beginning at about 10:30 p.m., according to NASA meteor experts.

The radiant – the point from which the meteors appear to originate – will be high in the evening sky in the constellation Lyra to the northeast of Vega, one of the brightest stars visible in the night sky this time of year.

Named after a constellation of shooting stars, the Lyrid meteor shower is the result of Earth passing

through the tail of comet C/1861 G1 Thatcher. Last year, a bright moon made the shower difficult to see.

Next week, however, viewing opportunities will be ideal due to a dim waxing crescent moon, which will only reach six percent illumination on the night of the shower’s peak.

Darker skies will make the fast-moving meteors (which lack a persistent trail) easier to see. The shower can also produce the occasional bright meteor called a fireball, with luminous dust trails that can be observed for several seconds.

According to NASA, the shower may surprise stargazers with as many as 100 meteors per hour, in what is called an “outburst.”

The Lyrid meteor shower is not as bright as the famous Perseid meteor shower in August, which tends to produce more prominent trails.

When stargazing, NASA recommends finding a dark place away from city lights and letting your eyes adjust for at least half an hour. Another tip is to avoid looking at your cell phone, which will interfere with natural night vision.

For information about how best to view the Lyrids, go to <https://solarsystem.nasa.gov>.

SUNY Dominates Wells

AURORA, NY: The Fighting Tigers Lacrosse team continued their hot start to the season with a 26-8 road win over Wells College in a non-conference battle. The Tigers improved to 6-2 overall and Wells College fall to 0-6.

The Tigers got the night started at the 10:42 mark when junior Sean D’Amaro (Northport, NY) found the back of the net for his first goal of the game. Senior William Bockhaus (Southampton, NY) added another goal with 7:59 left to give the Tigers an early 2-0 lead. The Tigers offensive exploded for four goals in the final two minutes of the first quarter to give Cobleskill a 7-1 lead after the first quarter.

The Tigers picked up right where they left off as senior Jake Giess (Victor, NY/FLCC) scored 23 seconds into the second quarter. Wells attackman Jacob Stine scored for the home team to make

the score 8-2 with 14:23 left in the quarter. Cobleskill answered back when Kerry Blackwood (Johnstown, NY) found D’Amaro in the 13th minute for his third goal of the game. The Tigers pressed their advantage with three more unanswered goals by Bockhaus and Giess. Cobleskill led 12-2 headed into halftime.

At the half, D’Amaro led the Tigers with four goals. Bockhaus added two goals and three assists.

It was Blackwood for the Tigers to strike first in the third quarter at the 12:28 mark with a well-placed shot past the Wells goalie. The Express answered back 14 seconds later when Dakota Swamp scored his first goal of the game for Wells. The teams traded goals for the next few minutes until Blackwood scored a man up goal to give the Tigers a 17-5 lead with 7:53 to play in

the third quarter. D’Amaro scored back-to-back goals in less than a minute to extend the lead 19-6. Giess added another goal to his total with 35 seconds left to give Cobleskill a 20-7 advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

Cobleskill put the game to bed by scoring six straight goals to start the fourth quarter including a goal from senior defenseman Ian Gaddy (Saratoga Springs, NY) and led 26-7 with 5:15 left in the game. The final score ended 26-8 in Cobleskill’s favor.

Sean D’Amaro scored a season high nine goals for the Tigers on 13 shots. Bockhaus played an outstanding all-around game pouring in six goals and dishing out five assists. Blackwood finished the game with six goals, two ground balls and an assist. Giess added three

goals, three assists and two groundballs.

Defensively, Albert Sippio (Syracuse, NY), Tyler Jaffee (Plattekill, NY), Trevor Masocco (Eden, NY) and Gaddy all collected four groundballs each. Sippio had an impressive night going 6-7 in faceoffs. Masocco finished 14-23 in faceoffs.

John Williams (Smyra, DE) was a wall for the Tigers and finished the game with 15 saves and the win for the Tigers.

The Tigers outshot Wells 54-35 and collected more groundballs 26-21. They also held the faceoff advantage 24-14 over the Express. Wells couldn’t capitalize going 0-7 in extra man opportunities.

The Tigers will be in action this Friday, April 14th as they host Thomas College at the Cobleskill Soccer/Lacrosse Complex in NAC action.

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Sharon Things

By Alexis Pencar

Hey Neighbors!

What a warm up this past week!! Temperatures hit highs in the 70s with tons of sun! Spring has definitely sprung!

Most businesses are open for the season now but always double check the hours of operation.

Lots of activity in the Village is on the way! Don't forget the Easter Egg Hunt at SSCS this Saturday (4/15).

Construction has continued throughout the Village on the Water & Sewer Project. Use caution on Main Street and Chestnut, look out for large construction vehicles at work! The excavator has been seen cruising up the hill twice this last week!

Sharon Springs Rescue Squad

The Sharon Springs Rescue Squad is a cornerstone of our community! With many active members, they are always looking for new volunteers for Drivers, First Responders, Social Members, and EMT's. SSRS will fund any training that is needed. SSRS meets the first Monday of the month at 7 pm and would be happy to answer any questions with how you can support your community.

Sharon Springs Free Library

Saturday, April 15 from 11 am to noon; Kim Ferstler, nutrition educator, will be preparing and teaching us to prepare roasted vegetable wraps with homemade tahini as well as a healthy dip for fruit. Call to reserve a spot at this free program, or walk in Saturday and see if there is still room.

Friday, April 21 at 6 pm our monthly book discussion will be on "The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections" by Eva Jurczyk.

Teens! If you haven't been reading much, you might be surprised what

books for teens are like now. We have pulled out the old stuff, dusted off our shelves, and now have THREE SETS of newer books from the rotating collections coming in. Parents and caregivers are also invited to come to explore the shelf as well. Check something out for your teen, and they might just pick it up and read it.

Librarian's choice: "Someone Else's Shoes" by Jojo Moyes. This delightful read centers on the theme of 'the clothes make the man,' in this case the women. When two very different women accidentally switch bags at a gym, their lives are impacted in a variety of significant and unimaginable ways. Five stars for good clean fun in this comedy of errors.

New books are on order and should start arriving next week. We are always open to suggestions regarding additions to the collections. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you can't find something you want to read. We want to have what you want to read.

Children's Reading Group is on Thursday mornings from 10-11 AM and includes story time, crafts, and a snack for preschool and home-school children up to third grade.

For more Library information please contact (518) 284-3126.

Worship Services

The Sharon Reformed Church (6858 State Route 10, Sharon Springs, NY 13459) offers weekly service at 10:30 am. Contact at (518) 234-2387 for more details.

The Sharon Springs United Methodist Church (511 State Route 20, Sharon Springs, NY, 13459) offers weekly service at 10:30 am. Contact at (518) 284-2200 for more details.

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Apostle Catholic Church (24 Maple Avenue, Cherry Valley, NY 13320) offers weekly mass at 10:00 am. Reminder: confession is available 30 minutes before every mass. Contact at (607) 264-3779 for more details.

The Zion St. John's Lutheran Church Seward (114 Mesick Ave, Cobleskill, NY 12043) offers weekly service on Sundays at 9:00 am. Contact at (518) 234-3222 for more details.

Cornerstone Baptist Church (7274 Route 10, Ames, NY 13317). Sunday Service is at 10:00 am. All are welcome. Contact (518) 673 3405 for more details.

Food Pantry

The Sharon Springs Food Pantry is an excellent local resource for all! They are located in the United Methodist Church on Route 20, across from the school (511 US Route 20, Sharon's Springs, NY 13459).

They are always accepting donations! If you or someone you know is in need of the Pantry, the hours are Thursday 9:00 am -10:30 am and 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm.

Senior Congregate Meal Site

Linda Wegner, Sharon Springs Meal Site Manager, invites local residents to enjoy some good company and a noon-time meal year round (except holidays) at the "Spa Ritz" Senior Congregate Meal Site at the Firehouse at 137 Beechwood Rd. M-W-F. All orders for meals must be called into the Schoharie County Office for the Aging at 518-295-2001 by 2 p.m. for the following day. A suggested donation of \$4 is accepted from those 60 years old and older. Under age 60? You're welcome to participate for a fee of \$5.

To share community news, upcoming events, business specials, adjusted hours, birthdays, anniversaries, or even an outstanding resident, please reach out to: (772) 971-1410 or alexis.pencar@gmail.com.

SUNY Baseball Falls to New Paltz

COBLESKILL - The SUNY Cobleskill baseball team returned home on Wednesday afternoon to drop an 11-4 decision to the visiting Hawks of SUNY New Paltz in non-league action at Fighting Tiger Park. With the loss the Fighting Tigers drop to 10-11 overall while the Hawks improve to 7-15 on the season to date.

Coming off their North Atlantic Conference (NAC) road doubleheader sweep of the SUNY Polytechnic Institute on Tuesday, the Cobleskill pitching staff turned to a number of their younger arms to face New Paltz with an important NAC weekend series versus Cazenovia College on the horizon.

The Hawks tallied four first inning runs on a grand slam by first-year shortstop Fabian Apicella, Howard Beach, N.Y., Scholars Academy, and never looked back as the visitors recorded 14 hits and six walks on the afternoon against five different Cobleskill pitchers.

Offensively the Fighting Tigers were led by sophomore catcher Logan Hutter, Smithtown,

N.Y., Smithtown West High School, went 1-for-3 with his third home run of the season and junior utilityman Matthew Snyder, Latham, N.Y., Shaker High School, who was 1-for-3 with a double, a run scored and an RBI. First-year team member Dylan Schwam, Cooper City, Fla., South Plantation High School, was also a contributor at the

plate going 1-for-1 with an RBI in a pinch hitting role.

Cobleskill will return to NAC play over the weekend traveling to Cazenovia College for a three-game set with a solo game on Friday April 14 beginning at 3:00 p.m. followed on Saturday April 15 with a doubleheader beginning at 12:00 p.m.

CASTLETON, VT - The SUNY Cobleskill softball team dropped a doubleheader on the road to the host Spartans of Castleton University in non-league play by scores of 10-2 and 5-1 on Tuesday afternoon. With the loss the Fighting Tigers are now 3-16 overall on the year while the Spartans move to 8-8 overall on the campaign.

In the opener the Fighting Tigers struck first as

senior centerfielder Abigail Scheurich, Oxford, Conn, Nonnewaug High School, singled home sophomore pitcher Olivia DeMott, Sidney, N.Y., Sidney High School, who had singled and junior left fielder Emily Lutz, Ellenville, N.Y., Ellenville High School, who had reached on an error to jump out to a 2-0 lead.

However, the Spartans answered with three runs in their half of the first

Friday Car Shows Return to Dairyland

By Alexis Pencar

SHARON SPRINGS - Thank goodness it's Spring because Dairyland on Route 20 in Sharon Springs has reopened for the season! With a slight delay in opening, they made it just in time for the warmest days of the year so far!

Dairyland is a family favorite and has all sorts of activities throughout the season.

With the return of the ever-popular Car Show on Friday nights, make sure to check it out and grab a cone! With some-

thing for all ages, they brought back Cornhole tournaments on Wednesdays too!

If you're among the few that haven't been before, what a fantastic activity to add to your list of traditions!

Did you know that Dairyland was first built in 1963 by Dwight Lane and Harold Lappeus and was one of the first roadside snack bars in this area?

After many years of success, it was then sold to Jeanne LaBate in 1995 for a short period of time

before Dwight Lane acquired Dairyland back before then selling it to Denise and Ron Perrotti in 2005. Through all this transition this community staple has landed and stayed with current owner Cyle Conley since 2014.

It's the Summer spot for many so look out for continued event details and dates!

Dairyland (664 US-20) in Sharon Springs is NOW open daily from 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM. Call (518) 284-2132 for more information.

SUNY Institute Calls for Presenters for the Inaugural Empire State Entrepreneur Expo

COBLESKILL — The Institute for Rural Vitality at SUNY Cobleskill is presenting its inaugural Empire State Entrepreneur Expo on Friday, May 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited to taste, try, and buy food and beverage products made by small businesses and farms from the Mohawk Valley and Capitol Region. The expo will also serve as an opportunity for business owners to meet with product distributors

Small growers and producers interested in participating in this event are invited to complete the Vendor Registration Form found on the Institute's website. Please do so by April 29 to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

Public admission to the expo is \$5.00 per person and includes product samples. On-site lunch options and alcoholic beverage samples (for guests 21 years of age and older) will be available for an

additional cost.

The Institute for Rural Vitality addresses the region's most pressing issues to develop and enact sustainable solutions to enhance community and economic vitality in rural New York. As a USDA-funded Agricultural Innovation Center, the Institute provides services and shared-use production space to producers in its Farm and Food Business Incubator and Accelerator programs.

Spring Garden Day at Earth Fest

The Otsego Master Gardener Volunteers will host Spring Garden Day at the 2023 Earth Fest, Saturday, April 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Milford Central School. Earth Fest is produced by the Otsego County Conservation Association and in part by the Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program. Returning from a two-year hiatus, Earth Fest - Spring Garden Day is an exciting event for the whole family with activities, vendors, and food trucks throughout the day.

The Master Gardener Volunteers will have gardening activities for children, as well as information and best practices on gardening and the environment to support their theme of Gardening for the Greater Good. In addition, there will be a series of workshops that are free and open to the public. Registration for the workshops is appreciated by visiting <http://occainfo.org/earth-festival/>. Workshop descriptions may be found at [otsego.org/events.](https://cceschoharie-</p>
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11:00 a.m. - Vegetable Gardening Basics: It's time to get ready for your 2023 garden. Master Gardeners, Darleen Fournier, Carol Phelps, and Kim LHeureux will discuss how to handle the many decisions that confront gardeners. If you have never planted a garden and want to start one, this workshop will help you begin. In this session, you will learn: how to plan your garden; planting seeds or seedlings; how to test for seed germination; when to plant; and more!

1:00 p.m. - Building Better Butterfly Gardens for Monarchs and Other Pollinators: Dr. Dan Potter, of the University of Kentucky, shares in this video presentation the fascinating natural history of monarch butterflies and what we can do to attract and sustain them in our gardens through the careful selection of plants, the importance of garden design, and plant placement.

1:00 p.m. - Managing

Deer Damage in Home Landscapes: Dr. Paul Curtis of the Cornell Integrated Deer Research and Management Program, Devin Merkley of the Clark Foundation's Mohican Farm, and David Cox of Cornell Cooperative Extension, team up to discuss the effects deer pressure can have on gardens and forested areas; the methods available to mitigate them; and the varieties of plants that are deer resistant.

2:00 p.m. - Growing with the Oneonta Community Garden: The Oneonta City Community Garden (OCCG) has grown over time, a place where a diverse and informal network of gardeners grow food, beauty, and community for themselves and others - a garden for all. OCCG coordinator, Celia Reed, and Chris Burrington, OCCG Board member and Otsego Master Gardener Volunteer will discuss how and why the garden has grown, illuminating ideas that may benefit others involved in community gardens.

SUNY Softball Swept

and went on to score eight more times on 11 hits while taking advantage of 13 Cobleskill walks in the game to secure the 10-2 victory.

In the nightcap, Castleton scored four runs in the first inning and never looked back despite a strong relief outing from Fighting Tiger senior pitcher Marissa Wheeler, Kinderhook, N.Y., Ichabod Crane High School,

who worked six strong innings of relief starter sophomore Jaydaci Chamberlain, Northborough, Mass., Norfolk County Agricultural High School. Wheeler allowed one earned run on six hits, striking out four.

At the plate the Fighting Tigers were led by first-year second baseman EmmaGrace Scileppi, Williamson, N.Y., Williamson Central High

School, who went 2-for-3 with an RBI and by junior third baseman Deanna Palmer, Auburn, N.Y., Auburn High School, who went 1-for-3 with a double.

Cobleskill will next be in action on Thursday April 13 when they host the Bears of SUNY Potsdam for a non-conference doubleheader at Fighting Tiger Park beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Mineral Springs Speed Limit Changes

By Joshua Walther
 COBLESKILL - It was Monday evening when the Cobleskill Town Board convened to discuss a handful of topics, such as a new speed limit on Mineral Springs Road and grant money for the library.

Supervisor Werner Hampel began with the prospect of lowering the speed limit on Mineral Springs, citing that it's something the Board has wanted to do for some time.

In the past, the New York State Department of Transportation has denied such a request, but after

the Board resubmitted another proposal, it appears that they've gained their favor, and the DoT has agreed to lower the speed.

From Wag Way to Dow Street, a total of less than a mile of the road, the speed limit will be lowered from forty five miles per hour to forty.

While it's unclear when this change will go into effect, the Board is confident that it will make that strip of Mineral Springs safer for everyone involved.

In other news, the Board has also signed off on several documents for grant money for the library.

Parts of the building are under reconstruction, and Supervisor Hampel was quick to note that none of the Town's funds are being used in the project.

Instead, the Town is acting as the sponsor for a grant in the library's stead. As such, the project will continue at no cost to the

Town, but the Board has to handle the administrative paperwork that comes their way.

The Board unanimously agreed on the project, and members are eager to see just how the project develops, trusting in the strength of the engineers assigned to the job.

Nutrien Gifts \$100,000 to SUNY for Scholarships and Plant Science Program

COBLESKILL — Nutrien Ag Solutions, the world's largest provider of crop nutrient and protection products and services, has presented a gift of \$100,000 to the SUNY Cobleskill Foundation. The gift will provide scholarship opportunities to students enrolled in the College's Plant Science program and support experiential course programming.

"SUNY Cobleskill students are so successful in

the agriculture industry primarily because of the hands-on, practical, and purposeful training with an emphasis on getting the job done," said Steve Harrison, Northeast Division Manager at Nutrien Ag Solutions. "From an educational standpoint, they have a good base and match many of our end goals."

"Nine of our current employees are SUNY Cobleskill alumni, and all come to mind as good

workers with good work ethics. They understand our mission which is very well aligned with SUNY Cobleskill, and both organizations are on the same page when it comes to developing the next generation of the agricultural workforce," Harrison continued.

"Nutrien's generous support provides our students with a tremendous opportunity to harness their full potential while earning their Cobleskill degree,"

said Dr. Marion Terenzio, President of SUNY Cobleskill. "We are indeed grateful for this investment in our shared future as agriculture becomes increasingly important for a growing world population. This field demands more qualified graduates than ever before, and we are so pleased to have Nutrien partner with us in meeting this need."

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ucts and services to North America, South America, and Australia.

SUNY Cobleskill's Plant Science department comprises bachelor's and associate degree tracks in Plant Science, Landscape Contracting, Sustainable Crop Production, Turfgrass Management, and Cannabis Science. Students learn through hands-on experience with the latest equipment in our greenhouses, gardens, and farm.

Richmondville Fire, from Page F1



Richmondville Fire Chief Shawn DesRoches Said: the fire started around 3pm, and that it's not confirmed yet, but it is believed to have started by a track crew clearing brush along the tracks. He hasn't spoken to the train company yet. He also stated that no structures were involved, and that only one evacuation was made. One hundred plus personnel were called in to assist with the fire. Wind issues were, and are still a concern because fire could restart and continue to burn.

Above is the most we could compile by press time Thursday morning.



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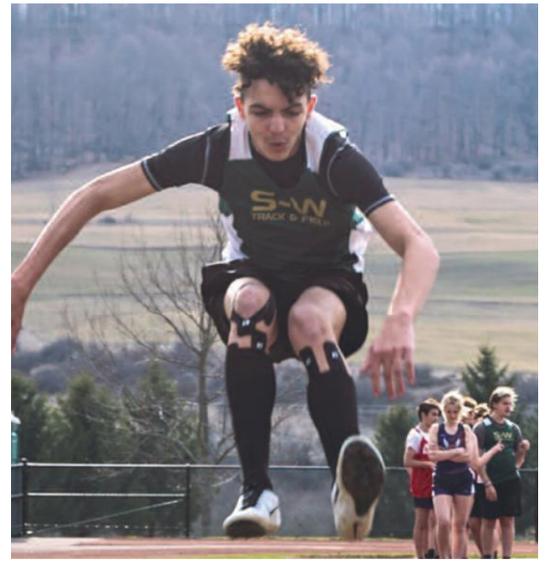
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Family Support Services

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CVS Takes on Franklin, Schenevus-Worcester



CVS (Cherry Valley/Sharon) took on Franklin and Schenevus/Worcester Tuesday. The fast pace made it hard to grab all the names. Photos by Bob Duso.



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