





# Earth Day 5K A Success in Stamford



Above left: ages. The first race, sponsored by the Stamford Business Alliance kicked off a day of activities geared toward the environment and the outdoors. Children ran a one-mile walk/run prior to the 5K which drew a good crowd into the community according to organizers.

Above right: Josh Weitzner gives a signal as he prepares to turn into the final leg of Saturday's Earth Day 5K in Stamford. He finished third overall and first in his age group. The event drew 160 racers, most saying they were having fun. The event was sponsored by the Stamford Business Alliance and a good crowd came to the community for the day, with special activities at some area businesses to commemorate Earth Day.

## ONC BOCES Holds Annual Meeting

ONC BOCES welcomed component school board members and superintendents to the Northern Catskills Occupational Center, Grand Gorge, for their Annual

Meeting on April 12th. The ONC BOCES Board of Education presented this year's Annual Service Award to The Catskill Mountain Education Corporation (CMEC) for

their support of educational programs and initiatives in the ONC BOCES region. Will Moody, graduate of the Mechatronics Program, and Nils Anderson, Mechatronics

Instructor, were featured speakers. Over 60 local administrators and board members were in attendance. The event was catered by the Culinary Arts Program.



## DWI Conviction In Delhi

DELHI – Tammy R. Howard, 43, of Hamden, NY appeared in Delhi Town Court on April 19, 2023, and pleaded guilty to Driving While Intoxicated by alcohol, an Unclassified Misdemeanor.

New York State Trooper Timothy Murray was patrolling on North Main Street in the Village of Delhi when he observed the defendant's vehicle being operated with a passenger side headlight out. Upon initiating a traffic

stop for the headlight, Trooper Murray observed the defendant to have slurred speech and also detected an odor of alcohol. A subsequent police investigation revealed that the defendant was intoxicated by alcohol.

On April 19, 2023, the defendant appeared in the Delhi Town Court, and pleaded guilty to Driving While Intoxicated, an Unclassified Misdemeanor. Honorable Matthew Burkert, Justice of the Delhi Town Court, sentenced the defendant to a

1-year conditional discharge which required, among other things, that the defendant enroll in and successfully complete the impaired driver program and a victim impact panel. The defendant's driver's license was revoked, and she was ordered to pay a \$500.00 fine and a \$400.00 state surcharge. The defendant was also mandated to undergo a drug and alcohol evaluation, and to comply with any treat-

ment recommendations. The Court further ordered that the defendant install and maintain an ignition interlock device in any vehicles that she owns for the next 12 months.

ADA Schuyler Kinneman prosecuted the case.

Acting District Attorney Shawn Smith commended New York State Trooper Timothy Murray for his thorough investigation of this case. Smith stated, "I appreciate the diligent work done by law enforcement as they seek to remove drunk drivers from our roads. Every time a person drives drunk, they place the lives of other drivers and pedestrians in danger."

## DCHA to Host History Conference

Making History in Delaware County, Saturday, May 13 - 1pm to 4pm

Members of local historical societies, local historians, and interested members of the general public are invited to attend the Delaware County Historical Association's seventh Biennial Historical Conference, Making History in Delaware County. The conference is specifically designed for the town and village historical societies and local historians of

Delaware County.

For 2023 we have created an afternoon's agenda focusing on various topics of interest to historians and historical organizations. Presenters will include Mary Liz and Paul Stewart, co-founders of the Underground Railroad Education Center, and Claire Lovell of the South Central Regional Library Council (SCRLC). Claire will explain the SCRLC's NYS Heritage website and how to upload images there. The conference ends with a

round-table discussion concerning local history and historical societies.

All sessions will provide for questions/answers and we invite input and participation. Attendees are asked to bring questions of concern for your society for the round-table discussion, as well as dates of planned events, and handouts/brochures which can be shared for cross-promoting.

We are looking forward to an informative and enjoyable afternoon and hope that you will be able to attend. Advance registration is requested by May 6, 2023. There is no charge to attend.

Please contact us via phone or email:  
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E m a i l : dchadelhi@gmail.com  
DCHA: 46549 State Hwy. 10, Delhi, NY 13753.

## WAC Approves Six Economic Viability Grants

By Mary A. Crisafulli  
WALTON - Watershed Agricultural Council (WAC) Directors approved six of nine applications for the economic viability micro-grants program on Apr. 25.

The grant program is designed to encourage implementation of actions that enhance economic viability of farm and forest businesses in the New York City West of Hudson Watershed. Applicants are eligible for up to \$5,000 in each of the four categories, including training, marketing, events, and staffing.

The following businesses were approved for grants; Broken Spoke Stables for \$2,797, Byebrook Farm for \$315, Dear Native Grapes for \$1,650, Catskills Agrarian Alliance for \$5,000, Yankees Acres for \$3,600, and Blackberry Ridge Farm for \$1,900.

According to Economic Viability Program Manager Kristan Morley, it is typical for the program to receive between 10 and 11 applicants. There is significantly more interest in the marketing and staffing categories than in training and events. In the future, Morley said, it is possible to adjust the program and guidelines

to encourage engagement in all categories.

Morley also reported improvements to the Guide to Pure Catskills and membership drive. This year's guide, which seeks to promote local businesses in Delaware, Greene, Otsego, Schoharie, Suliban, and Ulster counties, will be 80 pages, up from 72 in 2022. The increase in pages directly correlates to a rise in membership, reported Morley. There are currently 365 members, compared to 318 at the same time in 2022. Morley said there are 104 ads for the guide, many of which are full pages. "This is very exciting for us." In addition, Morley said, the guide will feature a town in each county with a pull-out map that displays local products, farms, restaurants, shops, and scheduled events.

Connor Young, agricultural program manager, reported updates to agricultural programs are in preliminary discussions.

A promotional barnyard video is being developed on one of the WAC easement properties, reported Serena Orleski.

The next WAC Directors meeting is scheduled May 30, at 10 a.m.

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## Schoharie School Custodian Faces Child Porn Charges

**By Bill Kinisky**  
SCHOHARIE - Schoharie Central School district custodian James W. Lethco, 50, of Middleburgh was arrested Wednesday after a child pornography investigation, according to the New York State Police.

According to investigators, a tip led to a search of Mr. Lethco's home and subsequent arrest. At this time police said no local victims have been identified. Mr. Lethco has been placed on leave according to district. He was released and is due back in court

on May 9. State Troopers are asking that anyone with information on Mr. Lethco to call 518 583 7100 or e-mail [crimestop@troopers.ny.gov](mailto:crimestop@troopers.ny.gov).

District officials said the charges are not connected to Schoharie students.

"The worker, a longtime employee, was immediately placed on leave by the district. Before his placement on leave after his arrest, the worker was assigned to the day shift at the Junior-Senior High School and did not have any direct contact

with students as part of his assigned duties," according to a statement on the school website.

"Schoharie CSD is cooperating fully with the New York State Police as they continue to investigate the worker's alleged conduct.

"The safety and security of our students are the district's number one priority. This is a responsibility we do not take lightly. We will be in contact regularly with the state police as this investigation unfolds," Superintendent David M. Blanchard said.

All questions about the circumstances of the arrest and details of the investigation should be directed to the New York State Police.

The Princetown State Police, with the assistance of the Troop G Computer Crimes Unit, the Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce, arrested Mr. Lethco, 50, on charges of Promoting a Sexual Performance of a Child, a class "D" felony and Possessing of a Sexual Performance by a Child, a class "E" felony.

Mr. Lethco is accused of promoting and pos-

sessing images consistent with child sexual exploitation, police said. His arrest followed an investigation and the execution of a search warrant at his home in Middleburgh on April 26. The investigation stemmed from a cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Mr. Lethco was arrested and processed at SP Cobleskill. He was issued an appearance ticket returnable to the Middleburgh Town Court on May 9 and released.

If you have any infor-



mation about this crime or believe you may also be a victim, please contact SP Cobleskill at 518-583-7000 or [crimetip@troopers.ny.gov](mailto:crimetip@troopers.ny.gov).

## JAR Receives Critical Grant Juried Plays Key Role

**By Matthew Avitabile**  
JEFFERSON — Jefferson Art Room under the direction of Martha Houghton and volunteers received a crucial grant through the Nicholas J. Juried Family Foundation and community philanthropist Nick Juried. Mr. Juried, who has aided a number of cultural and historical causes in the area, granted the Art Room \$30,000 to aid the facility. Juried has also donated generously to the Jefferson Historical Society. We spoke to both Juried and Houghton about the donation and

its significant consequences. Juried called Houghton an "amazing human example of the energizing bunny." He said that he was "proud to know and work with" Houghton on this mission. The grant will help the Art Room find a home and is supported by the volunteers of the Jefferson Historical Society.

Houghton said that the Juried Foundation grant allows for major expansion.

"Back at the start of 2023, Jefferson Art Room received a very Happy New Year gift

from Mr. Nicholas Juried," she said.

"Mr. Juried's continued generosity towards the community and support of missions that focus on 'making a difference' continues to give large waves of momentum to a local organizations." "Jefferson Art Room will be using Mr. Juried's most recent grant to continue working towards providing a home for JAR at 166 Main St in Jefferson."

"An ADA-compliant entrance and interior stairwell that can house our kiln on wheels are just some of the projects that this gift will help to support for the community art studio. Mr. Juried is a force of nature in his generosity and willingness to support community programs."

Houghton reported that Juried's assistance resulted in a number of improvements, including ripping out the old stairs and the former, damaged floor. The new installation will meet state building code and a French door is ready for installation. Houghton route that the "journey has been amazing so far."

## Public Expresses Concern About Potential Motocross Project

**By Bradley Towle**  
GALLUPVILLE — The Town of Wright's Planning Board meeting drew a sizable, standing-room-only crowd on April 20th. Board member Evan Motschmann offered available folding chairs while hinting at a long night. Motschmann's prediction proved accurate as the meeting ran more than two hours. First on the agenda (and the only topic open for a public hearing) was a relatively routine minor subdivision. After receiving unanimous acceptance, the board approved the subdivision and closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m. At this point, it became clear that the crowd had not gathered to comment on the subdivision. No one had spoken up during the public hearing. The issue on everyone's mind was a recently proposed motocross track at 627 Westfall Rd. The applicants' proposal entails a racetrack they are going "to build regardless." At issue is whether or not

the town will allow them to operate it as a public track for a proposed six weekends out of the year for events that they explain could include Yamaha Demo Days. The family spoke knowledgeably in front of the board as they presented their case. They ran Holiday Mountain Action Sports LLC in Monticello, NY, and conveyed their familiarity with the industry and procedures involved with such an application.

Many of their responses elicited grumbling from the attendees as they answered many questions from board members regarding safety, noise, security, environment, and more. Most residents, who reside near the property, were frustrated at the lack of a public hearing and made it clear they do not want the track or anything that may come with it. At times, Motschmann had to quiet the crowd and remind them to respect the process. As the applicants discussed noise from the events

(which could include up to two hundred campers), stating that it "isn't as bad as everyone thinks."

One woman exclaimed, "This is where we live!"

The applicant, Jamie, replied, "So do we."

Letters provided to the board from concerned residents resoundingly oppose the track. Many cited the escape from noise as their reason for living in the area. Karl Yoder, whose property abuts the site, expressed concern that the track would jeopardize his vision for a "U-Pick or small fruit operation." Yoder called the proposal "the antithesis of the peaceful agricultural neighborhood in which I started my investment."

The applicants suggested they may build the track for private use and revisit their proposal later this year. The volunteer planning board admitted to being stretched thin due to the equally, if not more controversial, unpopular Dollar General project along 443.

## MCS Girls Fall to Ft. Plain, Fonda

**By David Avitabile**  
MIDDLEBURGH - The Lady Knights fell to Fonda-Fultonville and Fort Plain in softball action at home this week.

On Monday, MCS hosted the Hilltoppers and fell 21-1 in a walk-filled game.

After a scoreless first inning, Fort Plain scored 11 runs in the second and after the Knights tallied once in the bottom of the inning Fort Plain put the game away with six more runs in the third and four in the fourth. The game was called after

five innings.

The Hilltoppers scored 21 runs on only six hits to four hits for MCS.

Pitching for Middleburgh were Payton Yung, Olivia Skowfoe, and Kaitlyn Wood. Sarah Schafroth was behind the plate.

Skowfoe singled twice for the Knights, who fell to 0-6-1 overall and 0-5 in the league.

Last Friday, Middleburgh lost 19-3 to Fonda-Fultonville at home.

Each team tallied one run in the first inning, but Fonda took the lead with

three runs in the second inning and then took control of the game scoring 10 times in the fourth inning. Fonda finished up by scoring five times in the fifth in a game that was called after five innings.

Yung and Skowfoe pitched for the Knights with Ellie Shaul and Natalie Ulmer behind the plate.

The Knights were outit seven to four with Cierra DuPont, Yung, and Skyler Czynszczon were the hitting stars.

### Valley Briefs

#### 2023 Village Of Middleburgh Meeting Schedule

First Monday Of The Month @ 7pm  
Location: 309 Main Street, Middleburgh, NY  
May 1  
June 5  
July 10  
August 7  
September 11  
October 2  
November 6  
December 4

#### Schoharie 5K Set for May 6

SCHOHARIE - The 2023 Schoharie 5k will benefit the Scho-Wright Ambulance Service this year. Registration is online at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Schoharie/Schoharie5K>. There is no race day registration. Packet Pickup starts at 7:30 am at The Schoharie Fire Department on Saturday, May 6. Finisher awards and refreshments for everyone. Age group awards for runners and walkers.



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# Earth Day Celebration Fun at Blenheim-Gilboa Visitor Center



Above right: Mead Hall employee Roxanne Osborne-Heller and boat builder Jason Gallagher discuss Viking history and boatbuilding techniques with Bill Thurlow of Warnerville and Janis Hart of Cobleskill, under the open shed housing a small Viking ship being built at Helderberg Meadworks.

Above left and left: Rose Sacred Runes leads an Earth Goddess Ceremony with the help of Jason Gallagher at Helderberg Meadworks Saturday in honor of Earth Day.

Right: Landis Arboretum volunteer Susan talks with one of Helderberg Meadworks' Earth Day guests. Saturday's Earth Day event was a fundraiser with one dollar from every drink poured donated to the Landis Arboretum



## Huntersland FD Celebrates 75 Years

**HUNTERSLAND** - The members and families of the Huntersland Fire Department celebrated 75 years of service last week. Assemblyman Chris Tague recognized Huntersland with a citation as well as members Albert Porter for 45 years of service, Frank Fuchs for 58 years of service and Harold Guest for 69 years of service. "We thank the membership, our auxiliary and you, our supporters for 75 years of dedication. We look forward to

the challenges ahead." The officers for the year were also sworn in. They are:  
 \* Chief - Michael Walsh.  
 \* 1st Asst. Chief - Matt Miller.  
 \* 2nd Asst. Chief - Randy Barber.  
 \* 3rd Asst. Chief - John Funicello.  
 \* President - Matt Miller.  
 \* Treasurer - Frank Fuchs.  
 \* Secretary - Loucinda Walsh.  
 \* Property - Rich Hildebrandt.



## 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 Charlotteville 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 Charlotteville. 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 csrc641@gmail.com or call Joe Dahms at 607-397-9180.
- The historic Charlotteville Schoolhouse in Charlotteville, 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 csrc641@gmail.com.
- Long Point Camp is offering 1 week long camping sessions: Summer camp for ages 6 to 12, Teen Camp for ages 13 to 17. Visit longpointcamp.org for more information, to enroll a child in camp, or to apply to work.

**April 28**  
 -National Historic Marker Day at 6:30 PM  
 LOCATION: Corner of Bear Kill Rd and State Rte 990V  
 Join us at the "Stone Bridge" historical marker sign at the corner of Bear Kill and State Route 990V for a fun evening of cleaning historical markers and enjoying our time with each other. We will split our group and some will head down to the Richmyer Tavern to clean that sign.  
 Our hope is that as years go by, we will have more historical markers to clean and can make this an annual event in our community. We are on track to double our signs for next year!  
 To find out more about this nation wide event: <https://www.wgf-foundation.org/national-historic-marker-day/>

**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](http://helioscare.org/events).  
 Home of Tom Morgan and Erna McReynolds  
 1077 Otego Road  
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- 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.
- 1Family 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](mailto:conesvillesundayschool@gmail.com) or call Kim 607-588-3258.

**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.

**May 16**

- 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

**May 21**  
 Open Mic at the Gallupville House. Hosted by Richard Sherman and Tom White, this is a family-friendly, audience participation event open to all types of performers. Join us at 3:00 pm

**May 24**  
 2023 Adult Grief Support Group  
 Cobleskill United Methodist Church, 107 Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
 Helios Care adult grief support groups are free monthly drop-in groups open to all members of our community 18 and over. Groups are facilitated by staff specifically trained in grief and loss. Attendees have a safe and confidential place to focus on understanding the grief process, making sense of the strong emotions, and learning from other community members. Groups are free and open to all adults. Please call (607) 432-5525 to register. Visit HeliosCare.org for more information and resources.

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**July 9**  
 Open Mic at the Gallupville House. Hosted by Richard Sherman and Tom White, this is a family-friendly, audience participation event open to all types of performers. Join us at 3:00 pm

**July 15-23**  
 Sicily tour, small group 20 spaces available, extended to July 25 with Rome extension. [grouptoursite.com/rosemariekeller](http://grouptoursite.com/rosemariekeller) or call 800-438-7672 group #60918243

**August 2-14**  
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**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](http://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](mailto:kellerr22@gmail.com)

**August 13**  
 Open Mic at the Gallupville House. Hosted by Richard Sherman and Tom White, this is a family-friendly, audience participation event open to all types of performers. Join us at 3:00 pm

**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](http://goaheadtours.com/ZOM) or call 800-597 0350

**September 10**  
 Open Mic at the Gallupville House. Hosted by Richard Sherman and Tom White, this is a family-friendly, audience participation event open to all types of performers. Join us at 3:00 pm

**October 8**  
 Open Mic at the Gallupville House. Hosted by Richard Sherman and Tom White, this is a family-friendly, audience participation event open to all types of performers. Join us at 3:00 pm



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# All About Racing

**By Ed & Betty Biittig**

Utica-Rome Speedway tried everything possible to get the Honoring Alex event in on Friday night but eventually fell to mother nature about 11 pm.

There were nearly 120 cars in the pits, with 36 Modifieds leading the pack of prominent racers at the Vernon oval. And the stands and parking lot at the track were overflowing.

In 2020-21 we met Seth Martin and Connor Prokop of team Martin/Prokop of Middleburgh and Schoharie, two successful kart racers who had decided to combine their resources and take on the Limited Sportsman sharing the driving duties and racing at both Utica-Rome and Fonda.

Last season the team branched out, and came out with two Limited Sportsman cars, with Seth racing at Utica-Rome and Connor at Fonda and both had impressive seasons. Seth had set his goal on having a win at Utica-Rome last season and through his consistency he came home with the Limited Sportsman title. Due to the rules of the division, that forced him to

move up to Crate 602 Sportsman this season. Of course with the rain postponement on Friday Seth is still looking forward to running his first Sportsman feature. Seth and his wife, Ashley welcomed a new addition to their family this past year when Braxton, now eight months old, came into their lives and it looks like he is already a part of the team.

In 2022 Connor claimed three wins in his first full season at Fonda and was fourth in overall points in the division. And now we know that Connor came back this season to Fonda and claimed the opening day win in the division with a last lap pass over Lance Hill. Off to a great start for the young gun from Middleburgh.

Saturday we made our way to Fonda for the season opener and the Jack Johnson Memorial event, 30-laps paying \$12,000 to win. To no surprise the line of fans and competitors was long and the pits were full with over 120 cars. The start time was moved up due to the prediction of rain in the evening and it

turned out to be a great call by the Deyo management team.

Tim Fuller was the winner of the Jack Johnson Memorial event and said it was very special for him because Jack had taken him under his wing and mentored him when he first began racing. It was Fuller's fourth win at the Track of Champions, his last coming on September 22, 2018.

Coming Soon! Lazzaro, the Man and his Machines by Ron Moshier the long awaited book on Lou Lazzaro will be available in May 2023. Go to [www.coastal181.com](http://www.coastal181.com) for details on how to order.

As we close we send our prayers for a speedy recovery for Craig Hanson who was involved in a violent flip at Fonda on Saturday. He was taken to Albany Med with a fractured T-12 vertebrae. Latest update, Craig is home working on his recovery and asks that visits and messages be kept to a minimum so he can rest.

Until next time please send all news and/or comments to [biittig@yahoo.com](mailto:biittig@yahoo.com)



Connor Prokop of Middleburgh with Seth Martin and Braxton of Schoharie in pits at Utica-Rome Friday before the event was postponed by rain. Biittig photo



Tim Fuller of Watertown was the winner of the Jack Johnson Memorial event at Fonda Speedway on Saturday. Biittig photo

## Auto Racing News

**By Tom Coughlin**

Tonight (Friday) Utica-Rome Speedway in Vernon will continue with their opening night program that was partially canceled last week, due to rain. There are still a number of qualifying races to be completed before the main event which is the Alex Friesen Remembered 30-lap \$6,800 modified feature. For those fans returning pit and grandstand wristbands from last week will be honored for admission. For new attendees grandstand admission will be \$15 for adults and children 11 and under are free. For those fans unable to return tonight, the wristbands from last week will be honored at face value throughout the season.

Last Saturday, while attempting to qualify during his heat race at Fonda Speedway, modified driver Craig Hanson of Johnstown suffered back injuries. When a contact from another competitor sent him hard into the outside wall in turn one. Craig was admitted to Albany Medical Center where he was fitted with a back brace and has since been released to come home on Tuesday. Craig can definitely use your thoughts and well wishes at this time.

Glen Ridge Motorsports Park will host an open practice for all divisions on Sunday. Gates will open at 12:00 pm. with on-track practice taking place from 2:00 pm. until 6:00 pm. Grandstand admission

will be free with pit fee set at \$25.

Albany-Saratoga Speedway results from last Friday are as follows; Mike Mahaney scored the NAPA Auto Parts modified feature win over Demetrios Drellos and Matt Delorenzxo. In the Northeast Paving & Sealcoat crate, 602 sportsman division Joey Scarborough scored feature number one over Dylan Madsen and Tim Hartman Jr. In feature number two Zach Buff earned the win over Cedric Gauvreau and Pat Jones. Chad Jeseo earned the Saratoga Masonry pro stock feature as he beat Kim Duell and Chuck Dumblewski to the finish line.

Results from opening day at Fonda show Tim

Fuller of Watertown scoring the 40-lap Jack Johnson Memorial for the Amsterdam Truck Center modified division, The rest of the top five included Matt Sheppard, Ronnie Johnson, Andy Bachetti, and Mike Mahaney.

In the Swagger Factory Apparel crate 602 sportsman division Payton Talbot earned the 25-lap feature win, followed by Tanner Warner, Chip Constantino, Brett Mortensen, and Chad Edwards.

Ivan Joslin opened his season with a 20-lap victory in the full fendered Below Zero Ice Cream pro stock division. Sharing the podium with Ivan were Josh Coonrad and Kenny Gates.

Connor Prokop claimed the 15-lap Montgomery County Office for Aging-limited sportsman feature followed by

Lance Hill and Kyle Dingman.

In the Fonda Fair 4 cylinder division, Kerrie Hollenbeck earned the dual cam win and Wayne Russel Jr. earned the single cam win.

Saturday will see all

divisions in action at the Track of Champions, with gates opening at 3:30 pm., hot laps at 5:30 pm., and racing at 6:30 pm. General admission for the grands is \$13 for adults and children under 11 free.



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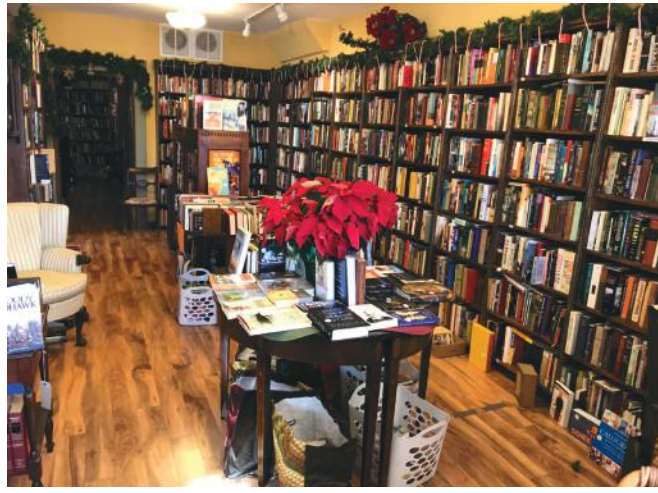
Saturday, April 29 has been designated National Independent Bookstore Day to recognize the contribution and value that non-large chain bookstores bring to their local communities.

"We're celebrating in a big way, by making this a weekend event with a sale and a drawing for prizes" said owner Doug Guevara. "From Friday, April 28 to Sunday, April 30 all items in the store will be 10% off their marked price, including rare books and items in our Antique/Collectible Corner. There will also be a drawing for WWB Gift cards, Whitman Mugs, and other items."

Located at 304 Main Street, Middleburgh, NY, W.Whitman Books was established in November 2017 by David Chancey and Doug Guevara offering an eclectic collection of used, new and rare fiction, and non-fiction books in all subject areas. An Antiques/Collectible Corner offers a curated selection of art prints/paintings and small collectibles.

Said Guevara, "People often ask: why a bookstore and the name W.Whitman Books? The answer is simple: partly to honor the legacy of poet Walt Whitman, a major poet of the 19th Century who broke all existing poetic structural norms to create a new, vibrant poetry celebrating humanity in all its beauty and expression.

The other part was to build on the bookstore model by presenting a wide variety of music, art and written/poetry events and serve as a cultural locus



for Middleburgh and the greater outside region." Since Chancey's untimely passing in 2019, Doug has continued to carry the dream forward.

Over the past 5 years, the store has presented numerous acoustic music concerts in its rear performance space, bringing together performers new to the Schoharie Valley area. This year's first concert will be Sunday, June 11 at 3:00 PM when singer/songwriter Tracy Grammer returns with her special brand of folk oriented music.

"Independent bookstores are not just stand-alone enterprises, they are a valuable resource nourished by their surrounding communities, however, even the slightest event can lead to a tipping point" said Guevara.

The bookstore was closed this past January and February after Guevara suffered a heart attack, subsequent triple bypass surgery and a bout of COVID 19. "It was definitely a tipping point as to whether the bookstore would remain open, but support from the commu-

nity has enabled me to move forward," said Guevara.

In addition to the brick and mortar building, the store has a virtual online presence with its recently created website ([www.whitmanbooks.com](http://www.whitmanbooks.com)) and it's long-established Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/bestreads304](http://www.facebook.com/bestreads304)) where Doug posts a daily poem with commentary viewed by its over 2,600 followers. "It's been sort of an avocation for me," says Guevara. "I started out posting daily author biographies and poems over four years ago and it slowly developed into a poetry series that has taken on a life of its own. I have customers visit the store to thank me for re-introducing them to poetry after having abandoned it in their early years. It's a good feeling."

W.Whitman Books hours are Sunday: 12 Noon to 3:00 PM and Wednesday through Saturday from 12 Noon to 4:00 PM. Inquiries can be made by phone (518) 827-3377 or by email: [w.whitmanbooks@yahoo.com](mailto:w.whitmanbooks@yahoo.com).

## Knights Welcome Four New Members



On April 20, at a special exemplification ceremony honoring Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, Council 4475 welcomed four new members. After receiving instruction on the principles of the order: charity, fraternity, and Unity, Joseph Bozicevich, Frank Monaco, Gary Riggi, and John Borst III promised to uphold these principles. Grand Knight William Kuehnle accepted their pledge. Catholic men are invited to join the Knights at Our Lady of the Valley in Middleburgh on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m.

## PDQ Quilters Meeting May 2nd



Betsy Macomber with Her Quilt

The Peaceable Day Quilters (PDQ) quilt guild will be gathering for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 02, from 10:30 am until noon at the Fusion Church hall, 375 North Grand Street, Cobleskill, NY.

The featured program will be a fabulous 'trunk show' by local area quilter Elizabeth (Betsy) Macomber. In addition to being the current co-President of PDQ, she is involved with other area and regional quilt groups, serving in various roles, such as instructor, judge, and helper. Betsy does a lot of finish quilting for others on her long-arm machine, so it will be a treat to see many of her own projects, which range from large and elaborate paper-pieced designs to small and intricate embroideries and lots in-between.

Updates with regard to various on-going activities and upcoming charity projects will be also given. Other members will be show-casing their recent projects in the Show and Tell section.

All are welcome, and a special invitation to join us is always extended to area and visiting quilters from beginner to experienced.

## Schoharie Crushes OESJ



Schoharie's Riley Lawyer tries for third and is tagged out by Oppenheim-Ephratah-St. Johnsville third basewoman J. Dygert. Photos by Scott Keidong.



A solid shot. Amanda Stalker drives a home run over the centerfield fence during Schoharie's 16-4 win Wednesday.

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**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**  
Sunday 10:30 AM, 326 Main St., Middleburgh  
**Middleburgh Reformed Church**  
178 River St. Middleburgh  
[www.middleburghreformed.org](http://www.middleburghreformed.org)  
Worship 11 a.m.  
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**Sharon Reformed Church**  
Sundays 10:30 AM  
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Sharon Springs,  
**The Warnerville United Methodist Church**  
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**Esperance-Sloansville United Methodist Church**  
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**Delanson United Methodist Church**  
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# M'burgh School Taxes Up by 1.5%

## Public Vote Set for May 16

**By David Avitabile**  
MIDDLEBURGH - Middleburgh Central School voters will cast their ballots on a \$24.3 million budget that includes a tax levy hike of 1.5 percent on a crowded ballot next month.

School board members approved the spending plan last week by a count of 4-0. The public vote will be on Tuesday, May 16 from noon to 9pm in the high school gym lobby.

The tentative budget is up from \$23.8 million for this year to \$24.3 million for 2023-24, a hike of 2.1 percent.

Budget highlights include:  
\* Salaries are up from

\$16.5 million to \$16.9 million, an increase of 2.51 percent.

\* The fund balance (district savings) used to lower the tax levy will remain at \$921,815.

\* The tax levy will increase from 10-1 million to \$10.256 million, a hike of 1.5 percent. School business manager Robyn Bhend told board members that spending reductions have lowered the proposed tax levy hike from 1.99 percent to 1.5 percent. The state tax limit for MCS for 2023-24 is 3.46 percent. The district raised the levy by 0.50 percent this year and zero percent the year before, and one

percent the year before that. The tax bill of individual taxpayers may be higher or lower than the 1.5 percent tax levy increase due to different equalization rates in the different towns that make up the district.

\* State aid revenue is up from \$12.4 million to \$12.79 million, a hike of 2.91 percent.

\* Revenue from the Payment in Lieu of Taxes form the Middleburgh Meadows project is down from \$46,546 to \$14,879, a decrease of 68 percent.

\* The estimate for fuel oil is up \$15,000 to \$250,000,

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# Rae Jean Teeter New Director Of Schoharie Valley Singers

With a strong background in choral conducting and many years of teaching at the high school and college level, Rae Jean Teeter is excited to join the Schoharie Valley Singers as the next Artistic Director succeeding Benjamin April who has relocated to Vermont.

Rae Jean Teeter is currently serving as Adjunct Professor of Music at The College of Saint Rose where she teaches Music Theory, Aural Skills, and private vocal lessons. She retired from Guilderland High School as the Director of Vocal Music in June of 2021. Mrs. Teeter also served as the Director of the ESYO Melodies of Christmas Chorale from 2012 - 2022. While at Guilderland she developed a choral curriculum that was recognized throughout the state for its excellence in performance and in the use of Music Learning Theory and Laban Movement Theory to develop the aural skills and total musicianship of her singers. Mrs. Teeter received her bachelor's degree from the Eastman School of Music where she studied with Donald Neuen (conducting) and Masako Toribara (voice). She received her master's degree from The College of Saint Rose. She has done extensive post graduate work at the Westminster Choir College where she has studied with such notable choral directors as James Jordan, Bruce Chamberlain, and Weston Nobel. Mrs. Teeter served as the NYACDA High School Repertoire and Standards chairperson from 2005-2008 and is a contributing author for "Teaching Music Through Performance in Choir Vol. 2" published by GIA music. Rae Jean is also currently serving as the NYSSMA Adjudication Festival Committee Voice Chairperson and has been a guest conductor for many all-county, regional, and area all-state choruses throughout the state. She has presented sessions for ACDA, GIML and NAFME (MENC) at both the state and regional levels speaking on the development of the male voice, repertoire selection, Laban Movement Theory, and methods for developing musical literacy in choral singers.



The Schoharie Valley Singers were originally founded as The Depot Lane Singers by the late Frances B. Tripp, a former Schoharie High School music teacher. Tripp founded the Depot Lane Singers in September of 1979, after her retirement from active teaching. In 2005, direction of the group was passed to Mitch Haverly, a retired music teacher from Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School. In 2018, the Depot Lane Singers were renamed as the Schoharie Valley Singers and incorporated as an independent not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization. At that time, Middleburgh Jr./Sr. High School music teacher Benjamin April was named as the third director of the Singers. April's last season will be the spring 2023 performance. Rae Jean Teeter will assume the mantle as the fourth director at this time in preparation for the winter/holiday performance. Anyone wishing for more information can contact the group at schoharievalleysingers@gmail.com or follow their Facebook as the Schoharie Valley Singers.

"We are equally excited" says Bob Holt, President of the Schoharie Valley Singers, "We are enormously fortunate to have Rae as our fourth Artistic Director and Conductor. Rae will bring a new musical perspective under her leadership."

# M'burgh Town Looking at Trucks but Prices Climbing

**By David Avitabile**  
MIDDLEBURGH - The town of Middleburgh is looking into buying a new truck, but officials have discovered what most people have: prices are going up and going up quickly.

Highway Superintendent Steve Kowalski told town board members Thursday that he has gotten two quotes for a new truck and the estimated price had gone up about \$25,000 in one month.

In March, the truck quotes were around \$270,000, but now they are \$295,000 to \$350,000 for a Kenworth. Those prices are good until May 11, the date of the next town board meeting. Board members did not take any action last week since two board members, Pete Coppola and John Youmans, were absent for the meeting.

The town has a truck replacement cycle and should not keep "kicking the can down the road," he said last week.

The prices keep going up, he stressed.

"It went up \$25,000 on the last can kick."

The old truck a 2002 six-wheel, four-wheel drive truck is "falling apart," he added.

He recommended going with a "municipal lease" which has a lower interest rate and does not have to be approved each year like the typical bond on a purchase.

If the town agrees on a truck, it will take about two years before it is delivered, Mr. Kowalski said. The orders are 20 months out.

"The board really needs to make a decision," he said. "To not move forward is totally negating the five-

year equipment replacement plan."

The town board will also decide next month on whether to purchase a "hot box" for road repairs.

Mr. Kowalski said the "hot box" could be used to store asphalt to repair potholes. A used one will cost about \$18,200 with the cost coming from state CHIPS funds.

The town, he added, will rent one for two weeks in May to check it out.

In other news, board members:

\* Heard that up to \$70,000 could be available to complete the paving in and around the community center. The upper parking lot and the recycling area may also be paved. Supervisor Wes Laraway said he would contact the county about the paving.

\* Heard that two orders of remedy were issued for junk violations Zoning enforcement officer Tom Loucks said the orders are beyond their expiration dates. The town board agreed to move forward with the cases to the town court with the aid of the town attorney. The town has given the owners of the properties months to clean up. Both properties are on Route 30.

\* Heard that Carver's bought the former Coachworks location on Route 30 and has cleaned it up.

\* Heard that the annual "grievance day" for assessments will be held at the Middleburgh library on the fourth Tuesday in May.

\* Heard Mr. Laraway say that he will call town attorney Mike West about getting easements for the Creekside Trail project.

\* Heard Mr. Kowalski say that Tinkley Hollow Road, which is a seasonal road, has been opened for the season.

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# Clean Up in Schoharie



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# A Special Thank You To Gilboa-Conesville



We would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the 2023 Varsity Baseball Team. On March 26, 2023, the team along with Coach Mike Faulkner participated in our Annual Maple Weekend Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast proceeds from this day benefited the current baseball team and future Gilboa-Conesville Baseball program. During the day the team served pancakes and sausage to nearly 500 people. At the end of the day the team helped clean up the facilities after the event concluded. Throughout the day and the following weeks we received numerous compliments on the team's professionalism and positive attitudes. We would like to thank the Board of Education for allowing the team to participate in this year's Maple Weekend and we welcome the Gilboa-Conesville Varsity Baseball Team to return in the future.

Damian Hill, Owner OPerator of Shaver-Hill Maple Inc.

# M'burgh GOP Nominates Youmans for Supervisor

By David Avitabile  
MIDDLEBURGH - Middleburgh Republicans nominated John Youmans for supervisor at a packed caucus Wednesday night.

Mr. Youmans, who has been on the town board for six years as a councilman, takes the place on the ticket of Wes Laraway. Mr. Laraway was supervisor for four years but decided not to run for re-election. Mr. Laraway is also retiring from Middleburgh high school.

Also running for councilmen will be Peter Coppolo, who has been councilman for four years and four years as supervisor prior to becoming councilman, and former Councilwoman Sue Makely. Steve Hendrickson decided not to seek re-election as councilman.

Ms. Makely was on the board for eight years before a four-year hiatus.

After the voting, Mr. Youmans said he will continue to work to "keep things affordable" and keep board members working together. Mr. Youmans, who served as deputy supervisor, thanked Mr. Laraway for his work on the board.

Mr. Coppolo said the board "accomplished a lot" in recent years.

Nominated for town justice was incumbent Mike Guntert, who has served for 16 years.

Mr. Laraway, who served as chairman, thanked the 40 people for coming to the community center for the caucus.

"You have a great Republican team," he said.

Middleburgh Democrats have not yet set the date for their caucus. Jim Buzon said it is likely that a caucus will likely be held in mid-June. Parties have until July 27.

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## Windham Mountain Announces Plans for Exciting New Chapter Investment Added to Existing Ownership Group

By Michael Ryan

WINDHAM - Not waiting for winter to be in the mood, Windham Mountain is announcing plans to more deeply develop the small town, internationally known ski resort, sustaining and enlivening its six-decade legacy as the premier Catskills leisure destination.

Fresh and serious backing is flowing into the existing ownership group, an April 27 press release from Windham Mountain president and chief executive officer Chip Seamans said.

Two trusted and tradition-rooted families have turned their eyes toward the community-oriented ski center, entering as new majority owners.

The vital business tucked in the hills of Greene County has drawn the attention of the Beall family and Kemmons Wilson family through its investment arm Kemmons Wilson Hospitality Partners.

"Windham Mountain will invest further to continue making the destination a truly unique property, building upon an ambitious multiple-year investment focused on upgrading Windham's existing ski experience," Seamans said.

"Windham Mountain own-

ership has secured new investment from two hospitality and resort development families whose combined industry experience is over one-hundred years," Seamans said.

"This investment will provide growth capital and additional resources to the current management team, allowing Windham Mountain to continue to evolve, creating a premium year-round, family resort experience," Seamans said.

The improvements will focus on best-in-class skiing with minimal lift lines and great food and beverage programs with the redevelopment of all current outlets and the addition of a mid-mountain, Italian Alps-style concept debuting in the fall of 2023.

Other improvements, the press release states, are the "creation of additional townhomes and lots for land development; enhanced membership offerings for the existing Members Club;

"Expanding and reinvigorating the existing Golf Course and thoughtful amenities including swimming, racket sports, family activities and expansive outdoor all-season adventure activities."

Sandy Beall, founder of

Beall Investment Partners and Rudy Tuesday restaurants, said, "Windham Mountain has remained an independent, multi-generational destination for over six decades.

"The natural beauty of the town of Windham and surrounding mountains provides a fitting platform to offer great hospitality and memorable experiences, which is our passion," Beall said.

"We are grateful to help support Windham Mountain's evolution and the integral role it plays in the town and broader Catskills community," Beall said.

Webb Wilson, chief executive officer of Kemmons Wilson Companies said, "the Wilson family and the Beall family are deeply committed to working with the same great team of current owners and senior leaders to make Windham Mountain a category-leader in the East over the next five years."

"Over the past 15 years," the press release states, "Windham's Board and investor group - including North Castle Partners, Cloverhill Group and the McGuffog and Starker families - have partnered with management to drive substantial investments in the

mountain experience, in particular, upgrades to snowmaking and chairlifts. Those investors will remain partners in the ownership group."

Seamans, in the press release said, "I am proud of the significant progress the Windham team has made during my 12-year tenure.

"Our new partners are additive: their extensive hospitality experience will further enhance what has set Windham Mountain apart in the Northeast for generations.

"We look forward to providing an ever-better experience to our loyal guests, attracting new visitors, and expanding our season to feature a distinctive, year-round Windham experience.

"New amenities and enhanced food and beverage operations will continue our pursuit to create the quintessential Catskills experience," Seamans said.

A similar commitment unfolded in 2018 when North Castle Partners, a specialist private equity firm, became majority partner at Windham Mountain, a role that will change while remaining intact.

"Since partnering with Chip Seamans and the man-

agement team five years ago, Windham has differentiated itself on many levels, including market-leading investment in snowmaking, lifts and the overall mountain experience," North Castle founder Chip Baird said.

"We are proud of those achievements and grateful to our investor partners, employee team and the broader Windham community for their partnership," said Baird, who is also a North Castle co-managing partner.

"We look forward to the future and delivering on a truly exciting vision under the Beall and Wilson families' leadership," Baird said.

Reassuring the town of stability, the press release states, "serving as a foundational cornerstone in its community, Windham Mountain will continue its longstanding tradition of providing free mountain access to students of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School.

"The ski resort will also maintain important partnerships with the Adaptive Sports Foundation, the Windham Foundation, SHRED Foundation, and others," the release states.

Enhancements to Wind-

ham will also introduce hundreds of local jobs as the Mountain upgrades its offerings and evolves into a four-season resort destination with additional amenities, the release states.

Additional enhancements include programming and activities scheduled throughout the year as well as the introduction of new restaurants and culinary offerings that will further the Catskills experience for guests, highlighting the bounty of New York State, the release states.

In 1960, Windham started as a private club before becoming a public mountain. Boasting 285 skiable acres across 54 trails and serviced by 11 lifts (four of which are high-speed), the mountain offers an award-winning Ski and Ride School, lodging, on-mountain dining, a tubing park, and world-class alpine and freestyle competition teams.

Summer offerings include a range of activities, such as mountain getaways, family-friendly events and festivals, wedding and special occasion venues, the Windham Downhill Mountain Bike Park and the Windham Country Club, an 18-hole golf course with private lessons and on-site dining.

## Lexington Hosts First of Two Ambulance District Meetings

By Michael Ryan

LEXINGTON - The first of two scheduled public hearings on the potential creation of a special ambulance district has come and gone in Lexington without a whisper of dissent.

Town council members hosted the initial gathering, April 18, and will reopen the citizen talks on May 2 during their next regular monthly session.

If opposition to the idea continues to be non-existent, or at least minimal, the proposal would be put to a council vote at the May meeting.

It is expected they will unanimously support the plan. Lexington residents would then have 30 days to file a petition asking for a permissive referendum, set-

ting the stage for a townwide decision.

If that does not occur, the special district would become law in early June and be set up similar to the local fire district.

Volunteer firefighters are overseen by a Board of Fire Commissioners and fire district expenses appear as a separate line item on the annual town budget although taxpayers foot the bill whatever way it's done.

Establishment of the Lexington ambulance district is part of a larger emergency services picture that includes the neighboring towns of Prattsville and Ashland.

Ashland has provided primary coverage for Lexington and Prattsville over the past few years, billing each town an amount of money based

on the number of times the towns summon the service.

It has been a successful system and one that spared Lexington and Prattsville the greater expense of operating their own squad.

While the town of Lexington does have a respected First Responder Unit, those volunteers are available only on a parttime basis.

Prattsville has been without any crew for nearly a decade and Ashland has been able to stay up and running while using an on-call system.

Ashland town supervisor Richard Tompkins, last fall, informed Lexington town supervisor Jo Ellen Schermerhorn and Prattsville town supervisor Greg Cross that those halcyon days were coming to an end.

Tompkins said Lexington and Prattsville needed to be responsible for a larger share of the overall cost since Ashland needed to start moving toward hiring full-

time personnel.

Municipal emergency services are inevitably evolving toward supplying workers with health benefits and retirement incentives.

"We all know that train is coming down the track," Tompkins said at a recent sitdown between the three supervisors aimed at ironing out any kinks.

Tompkins had earlier sent revised contracts to Lexington and Prattsville, requesting that each town pay one-third of operating expenses.

While it represented a significant increase for Lexington and Prattsville, it was the only way for Ashland to keep its current commitment, Tompkins said, emphasizing he wanted the papers signed by January, 2023.

Lexington signed, last December, but after a series of misunderstandings, Prattsville did not ink the deal until late March.

As it turned out, Prattsville ended up getting charged slightly more than the original one-third split put forth by Ashland, ultimately agreeing to a 41 percent share, based on their actual usage.

Lexington will be obliged to finance 30 percent and Ashland 29 percent with Tompkins emphasizing that contract will likely be short-lived.

The longer term vision is for all three towns to form their own ambulance district followed by a merger into one district, perhaps as soon as 2024.

That melding would be the stepping stone to a Mountaintop Corporation, unifying the so-called Ashland 3 with the nearby hill-towns of Windham, Hunter and Jewett, a ground-breaking concept.

Preliminary estimates indicate Lexington residents will be paying 86 cents per \$1,000 of their assessed

property value for the new district.

Any dollars currently set aside for emergency services in the General Fund will henceforth be slotted into the ambulance district.

Ashland has not yet achieved fulltime staffing, a cause of some concern for Lexington and Prattsville, with Tompkins acknowledging that reaching that goal will be the greatest challenge.

"The biggest thing will be actually getting and keeping employees," said Lexington town attorney Tal Rappleyea who likewise serves as town attorney for Prattsville and Ashland.

Emergency services throughout the nation, including Greene County, are experiencing the same obstacle. "It is a continuous search for the right people but that is definitely the goal for everybody," Rappleyea said.



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### Obituaries

#### Ellouise B. Cole



Ellouise B. Cole daughter of Lela and Harry Kirk passed away April 21, 2023.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edward Cole, Sr, son Daniel Cole and daughter Deanna Lyn Benjamin. her mother, father, brothers Ellis and Clifton Kirk; two nieces Donna Freund and Shere-lena Mauier.

Survivors include daughters Barbara and husband Harvey Herskovitz of Pittsburgh PA and Christina Cole and partner Ed Bohlting of Camillus NY.

Sons Craig Benjamin and wife Linda of Hunter NY and Edward Cole, Jr and

wife Jane of Chester VA. Grandchildren - Heather Skelley, Kimberly (Brian) Crossway, Corey (Ericka) Benjamin, Chad (Nicole) Benjamin, Sherri (Joseph) Faber, JoAnn (Shawn) Siburt, Brian Herskovitz, Brendan Faber (Hailey).

Great grandchildren - Liliana Todd; Brian & Edward Crossway; Rachel Perry; Kalie (Sean) Greening; Angelia & Carisa Benjamin; Cambrianna Benjamin; Jazlynn & Brody Tait; Chase, Parker & Ryland Siburt; Daxton, Elaina & Beckett Faber.

Great great grandchild - Carson Greening Nephew - Daniel Ellis Kirk (Diane Doerr) Sister in-law - Blanche Dymond

Ellouise was employed by Perlman Dress Factory, Rotron and as a housekeeper. She enjoyed camping and dancing with her husband and friends. She loved gardening, helping others

and her beloved cats. She was a member of WAJPL Golden Age club and Lexington West Kill United Methodist Church where she spent many hours working dinners and bake sales.

A special thank you to her loving caregivers Daniel Ellis Kirk, Kimberly Crossway and BeBe Ramdjhah. Thank you to John Hull for all his support throughout the years. Thank you to her many friends at Hearstone Village for accepting her as part of the family.

Calling hours Sunday, April 30, 2023 11 am - 1 pm Aston Basagic Funeral Home, Hunter NY followed by a memorial service at Lexington West Kill Methodist Church, Lexington NY.

Interment will follow at West Kill Community Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lexington West Kill United Methodist Church, PO Box 189, Lexington NY 12452.

### MTP Leads Annual Earth Day Trail and Stream Clean-up



“One man’s junk is another man’s treasure.” Anyone who forages in shops or frequents cafes with vintage stuff knows the gratifications: nostalgia, bargains, crafts, recycling. But, when it comes to old cans and bottles, rusted bed springs, and muck-laden plastics, old stuff is not just an eyesore. It is a menace. It clogs streambeds, toxifies animal habitats, and messes up drainage. It degrades the charm and safety of our towns. Litter begets litter— from cast-off building materials, weather-blown debris, or hungry animals breaking open unsecured trash. In other words, thoughtful humans can make a huge difference.

This past Saturday, April 22, was Annual Earth Day. On the mountaintop, 35-45 volunteers of all ages (and a well-behaved dog or two) combined their energies and high spirits for the Annual Earth Day Trail /Stream Clean-Up. Organized by Mountain Top Progressives since 2017, a different location is chosen every year. This year, volunteers gathered at the Evergreen parking lot on Ski Bowl Road in Hunter, where the rail trail starts and where Camp Jened was located. A marker memorializes its role in giving birth to the disability rights movement in the 1970s. (An award-winning Netflix documentary called “Crip Camp” was made about this camp.)

As volunteers arrived in the brisk April morning, they donned nifty orange rubber and canvas gloves and trash bags donated by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (Arkville). At 10:15am, clusters of individuals, families, and new acquaintances fanned out in celebratory fashion. Some ambled toward Dolan’s Lake. Some took the Hunter Rail Trail which runs along the Schoharie and then crosses over it, thanks to its new foot bridge near Route 214. And some

got in their cars to find an area that was in need of cleaning up.

A spirit that prevails on the mountaintop is just-in-time help. This spirit pops up in various ways on Trail / Stream Clean-Up Day. This year, a recent roadside cleaning by the town made it possible for volunteers to do a deeper dive into woods and gullies and uncover hidden pockets of serenity nearby. Best of all is when a truck pulls up at the perfect moment when bulging bags of garbage are finally tamed, lined up at a curb, and crying for a ride to the waste management plant. We thank a friendly local contractor for last year’s help; this year, an esteemed Hunter ski instructor. He appears in a red truck every year at 12:30-1pm. By this time, volunteers and supporters are ready to polish off the potluck picnic at the pavilion, and children revel in the lively team time of sorting the recyclable from the “yukky” and the learning experience.

The morning culminated in a very special observance this year, namely, the dedication of the new pedestrian bridge over the Schoharie Creek – one that will memorialize Luke Patterson, a community member that we tragically lost. This new and scenic stretch is remarkable in itself, but the master plan is even more so. Railroads were abundant in the late 1800s, the lifeblood of industry and tourism. Eventually, if successful, a Hunter Trail Net-

work will connect nearly 11 miles of trails along the old rail beds where feasible, through public and private land from Kaaterskill Falls, North South Lake, Dolan’s Lake and Hunter Mountain. Many thanks to Michelle Hinchev for making funds available to make the trail from Evergreen (Camp Jened site) to the bridge ADA-compliant, making it accessible and inviting to a much larger community of people with disabilities. Moving speeches were led by Sean Mahoney (Town of Hunter Supervisor), with words from NYS Assemblyman Chris Tague, and an inspiring tribute by Elena Petersen, mother of Luke; Michelle Yost of Greene County Soil and Water; Sara Slutzky of Hunter Mountain; and many more people who contributed to the accomplishment of this major feat.

The mountaintop is fortunate to have several local organizations that make community service events a priority of their annual planning cycles. Among these is Mountain Top Progressives (MTP) which attracts volunteers from its membership as well as volunteers and partnering organizations beyond. Since its inception, MTP has been on the front lines to keep the Catskills “the gem of New York” and to promote awareness of policies and proposals that affect it. Stay tuned for an upcoming event, an Earth Day Celebration on June 3rd, from 11am-1pm the Mountain Top Library in Tannersville.

### Charlie Van Etten

A Celebration of Life for Charlie Van Etten will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Windham Mountain at 1PM

### Windham/Hunter Tannersville Downs Roxbury

Final score: Windham/HT 16, Roxbury 10 Record: Windham/HT 1-1 League and 1-3 overall

Windham/HT hitting: Connor Aplin 2 for 4, 1 home run, 2 runs scored, 3 RBI’s

Tom Houlihan 2 for 3, 4 runs scored, 2 RBI’s

Connor Schiefer 1 for 3, 1 double, 1 run scored

Roxbury hitting; Taran Davis 2 for 5, 1 triple, 2

runs scored, 1 RBI Chris Garafolo 2 for 4, 1 triple, 2 runs scored, 1 RBI

Jordan Johnston 2 for 5, 2 runs scored, 2 RBI’s

Windham/HT pitching: Leon Honge and John Garzone combined to have 11 K’s, 5 walks, 8 hits allowed, and 10 runs allowed.

Roxbury pitching: Taran Davis, Chris Garafolo, and Bryton

Bower combined to have 18 K’s, 11 walks, 9 hits allowed, and 16 runs allowed.

Windham/HT defense: Tom Houlihan 11 putouts and John Ronk 4 putouts.

Roxbury defense: Thomas Davis 18 putouts

Windham/HT 401 640 1 16 runs, 9 hits , 6 errors

Roxbury 300 022 3 10 runs, 8 hits, 6 errors

### Cairo Tops Windham/HTC

Final score: Cairo Durham 17, Windham/HTC 3

Our record: 1-1 league, 1-4 overall

Next game: tomorrow league at South Kortright

Pitching: Cairo Durham: Logan Walz, Brody Helmdeck, Wyatt Camerata, and Rich Creanza combined for 5 in-

nings, 9 K’s, 4 walks, 6 hits allowed, and 3 runs allowed.

Windham: Connor Aplin pitched 1.2 innings having 1 K, 1 walk, 5 hits allowed, and 2 runs allowed, Thomas Houlihan pitched 1 inning having 2 K’s, 1 walk, and 1 hit allowed.

Hitting: Cairo Durham: Jake Young 3

for 3, 2 doubles, 2 runs scored, 2 RBI’s. Logan Walz 3 for 4, 2 runs scored, 1 RBI. Joe Kale, Nico Martinez, James Young, and Kennedy Blue all had 2 hits.

Windham: Connor Aplin 2 for 2, 1 double, 1 run scored, 1 RBI. Devin Schlosser 2 for 2, 1 run scored.

### Songbirds Exhibit

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# The Prattsville Scoop

By Abby and Gabby

PRATTSVILLE – Most of our area residents were taking advantage of the fantastic spring/summer weather last week, getting all their yard work done and vegetable gardens rototilled for planting later on. Yes, backs are aching already but the taste of fresh vegetables are a good memory and will soon be on our tongues. Aching backs are a necessity for this anticipated joy.

Didn't take long for Diana and Arnold Jaeger upon their return from their vacation to get back in the swing of spring and usual homeowners' chores. Painting, cleaning, yard work and that ever dreaded basement and attic cleaning, if it ever gets done.

The Prattsville Reformed Church continues on their way to normalcy with special music at the Prattsville Reformed on Sunday with organist Carl. Carl has been the organist while the Immaculate Cathedral, Albany, were looking for a permanent organist. Claudia still counts Carl as her favorite performer. Carl did play in Pratt's City Reformed Church on Sunday at the 11 AM Service. Sorry that we were not physically able to enjoy this wonderful opportunity to see how lovely the Church looks, and sounds.

Sympathy to Jerri Mattice of Conesville on the death of her mother. Jerri and husband Tom attended the funeral in Western New York State.

The fundraisers last weekend were a big success. The Prattsville Firemen's Annual Pork Dinner did not disappoint anyone. Congratulations to the Prattsville Volunteer Firemen on the purchase of a new fire truck.

And for the indefatigable hunters of that hidden treasure, the East Jewett UMC had another successful spring sale at their Church. Lots of items to take home. There will be an extra day, Saturday, April 29, 9 to 12 at the East Jewett UMC Rummage Sale. Hooray. Thanks to the East Jewett UMC, many homeless or needy veterans at the Stratton VAMC will have some new clothing to wear for the summer season. Only new clothing is accepted at the VA and many will be very happy with their new clothing. The Food Pantry at the VA can use boxes of Macaroni and Cheese, Pasta Sauce and Pineapple Tidbits. For those interested in helping our veterans in need, call 518 299 3219 for a complete list of toiletries, clothing, food and snack items. Will gladly deliver them for you. Many organizations help with supplies at the VA and there are always veterans in need of a helping hand. They never refuse any food or new clothing items, so please donate and we will see that the items are delivered immediately. More good news, volunteers are again making progress on being able to make some much needed assistance at the VA but please check before just stopping by VA to make sure our visits are coordinated with other volunteers. Maybe some BBQs for the summer

visits.

Sophia Baker had a day outing with some white water rafting, age appropriate. She was excited about getting to see a huge snapping turtle but did keep her distance. Younger sister Scarlett was off visiting friends. Thanks to all the Bakers, and Debbie in particular, for hosting the Greene County American Legion Auxiliary spring meeting. You truly made us feel special. Thanks Deb.

Stay tuned, will have some special news in regards to one of our Prattsville young ladies at a later date. Parents have to have the news first.

Dan Peckham is holding down the fort, AKA Jim's Great American, while Jim is taking some much needed personal time. Dan said he doesn't know if he is in charge but he does have the keys. Only in Prattsville. Thanks Dan for some much needed humor. Dan gave his thumbs up to Poppy Distribution during the month of May, every day, at Jim's Great American.

The American Legion Virgil E. Deyo Post 1327 has rescheduled their May meeting for Wednesday, May 10, at 7 PM at the Prattsville Town Hall. Lots to discuss in preparation for Memorial Day and Tag Day. Please attend. Believe the Honor A Veteran's Day will be May 20, 2023. A deceased veteran will be honored. More information to follow.

Speedy recovery wishes to Christine Dwon and are sent with our prayers. Chris says she is thankful for and lucky to have such a wonderful family and friends to help her through this upset. She sends her prayers and thanks to all who have come to her aid. Glad Chris is able to stay in contact via the phone. Talk to you soon Chris.

Happy Birthday to BJ Murray on April 30. On May 4 we wish Sheila Sutton and Carrie Hermance Happy Birthday. Send your news, birthdays and anniversaries to gurleyrv@gmail.com or call 518 -299 3219.

# Upcoming VUM Meetings

By Michael Ryan

HUNTER - Hunter town supervisor Sean Mahoney is wanting to spread the word about upcoming public meetings related to Visitor Use Management (VUM) in the Kaaterskill Clove and elsewhere.

Department of Environmental Conservation officials, in the midst of the recent pandemic, were called upon to address problems arising from a massively increased human presence in the Catskills.

Various issues arose related to garbage being left behind on the landscape and in the waterways as well as parking complexities along narrow State roadways leading up the mountain and on town properties.

A special commission was formed by DEC to study the matter, aimed at finding workable solutions.

"Part of this process is public engagement on what residents think about what is going on in the Clove and what needs to happen," Mahoney says.

"These public meetings will essentially be used to help put together the whole plan for DEC to implement, so they are important," Mahoney says.

DEC retained the consulting firm Otak to assist with the groundwork and in an email, this week, Otak senior associate Susan Hayman states, "Dear stakeholder conversation participants.

"We are excited to share today's news release from [DEC] announcing upcoming [Visitor Use Management] public meetings: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/127553.html>.

"The meetings, hosted by Otak, will be held at the following locations, dates, and times:

—"High Peaks Project Area in the Adirondacks: Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Harrietstown Town Hall Auditorium, 39 Main Street, Saranac Lake, NY.

—"Kaaterskill Clove Project Area in the Catskills: Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Coppertree Restaurant, Hunter Mountain Base Lodge, 64 Klein Avenue, Hunter NY

"The public meetings will begin with a foundation-setting presentation that highlights the project purpose, goals, and timeline."

The sessions will also introduce "the VUM Framework and how it will be applied in the

**Kaaterskill Clove**  
 Visitor Use Management Framework  
 Public Meeting  
 Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
 @ Coppertree Restaurant, Hunter Mountain  
 64 Klein Avenue, Hunter NY

The public meeting will begin with a presentation that highlights the project purpose, goals, and timeline, and introduces the VUM Framework and how it will be applied in the Kaaterskill Clove.

Interactive discussion groups will follow the presentation to gain an understanding of public interests and concerns, and solicit public feedback on current and desired future conditions.

**PLEASE ATTEND AND SPREAD THE WORD!**

Adirondack High Peaks and Kaaterskill Clove in the Catskills project areas (you received a brief version of this at our Stakeholder Conversations in March).

"Rather than a formal comment opportunity, interactive discussion groups will follow the presentation to gain an understanding of public interests and concerns, and solicit public feedback on current and desired

future conditions.

"We would be grateful if you would network/cross post this information among your organization's members and social media accounts. Meeting agendas will be available one week ahead of the meeting dates.

"If you have any questions about these meetings, please contact our team at [vum-facilitators@rossstrategic.com](mailto:vum-facilitators@rossstrategic.com).

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# Spring Turkey Season Opens May 1st

**By Larry DiDonato**  
Spring turkey season opens statewide on Monday, May 1st. It remains open the entire month closing on May 31st. New for 2023, Suffolk County on Long Island will hold its first ever turkey hunting season. Also new for this year, #9 shot is now legal for turkey hunting in NY. The change was made as advances in technology increased the down-range effectiveness of smaller shot sizes. Spring turkey harvests in New York averages about 18,000 birds per year. It varies based upon hunting pressure and nesting productivity in previous springs. The forecast for this year is for an increased harvest when compare to last year. DEC reports overall, turkey populations are lower now than a few years ago due to below-average reproductive success in two of the last four years. However, improved turkey productivity in 2020 and 2022 means a greater proportion of toms should be available to hunters this spring.

It's Simple to Comply with Regulations for Spring Turkey Hunting Season: Hunters must have a turkey hunting permit in addition to their hunting license; Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to noon each day; You may take two bearded turkeys during the spring season, but only one bird per day and no more than one bird per season in Wildlife Management Unit 1C (Suffolk County); Hunters may not use rifles or handguns firing a bullet. Hunters may hunt with a shotgun or handgun loaded with shot sizes no larger than Number 2 or smaller than Number 9, or with a bow or crossbow (except crossbows may not be used in Westchester or Suffolk counties); Successful hunters must fill out their carcass tag and immediately attach it to any turkey harvested; You must then report your harvest within seven days of taking a bird. Call 1-866-426-3778 (1-866 GAMERPT), or report the



harvest online at DEC's Game Harvest Reporting webpage; and

For a full listing of turkey hunting regulations in New York, see the 2022-23 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide or visit the "Turkey Hunting" pages of DEC's website. DEC Reminds Hunters

to "Hunt Safe, Hunt Smart" While statistics show that hunting in New York State is safer than ever, mistakes are made each year. Every hunting-related shooting incident is preventable. DEC encourages hunters to use common sense this season and remember what they were taught in their

Hunter Education Course especially: Always point your gun in a safe direction Treat every gun as if it were loaded Be sure of your target and beyond Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot Tips for a Successful and Safe Turkey Hunting Season Stalking stinks! Sit with your back against a tree or other object wider than your shoulders and call birds to you. Don't stalk. More than half of turkey hunting injuries happen when one hunter stalks another; Always assume any call or footsteps you hear are from another hunter. Don't shoot until you clearly see the whole turkey and know its sex If you see another hunter, talk to them clearly, and don't move. Never wave or

use a turkey call to alert another hunter Turkeys are tough. You need to be close before you shoot (30 yards or closer is best). You need to get a clear head and neck shot. Do not try to shoot the turkey in the body or when they are flying Number 4, 5, and 6, shot generally work best When calling, sit still with your back against a big tree, to hide you from turkeys and stalkers Never wear turkey colors - red, white, or blue Wear hunter orange when going in or out of the woods and when walking around to make yourself more visible to other hunters When sitting still waiting for a turkey, put hunter orange on a tree near you to alert other hunters to your presence If you take a turkey or carry a decoy, wrap it in hunter orange.

## LEGISLATURE STUFF

# Movement in the Mountains

**By Michael Ryan**  
CATSKILL - This summer is "going to be a very busy one in the mountains," says Greene County highway superintendent Scott Templeton.

A slew of resolutions related to various infrastructure projects were approved at a recent meeting by members of the Greene County Legislature, factoring in federal funding where applicable.

Templeton, in a followup telephone interview, provided added details on the jobs that are slated to include replacement of Bloomer Road bridge and a pedestrian bridge on County Route 83 in the town of Hunter.

Crews will also replace the Timber Lake Road bridge spanning the Broadstreet Hollow Road bridge in the town of Lexington.

There are 138 bridges in the county, each inspected by New York State which contracts with an engineering firm to do the examinations.

Funding is, of course, set aside by the highway department not just for overpasses but also to manage the county's solid waste agency.

Lawmakers know the spending is coming and easily authorized Templeton to advertise for bids on the Bloomer Road

bridge which crosses Gooseberry Creek.

Those bids were slated to be opened this week. Templeton says there has been robust interest shown by contractors, expecting work to begin and conclude this construction season.

Templeton said his department is ready to sign a \$1.417 million contract in early May and get started in June on the County Route 83 pedestrian bridge task that will also entail replacement of a major culvert.

Three bids were received with the lowest responsible bidder being James H. Maloy, Inc., headquartered in Albany. Clark Patterson Lee engineers, located in Latham, will perform construction inspection services for an amount not to exceed \$260,000, according to the resolution.

More dollars had to be added to that account to cover design changes that were made necessary by right-of-way issues, a common snafu.

It had been anticipated work would be done, last year, on County Route 83 which leads from State Route 23A into Hunter Mountain Ski Center. The bridge will be closed off to traffic during the redo.

Only one bid was sent in for the Timber Lake Road project which has been

awarded to ING Civil Inc., based in Watervliet, NY, for the lump sum total price of \$1.585 million, according to the resolution.

That effort is also scheduled to be concluded before snow again flies in the Catskills with construction inspection services being provided by Clark Patterson Lee for an amount not to exceed \$246,000.

It won't happen this year but, down the road a few miles, along route 23C in Jewett, the firm of Creighton Manning has been retained to design a replacement culvert on Route 23C, shooting for 2024 completion.

Shifting gears, lawmakers also authorized the highway department to buy two tilting utility trailers for a cost of \$11,195 each from Trailers LLC, conducting business in the town of Cairo.

And, for a considerably larger chunk of dough, lawmakers authorized Templeton's department of purchase a 2023 excavator to load single stream recycling into trailers at the Catskill transfer station.

A suitable Kobelco SK140SRLC-7 was available for \$154,619 from Finke Equipment, in Selkirk, although that price tag was lowered to \$130,619 after trading-in a 2006 John Deere 310G backhoe loader.

A time-honored tradition continued when lawmakers adjourned the meeting with tributes to Louise McRoberts and Marion Martinez Barton, an oft-repeated respectful gesture.

McRoberts, of East Windham, passed in February, having served with

the Womens' Army Corps in World War II, dispatched to a medical unit to help care for wounded soldiers returning home from the Battle of the Bulge.

She was then deployed to Germany, assigned as an air-raid warden, and also dispensed weekend furloughs to the soldiers, becoming a very active member of the local community after the war.

McRoberts received the Greene County Veteran of the year Award in 2014, and received the New York State "Liberty Award" presented by State Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk.

"Louise left her mountaintop home with many a broken heart from across the country in hopes that fond memories will bring smiles and laughter in time," stated lawmaker James Thorington (District 6, Windham, Ashland, Prattsville & Jewett).

Compassionate words were similarly spoken about Martinez Barton, the sister of lawmaker Charles Martinez (District 2, Cossackie), by Majority Leader Matthew Luvera.

"Marion had many friends, near and far. One of our favorite stories about Marion speaks to her faith in God," Luvera stated, retelling a story told by Martinez Barton's family following her passing, earlier this month.

On a ski trip to Colorado, "we were driving over a mountain pass in a winter blizzard," the family stated. "We were all nervous and Marion had evidently pulled out her Rosary beads.

"From the back seat we hear [one child] say, 'mom, Nana is playing with her marbles.' It worked. We made it home safely."

## Bird ID Walk with Larry Federman at Mountain Top Arboretum



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BETTER THAN HEARSAY

# Old Trains and New Trails

By Michael Ryan

HUNTER - One person alone is not responsible for the official opening of, and bridge dedication at, the latest addition to the Hunter Regional Trail System which took place, last Saturday afternoon.

Several people were recognized by Hunter town supervisor Sean Mahoney who served as MC for the unveiling of the nearly 1-mile stretch known as the Hunter Branch Rail Trail, along Clove Road, just off Route 214.

Among them were Senator Michelle Hinchey, Assemblyman Chris Tague, Peter Senterman, who Mahoney respectfully called "the Godfather of the Catskills" and the Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Environmental Conservation, collectively.

Applause followed the mention of all. A rousing cheer, though, went up for the person Mahoney saved for last but not least, Michelle Yost, the coordinator of the local Watershed Assistance Program.

"None of this happens without her," Mahoney said. "Michelle put all the pieces together. We are so lucky to have her working in our town."

"This event is especially meaningful for many reasons. First of all we chose this date because today is Earth Day, a day when we celebrate the natural beauty of the place and the community we live in," Mahoney said.

"The Hunter Regional Trails System has been developed over the course of the past 20 years, beginning with the village of Tannersville's Huckleberry Trail which spans the width of the village, completed in the early 2000's.

"This was followed [in 2013] by the Kaaterskill Rail Trail, connecting Kaaterskill Falls and the Mountaintop Historical Society in Haines Falls.

"Here in the town of Hunter, we are extremely fortunate to also be the home of two very famous trails that are known as the most breathtaking and chal-



Elena and Mark Patterson at the Rail Trail bridge named in honor of their late son, Luke Patterson of Tannersville, tragically killed in 2019.



The present and future of the Hunter Regional Trail System gathered moments before the official ribbon-cutting including Greene County Watershed Assistance Program coordinator Michelle Yost and Anna Claire Davidock, the young daughter of Department of Environmental Protection recreation program supervisor Tom Davidock.



Enthusiastic crowd gathered for the Hunter Branch Rail Trail dedication ceremony, last weekend, welcomed by Hunter town supervisor Sean Mahoney.



Official trail opening and bridge dedication ceremonies were held for the newest addition to the Hunter Area Trail Coalition, last Saturday. Among those on hand for the ribbon-cutting were (left to right) Assemblyman Chris Tague, Watershed Assistance Program coordinator Michelle Yost, Senator Michelle Hinchey, Hunter town supervisor Sean Mahoney, Hunter town councilman David Kukle, Department of Environmental Conservation Region IV director Anthony Luisi and Hunter Trails Coalition member Peter Senterman.

lenging in the Catskills," Mahoney said.

"These are the Escarpment Trail, which runs from East Windham to North/South Lake Campground, and the Devil's Path which spans from Indian Head Mountain in Platte Clove all the way to Westkill Mountain in the town of Lexington," located on DEC-owned lands.

"After the Kaaterskill Rail Trail opened, many local community folks with a variety of backgrounds and representing a number of involved groups and agencies got together and a new vision for our town was formed."

The question was asked, Mahoney continued, "why can't we connect all these trails together? Well, after ten years of meetings, field trips and an incredible amount of perseverance and hard work, the Hunter Area Trail Coalition has made so

much progress in this regard.

"When fully realized, this vision of connecting all of our trails will become an 11-mile Hunter Regional Trail system that will connect the Escarpment Trail directly to Devil's Path.

"This new system will cover an impressive 50 miles of trails through the town of Hunter and extending to other Catskills communities."

Switching to why everyone was there, Mahoney said, "this trail segment, the Hunter Branch Rail Trail, is located on the Stony Clove and Catskill Mountain Railroad which was built and operated by the Ulster and Delaware Railroad starting in 1882."

Remnants of the train tracks are still visible and Mahoney said, "these trains ran for 57 years and, of course over that period of

time, things changed on the mountaintop as they always do.

"In 1940, the Ulster & Delaware ended service to Hunter and the mountaintop area, and the last train left the station.

"Now, on the other side of this trail is the site of Camp Jened, a former summer camp for children and adults with disabilities that existed in the 1960's and early 70's.

"This camp was quite extraordinary, as some of the former campers and counselors went to Washington D.C. in 1977 and fought to make the world better for people with disabilities," Mahoney said.

"Ultimately, these amazing people...fought hard enough and long enough for our nation to create the Americans with Disabilities

Act."

Finally, focusing on the fourth most visible aspect of the place (after the new trail, the rising hills and the Schoharie Creek which flows peacefully through the woods), Mahoney said, "now let's talk about the bridge.

"This is a 90-foot prefabricated truss bridge that we had designed and built for this unique location. It sits on the old abutments that cross the Stony Clove, which underwent significant rehabilitation for the bridge to sit upon.

"This bridge clearly is in a scenic and picturesque location. But this bridge will also have the distinct honor of serving as a memorial for a great friend and a resident and lover of the Catskills...Luke Patterson.

"Luke was a local chef, artist and resident whose

life was taken tragically and too soon. [Not long] after Luke's passing, I was contacted by his mother, my friend Elena Patterson, and her husband Mark."

Their shared vision, Mahoney said, "was to start a fund in Luke's name that would allow friends and family to donate towards an important effort.

"The fund generated a significant amount of [other] funding, all of which went directly into building this bridge. This bridge is a testament to the legacy of Luke Patterson.

"All of these people and organizations who supported [this project], through their time, hard work and generosity, are a testament to how special this community is and I want to thank you all," Mahoney said.

## LOCAL HISTORY BY DEDE TERNS-THORPE

### A More Recent, But Important Part Of The Town's History

Congregation Anshei Hasharon celebrated its centennial at Hunter Mt. Ski Bowl twenty-four years ago. The date was August 1, 1999, a hundred years after the congregation was formed. The celebration was attended by about three hundred people from the Jewish Community.

The story below was written for the special day by Julius Warm. (Shared with permission from his daughter, Lynn Warm Lubow).

The Warm brothers were proud lifetime residents and businessmen of the Mountain Top. Julius and his wife Marion owned, and with his brother, Nathan Warm, were the long-time operators of the popular Warm's Restaurant. Their brother Joe was the owner-operator of Warm's Hotel on Tannersville's South Main Street and the mayor of Tannersville for 15 years. Like

the Slutzky brothers, the Warm brothers were civic-minded community business members. Warm's Restaurant, conveniently located midway on Main Street, was utilized by the Tannersville Fire and Rescue Squad for emergency phone calls. Julius and Jack Flynn were instrumental in forming the Rescue Squad and acquiring its first ambulance in 1961. (This was back in the 1950s, 60s, 70s, and into the 1990s. It was years before the convenient, fit-in-your-pocket cell phones were invented!)

The following is from Julius, a man that relished his village and its people.

Julius wrote, "Born in Tannersville in September 1913, my memories of the synagogue and surrounding areas are numerous.

I was the youngest of Sam and Anie Warm. (Correct spelling). With the exception of military service and retirement, I have lived in Tannersville my entire life. Two of my father's brothers, Yussel and Nathan, also lived here with their families. With only one exception, I have worshiped at Congregation Anshei Hasharon every Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur of my life.

In my youth, Tannersville enjoyed a large, vibrant Jew-

ish community. Nearly half the hotels in the area were kosher, including Warm's Mountain View Hotel, operated by my parents. Many local businesses were owned and operated by Jewish people, sustaining a year-round congregation. My earliest memories include attending services with my brothers, Nathan and Joe, in the synagogue where the community room is now. The first rabbi I remember was Rabbi Perlmutter who also taught Hebrew School. I often rode my pony there, and the Rabbi allowed me to keep it in the hall until class finished. After Rabbi Perlmutter, there were several other year-round rabbis, among them Rabbi Renoff and Rabbi Lerner.

I clearly remember when Mr. Philip Krakauer, a wealthy manufacturer, offered the congregation land for a new building. At the time, the synagogue was located on Main Street at the village line (west end), and Mr. Krakauer owned the building. Constable and Bender, builders and engineers, had purchased land from Mr. Krakauer and operated a sawmill on Tompkins Street for a few years. A number of men from the congregation, including my father

and uncles, moved the synagogue building in four sections to its present location, using their team of horses. Constable and Bender supervised the reconstruction.

Isaac Olin owned the hardware store in town and had been a tinsmith in the old country. He, along with another man, installed the tin ceiling and walls. The congregation supplied the materials and Mr. Olin did the work for free. In return, he did not have to pay dues again.

The original building had four steeples or towers. One was used to build the ark in which we now keep the Torahs. Another was used as a lookout tower during World War 11 at the top of Hill Street.

I can remember two weddings being performed in the synagogue. My brother Nathan and his wife Edie, and Milton and Shirley Zwickel. The Zwickel family owned the Rose Garden Hotel, located where the Villa Vosilla is now. (The Villa recently became the Melour Resort. Milton and Shirley Zwickel later opened a car dealership in Catskill).

The Mikveh was in Mrs. Honigsbaum's house on Main Street. When Mrs. Honigsbaum became unable

to provide the Mikveh service, Mrs. Golding and my mother, Anie Warm, raised money to build a new Mikveh. (A Mikveh is a bath in which Jewish men and women - separately of course - perform a ritual purification. The "new" Mikveh is behind the community house.)

Every Sunday they traveled to different hotels requesting donations for the Mikveh.

My greatest joy has come from seeing my son Hillard and my grandson Adam become Bar Mitzvah in the same synagogue my brothers and I did. I enjoy Shabbos services (a Yiddish term for the Jewish sabbath) with Adam during the summer, and I continue recalling the fond memories I have of Congregation Anshei Hasharon.

Most locals, middle-aged and up, recall the Warm brothers. Residents either sat at the counter, or table or worked their summers at Warm's. I did!

Thanks to Lynn, Julius's daughter, for permitting me to share this story. Like Justice always said, "It's people that make history!" Warm's was a large and a really good part of the town's history.

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TRADITIONALLY SPEAKING BY PAT LARSEN

## A Slice of Humble Pie

I knew a few months ago when I began my journey to find the Best Orthopedist. Specialist on this planet to undertake the task of a Total Knee Replacement, that this wasn't going to be easy for the poor Doctor that I tapped for the job. After all, I thought I knew what this would involve and I had clear expectations about exactly how long this would take to heal before I could get back to my life. I had done that much research. I thought.

Four consultations and months later, I met the "one" who was a perfect match. As a matter of fact, the initial consultation was of a divine intervention of sorts when I was seen within a few days of the call to this office due to a cancellation. Perfect, I thought!

I knew that this collaboration had to include a solid body, and mind connection between me and the specialist because that's the only way my treatment would or could be successful. He was sharp, clear in his communication style, compassionate and a Baby Boomer who "got me" with a lot of experience in his field.

This column isn't about the surgery or the resulting impact that this actual surgery has had on my life. No. The healing time frame and actual process is as individual as the DNA that makes up who we are.

It's about the monumental personal journey that I hadn't even realized would be such a huge part of the story. It's about the emotional strength that is required AFTER the surgery and to a degree, before, in preparation. It's about realizing no matter how much I researched, how "ready, set, let's get this show on the road", (even the surgery date was just a miraculous 5 weeks after the consultation, due to yet another opening in the schedule), I had no idea how deep I'd have to dig within myself to get through every day. But the truth is, I did push through even the roughest days and I'm still



continuing to do so, building on that inner strength each time. I've finally come to understand that as hard as these specialists try to give us an idea of what the days, weeks and months to come would entail, even they have no idea exactly what will happen. That's the connection I failed to make beforehand. I never considered the part that included my motivation and inner strength. The procedure wasn't "over" when my knee joint was replaced. It had just begun. My knee is as brand new as a baby chic just hatched from their protective shell and then the journey was to begin.

Finding "inner strength" mentally and physically is something we tend to do quite naturally over our lifetime every day.

Let's face it, with today's challenges at the forefront, it is often necessary to determine what part we engage in and what part to just let go and let God. How much energy will we choose to spend on something frustrating like where the heck did I put those keys...or hey, "they overcharged me for those apples that are supposed to be on sale!" We choose what battle to engage in.

It's kind of been the same for me regarding this expectation for recovery from a choice I made to have a total knee replacement.

I was given a booklet, kind of like the bible of Pre and Post stuff to do before and after this surgery.

I followed these checklists like my life was dependent on it.

There is an interesting PAIN PYRAMID GUIDE highlighted to help with pain management after I returned

home. Ha!

Threw that right out the window as soon as I realized I was highly allergic to the top drug to manage the worst of days.

Here's where I had to dig deep. With my pain barely managed and the only other thing available was the application of ice every 40 minutes, I knew I had to find a different means of coping to get through. Oh, I did get through, but this is where I found that we truly are only given as much as we can handle and sometimes expectations and energy has to shift to an inner faith and guidance from whatever belief system we trust to get through.

I do know this. The medical community does their best. Take your time when you can to find a good match unless of course you're faced with an emergency beyond your control.

Be sure you learn how to communicate with the care managers who support the Doctor who will navigate the steps with you as you find your way to healing. If you have a rough day, or you don't get a phone call returned as quickly as you'd have wanted, consider NOT putting your energy into finger-pointing or being frustrated. This is your journey. Reframe and refocus your expectations. Have a good friend to be able to share with when you just need that shoulder to cry on. And...trust that (as I did) "Tomorrow will be a better day." It always was.

Pat Larsen lives in Greene County with her husband Chris and her pups. When she's not laid up icing her new knee, she's dreaming of getting back to her Fitness classes and programs for Baby Boomers and Seniors at THE SHAMROCK HOUSE in East Durham. Classes will be returning asap.

Pat is a certified clinical hypnotherapist working within the community to help others with expectations and living their best life. Contact Pat via email [PatLarsen5@aol.com](mailto:PatLarsen5@aol.com)

SGT. JAMES F. CARTY, D.S.C.

### VFW POST 1545 – WINDHAM, NY WEEKLY UPDATE

In keeping with what Memorial Day is all about, our military started fighting for our freedom with the Revolutionary War in 1775.

As of now, the cost in lives lost is a staggering 2,850,00+ killed or wounded. As Americans we take one day a year to honor their sacrifice.

Our Post will be holding a Memorial Day service at Windham-Ashland-Jewett CS on May 26th at 8:30 a.m. in front of the school at the monument. I mention this as it is such a great thing that the teachers and administration let the students participate with us.

This brings them up to help each member of our Post with their duty at the VFW Memorial day ritual. The ceremony is not long, and I would like to invite all to come and honor our fallen with us.

There is a saying on my motorcycle helmet that states "For those who fought. For it, Freedom has a flavor the protected will never know."

Well, on this day the community can get a bit of that flavor. As a veteran who served in Vietnam,



my company only lost two.

Then when I came home, I found out that 3 of my classmates that I graduated with were killed in action. I visited the family of one of them who lived around the corner from me growing up.

We went to grammar school and high school together and the feeling I left with was guilt that I was home and moving on with my life. When I think back to that day, I can't help but think that I easily could have been killed.

A reminder to all who golf, we are holding our annual VFW Post 1545 golf outing at Windham CC on August 4th.

Should you need information about this event, you can contact me at [marcf154@gmail.com](mailto:marcf154@gmail.com). This event helps the post building fund and veteran causes.

This golf outing is dedicated to Richard "Dick" Hughes who passed recently. Dick was an active member of VFW Post

1545 - If you knew Dick and would like to be a part of this Celebration of a Great Veteran and Community supporter contact Marc Farmilette.

VFW Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland addressed the legislators in Congress and thanked them for passing the Pact Act.

During his address, Borland told a story about a veteran from Wisconsin who contacted VFW for help.

The veteran was worried that he would owe "thousands of dollars in earned benefits" to a law firm after trying to get Pact Act related benefits by joining a lawsuit rather than going through the free help offered by VFW accredited service officer.

These predatory lawyers are often referred to as claim sharks. So, please if you want to investigate a claim, contact the VFW. As a member of the VFW, you receive beneficial information claims.

God bless America and keep our service members safe.

Marc Farmilette  
Commander Post 1545

BETTER THAN HEARSAY

## Stipulated As Such

By Michael Ryan

PRATTSVILLE - Waging a potentially protracted and expensive legal fight for no redeeming reason is why former town of Prattsville judge David Rikard says he defied the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Reports surfaced, earlier this week, that complaints against Rikard, in his role as judge, were the subject of a Judiciary Commission investigation.

The details of the complaints, in terms of their origin, are not known and will likely remain that way even as Rikard freely admitted, in a phone interview, "yes, I refused to cooperate with their investigation."

Rikard said he and his attorney are aware of the source of three complaints that surround allegations of inappropriate demeanor, unauthorized political activity and poor financial reporting and accounting practices.

While the particulars of those allegations are also unknown - whether they took place in or out of court - Rikard has been slapped with formal disciplinary charges by the Commission.

"Cooperation is mandatory, not optional, when judges are called to account by the Judicial Conduct Commission," said Commission administrator Robert Tembeckjian.

"Stonewalling or otherwise refusing to participate undermines public confidence in the integrity of the judiciary and can result in removal from office," Tembeckjian said.

Rikard, in a stipulation agreement, agreed to never seek or accept judicial office in the future, a relatively common outcome in such matters and a scenario that has similarly played out in the past in Prattsville.

"I have seen this happen to many other colleagues so I retained counsel that specializes in this type of issue," Rikard said.

"I was directed [by the Commission] to surrender what is quite honestly confidential information, equivalent to attorney/client privilege."

"Also, I had only two days to appear before them and

give testimony. Under the advice of counsel, I did not do that," Rikard said.

"I refused to provide records and refused to appear before the Commission but, quite frankly, why would I?" Rikard said.

"When these types of complaints are made, [the Commission has] to look into them but I had no dog in this fight," Rikard said.

"We denied any factual allegations in whatever they said [connected to the complaints]. It was a pretty easy decision to make, financially speaking," Rikard said.

The stipulation agreement between Rikard and the Commission comes after Rikard resigned from the Prattsville bench on January 6, 2023.

Rikard, at that time, announced he was taking a position as chief assistant district attorney with the Delaware County district attorney's office.

Shawn Smith is the interim DA, awaiting an election this fall. Rikard, when stepping down, noted his chief assistant's position is appointed.

If the political tides shifted and he is not appointed by a possible new DA, Rikard said, "who knows? I may be back. I guess I'd have to run for Prattsville judge again."

Rikard was hit with the formal disciplinary charges on January 26, 2023, prior to officially starting with the DA's office in early February.

He signed the stipulation agreement in March and that document was finalized and approved by the Commission, last week.

Shawn Smith, in a phone interview following release of the Commission report, said his office was not in the dark about the investigation.

"It seems a little over the top about [Rikard] stonewalling them," Smith said, noting the complaints, while not public, are rooted in "something that happened some years ago."

Smith said Rikard apparently made comments caught on tape about former U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi, referring to her as a communist, also expressing

opinions about bail reform.

"It maybe looks bad that [Rikard] signed the agreement but in a worst case scenario, if he was guilty of the complaints, he simply would have had to resign" from the bench in Prattsville, Smith said.

Rikard is "doing good so far" in his role as chief assistant DA, Smith said. "He was doing defense [as an attorney] for thirty years so it took him a while to switch around [to prosecution] but everybody likes him here."

An appeal could reportedly be filed if Rikard ever wishes to return to the bench. Meanwhile, he says that published reports on the stipulation agreement "make it look like I resigned as a judge because of this."

"Actually it's apples and oranges. I had already resigned" and been hired by Delaware County with the complaints on the table, Rikard said.

"Mr. Smith is aware of all this," Rikard said. "I have seen how the Commission operates and what they did to Judge Blain."

Former Prattsville judge Robert Blain inked a similar stipulation agreement, a decade ago, amid inquiries stemming from a State Comptroller's Office audit of the town books in the wake of Tropical Storm Irene.

Multiple financial irregularities in court accounts and insufficient oversight of court clerk records were alleged by the Judicial Commission.

Blain initially fought the allegations, wracking up legal bills before resigning. The Judicial Commission closed the case, warning it would reopen the file if Blain again sought a seat on the bench.

"It's been made to look like I was removed from office and that I dodged this," Rikard says. "We get paid, what, \$4,000 a year as a judge?"

"I'm not complaining about that but how much can you then spend, going to hearings to fight these guys?" Rikard said. "We serve a thankless job as a town justice. There is an X on your back almost every day in court."

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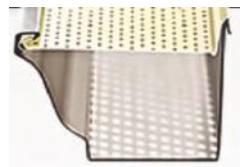
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# SK Wins Big Over Windham-HT



Attempting to steal second base, WAJ/HT's Connor Schieler is tagged out by South Kortright Rams' shortstop Cole Thomas. Photos by Scott Keidong.



Who's Got It?  
WAJ/HT third baseman Christian Green out-jumps shortstop Leon Honge when both try to make the catch on a left field pop up.



After scooping up the throw from third, WAJ/HT first baseman John Garzone tags South Kortright's Aidn Haynes out as he makes his way to the bag.

BELOW:  
Called safe at home plate. It looks like WAJ/HT catcher Tom Houlihan makes the tag on South Kortright's Damon Pietrantonio, but the umpire calls him safe as he steals home, scoring the Rams' fifth, first inning run. South Kortright went on to dominate the game, beating Windham-Ashland-Jewett/Hunter Tamersville 17 to 2 in five innings.



LEFT: Signals and arms crossed. South Kortright Rams' center fielder Darren Dengler makes the catch, as he and right fielder Lee Marigliano both go for a fly ball hit by WAJ/HT's Leon Honge.



ABOVE: Connor Aplin of WAJ/HT is tagged out on his way to first base by South Kortright's Jacob Staroba

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## THE CATSKILL GEOLOGISTS BY PROFESSORS

### ROBERT AND JOHANNA TITUS Opus 40 – Little Balls of Mud

We have been exploring the quarry at Opus 40, near Woodstock in recent months. This is just the sort of thing that geologists do all the time. We visit a new location and just poke around, seeing what we can see. You can't do this without finding all sorts of interesting things and we have been describing many of these during the past two months. But we always find problems as well. And indeed, that was the case at Opus. Take a look at our first photo. It shows some things that troubled us. Do you know what a conglomerate is? That's a sedimentary rock that is largely composed of pebbles and cobbles. Often, they are rounded from having been rolled around in the river currents. And that is exactly what our photo seems to show.

But, what, we asked, were cobbles doing in a river channel deposit? Where had they come from? How did they get there? River channels like these should be filled with sand and little else. You can see that this was, indeed, a problem. We couldn't figure this out so we just went on exploring. And then it happened, in a flash, something scientists commonly call the "ah hah" moment. Take a look at our second photo. There you will see more of our cobbles. But the knife joins two which show a lot more. Suddenly we had our ah hah moment. Take a look; can you figure it out? We'll give you ten seconds . . . 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 and ???.

Well, this is what we think we are looking at. These two rounded cobbles had



been broken open, exposing cores. The cores of those two "cobbles" are bits of petrified mud. They likely eroded out of a muddy upstream river bank way back during the Devonian. Sometimes geologists call such things mud blebs. Those mud blebs were caught up in the river currents and rolled around until they had become rounded. Then they encountered a sandy stretch of the old river and then a coating of sand adhered to the sticky muds. You can

see that on our photo. And, presto, there we had our "cobbles" and there we had our explanations.

This is not great science. The discovery of the polio vaccine? That was great science. The discovery of mud blebs? Not so great. But, like all science, this was a lot of fun!

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## THE TAPESTRY BY DR. DEBORAH HERODES

### Hide and Seek, Part III

Often, stealing holds hands with lying. If you see no issue with lying, stealing doesn't seem to enter your mind as a wrongful deed. Telling yourself that you deserve what you have stolen from a store, from a place of employment, from a family member, or from a friend, is closely related to lying. If one section of the brain is "unprepared morally," it would stand to reason that stealing is encompassed under this umbrella. Sometimes it's the little things that we chose to take without permission. The dictionaries, the copy paper, the pens, etc., etc., do not walk into your home by themselves.

One might think these thefts are no big deal, but may no mistake, they are big deals! Loose fingers and hands, who are allowed to get away with the "little" thefts, learn that no-one will miss the bigger things! People have been known to steal money out of the jars, (placed in markets,) for critically ill children. People are also guilty of stealing incorrect pay-

ments, whether they are from work or from the government. Overpayments are simply put in the bank or cashed with very little thought of stealing. Shoplifting is monumental, and, henceforth, causes the exorbitant cost of clothing. Calling yourself out on your "sticky finger" problem can turn your life around. If you are able to adopt the concept that no-one is more important or less important than you, you would be far less likely to steal. Sometimes it takes authorities to deal with your dishonesty, and if it does, use this time to reflect on what you have done, take the punishment, and realize why you have done it. Sadly, those who steal, often lie, and so these two connected issues become a double-whammy toward self-improvement. Apologize to those you have hurt, return things you have stolen, and accept the judgment of those you have stolen from. Anger at those who caught you, with your hand in the cookie jar, is misplaced and needs to be owned by you.

Seeking the help you need to find help with your particular issue (s) takes self-evaluation and honesty. Be honest when you see what you have become. As a small child, you did not lie, you did not steal, and you did not need anything but warm milk to bring you comfort. Becoming a smoker, a toker, an alcoholic, a liar, and/or a thief are choices you choose to make for yourself. Hiding behind ignorance or addiction or "brain-abnormality" are not reasons to continue your behaviors. There are rules to keeping yourself healthy; don't ignore them. There are rules against stealing and bearing false witness against another (on the witness stand it is called perjury;) avoid authority intervention by following the rules. "Hide and Seek" is a child's game, meant to be harmless, but when adults begin to jump behind safety bushes or trees to avoid being found out, perhaps "Kick the Can" should be the game of choice.

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## A CONVERSATION ABOUT

### Seedlings

By Jean Thomas

Planting seedlings is great, but NOT NOW. As I write this we are in early May. Those of you reading from your comfy lawn chairs by the pool anywhere south of, say, New Jersey, disregard this whole conversation. Unless, of course, you take pleasure in other peoples' misery (the shrinks call this schadenfreude). So why am I telling your neighbors to wait? Because it can be expensive to buy or grow a bunch of seedlings and have to replace them after a moment of optimism.

I know the temperature neared ninety degrees Fahrenheit in April. I also know Mothers Day snow is not unheard of, never mind frost. Our area, known to outsiders as "Upstate", has many mini-zones, according to the influences of altitude and bodies of water. So here's the thing: don't rely on the seed packs or the almanac or the fact that the big box store has tomato plants ready to take home. Be cautious. Ask a neighbor who has had gardens for a long time, or call your county's cooperative extension office. Know ahead of time they may be cagey. Usually Memorial Day is mentioned, but then you'll hear about the year they planted early and got away with it. You see, it's a game of chance. It's been said that the greatest gambler on earth is the farmer, and any experienced gardener or farmer will try to beat the odds.

I suspect human nature is exerting its influence on your brain and you're pretty sure everything is ready to go for a successful garden season. I, too, am susceptible to the lure of imagining the sun-warmed tomato in my hand as I stand in the garden with a salt



shaker in the other hand. So I'm going to tell you about a few precautions we should all take.

First... harden off the baby plants. This means to acclimate them to life outside the house. Seed starting neighbors can take the flats or pots outside on day trips and let them enjoy themselves in the shade. Plants can sunburn, too. Give them at least a week of this before planting them.

Second... make sure the soil is warm enough. Planting too soon may not kill the plants, but if the soil isn't warm enough, the plants will just hang around and wait. Once it's ready, they'll take off.

Third... Remember these are babies and very delicious. Rabbits love anything green, crows pull out corn seedlings, and any other vegetarian in the neighborhood will be hungry, too. If you haven't made precautions against deer you are doomed. Just sayin'. The insect and disease predators won't show up until everything is consistently warm. That's the good news.

Fourth: Frost is lurking somewhere, and it will strike at different times in different years. Physical barriers are a wise investment. There are floating row covers available that look like cheesecloth, and clothes are fun

to have, if only to be able to say you have a cloche. But my Gramma never needed the store-bought things. Old sheets and towels draped over the seedlings on a frame to keep from touching the plants worked just fine. A word of warning to the rookie: the damage frost does is predicate on the ice crystals forming on the tender leaves. Don't use plastic sheets. The plastic will just transfer the cold damage to the sensitive plant tissue.

Fifth: Plant everything at the recommended depth, label stuff, and water the seedlings in. Water the soil, not the leaves, and this rule applies for the entire season.

Sixth: Guard the babies and be on the alert for danger. With a little work and a little luck, you, too, will be standing in the garden with the sun warmed tomato in your hand.

While you're outside communing with nature, listen in to the podcast, "Nature Calls; Conversations from the Hudson Valley". It's your fellow gardeners talking about all the same things that are happening in your space. It's on all the podcast platforms and at <https://ccecolumbia-greene.org/gardening/nature-calls-conversations-from-the-hudson-valley>.

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strations and studio exercises over the five days. There is a \$240 fee for this workshop which includes a copy of the workbook. Pre-registration is required. For complete details, and to register, visit roxburyartsgroup.org or call 607.214.6040.

Lisbeth Firmin is a full-time painter and printmaker known for her urban landscapes. She teaches painting and printmaking at various art institutes, universities, schools, and artist residencies around the United States. She is the recipient of many awards, grants, and fellowships, including a Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant, a New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship for

Printmaking (Lily Auchincloss Fellow), and full fellowships to the MacDowell Colony, National Seashore Cape Cod Dune Shack Residency, Vermont Studio Center, and Saltonstall Arts Colony.

Firmin is an accredited teacher of Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain, was trained by Dr. Betty Edwards and has been teaching this for more than 25 years.

For more information about the Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain workshop taking place from May 15-19, connect with Headwaters Arts Center at 607.214.6040, headwaters@roxburyartsgroup.org. Registration details are available at roxburyartsgroup.org.



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Fabricating and installing a radio shelter ice shield and foundations at the Hunter Mt tower site  
Fabricating and installing a radio shelter ice shield and foundations at the Ski Windham tower site

Proposals should exclude sales and compensating use taxes on materials incorporated into the work. The Respondent must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, religion, sex or national origin. New York State Prevailing Wage and Davis-Bacon Wage Requirements shall apply to this project. Women and Minority Owned Businesses are encouraged to respond.

Proposals actually received by mail or by hand after the appointed time on the date specified shall be rejected, notwithstanding that such Proposal may have been placed in a mail box or other mail receptacle regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service before such time, and ordinarily in sufficient time to have been delivered on time.

The Request for Proposals (RFP), may be examined at no expense on line at the following website: <https://de.bid-dyhc.com> under "Public Projects", or at the office

of Delaware Engineering, D.P.C., 28 Madison Ave Extension Albany NY, 12203.

Digital copies of the RFP may be obtained online as a download for a non-refundable fee of Forty-nine Dollars (\$49.00) from the website: <https://de.bid-dyhc.com> under "Public Projects". Complete hardcopy sets of bidding documents may be obtained from REV, 330 Route 17A, Suite #2, Goshen, NY 10924, Tel: 1-877-272-0216, upon depositing the sum of Forty-nine Dollars (\$49.00) for each combined set of documents. Checks or money orders shall be made payable to Delaware Engineering, D.P.C. Cash deposits will not be accepted.

Any respondent requiring documents to be shipped shall make arrangements with REV and pay for all packaging and shipping costs. Any Respondent who submitted a completed proposal to Greene County, upon returning such sets in good condition within thirty days following the award of the contract or rejection of the proposal, will be refunded their full payment. Deposits will not be refunded to any non-respondent (including material suppliers, subcontractors, or those that provide quotes to Respondents). Questions should be sent in writing to Tad Johnston via email at [tjohnston@delawareengineering.com](mailto:tjohnston@delawareengineering.com) or Fax at (518) 452-1335.

Please note that <https://de.bid-dyhc.com> is the designated location and means for distributing and obtaining the RFP. All Respondents are urged to register to ensure receipt of all necessary information including RFP addenda. All Proposal addenda will be transmitted to registered plan holders via email and will be available at <https://de.bid-dyhc.com>.

Plan holders who have paid for hard copies of the Proposal 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 Proposal addenda.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the RFP responses received, or to reject any or all Proposals without explanation, and to select the Proposal, the acceptance of which, in its judgment, will best assure the efficient performance of the work.

**Tammy L. Scavillo, Acting Clerk**

Greene County Legislature

**Notice of Public Information Meeting**

The Greene County Highway Department (County) has announced that a public information meeting will be held to discuss the proposed bridge replacement of CR 40 (Maplecrest Road) over Batavia Kill, in the Town of Windham. The meeting will be held at Windham Town Hall, 371 State Route 296, Hensonville, NY 12439 on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

The County, in cooperation with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS-DOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is developing design studies for the proposed bridge replacement and roadway reconstruction and is seeking comments from individuals, groups, officials and local agencies. The County is specifically soliciting comments on the development of alternatives for the project and comments on the project's social, economic and environmental effects. This public informational meeting is part of the continuing efforts by the County, the NYS-

DOT and the FHWA to encourage public input into the development of transportation projects. Please advise the County if a sign language interpreter, assistive listening system or any other accommodation will be required to facilitate your participation in this public meeting. The contact person is Scott Templeton, Greene County Highway Department Superintendent, whose phone number is (518) 943-4600.

Further information on the project may be obtained from Scott Templeton, Greene County Highway Department, PO Box 485, 240 W. Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414. Written comments on the project should also be forwarded to the County.

**Public Notice - Jewett**

Notice is hereby given that as of May 1, 2023, the Assessor of the Town of Jewett, County of Greene, has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year, and that a copy has been filed with the Jewett Town Clerk's Office, where it may be seen and examined by any interested person until Grievance Day. The tentative assessment roll is also available for viewing online, on both [townofjewett.org](http://townofjewett.org) and [www.greene.sdgny.com](http://www.greene.sdgny.com). The assessor will be available by appointment (518-263-4646 x 3) at Jewett Town Hall on May 3rd, 10am til 2pm; May 8, 4pm til 5pm; May 15th 10am-2pm; and May 20 8 am til noon.

The Board of Assessment Review will meet on May 23, 2023 from 2pm til 4pm and 6pm til 8pm, at Jewett Town Hall, 3547 Route 23C, to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments on the application of any persons believing him/herself to be aggrieved. Application and instructions for filing a complaint are available from your assessor or online at [tax.ny.gov](http://tax.ny.gov).

**NYS Supreme Court Summons**

Supplemental Summons-Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, County Of Schoharie - Ulster Savings Bank, Plaintiff, - Against- Joseph Donnelly A/K/A Joseph C. Donnelly, His Respective Heirs-At-Law, Next-Of-Kin, Distributees, Executors, Administrators, Trustees, Devisees, Legatees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors And Successors In Interest And Generally All Persons Having Or Claiming Under, By Or Through Said Defendant Who May Be Deceased By Purchase, Inheritance, Lien Or Otherwise, Any Right, Title Or Interest In The Real Property Described In The Complaint Herein, United States Of America, New York State Department Of Taxation And Finance, Defendants - Index No. 2021-560 Plaintiff Designates Schoharie County as the Place of Venue is that the subject action is situated in Schoharie County. To the above named Defendants-YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated April 7, 2023. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DAN-

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HOME - If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (ULSTER SAVINGS BANK) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable James H. Ferreira, J.S.C. Dated: April 7, 2023 Filed: April 7, 2023. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 679 Bruce Porn Road a/k/a Porn Road, Stamford a/k/a Gilboa, New York 12167. Dated: April 11, 2023 Filed: April 13, 2023 Berkman, Henoch, Peterson & Peddy, P.C. Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Hillary Prada, Esq., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530 P: (516) 222-6200

**Adoption of Local Law**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on April 21, 2023, duly adopted on said date Local Law #3-2023 titled: ESTABLISHING THE SCHOHARIE COUNTY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT. A complete copy of the local law may be obtained at the Schoharie County Board of Supervisor's Office, 284 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Schoharie, NY during normal business hours.

**Public Notice - Stamford**

The Village of Stamford Board of Trustees will hold a workshop on Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023 at 7:00pm to discuss the Catskill Mountain Little League field connecting to the Village water system. Historically, the village has set aside the first Tuesday of each month for necessary workshops.

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Monday, June 5, 2023 is Grievance Day during the hours of 5-9pm at the Town Hall. The Assessor will accept grievance forms and documentation until June 5th. The Board of Assessment Review will hear and examine all complaints on the application of any person believing him/herself aggrieved thereby. For further information please contact the Assessor, 607-588-7211 ext 4

**Public Notice - Middleburgh**

The Village of Middleburgh will pick-up bagged leaves in biodegradable paper bags and SMALL tied brush Monday & Friday's. Please place at the edge of Village Street no sooner than 24 hours prior to pick-up days. Only SMALL tied brush will be picked up.

**Public Notice - Middleburgh**

The Village of Middleburgh will be cleaning the Cemetery May 1, 2022 through May 5, 2023. Anything left at Cemetery will be removed. Thank you Village Department of Public Works

**Public Notice - Stamford CSD****BUDGET HEARING**

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.

PROPOSITION 1 - 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 Stamford Central School 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 a holiday.

**PROPOSITION 2 - Bus Purchase**

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.

**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., April 17, 2023. The following vacancies are to be filled:

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

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 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.

**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 schoolhouse 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

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**LEGAL ADVERTISING**

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 Bunce. 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

ies; confined in a hospital or jail; has physical disability or illness; or are absent due to vacation. All absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of election May 16, 2023. A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the District Office at Windham-Ashland-Jewett School on and after April 17, 2023, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 16, 2023, the day set for the election, and said list will be posted at the polling place at the election. 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 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 - Lexington Notice is hereby given that the Town of Lexington Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Municipal Building, 3542 Route 42, Lexington, NY, with the regular meeting to immediately follow. The purpose of said hearing is to consider a subdivision for Francis Valerio, 650 County Route 13, Lexington, NY tax map #128.00-3-23.1. Interested parties are encouraged to attend or send signed correspondence to the Planning Board at PO Box 30, Lexington, NY 12452. Public Notice - Windham Notice is hereby given that the Town of Windham Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing on Thursday, May 4, 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 con-

sider a Site Plan Review Application for Andrew Pax, 117 Thunderbird Terrace, Windham, Tax Map #78.18-1-4; proposing to add addition to existing home. All persons wishing to speak upon this matter shall be heard at this time. NYS Supreme Court Summons Supreme Court Of The State Of New York - County Of Schoharie District # 2022-14 Filed 01/13/2022 Summons Plaintiff Designates Schoharie County As The Place Of Trial. Designation Of Venue Is Based Upon The Situs Of The Subject Property. Subject Property: 3122 State Rt 7, Howes Cave A/K/A Schoharie, New York 12092. Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Successor By Merger To Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, As Trustee F/K/A Norwest Bank Minnesota, National Association As Trustee For Renaissance Hel Trust 2004-3, Plaintiff, John Doe And Jane Doe 1 Through 50, Intending To Be The Unknown Heirs, Distributees, Devisees, Grantees, Trustees, Lienors, Creditors, and Assignees Of The Estate Of Dennis Arnold A/K/A Dennis M. Arnold, Who Was Born In 1953 And Died On June 29, 2019, A Resident Of Schoharie County Whose Last Known Address Was 3122 State Route 7, Howes Cave, New York 12092, Their Successors In Interest If Any Of The Aforesaid Defendants Be Deceased, Their Respective Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, And Successors In Interest Of The Aforesaid Classes Of Person, If They Or Any Of Them Be Dead, And Their Respective Husbands, Wives Or Widows, If Any, All Of Whom And Whose Names And Places, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Dennis Arnold A/K/A Dennis Arnold Jr. As Heir At Law And Next Of Kin To Dennis Arnold A/K/A Dennis M. Arnold, Mark Arnold As Heir At Law And Next Of Kin To Dennis Arnold A/K/A Dennis M. Arnold, Christopher Arnold As Heir At Law And Next Of Kin To Dennis Arnold A/K/A Dennis M. Arnold, Commissioner Of Schoharie County Department Of Social Services, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation D/B/A National Grid, New York State Department Of Taxation And Finance, United States Of America O/B/O Internal Revenue Service, Clerk Of Schoharie County, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint, Defendants. To the above-named defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 145 Huguenot Street, Suite 210, New Rochelle, NY 10801. 914-636-8900. 914-636-8901 facsimile HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the Summons and Complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the Summons and Complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near

you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York State Department of Financial Services' at 1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department's website at WWW.BANKING.STATE.NY.US. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay your taxes in accordance with state and local law. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. File# 20-302612 Public Notice - Stamford The Village of Stamford Planning Board will hold a meeting on Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 at 7:00pm at Village Hall. Public Notice - Halcott The Town of Halcott Planning Board will hold three consecutive public hearings beginning at 6PM on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at the Town Grange, 264 Route 3, Halcott Center, NY. First hearing: new garage proposed by Eric Fronckowiak, 251 Silas Lake Road, Tax ID #142-2-25.11. Second hearing: new house proposed by John Allen, 687 Route 1, Lot 2, Tax ID#157-1-34. Third hearing: new house proposed by Victoria Guido and Aluise Pasqualetti, 416 Elk Creek Road, Tax ID #158-3-16.2. All persons wishing to speak upon these matters shall be heard at this time. A regular meeting will follow the hearings. Public Notice - Wright PUBLIC NOTICE - The Town of Wright Planning Board will hold a special meeting, at 7 o'clock, on Thursday, May 25, 2023. The purpose of the meeting is for further review of the Full Environmental Assessment Form for the current application of the Bohler Engineering Dollar General project. The meeting will be held at the Gallupville Town Hall and is open to the public. Public Notice - Lexington PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Town of Lexington Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 3542 Route 42, Lexington, N. Y. with the regular Town Board meeting to immediately follow. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments from the residents of Lexington regarding the formation of an ambulance district. Public Notice - Summons SUMMONS WITH NOTICE Index No.: 2022-414 Hon. James H. Ferreira JOHN TRIPI and ANGELIQUE SCOTT, Plaintiffs, against LAKE OF SEVEN BIRCHES ASSOCIATION, INC. and JOHN DOE/MARY ROE, said names being fictitious and representing any individual and/or entity, currently unknown to the plaintiffs that claims any ownership interest whatsoever in 1.70 acres of real property located in the Town of Conesville, County of Schoharie, at the eastern end of the Lake of Seven Birches and designated on the Schoharie County Tax Map as lot 195.3-2-31, PLAINTIFFS have commenced an action in the New York Supreme Court in and for the County of Schoharie seeking a declaration that the plaintiffs have acquired title to a portion of real property described as 1.70 acres of real property located in the Town of Conesville, County of Schoharie, at the eastern end of the Lake of Seven Birches and designated on the Schoharie County Tax Map as lot 195.3-2-31. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon plaintiff's attorney an answer to the complaint in this action within thirty days of the publication of this summons with notice. In case of your failure to answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Trial is desired in the County of Schoharie because the real property at issue is in the County of Schoharie. LAW OFFICE OF JEFFREY L. ZIMRING Jeffrey L. Zimring Attorney for the Plaintiffs 120 Broadway, Suite 250 Albany, New York 12204 (518) 218-0307 jeff@zimringlaw.com Public Notice - Seward The Town of Seward 2023 Tentative Assessment Roll has been completed and filed with the Town Clerk. The Tentative Roll will be available for public inspection Mondays 9:30a.m. - 1:30p.m., Wednesdays 9:30a.m. - 11:30a.m. and the 2nd and 4th Saturday between the hours of 9:30a.m. - 11:30a.m. at the Town Hall located at 795 Lowe Road, Cobleskill, New York. The Assessor will be in attendance with the Tentative Roll at 106 Park Place, Sharon Springs, New York, on Saturday, May 13th 8:00a.m - 12:00p.m., Monday, May 15th 8:30a.m. - 12:30p.m., Wednesday 9:30a.m. - 1:30p.m., and Friday, May 19th 4:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. A publication titled "How to File a Complaint on Your Assessment" and complaint forms can be found online at www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/grievancebooklet.pdf or they will be available at the Assessor's Office. The Town of Seward Board of Assessment Review will meet on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 795 Lowe Road, Cobleskill during the hours of 5:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. Public Notice - Bovina NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessor of the Town of BOVINA, County of Delaware has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy has been filed at the Bovina Town Hall. The roll may be seen and examined by any interested person until the Fifth Tuesday in May (May 30th, 2023), at the Delaware County Office of Real Property Website: http://www.co.delaware.ny.us/departments/tax/rolls.htm, a publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available at: https://www.tax.ny.gov/forms/orpts/assessment\_grievance.htm The Assessor will be in attendance with the Bovina Tentative Assessment Roll the following days at the Town of Delhi Town Hall at 5 Elm Street Delhi. Monday, May 15th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm Tuesday, May 16th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm Thursday, May 18th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm Saturday, May 20th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm HEARING OF COMPLAINTS The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Tuesday May 30th, 2023 between the hours of 4 pm and 8 pm at the BOVINA Town Hall, in said Town to hear and examine all complaints in relationship to assessments on the written application, correctly filled out, accompanied with the required data of any person believing himself to be aggrieved. Public Notice - Lexington Pursuant to Section 506 & Section 526 of the Real Property Tax Law:

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- ACROSS**
- 1) Pilgrimage for some
  - 5) EPA determination
  - 8) Weight loss guru Jenny
  - 13) Neutral shade
  - 14) Shiny wrap
  - 15) Striped equine
  - 16) What cowboys call ladies
  - 17) Start of many fairy tales
  - 18) "Pardon me" grunts
  - 19) Take five
  - 22) Comic strip penguin
  - 23) Common practice
  - 24) Bluegrass instruments
  - 27) Truck-weight unit
  - 29) Souvlaki ingredient
  - 33) Projecting bay window
  - 34) Instruct a class
  - 36) "A pox on you!"
  - 37) What anxiety provides
  - 40) Airport monitor info
  - 41) Elliptical shapes
  - 42) Way to a man's heart?
  - 43) Bumper mishap
  - 45) Elizabethan or Gaslight
  - 46) In optimum conditions
  - 47) Where the smallest human bone is
  - 49) "It's either them \_\_\_"
  - 50) Far from a warm welcome
  - 58) Word on many nametags
  - 59) Word on a store flip sign
  - 60) Whetter's concern
  - 61) Hunter with a long belt
  - 62) Ravioli filling, often
  - 63) Acting part
  - 64) Stick out your neck
  - 65) Autograph hound's necessity
  - 66) Luge or toboggan

**PEACE BE WITH YOU** By Tim Burr

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- DOWN**
- 1) Haws partner
  - 2) Berry touted as a superfood
  - 3) "Heck!"
  - 4) Boeing product
  - 5) Abbey residents
  - 6) 1/6 inch, in printing
  - 7) "Glengarry \_\_\_ Ross" (1992)
  - 8) Rulers before 1917
  - 9) Fix, as a pump
  - 10) First homicide victim
  - 11) Noted Shirley MacLaine role
  - 12) Rival to Tuums or Beano
  - 14) Movie theater shout
  - 20) It had several long missions
  - 21) Unwanted type of cap
  - 24) Susceptible to yawns
  - 25) Appalachian feature
  - 26) Jewish calendar month
  - 27) Pioneering electrical engineer Nikola
  - 28) Clumsy fellows
  - 30) Not merely smoldering
  - 31) After-dinner freebies
  - 32) Sired, Biblically
  - 34) Alexandra's husband
  - 35) Intensify
  - 38) Each companion
  - 39) Maine specialties
  - 44) Expose by finking
  - 46) "\_\_\_ you ashamed of yourself?"
  - 48) Without assistance
  - 49) Arctic or Indian
  - 50) Ice cream flavor, for short
  - 51) Mister, in Munich
  - 52) Trojan princess of opera
  - 53) Madcap comedy
  - 54) Pointless Olympic event?
  - 55) Golden calf, infamously
  - 56) Give a longing look
  - 57) What have-nots have

**DISABLED WET living in Stamford is looking for home health aid. Flexible hours and days. Please call (607) 652-2449.**

EDITORIAL

Thank You

One of the things that's always bugged me about journalism, or at least reporting, at every level is the word "I." Perhaps it's similar to politics, but so many aspects of the press has to do with self-promotion and glory-seeking. I've done quite a bit of both, so I know I'm not immune to it.

However, there also needs to be a time where we can say thank you to our dozens of new writers for joining our paper after our great article last week. And a special thank you to our talented crew for making it happen. We couldn't do it unless we did it together.

We have a lot more coming soon!
- Matthew Avitabile
Publisher

LEGAL ADVERTISING

means of construction necessary and incidental to the completion of the work shown on the plans and described in these specifications including, but not necessarily limited to the following: The replacement of High Street Bridge over Bear Gulch Brook with a new 94 ft. span prefabricated steel truss and the reconstruction of the approach roadway approx. 225 ft. each side of the bridge. Installation of new steel bridge railing, transition bridge railing, sidewalk and curb is also included.

accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. This is a Unit Price bid. No bidder may withdraw their bid within forty-five (45) calendar days after the actual date of the bid opening. Each bid must be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond, payable to Schoharie County in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders.

RUSTY AND LILA BY BILLY SHEARS



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For further information please contact the Assessor by phone at 607-652-7931.

Public Notice - Prattsville

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Delaware County Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, May 10, 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 Law Intro. No. 19 of 2023 entitled, Salary Increase Delaware County Sheriff.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW

The Greene County Legislature on March 15th, 2023, adopted Local Law Number 2 of the Year 2023, as follows: LOCAL LAW NUMBER 2 OF 2023 A LOCAL LAW ADJUSTING THE WEIGHTED VOTE OF THE GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATURE.

Section 1. Legislative Intent It is the intent of the Greene County Legislature by this local law to adjust the weighted vote of the individual members of the Greene County Legislature to reflect the results of the 2020 United States Federal census.

Table with 8 columns: District, Municipalities, Members, Population, Population/Legislator, Population/Proportion/Legislator, Weighted# of Votes, Weighted Vote Total. Rows include Catskill, Coxsackie, Athens, Greenville, New Baltimore, Prattsville, Ashland, Windham, Jewett, Halcott, Lexington, Hunter, Cairo, and Durham.

Section 4. Effect on Prior Local Law(s) This local law shall supersede any prior local laws. Section 5. Severability If any section, subdivision, paragraph, subparagraph, clause, term, or part thereof is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent portion and such shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

WHITTLING AWAY WITH DICK BROOKS

Demon Crabgrass

Spring is in the air. The Sun is warm, the days grow longer, the first flowers are putting in an appearance. The snow blower yawns and wants to go for its summer nap. My heart should be gay, I should be skipping naked through the skunk cabbages but the fever of the spring is tempered by this gnawing little voice in the back of my skull that keeps whispering, "It's coming, it's coming!"

rection. I've tried to replace it with real grass, every year I rake the bare spots where the crabgrass hides and sow grass seeds. The poor little things germinate, sending hopeful little shoots up towards the Spring sunshine, my heart fills with hope and then the crabgrass crawls out of it's winter cracks and kills off the little grasslings and any hope that I had for a real lawn.

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Public Notice - Prattsville
Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of Prattsville, Greene County, New York, has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year, and that a copy has been filed with the Prattsville Town Clerk's Office, where it may be seen and examined by any interested person until Grievance Day.





# SK Holding Perfect Card So Far In Baseball

**DELAWARE LEAGUE** – The South Kortright Rams picked up two wins over the week, defeating Windham-Ashland-Jewett/Hunter-Tannersville 17-2 on Tuesday and Walton 7-1 on Monday to go 9-0 overall on the season.

Logan Reinshagen picked up the win from the mound on Tuesday, striking out seven WAJ/H-T batters, for his fourth win of the season. He got help from teammates Adam Champlin, who was perfect behind the bat, including a double in his two trips and scoring two runs and Darren Dengler had two RBI and scored two runs. For WAJ/H-T Shane Begley connected on a triple and John Garzone drove in one RBI.

In action on Monday, the Rams defeated Walton 7-1. Champlin picked up the win from the mound, striking out 13 Walton batters, giving up three hits and walking three.

He helped his cause with three hits on the day, including a double.

Cairo-Durham defeated WAJ/H-T in non-league action on Monday. Connor Aplin had a pair of hits in his two trips to the plate. He scored a run and drove in a run. Devon Schlosser also had a pair of hits in two trips to the plate and scored a run.

Windham/H-T defeated Roxbury 16-10 last Thursday. Connor Aplin led the offense for WAJ/H-T with a homer, scored twice and had three RBI. Tom Houlihan scored four runs and had two RBI. For Roxbury, Taran Davis had a triple and scored two runs, while Jordan Johnston added two runs and two RBI.

Gilboa defeated Jefferson/Stamford 11-1 last Thursday in a non-league game. Jacob Strauch connected four times, including two doubles and a triple to lead the battery. Joe Willie added three hits, including a pair of

doubles and one triple for three RBI to help the cause. Jon Michael Leas led J/S's battery with two hits on the day.

Charlotte Valley fell to non-league Edmeston/Morris last Thursday, in a non-league game. Jamison Quigley struck out nine batters as he picked up the loss, but attempted to help his cause with a pair of hits.

Last Thursday, SK blanked Margaretville 16-0. Logan Reinshagen, Chase Rockefeller, Jacob Staroba and Damon Pietrantonio helped the battery, each connecting on a double.

In action last Friday, South Kortright blanked Worcester 11-0 last Friday in a non-league pairing. Adam Champlin picked up the win from the mound. He got help from his teammates as Cole Thomas, Adin Haynes, Jackson Hudson, Reinshagen and Chase Rockefeller all connected on doubles.

# Charlotte Valley, Roxbury, Gilboa Pick Up Softball Wins

**DELAWARE LEAGUE** – The Charlotte Valley Lady Wildcats picked up a 16-1 victory on Tuesday in a shortened five inning game with the Margaretville Lady Blue Devils. Davenport scored three runs in the bottom of the second and Margaretville answered with one run in the top of the third. The Lady Wildcats then scored nine runs in the bottom of the inning and kept Margaretville off the scoreboard to go on for the early win. Abby Vroman, Jessica Zuill and Kailey Whitbeck all homered for CV.

In action on Monday, Roxbury defeated Stamford/Jefferson 25-2. The Lady Rockets scored eight runs in the first inning and went on the end the game early. Kimora Brown, MacKenzie Hynes and Kylie DeMaio each had a pair of hits in the win. Mikayla Wright picked up her third win of the season in the circle. Shannon Hartwell

connected on a double for Stamford/Jefferson.

Walton blasted South Kortright 31-6 in a non-league game on Monday. Ava Coons picked up the sin, striking out seven SK batters. The Lady Rams struggled with walks.

In action last Wednesday, Worcester defeated SK 16-4 in non-league action. Faith Sass led SK with three RBI.

Roxbury squeezed by Windham 22-21 last Thursday to capture a league victory. Kylie DeMao led the Lady Rockets, scoring five runs and batting in four others. Kimora Brown scored three runs for the winning team as well. For Windham, Ashtyn Hansen connected five times, including a pair of homers to bring in eight runs. The Rockets scored 5 runs in the seventh to take the win.

Charlotte Valley blanked Hunter-Tannersville 20-0 last Thurs-

day. Brinlee Wright struck out 13 H-T batters. Teammates Natalie Amadon crossed the plate for four runs and batted in two more, while Kailey Whitbeck and Clair Clark each had a pair of hits and scored three runs each.

Margaretville squeezed by South Kortright 19-18 to pick up a league win on their home field. Alyssa Maggio connected on a pair of singles, driving in the winning run for the Lady Blue Devils. Teammate Ana Gavette had a trio of singles. For SK, Christina Chakar connected on three singles.

Gilboa defeated Stamford/Jefferson 33-16 last Friday. Bailey Hughes connected on a grand slam homer and finished the day with six RBI and Caitlyn Ciaravino had three hits in her six trips to bat, including a double, for seven RBI. For S/J, Tryhnati Donato had two hits, including a triple for four RBI.



Margaretville first baseman Kaylie Clark (21) makes the play as catcher Alyssia Maggio pulls up and pitcher Ana Gavette looks on. Running to first is Charlotte Valley's Natalie Amadon during Tuesday's softball pairing at Charlotte Valley. CV won it 16-1 in five innings.



Above left: Laila Wheeler hurls a pitch during Tuesday's action at Davenport. The CV Lady Wildcats took the game over Margaretville 16-1 in five innings. Photos by Liz Page.



Above right: Margaretville catcher Allyssa Maggio makes the play on the bunt during softball action at Davenport on Tuesday.

# Last Few Weeks of Student Art Show at MURAL

If you haven't yet had an opportunity to see the student art show at the Mount Utsayantha Regional Arts League (MURAL) gallery in Hobart, time is running out—it ends Saturday, May 20. The show features works by students from Gilboa-Conesville Central School, Stamford Central School, and South Kortright Central School. The theme for the show is "Quiet Moments in My Life."

How the students interpreted that theme is highly personal, ranging from peaceful landscapes

to a closeup of sneakers. The variety of media and techniques demonstrate the wide range of instruction offered by their teachers: Robert Korba (South Kortright), Caleb Lococo (Stamford), and Michael Meli (Gilboa-Conesville). There are ceramics, acrylic paintings, watercolors, and drawings in charcoal, pastels, colored pencils, and pen and ink.

Kevin Dalton of Gilboa-Conesville Central School was awarded "Best in Show" for his untitled acrylic painting done us-

ing the grisaille technique, a method of using a single neutral color, usually gray, to impart solid modeling to the objects painted.

Chloe Alberti of Stamford Central School took a 1st Place for her acrylic painting "Mountain Landscape." Madison Albano of South Kortright Central School took a 1st Place for her stained glass "Eagle." There are a number of other first, second, third, and People's Choice awards, although the quality throughout must have



Kevin Dalton and his grandmother, Patricia Dalton, and his father, William Dalton, at the opening reception for the MURAL Student Art Show, standing next to Kevin's untitled painting that was awarded "Best in Show."

made the job of choosing extremely difficult for judges Rhonda Harrow Engel and Robert Schneider.

The next show features sculpture by David Engel and photography by Ed

Garbarino. It opens with an artists' reception on May 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. and runs through July 2.

The MURAL Art Gallery is at 631 Main Street, Hobart, NY 13788. The gallery hours

are Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. For additional information about MURAL and its 2023 schedule visit [www.muralartgallery.org](http://www.muralartgallery.org) or visit on Facebook at Mural on Main.

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**Windham Weekly Section**

# Antique Fire Apparatus Muster Announcement

The Catskills Leatherheads is a new chapter of The Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America (SPAAMFAA) located in Delaware (NY) and surrounding counties. SPAAMFAA is a diverse organization of firefighting enthusiasts who share a passion for new and antique fire apparatus, and the history and traditions of the fire service. Members include: men and women; children and

adults; firefighters, retired firefighters, never-been firefighters, and wannabe firefighters (fire explorers or juniors). We have photographers, collectors, historians, and fire buffs. Some members own antique fire apparatus, while many others do not. Some document fires and fire apparatus through photography, while still others collect books, patches, toys and models, and all manner of fire fighting memorabilia. You do not need to

own an antique fire truck to join. Anyone with an appreciation for the fire service is welcome as a member. First established in Syracuse New York in 1958, the organization is still based primarily in the United States and Canada, but it has grown to encompass over fifty local chapters.

The Catskills Leatherheads will be hosting a muster on June 3rd in Hancock, NY. A muster is best described as a "car show" for antique fire

trucks. A muster is a great family friendly event for all ages. We will have historical apparatus possibly including some hand drawn pieces from around 1900! Along with just showing these trucks their owners will have an opportunity to pump them for fun and/or in a bracket pumping competition. A parade through Hancock at 11am will be one of the highlights of the day. We have also invited teams from local fire departments to compete in a nine sta-

tion relay race in the afternoon. This will be a great opportunity for them to come together for some friendly competition with their brothers and sisters in the fire service. Walton FD Explorers will be offering breakfast on site and Hancock FD will offer lunch items after. Any fire departments or individuals with antique apparatus are invited to attend the muster even if they are not members of our chapter. Lets get those antiques out and show them off!

If you would like to find out more information please reach out to us via email or our chapter president's phone. Your assistance in spreading the word would be greatly appreciated.

Kevin M. Brown  
President of Catskills Leatherheads

Chief of Bovina Center Fire Department  
607-643-2288 (c)

CatskillsLeatherheads@gmail.com

We can also be found on Facebook!

## \$2 Million BOCES Budget Approved

### \$21 Million Preliminary Budget Adopted, Capital Reserve Discussed

By Mary A. Crisafulli

**DELHI** - Delaware Academy Central School District (DA) board of education members accepted the 2023-2024 Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES administrative budget of \$2,836,035. An additional transportation budget was approved for \$4,765 from Sept. 6 until June 30, 2024, and a summer transportation budget of \$4,765.

In another discussion, Board members adopted the proposed annual budget for 2023-2024 of \$21,547,548. The budget vote and board of education elections will occur on Tuesday, May 16, from noon until 8 p.m. in the middle school building. A budget hearing is scheduled Monday, May 8 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Also on the ballot will be the start of a capital reserve fund. Due to adjustments in state regulations, districts are now permitted to establish a capital equipment reserve fund, explained Superintendent Kelly Zimmerman. "The advantage of establishing that is it will allow us to legally set aside funds to apply to equipment, machinery, and those types of things that support STEAM instruction which are not aidable." According to Zimmerman, even if voters do not approve the capital projects in October, the equipment reserve funds can be used for other machinery updates. An explanation of the capital reserves and how they will appear on the May ballot was mailed to all Delhi residents.

In another discussion,

DA officials are working to secure the United States Department of Agriculture Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). The program allows school districts in high-poverty areas to provide free breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications. Instead of managing applications, the district will be reimbursed through a formula based on a percentage of students categorically eligible for free meals based on participation in other programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

President Tammy Neumann reported feedback she received from individuals regarding the proposed capital projects. While at the public forum earlier this month, several concerns were received regarding proposed turf sports fields, Neumann said she received comments from individuals hoping the district would fix the long-time issue of using the American Legion fields. The school district contracts with the legion annually to use the areas for \$10,000 to \$12,000.

One suggestion received, according to Neumann, was to develop the hillside behind the elementary school, which would cost eight to ten million dollars to clear and level the area. "This would be a legacy, not for us, but for future generations," she said, since the project would take over 20 years.

She also expressed that several individuals supported the proposed technology and agricultural innovation lab.

The board is expected to approve a scope of work by May 22. The board will continue to seek public input throughout the planning process.

In other business: A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, for parents and guardians to address concerns regarding the sports team merger with Downsville.

The 2022-2023 academic calendar was amended after the determination that two emergency days would not be used. The district will close on Friday, May 26, and Tuesday, May 30 of 2023.

The district will host a New York State Rural Schools Association forum where legislative advocacy for rural schools will be discussed. The event is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, at 6 p.m.

Teacher Jackie Gibson and students presented about Uke Fest and proposed the Ukulele Club attend in May. Board members approved the trip for four students and one teacher.

The board approved the cross-country team to attend a summer training camp at Camp Hilltop in Hancock in August. The team was also approved to go to Paul Short Invitational in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and the Manhattan Invitational in the fall.

Physical Education Teacher John Wake's retirement request was accepted, effective July 1.

The next board of education meeting is scheduled Monday, May 22, at 5 p.m.

## Smith Endorsed by Colchester PD

The Town of Colchester Police Department would like to announce our endorsement for current Acting Delaware County District Attorney Shawn Smith for election to a full 4-year term. Our department has had the opportunity to work with Mr. Smith while he was Delaware County's DWI prosecutor, and then as the Chief Assistant District Attorney. In the time our department has worked with Mr. Smith he has proven to be someone that is looking to find criminals account-

able for their actions and to help the victims of those crimes.

The District Attorney has a role of protecting our communities and making sure criminals are held accountable for the crimes they commit. Mr. Smith has shown that our communities can put their trust in him to prosecute criminals to the fullest extent of his powers, and to help victims feel safe.

In the short time our department has worked with Mr. Smith this year while he has held the role

of Acting District Attorney, he has been very helpful in any questions or concerns we have had pertaining to our cases. Mr. Smith has helped us over the years in getting multiple convictions, from DWI's, Felonies and Misdemeanor arrests. Our department believes that Mr. Smith is the best candidate and if elected as the District Attorney that he will put his full effort into assuring the Delaware County residents that he will do his best to keep our communities safe.

## Stamford Resident Arrested Following Harassment Complaint

Harpersfield – Today, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced that a Stamford, NY resident has been arrested following a harassment complaint.

On Saturday evening, March 25th, 2023, Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of Domestic in progress occurring in the Town of Harpersfield. During the investigation the complainant advised that 43 year old Frank Darmody, of Stamford,

NY, subjected another person to physical contact.

At the conclusion of the investigation, patrol Deputies submitted a criminal summons and order of protection request to the Town of Harpersfield Court for the charge of Harassment in the 2nd Degree.

The Town of Harpersfield Court issued a Criminal Summons for Darmody and on March 28th,

2023, Deputies subsequently arrested Darmody for 1 count of Harassment in the 2nd Degree which is a violation of the New York State Penal Law. An Order of Protection was also issued against Darmody ordering her to stay away from the complainant. Darmody was processed and released on the Criminal Summons and is to appear in the Town of Harpersfield Court at a later date.

## SEVA Workshop: Fermenting Miso Made Easy with Marguerite Uhlmann-Bower

Date: Saturday, May 20th

Time: 1:PM- 4:00 PM

Loc: SEVA Kitchen, South Kortright, NY

Fee: \$45

To Register: 607-538-1130 or email sevaprograms@gmail.com

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its complexities once you see its simplicities. We'll get to taste long-term Miso (dark & salty), short-term Miso (light & sweet), and healing Miso. All will go home with short-term Miso ready in 2-6 months, recipes, and resources to continue on your own.

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## Davenport Man Arrested For Endangering the Welfare of a Child

Davenport – Today, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced the arrest of 35 year old Brian Fitzpatrick of Davenport.

On the evening of March 29th, 2023 Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a domestic dispute in the Town of Davenport.

Deputies arrived at the residence and interviewed all parties involved in the reported domestic dispute. At the conclusion of the investigation it was determined

that a Brian Fitzpatrick unlawfully struck two juveniles within the residence during the dispute.

Deputies subsequently arrested 35 year old Brian Fitzpatrick for two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a Class A Misdemeanor in NYS Penal Law. Fitzpatrick was processed and released on an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Davenport Court at a later date to answer for said charges

## Delaware League Standings

Delaware League Varsity Baseball (7 games)		
SKCS	3-0	7-0
Gilboa	3-0	6-1
Davenport	2-0	4-2
Windham/HTC	1-1	1-3
Margaretville	0-1	0-5
Jefferson/Stamford	0-3	0-5
Roxbury	0-4	0-7

Delaware League Varsity Softball (8 games)		
Davenport	2-0	5-2
Roxbury	1-0	2-0-1
Gilboa	1-0	3-2
Margaretville	1-0	1-2
HTC	2-2	2-2
Windham	1-1	3-2
SKCS	1-2	1-7
Jefferson/Stamford	0-4	0-6

Delaware League Varsity Tennis (10 matches)		
Margaretville	7-0	7-0
HTC	4-2	4-2
Stamford/Jefferson	3-3	3-3
Windham	2-2	2-2
Andes	0-5	0-5
Roxbury	2-5	2-5

## South Kortright Defeats Windham/HT

Final score: SKCS 17, Windham/HTC 2

Our record is now 1-2 league and 1-5 overall

Pitching: SK - Logan Reinshagen 4 innings pitched, 7 K's, 1 walk, 2 hits allowed, 2 runs allowed. Windham/HTC - Connor Aplin 2.2 innings pitched, 1 K, 8 walks, 3 hits allowed, 8 runs allowed.

Hitting: SK - Adam Champlin 2 for 2, 1 double, and 2 runs scored. Darren Dengler 1 for 1, 2 walks, 2 runs scored, and 2 RBI's. Windham/HTC - Shane Begley 1 for 2, 1 triple, 1 run scored. John Garzone - 1 for 2 with 1 RBI.

Windham/HTC. 100 10 - 2, 2 hits, 1 error

SKCS. 714 5x - 17, 7 hits, 2 errors

## ONC BOCES Students Take Home 1st and 2nd Prize

Two students from the ONC BOCES Culinary Arts Program traveled with their instructors, Chef Jody Albano and Vesti Misner, to compete in the 3rd Annual Gourmet Burger Battle NYS-RA ProStart Invitational held at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. The students, Anthony Accordino and Skye Lewis, placed first and second place in the competition, respectively. Mr. Accordino prepared an Italian Manza Burger and Mr. Lewis prepared a Stuffed Smokehouse Pub Burger.



## ONC BOCES Mechatronics Student Receives Award

This year's Klein Tools Outstanding Graduate Award was presented to Mechatronics Senior Ty McKinney. Mr. McKinney will be attending SUNY Delhi's Mechatronics Program in the Fall. He was presented with a personalized certificate, set of Lineman's Pliers and a set of Klein Electrical Tools to start his career. Each student received a complimentary Klein Tool because of their dedication to the program.



## ONC Students Build Hot Water Skid

The ONC BOCES Mechatronics/Robotics Junior Class built a hot water skid complete with individual disconnects, isolation and unions for tank exchange, removable headers, expansion tank, temperature regulation valve, pressure and temperature monitoring. The unit was assembled in class and made to be dismantled into modular units for transportation and installation. This excellent work-based learning event incorporated many of their skills.



## Army Medical Event Continued from A1

to \$82,192 annually.  
 Personnel Director Car-rara Knoetgen raised to \$85,731 annually.  
 Director of Information and Technology increased to \$94,124 annually.  
 Director of Emergency Services Stephen Hood increased to \$71,698 annually.  
 Director of Community Mental Health Services Douglas Elston increased to \$102,306 annually.  
 Commissioner of Social Services Sylvia Armano increased to \$106,408 annually.  
 Director of Veterans Services Agency Charles Piper

raised to \$56,981 annually.  
 Director Office for the Aging Wayne Shepard raised to \$81,897 annually.  
 County Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett increased to \$104,564 annually.  
 Director of Economic Development Glenn Nealis increased to \$93,738 annually.  
 Commissioner of Public Works James Thomas raised to \$110,607 annually.  
 Public Health Director Amanda Walsh increased to \$108,562 annually.  
 County Clerk Debra Goodrich raised to \$77,819 annually.

Sheriff Craig DuMond increased to \$97,822 annually.  
 County Treasurer Beverly Shields increased to \$77,819 annually.  
 A public hearing was set for May 10 at 1 p.m. regarding a local law to provide an additional raise to Sheriff Craig DuMond. If approved, DuMonds salary will increase from \$97,822 annually to \$100,422.  
 Board members entered into an executive session to discuss personnel matters.  
 The next board of supervisors meeting is scheduled May 10, following the public hearing at 1 p.m.

## Tague Calls for Whole Milk in School

Assemblyman Chris Tague is asking the public to show their support for his legislation to bring back whole milk in schools (A.2321) after the downstate-driven majority in the Assembly blocked the bill from coming out of committee to the full house up for a vote. Tague has launched a petition on his Assembly website (<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Chris-Tague/story/105729>) so the public can show its

support for the popular measure and motivate lawmakers in Albany to reinstate whole milk in schools – a product that was needlessly banned, to many parents' surprise, during the Obama Administration.  
 "So many people are surprised to learn that whole milk is not an option for their kids at school," said Tague. "As parents learn this, they want to give their kids that option back because

not only is it considered the healthiest option by many doctors, nutritionists and parents but it's also good for our farms and our economy. Everyone wins, and I feel that families should at least have the choice."  
 Since first introducing the bill in 2022, Tague said he has received overwhelming support from parents, educators, nutritionists, farmers and more. Specifically, his legislation would allow schools to purchase whole and 2% milk produced in New York state. A similar program is already in place in Pennsylvania and is very successful.

Additionally, this federal restriction led to a decrease in milk consumption among children and a rise in milk dumping in upstate dairy farms, many of which have been struggling financially or have closed in recent years. Tague's legislation would address all of these concerns by allowing school children to get the same nutritious milk products that they are accustomed to at home at school, and help stabilize the dairy industry across our state.

## New Visions Students Tour Unison Industries

On Thursday, March 16, 2023, Unison Industries provided a tour of their Norwich, New York facility to the ONC BOCES New Visions Engineering Class of 2023. Unison Aerospace is a leading manufacturer of connector systems bought by many modern leaders in space exploration including NASA, SpaceX, and the US Military. Students visited several departments including the "space cell," where they learned about the



development of ignition systems used in rockets.

## ONC BOCES Engineering Students Visit Alvogen Pharmaceuticals

On Thursday, March 16, Alvogen Pharmaceuticals hosted a panel and tour for the New Visions Engineering Class of 2023 in Norwich, NY. The panel was given by Engineers Maxwell Britton, Jesi Unger, Meghan Ricco, and Gary Friend. They outlined each of their backgrounds and their differing career experiences before they came to be employed at Alvogen. After an informative discussion, the students were given a tour of the facility led by Engineers Maxwell Britton and Gary Friend. This tour outlined many of the company's efficient production practices, safety precautions, and other building maintenance needs. The tour started with a safety discussion and the students were properly equipped for



the floor. The tour was led through the production facility and into a maintenance room where they discussed some of the processes needed to run and maintain the facility. After the tour, the students gathered for cookies and soda and a last-minute opportunity to ask questions about their visit.  
 The students are very grateful to have been given the opportunity to learn more about the pharmaceutical industry and the special technology and efficiency that Alvogen has developed and has at their disposal.

## MCS Budget, Continued from B7

while electricity is up by about \$30,000 to \$190,000, and gas and oil is up by \$20,000 to \$170,000.

Last month, board Scott VanKuren wondered why the district does not lower the tax levy even further considering the high amount of fund balance that the district has every year.

A public hearing is set for May 3.

Also on the May 16 budget will be:

\* Two candidates, Sean Lawton and Bonnie Snyder, for one three-year seat on the school board. Mr. VanKuren is not running for re-election.

\* A bus purchase proposition of up to \$306,500 for three buses: a 60-passenger of \$154,000, a 30-passenger with air conditioning for \$103,000, and a minivan for \$48,000. The district gets 77.3 percent back in state aid on transportation purchases. All vehicles are gas.

\* Establishing a capital reserve fund of up to \$4 million for 10 years. The district gets back 79.8 percent in state building aid on any work.

\* A repair reserve fund of up to \$200,000 for capital improvements or equipment not recurring annually or

in shorter intervals. It is to be funded with excess fund balance.

## M'burgh Drops Home Games Knights to Face Schoharie Indians for the Final Time

By David Avitabile

MIDDLEBURGH - The Knights dropped three home games last week losing to Fonda-Fultonville, Fort Plain, and Mekeel.

On Wednesday, the Knights lost 6-1 to Mekeel. Mekeel scored three runs in the first inning and added single runs in both the fourth, fifth, and seventh before MCS tallied one in the seventh.

Jason Hoop struck out nine in six innings for Middleburgh, who fell to 0-6 in the league and 0-7 overall. Billy Martinez pitched in relief.

Ben Croote went 2-3 for Middleburgh and Ian Hoop added a single and a run batted in. Bradeon All and Lucas Shaw also had singles.

On Monday, MCS fell 9-2 to Fort Plain. After two scoreless frames, the Hilltoppers scored three runs in both of the third and fourth innings. MCS scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning after Fort Plain scored three runs in the top of the frame.

Derrick Fuller started for the Knights and struck out seven. Conner Mattice and Drew Hall pitched in relief.

At the plate, Fuller went 2-3 with a double, Croote doubled and scored a run, John Shaw singled and scored a run, and All had an RBI double.

Last Friday, MCS fell 17-2 to Fonda-Fultonville. Fuller, Martinez, Croote, and Mattice pitched for the Knights.

Fuller and John Shaw had back-to-back doubles in the third inning as the Knights scored their two runs.

Next week, the Knights are home versus Schoharie, probably the last time they will play the Indians.

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# LEGAL ADVERTISING

4:30; and May 13th 1pm til 5pm and May 18th from 1:30-5:30. The Board of Assessment Review will meet on May 24th, 2023 from 4pm til 8pm, at Prattsville Town Hall, 14517 Main St., to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments on the application of any persons believing him/herself to be aggrieved. Application and instructions for filing a complaint are available from your assessor or online at tax.ny.gov. Dated this 1st day of May, 2023. Nancy Wyncoop Bower, Sole Assessor  
**Planning Board Meeting Notice - Stamford**  
 The Village of Stamford Zoning Board of Appeals

will hold a meeting on Thursday, May 11th, 2023 at 7:00pm at Village Hall. Jamison Hanway Stamford Village Clerk  
**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 neces-

sary 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 a member 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 re-

ceived 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 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 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.  
**DATED:** March 21, 2023  
 Mandy VanValkenburgh, Clerk  
 Board of Education

Gilboa-Conesville Central School District

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. the following properties will be sold by the Schoharie County Treasurer for non-payment of taxes. These parcels were acquired by the County of Schoharie pursuant to Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York. The parcels will be individually sold to the highest bidder, and the sale will take place at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds located on 113 Sunshine Drive in Cobleskill, New York. Pursuant to Article 11, full title has been transferred to the County of Schoharie. On May 20, 2023 said title, deed and ownership will be sold to the highest bidder at the public auction.  
 A description of the parcels to be included in the auction is listed below along with the assessed valuation of the parcel. The County Treasurer reserves the right to reject any and all bids on any parcel. Bidders must pre-register at the Treasurer's Office by Thursday, May 18, 2023.

### LIST OF PARCELS TO BE AUCTIONED ON MAY 20, 2023

TOWN	#	PRIOR OWNER	TAX MAP #	ACCOUNT	ASSESSED:	MKT VAL	ACREAGE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF BROOME	01	FIGARO	130-1-17	415100265	119,700	119,700	3.80	263 WINDY RIDGE RD	1 Family Residence Abandoned house on 3.8 acres with 350 feet of frontage on rice blacktop road. Small pond on property. Nice views.
TOWN OF BROOME	02	GURAU	152-4-3	415100653	5,000	5,000	0.22	1127 STATE ROUTE 145	Vacant with improvement Dilapidated structure on small 0.22 acre lot with 206 feet of frontage on State Route 145.
TOWN OF BROOME	03	HIGGINS	164-1-29	4151185018	31,600	31,600	1.86	817 STATE ROUTE 145	Mobile Home Dilapidated old single wide trailer on a surveyed triangular lot which borders the Catskill Creek. Parcel has designated wet lands.
TOWN OF BROOME	04	LUCERO	130-2-6	4151188005	14,100	14,100	6.10	OFF MARY TAYLOR RD	Rural Vacant For sale to adjoining property owners only. Parcel is landlocked with no direct access. Adjoins Auction Parcel #5
TOWN OF BROOME	05	LUCERO	130-2-6	4151183008	6,700	6,700	4.8	OFF MARY TAYLOR RD	Rural Vacant For sale to adjoining property owners only. Parcel is landlocked with no direct access. Adjoins Auction Parcel #4
TOWN OF BROOME	06	SALOMON	163-3-11	4151179004	62,600	62,600	3.95	412 KEYSERKILL RD	1 Family Residence Abandoned 1 family home on a surveyed lot with a pond. Nice country setting with 744 feet of frontage on blacktop road.
TOWN OF BROOME	07	SPROVERO	175-3-2	415100629	144,000	144,000	58.75	172 MACE HILL RD	Private Forest Large abandoned structure on a large wooded parcel with 1,380 ft of frontage on a maintained road. Adjoins state land.
TOWN OF CARLSLE	08	POLIZI	35-3-21	425101425	82,000	164,000	7.70	129 POLIZI RD	1 Family Residence Single family home with large barn. Access via private road off of Sagedoff Corners Rd. Private country setting. May be occupied.
TOWN OF COBLESKILL	09	THORPE	57-6-1-9	4351100126	8,900	15,614	0.30	673 BARNERVILLE RD	1 Family Residence Abandoned single family home on a small lot with 160 feet of frontage on good blacktop road. Parcel has 130 feet of frontage on quiet good blacktop road.
TOWN OF COBLESKILL	10	TRITOWN LLC	56-13-4-18	431A101088	25,000	43,860	0.20	113 PINE ST	1 Family Residence Large abandoned village home on a quiet dead-end street with 89 feet of frontage on good blacktop road.
TOWN OF CONESVILLE	11	BENNETT (ESTATE)	195-1-18	445209006	1,000	1,000	0.98	BATES FOREST RD	Abandoned Ag Mostly wooded parcel on a private road off of East Conesville Road. Adjoins state land.

TOWN OF ESPERANCE	12	MOORE	19-1-2-19	465100236	3,800	5,421	0.18	212 PIDDLE RD	Rural Vacant <10 Small 0.18 acre lot with 100 ft of frontage on good road. & 100 ft of frontage on Schoharie Creek. setting. Great spot for a RV. Flooded in 2011.
TOWN OF FULTON	13	LODEN	115-1-8	465101054	4,100	6,716	3.30	OFF PLEASANT VALLEY RD	Private Forest Wooded 3.3 acre parcel which borders a stream and adjoins state land.
TOWN OF FULTON	14	MARTIN	159-1-27	4651177004	52,900	112,457	1.00	1119 GUINEA RD	Manufactured Home Abandoned single family home on a 1 acre lot with 255 feet of frontage on good blacktop road.
TOWN OF JEFFERSON	15	REDFERN	178-5-42	4851187101	7,862	17,767	5.33	CASTLE MOUNTAIN RD	Rural Vacant Surveyed 5.33 acre wooded parcel on a private road. Quiet and secluded country setting.

TOWN	#	PRIOR OWNER	TAX MAP #	ACCOUNT	ASSESSED:	MKT VAL	ACREAGE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
TOWN OF MIDDLEBURGH	16	BUSH LUMBER CO INC	106-15-6-10	491A100074	136,000	266,667	0.50	109 CHESTNUT ST	Lumber Yard Former lumber yard on a village lot with some outbuildings.
TOWN OF MIDDLEBURGH	17	SNIFFEN III	118-1-27	4651183003	20,000	39,216	1.00	108 BUNNY HILL LN	Manufactured Housing Older single wide mobile home on a 1 acre lot with 150 feet of frontage on Huntensland Rd. Nice setting. May be occupied.
TOWN OF RICHMONDVILLE	18	FALZARANO	78-14-1-6	501A208007	3,500	4,834	0.30	HARROWAY RD	Rural Vacant Small wooded parcel with frontage on 2 good roads - Karas Rd and Harroway Rd.
TOWN OF SCHOHARIE	19	14 MAAN STREET SCHOHARIE LLC	72-17-5-1	511A100838	15,300	23,039	1.0	MAIN ST	Residential Vacant Land Rectangular 1 acre village lot with 74 feet of frontage on Main St.
TOWN OF SCHOHARIE	20	ANTHONY	72-4-25	515100089	1,000	1,506	0.30	RICKARD HILL RD	Rural Vacant Small vacant lot with 219 feet of frontage on good blacktop road.
TOWN OF SCHOHARIE	21	LIDDLE	72-4-16	515100415	8,600	12,950	0.20	396 RICKARD HILL RD	1 Family Residence Single family home on a small lot with 50 feet of frontage on good blacktop road. Parcel will be sold with and combined with Auction Parcel #22
TOWN OF SCHOHARIE	22	LIDDLE	72-4-18-2	5151196004	600	903	0.04	RICKARD HILL RD	Rural Vacant Parcel too small to be of any use. Parcel will be sold with and combined with Auction Parcel #21
TOWN OF SCHOHARIE	23	MADSEN	71-15-2-10	511A100922	20,500	30,869	0.50	155 BRIDGE ST	1 Family Residence Abandoned single family home on a 0.50 acre village lot with 105 feet of frontage on Bridge St. Parcel flooded in 2011.
TOWN OF SEWARD	24	MELLITAS	52-1-12	525101485	20,500	41,000	5.02	734 WEST RICHMONDVILLE RD	Seasonal Residence Seasonal residence on a nice surveyed 5 acre lot. Mostly wooded lot with 300 ft of frontage on Bridge St. good blacktop rd. Nice quiet country setting.
TOWN OF SHARON	25	WHITE	5-17-1-15	531A100826	22,500	45,000	0.30	517 HIGHWAY ROUTE 20	1 Family Residence 1 Family Residence on a 0.3 acre lot with 42 feet of frontage on Highway Route 20 in the Village of Sharon Springs.
TOWN OF WRIGHT	26	COCKER	63-1-12	5551185009	80,800	158,431	10.41	937 STATE ROUTE 146	Rural Residence House & outbuilding on a nice 10.41 acre surveyed lot on Albany County line. 600 ft of frontage on State Route 146. Nice county setting. May be occupied.

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## Ditched

The operator of a 2023 Toyota Camry was traveling westbound on Townsend Hollow Road, near Fleischmanns on April 21 and told State Police he swerved to avoid an animal in the roadway, and drove into a ditch.

The driver was not injured and no charges were filed. The Margaretville Hospital Ambulance Squad responded and personnel from the Arkville and Fleischmanns fire departments assisted. — Contributed photo

## Superintendent Named At RCS

Stacy Ward Begins Duties On June 1

By Brian Sweeney  
ROXBURY — Stacy Ward was named Superintendent of Schools by the Roxbury Central School Board of Education at its April 11 meeting.

She will begin her duties as the Deputy Superintendent on June 1 and have the opportunity to focus on the transition with Interim Superintendent Dr. Joanne Shelmidine for the month of June. On July 1, Ms. Ward will begin to serve as the Superintendent.

Ms. Ward is currently the Executive Director of Professional Learning and Student Services overseeing all instructional programming at ONC BOCES. Before coming to BOCES, she spent eight years as the elementary principal at East Hill School in the Canajoharie Central School District. Ms. Ward also



Stacy Ward

has experience as a staff developer, data analyst, elementary teacher, and museum education administrator.

She new superintendent earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and master's degrees from SUNY Oneonta and SUNY Albany. She is currently a doctoral student in Curriculum and Instruction at SUNY Albany.

"Ms. Ward has the experience and skills to successfully lead the

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## Investigator Takes Stand In Fleischmanns Voter Case

Testimony Continues Over Registrations

By Mary A. Crisafulli  
DELHI - Delaware County Supreme Court Justice Brian Burns heard the testimony of Christopher Erwin, Sheriff's Department Senior Investigator, regarding his findings on voter fraud allegations in Fleischmanns on April 21.

Mayoral candidate Elizabeth Hughes and trustee candidates Todd Pascarella and Yvonne Reuter petitioned 81 absentee ballots in the 2023 election that remain unopened by court order. Petitioners allege that votes were cast by individuals who don't live in the Village of Fleischmanns.

Erwin's initial tes-

timony on Apr. 4 was interrupted when after reviewing several of the voter registration cases, it was determined by Judge Burns and the attorneys that Erwin would develop a report on each registration to submit as evidence to preserve court time.

During his second testimony, Erwin said the investigation is still pending. Erwin was charged with investigating 114 registrations, completing 82 at the point of deposition.

According to Erwin, 81 of the 114 registered voters in question voted via absentee ballot during the 2023 village election.

Erwin focused on those who voted after consulting with his council and the Peti-

tioners Attorney Daniel Belzil.

Erwin utilized a computer system called The Last One (TLO) to investigate the voters, which works off TransUnion credit reports. Erwin inputted voter information provided by the Board of Elections, including date of birth, name, phone number, and address, to generate a TLO report which delivered other known addresses, property tax information, business filings, Social Security filings, and more.

Erwin procured counsel on Election Law from New York State Board of Elections, Delaware County Board of Elections, and the New York State Sheriffs Association. According to election

law, the sheriff association representative said a residence is where someone intends to return, which could include second or seasonal homes.

### What's allowed

Delaware County Board of Elections Deputy Commissioner Robin Alger informed Erwin that individuals are permitted to vote from a residence where they don't live full-time, such as a secondary residence. Alger referenced the 1983 supreme court case *Ferguson v. McNab*.

Erwin could not recall precisely what the state Board of Elections provided as a definition and was unable to find such a definition in his investigative notes. Ho-

wever, Erwin believed the state referred to a residence as domicile, meaning a permanent home or place to which an individual has a substantial connection.

Erwin testified that he could interview the 82 individuals via phone conversations, but none were present at the Fleischmanns residence when he visited. He further testified that several of the homes appeared to be vacant for days or months.

During Belzil's examination of Erwin, Judge Burns reminded him questions should focus on the facts of the investigation, as voter registration determination is left to the authority of the court and board of elections.

Also testifying on Friday was Richard Cecce, a private investigator hired by petitioners. Cecce testified he attempted to deliver court subpoenas to registered voters at approximately 12 addresses in Fleischmanns on three occasions with no success. The subpoenas were then posted to the door and sent by mail to the Fleischmanns address and a secondary mailing address provided by Belzil. Cecce also testified that several Fleischmanns residences appeared unoccupied for several months when visiting.

Justice Burns set a conference with attorneys for Friday, April 28, to determine and schedule any remaining testimonials in the case.

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# Everyone Has A Story: Spotlight on Sharon Brookhouse Suess

**By Elizabeth Mami Livingstone**

Inside each person is a creative soul. For some, an undiscovered ability lies dormant waiting to be shared. And... if they have found that spark, that passion, what do they do with it?

Some are born with the desire to create: a sonnet, a poem. Others, a masterful piece of fine art or sculpture. Melodic vibrations create a buzz in the ear of musicians or songwriters. Some find their way along a criss-crossing path, in and out of creativity, somehow able to define their idea and bring it to a finished product.

Then there are the ones on the sidelines- observing these cultural artisans- giving support; they encourage and assist. They are as important as the artist themselves.

In this Catskill newspaper, stories will be shared. To let others know of the brave, depressed, exciting, lost,

complicated and incredible people that bring beauty to our communities and beyond.

*A Caring, Vibrant Light Shines From Halcottsville* — Sharon Brookhouse Suess.

Let me begin by stating her last name is pronounced as "Cease," not like Dr. Suess.

But that's the only difference between the two, for Sharon (Sherry) is like the charming beauty and effervescence that poured into Dr. Susses' children's books. She carries a light, a light that shines from her and falls on everything in her path. Her aura is the kind of illumination that as humans, we all strive to be.

A kindness and generosity of spirit, beaming with a crystal blue and dazzling silver shroud; you just want to be under it with her. A rainy day and she's the one with the pink umbrella.

She has added to her resume throughout the

years, it is vast. A designer, an artist, a teacher, writer and poet. She's a soft spoken woman, with a gentle nature, but the strength she holds inside is revealed by everything she touches.

Sherry came out of the incredible New Paltz SUNY Art Education course, Farmingdale for Graphic Design and used those skills as a graphic designer at Frost Valley YMCA and At-A-Glance (Meade West -Vaco).

**Bright watercolors**

Her luminous and bright watercolors, colored pencil work brings lightness to every heart that looks upon them. A force of nature in her writing, reminiscent of a "Grandma Moses painting," in written form. Memories of a way of life we all wish we could remain in forever.

She's designed many things as a graphic artist, from designing the soccer ball for the Soccer hall of fame in Co-

perstown to her children's book, "The Mean Green Cleaning Machine. A wonderful story with incredible colored pencil work. Within, a common story within its lines: how to be self motivating, sticking with a job even though you don't want to and the pride that is learned from accomplishment; a teaching and learning book for all ages.

Sherry's poetry is thoughtful and sweet, bringing tears to your eyes, a heartfelt thump to your heart and a swish from a clear morning breeze that brings fond emotions to your mind. .

She is a wonderful instructor, teaching Introduction to Watercolor classes, from beginner to advanced; her classes and workshops are in many venues throughout our community. Frost Valley has Sherry to its campus in the incredible sheltered woods and also teaches at the Stamford Headwaters site with Rox-

bury Arts Group. A love of family, friends and a home in the Catskills, are displayed in each of her swift, intense brushstrokes.

Currently she is working on a Guinness world record, called "The Pull Tab Challenge." The common white plastic tabs we pull off of milk and juice cartons, then discard without a thought as to where it's going.

**Creative spark**

She had the idea to bring notice to this at first glance a very small item, but... in the millions- they clog our riverways and beaches, and end up polluting everything and everyone. They are around us... and in us, it seems- for the next thousand years.

The community has gathered around her, having Pull Tab parties, linking the pull tabs into long streams of white glaring plastic, connecting them into something useful and creative, and also...

connecting those around her. And isn't that the idea? Connection?

From a simple Birch Tree watercolor, to a children's book, to a garland of plastic "Pull Tabs", her message is clear. Family...friends... community and the self. Love and empathy for others is what makes us human and in Sherry, you will find that quality abundant.

If you see Sherry at the local post office, say "Hello," because guaranteed, she will say it first.

You can find Sherry's books on: Amazon.com, and in local places where books are sold.

You can find her on Facebook, Instagram and at [suess@catskill.net](http://suess@catskill.net)

Support her Guinness World Record Pull Tab Challenge on Facebook. Let's support Sherry's quest to educate others about single use plastics and bring awareness to everyday things we can do to help fight climate change.

## Roxbury Central School Names Third Period Honor Students

ROXBURY — Honor students for the third quarter have been listed at Roxbury Central School.

**Superintendent's List**

Grade 4:  
Mason Hubbard  
Isabell Sarter

Grade 5:  
Noelle McLaughlin  
Emlyn Smith

Grade 6:  
Lily Aulino  
Eric Hejnal  
Michaela Tucker  
Kaleb Vamosy

Grade 7:  
None

Grade 8:  
None

Grade 9:  
Addy Hynes

Grade 10:  
Jordan Johnston  
Kelly Kalleberg  
Logan Vamosy  
Lola Weil

Grade 11:  
Juliauna Boyles  
Tea Mattice  
Erin McPherson  
Naomi Wehmeir

Grade 12  
Nevaeh Ballard  
Kylie DeMaio  
Sophia Needham  
Madison Tobon

**High Honor Roll**

Grade 4:  
Chloe Burgwin  
Tristan Jansen  
Natalie Marshall  
Paige Oliver  
Chase Vamosy  
Tanner Ware

Grade 5:  
Madilyn Goodchild  
Vincent Miraglio  
Ava Poniros  
Derek Speenburgh

Grade 6:  
Kinyah Brown  
Brayden Hubbard  
McKinley Porter  
Devon Zambri

Grade 8:  
Alexa DeMaio  
Jillian Mosley  
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Grade 9:  
Kendra Balcom  
Jacey O'Donnell

Grade 10:  
Christopher Garofolo  
Elizabeth Jansen  
Johnathan Knapp  
Elizabeth Losee  
Collin Lyke  
Gianna Miraglio  
Mikayla Wright

Grade 12:  
Maxwell Curtis  
MacKenzie Hynes  
Jillian Lyke  
Megan Stock

**Honor Roll**

Grade 4  
Carmine Cilento  
Thia Keough  
Aubrey Swartz  
Ariah Weishar

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Gina Galunas  
Levi Potter  
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Johannah Beers  
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Marek Voeks  
Rhea Wallace

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Blake Albano  
Keith Grieco  
Savannah Pettersen  
Chamille Sass  
Aurora Stingel  
Abigail Zambri

Grade 10:  
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# Getting Out There

By Peter Manning

## Go To The Mountains

“Doctors say go to the mountains” reads an old ad from the New York, Ontario & Western Railway. Pitching the Catskills as “a region of absolute health at a moderate cost”, this ad hints at the competitive economic climate of the railroads and the booming lodging industry in the latter years of 19th century. And too, the height of the adage that the Catskills are good for what ails you. And while we cannot overstate the profound impact of the railroads on the history of the Catskills, we recognize this era as only a single chapter in the greater and ongoing place-defining narrative. The Catskills will always be good for what ails you, and the infrastructure of the railroads will continue to play a vital role.

With narrative comes motion and story, as well as spatial connectivity. Migration from congested city to peaceful countryside, as clean water flows in the opposite direction.

### Transformation

Whatever daily grind, stuffy office, cacophonous din, or latest crisis – indeed whatever kryptonite may be nipping at your heels, there’s a phone booth up ahead to jump into and become transformed. Beginning with Rip Van Winkle and running through the grand hotels and the smaller boarding houses, family farm vacations and dude ranches, ski chalets and second homes, short-term rentals and campgrounds, and day trips – all these are expressions in the overall theme that going to the Catskills has the cure for you.

Even with the pandemic and the primacy of its “push-factor” dynamic of leaving the city, there is the cherished reward of coming to the Catskills. And that we can’t quite put a finger on this magnetism is itself the allure and driving essence. Not quite sure what it is, but it doesn’t matter: we need it.

All these common threads of Catskills history -- as they may be learned of through reading books or having experiences in the landscape -- provide us with touchstones to which we can reconnect, reimagine, and even turn to the future with proactive and positive attitudes. There is always fresh inspiration to be found in discovering pieces of the puzzle in the landscape. There are puzzles that have become undone and

new ones that need to be put together. In the case of old railroads, it’s often both.

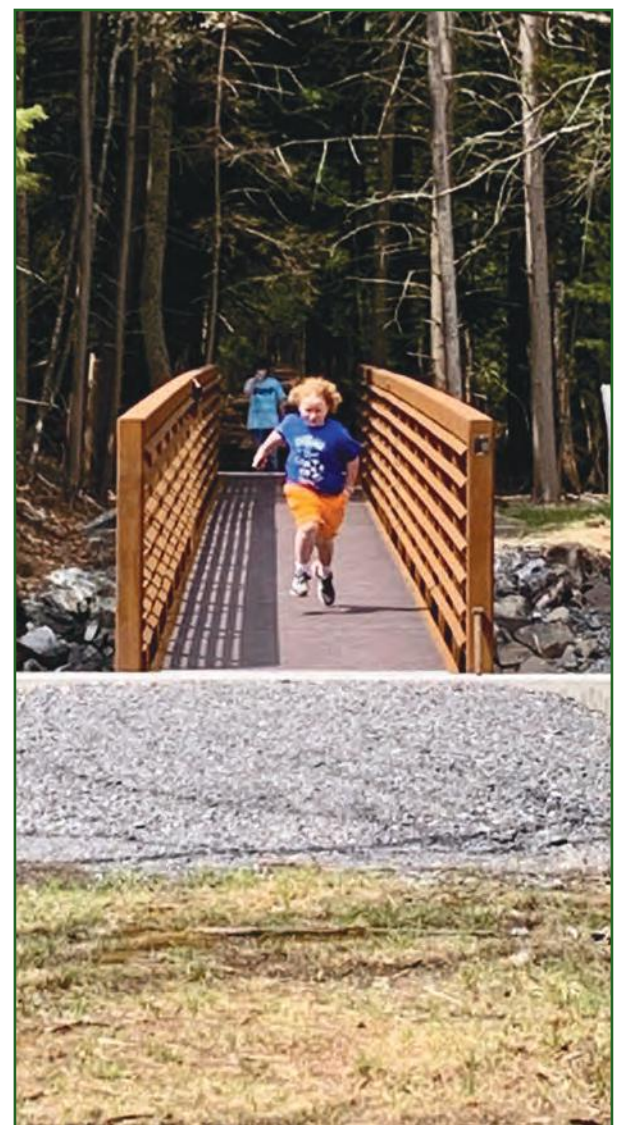
When an abandoned railroad line remains in single, public ownership as a linear right of way, the revitalization process – be it for a tourist train or a rail trail – is usually more straightforward. The Catskill Scenic Trail, the Ashokan Rail Trail, and the Delaware and Ulster Railroad are great success stories. But when an old railbed resides on a patchwork of public and privately owned parcels, the revitalization work will typically require elevated levels of dedication and a strong, long-term vision. And then there are road and stream crossings. It’s almost as if a new railroad company needs to be formed. Well, in similar fashion, this is what has taken place for the Hunter Regional Trail in Greene County.

### Teamwork

Through the persistent efforts of a partnership that includes local government, NYSDEC, NYCDEP, Greene County Soil & Water, nonprofit organizations, businesses, state legislators, volunteers, and landowners, the 11-mile Hunter Regional Trail is steadily taking shape. With three sections now completed, the vision to connect the village of Hunter with Kaaterskill Falls is another step closer to reality. On Earth Day, a large group gathered to celebrate the opening of a new, 90-foot pedestrian bridge, which crosses a Schoharie Creek tributary and adds another three-quarters of a mile of rail trail. The new section extends the western end of the trail from Dolan’s Lake closer to the Huckleberry Multi-Use Trail, a two-mile section centered on Tannersville and reaching east to the Kaaterskill Rail Trail that connects the Mountain Top Historical Society with Kaaterskill Falls (1.7 miles).

### Appreciation

Strolling along the old railbed after Saturday’s ceremony, I was influenced by a strong sense of appreciation. All the work that went into the old berm under our feet took on a renewed respect, made possible by present-day teamwork and commitment. Restoration of this resource reconnects people with the Catskills. What’s more is that this section of trail will be ADA accessible, further reinforcing a direct connection with former Camp Jened, 1953-1977 (see photo). And the connections will continue. With just about everyone arriving by car, this trail will serve vital needs for non-motorized circulation on the Mountaintop. The motivation to connect the village of Hunter with Kaaterskill Falls and



The new bridge near Stony Clove.

the extended hiking trail system is rooted in and driven by the collective appreciation of place.

The Hunter Regional Trail is an expression of the ever-strengthening regional understanding that economic health not only depends on tourism and recreation, but that it will be sustained by accommodating visitors and preserving wild places -- especially peoples’ connecting with these places. For many, the privilege to live in or visit the Catskills is accompanied by a responsibility to initiate and nourish these connections. See you in the mountains.

*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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# Here's The Scoop

## I Must Be Dreaming

By Brian Sweeney

The rule of thumb when it comes to mattresses is that these important items should be replaced about every seven years. Give or take. A lot, in this case.

I still remember (shockingly) more than 15 years ago when we sold our house and included many of our furnishings in the transaction. We were starting fresh in a "new" old home and kind of wanted to begin from scratch, except for some beloved antiques. We figured these pieces were old by definition, so it was fine to bring them as they would become more antique each day.

Anyhow, in a bit of slightly poor timing, we ended up moving into our home without an actual bed. The arrival of the new bed was delayed by a few days. That was fine since someone loaned us an air mattress for a few nights. As air mattresses go, this was a nice one. It only lacked one thing: air. Well, it did have air, but only until about 2 a.m. At that point, my wife and I were becoming excruciatingly familiar with the term "hardwood floors."

### Pumped up

Each night, about the same time, we had to get up and pump air back into the mattress in an attempt to secure a few more hours of restless sleep. After three or four nights of this routine (I think my memory was clouded by the total of about 11 hours of sleep) our new bed arrived. I have never — and likely will never again — slept as well as I did that first night on the real mattress.

It's not that I'm cheap — well, there's that, too — but mostly we haven't replaced that mattress in a decade-and-a-half because it's held up quite well. Or, maybe we're just used to taking our lumps.

We've talked about a new mattress for quite some time. Things got more serious when my chiropractor suggested my stiff back would likely benefit from a mattress constructed in 2023. She also recommended that I consider not building stone walls but I told her I would sleep on that idea.

### That time again

Which brings us to our current mattress quest. I've casually looked online at some in recent months. Throughout my research, my wife finds it necessary (it is) to remind me that price should not be a key factor to this purchase, as a good night's sleep is quite important. Priceless, you could say.

With this pursuit ramping up to the serious stage, we went to a real-life store last week to check out some mattresses that a person could lay on, rather than just scroll through. I must admit, it was much more comfortable to spread out on these sample models. Until I looked at the price tags.

"Excuse me," I could not help from blurting out to the sales associate, "but does this mattress come with a medium-sized house?"

My wife assured the associate that I consider myself quite witty and that she should ignore me. Which she did.

Despite the comfort level we'd experienced, we didn't commit to buying anything. On the way home, it was my wife's turn to scroll and as she quoted prices for mattresses that were WAY more money than the ones we had just tried out.

"That *has* to be a misprint," I replied. "There's no way a mattress can cost *that* much."

When we got home, I went online and found mattresses that were even more!

I then came up with the theory that these super high-end sleepers are the opposite of air mattresses — they are heir mattresses — made possible by generous family members who truly value a good night's sleep.

# Helping Hands Get CST Reopened

STAMFORD — The Catskill Scenic Trail has reopened after a collapsed culvert pipe resulted in a temporary closure.

Catskill Revitalization Corporation (CRC) Executive Director Todd Pascarella said he received a call on April 6 from a Stamford farmer alerting him to a concerning condition on the Catskill Scenic Trail, just east of the village. A large culvert measuring five feet in diameter was apparently clogged and the water was backing up into adjacent farm fields and had been rising along the side of the rail bed about a foot each day.

It was soon determined that the old 100-foot-long metal culvert pipe had completely collapsed in the middle under the trail and virtually no water could pass through.

"The farmers along the trail immediately of-

fered help, there was a large excavator there by the end of the day, and more equipment on its way the next day," Mr. Pascarella explained.

He noted that the owners of Eklund Farm Machinery and Prospect Livestock quickly responded to lend a hand, supplying both equipment and personnel to assist.

### Permission needed

Because the problem area was in a wetland area along Route 23, Mr. Pascarella contacted the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for advice on how to proceed. After some back-and-forth, an emergency permit to replace the culvert was issued the next day. In addition, the DEC officials connected Mr. Pascarella with a dewatering pump on loan from Greene County to keep the

water out of the work area.

The CRC is a not-for-profit that maintains the 26-mile rail trail as a community resource, and it generates no revenue from the trail itself. The executive director pointed out that costs associated with the trail are covered by a few grants from local foundations and with donations from trail supporters.

The annual budget is limited though, and as the scope of the culvert project became apparent, Mr. Pascarella realized this single project could cost more to complete than the CRC typically spends on the entire Catskill Scenic Trail in an entire year. Such a large and unexpected project could overwhelm the organization. However, a generous offer from one of the folks who helped repair the damage saved the day.

"But when I turned to Billy Eklund for a cost range to complete the entire thing, he simply said don't worry about that he would provide whatever was needed so that the trail could open back up," Pascarella reported.

As it turns out, the project turned out to be a great example of true community collaboration motivated by generosity and the desire to take care of a cherished local asset, the Catskill Scenic Trail.

"If ever a major culvert had to collapse, it could not have found a better place to happen than Stamford, these farmers are amazing here, totally inspirational," Mr. Pascarella commented.

The Catskill Scenic Trail, which runs from Roxbury to Bloomville, is now open again to all hikers, bicyclists, runners, and horseback riders.

# DEC Replenishes Life To Local Streams

By Robert Brune

MIDDLETOWN — With the trees beginning to fill with leaves and bugs beginning to come back to life, it's time for filling the streams with yearling (7"-9") brown trout.

The Catskill Fish Hatchery this week performed its yearly trout release along Route 30 between Roxbury and Margaretville in the East Branch Delaware River under the watchful eye of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Among the volunteers was Bill Sharick who worked for the DEC for 37 years. According to Bill, "The Conservation Fund is made up of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses from New York State sportsmen. So, that's what's paying for raising the fish and releasing the fish." Bill

says the fishery release program has been going on since the 1930s.

Rebecca Terry from the Catskills Fish Hatchery, based in Livingston Manor, said this is her dream job. Rebecca is from Buffalo and said it's the most amazing job to be raising and releasing fish. She especially appreciates being able to be out in the mountains and streams working with the incredibly friendly bunch of volunteers.

I caught up with Rebecca on their second of six stops. In this one location, they released 300 yearlings and 30 two-year-old brown trout. In total, they released nearly 2,000 fish. One of the volunteers, Joe Macaluso is 85 years old and his friend Gus Scannapieco, who is 80, were



Volunteers helping the Catskills Fish Hatchery release trout including Sweetie the dog, Mark Gancasz and Joe Macaluso. — Photo by Robert Brune

among the volunteers helping to release the fish. Joe said he's been helping with this annual event of releasing trout in Delaware County for the past 40 years. Kathryn Gancasz, with her husband Mark and their dog Sweetie also helped.

Fishing regulations detailing which sizes are legal depend upon the body of water.

It's best to check: [dec.ny.gov](http://dec.ny.gov) requirements for legal size fish or call (607) 652-7366 and ask about the Region Four regulations.

# Superintendent Named

continued from E1 district through the next years," the board said in a statement announcing its decision.

Ms. Ward commented, "I am honored to have been selected to serve as the next Roxbury Central School Superintendent. Everyone I met in the interview process spoke with dedication about Roxbury Central School, the community, and the school's traditions. I am excited to work together to continue RCS's tradition of excellence."

She grew up in Connecticut and moved to New York State in 1997. Ms. Ward said she and her husband, Michael McCarthy, look forward to joining the Roxbury community. A

reception to greet the new superintendent was held on the evening of the board meeting.

An additional announcement from the board read, "We are looking forward to working with Ms. Ward as our newest leader as we work together to continue to provide the best opportunities for our students. The board thanks the interview committees and those who participated in the community forums for their participation, input, and commitment to the selection process. We are also grateful for the leadership that Dr. Huber, from ONC BOCES, provided throughout the process."

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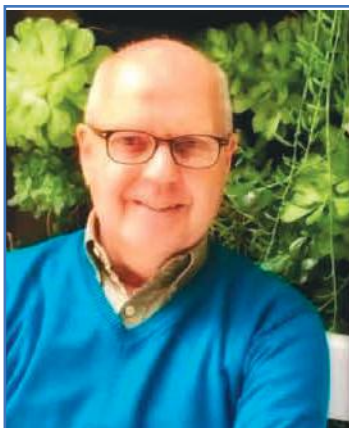
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# Obituaries



### Jeanne Hults

Jeanne Catherine Hults was called home by our Heavenly Father on April 23, 2023, at the age of 73.

She was born to her loving parents Harold and Claire on November 28, 1949, in Kingston. She grew up in Lake Katrine with her brother Harold "Man" (Mary), and her cousins who she thought of as siblings. Jeanne spent her youth riding horses, taking flying lessons, driving her red convertible, and adopting any stray animal that crossed her path.

After graduating from BOCES School of Nursing, Jeanne went on to dedicate her life to helping people. She served her local community by volunteering for the Grand Gorge Fire Department and Rescue Squad, as well as spending 35 years of her career at Margaretville Hospital. She was an accomplished Licensed Practical Nurse who did everything from welcoming babies into the world to holding patients' hands in their final moments.

On December 1, 1971, she married the love of her life, Leonard Hults. Together they built a life, starting in Willow and eventually relocated to Grand Gorge where they raised their children Leonard Jr. (Kendra), Jenny (Romeo), and "their baby" Rebecca (Benjamin).

Her happiest times were spent on family vacations to Maine to see her lighthouses, camping trips to North Lake, picnics, and snuggling watching movies. She also enjoyed hitting bonuses at the casino and sharing her nightly tequilas on the back deck with her Honey.

Jeanne loved spending time with her grandchildren Leonard III "Snoop" (Shannon) and Jesse (Morgen) and was so proud of the caring young men they have become. Family was everything to Jeanne; she was a fierce Mama Bear when it came to her kids, including her many "adopted" kids.

Jeanne's strong devotion to her family was a virtue taught to her by her beloved Grammy Jennie.

Calling hours will be at Miller Funeral Home in Roxbury on April 27, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the Funeral Mass will be April 2, at 10 a.m. Sacred Heart Church in Stamford.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Grand Gorge Rescue Squad. The family would like to express their gratitude for the care they provided Jeanne.



### Gloria Carlson

Gloria Carlson was born June 21, 1943 and passed peacefully on Thursday, April 13, 2023.

Gloria grew up in Brooklyn, New York where she and her family enjoyed activities in and around New York City. As a teenager, she played the piano and went on to graduate from the Fashion Institute of Technology. She worked at Junior Sophisticates for a time, and then returned to college to become a kind, enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and loving teacher for the next 30 years.

While in Brooklyn, Gloria volunteered for about 10 years working on a telephone hot line to find safe refuge for abused women and children. Eventually a building was established for their temporary living quarters in Park Slope. She was also a pioneer in recycling metals (mostly cat food cans!) before anyone else in NYC!!

In the early 1980s, Gloria was introduced to Nichiren Daishonin Buddhism. Her Buddhist practice was an integral part of her life. She attributed many victories in overcoming obstacles and challenges to chanting for herself and others. This was evident the moment you met her. She was a warm and trusting person who found joy in giving to others. She had a radiant personality and a marvelous gift for deep and abiding friendship.

Gloria was devoted to supporting and caring for her Buddhist family. She was a "true Buddha" in this life--a role model of a selfless, compassionate, generous human being who touched many people's hearts and was truly able to blend her Buddhist practice into her daily life.

Gloria kept an amazing garden and was devoted to feeding the birds—especially hummingbirds and Baltimore Orioles. Gloria was

also a talented artist. She loved to paint, quilt, and do needlepoint. She supported other local artists, as well as organizations that supported animals. She found great companionship with her dogs and cats and was generous in her giving to shelters and animal rights groups.

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# Events Calendar

## Friday & Saturday, April 28 & 29

Opening this week at Margaretville's Longyear Gallery are featured artist Victoria Scott's solo exhibition, "Frontier Horizons," and a group show including all Longyear Gallery member artists. Displayed in separate spaces of the gallery, these two shows will run from Friday, April 28 through Monday, May 29, with the Artists' Opening Reception held at Longyear Gallery on Saturday, April 29 from 3-6 p.m. For information, please see Longyear Gallery's website, [www.longyeargallery.org](http://www.longyeargallery.org), or call 845 586-3270.

## 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 12-2. The book store is located at 72 Main Street, Andes. For information visit [diamondhollowbooks.com](http://diamondhollowbooks.com) or e-mail: [biz@diamondhollowbooks.com](mailto:biz@diamondhollowbooks.com)

A full-screen televised running of the 149th Kentucky Derby will be the highlight of this afternoon and evening full of fun, great food, and the company of good friends on Saturday, May 6, beginning at 3 p.m. at the MTC headquarters on Academy Street, Margaretville. Tickets are \$45 per person. You can make a reservation by calling 845 586-3500 or email [admin@markproject.org](mailto:admin@markproject.org).

## 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 May 6 is also planned.

## Through May 7

1053 Gallery in Fleischmanns is pleased to present Flora and Fauna, an exhibition of 26 artists who work in and around the Catskills Mountains of New York or who engage the regional biodiversity in their art-making practice.group show. The exhibition runs through May 7, with a public reception on May 7. For info, please call 845 254-3461 or visit: [1053gallery.com](http://1053gallery.com)

## Tuesday, May 16

A Margaretville Community Blood Drive sponsored by the Margaretville Hospital Auxiliary will be held from 1:30-6:30 p.m. at the Margaretville Firehall, 77 Church Street, Margaretville. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit: [Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org)

## Ongoing Saturdays

A chess club for experienced players will be held Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The club is open to all ages and levels and sign-up is required as space is limited. They will teach chess once the group gets established in the future. The library is located at 48 Main Street. The phone number is 845-688-7811 and the

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"Frontier Horizons" features recent original monoprints by artist Victoria Scott. These monoprints focus on the environment from different perspectives, including evocative views from mountain tops as well as monoprints of rocks and streams, of bodies of water, of changing sky and rugged terrain. While some of the monoprints suggest specific vistas and others are more abstract, many beautifully reflect the seasons and the mood of both the landscapes and weather.

Victoria A. Scott received a BFA from the Moore College of Art and Design in 1992 and an MFA from The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in 1994. Her work has been exhibited at the Andes Gen-

eral A Galleries, Andes; The Earlville Opera House Arts Center, Norwich; Cooperstown Art Association Galleries; The Smith, Cooperstown; Blue Mountain Gallery, New York City; and the Historic Treadwell Train Museum as well as other venues.

Recent shows include a solo exhibit at the Sapphire Building, Underground Art ABOVE GROUND; a 2013 exhibit at The National Arts Club, NYC; a 2013 exhibit at The Cooperstown Art Association, Cooperstown, NY; and "The Goat Hollow," West Mt. Airy, North West Philadelphia, PA.

Upcoming Longyear Gallery exhibitions include two solo exhibitions by featured artists Robert Axelrod and Gerda van Leeuwen running from Friday, June 2nd - Monday, July 3rd with the Opening Reception on Saturday, June 3rd from 3-6 p.m. Two solo exhibitions by featured artists Helene Levine-Keating and Gary Mayer will follow, running from Friday, July 7th - Sunday, August 6th, with the Opening Reception on Saturday, July 8th from 3-6 p.m.



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Longyear Gallery exhibitions "Frontier Horizons" by Victoria Scott and the Longyear Gallery Members' Group Show will be on view Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Holiday Mondays each weekend. Gallery hours are from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Located Downstairs in The Commons, 785 Main Street, Margaretville. For information, please see Longyear Gallery's website, [longyeargallery.org](http://longyeargallery.org), or call 845 586-3270.

# Village Spruce Up Planned May 7 In Fleischmanns

FLEISCHMANNS — In collaboration with the Vintage Baseball team, The Mountain Athletic Club and volunteers from Fleischmanns First, there will be a village-wide cleanup of streets including a large section along Route 28 from Highmount to the Village entrance, on Sunday, May 7.

Under the direction of MAC's team captain, Colin Miller, he will be meeting members of his team and anyone wishing to work alongside the team to meet up at the eastern village entrance sign at 8:30 a.m. He will be providing instruction details and directions and collection bags, supplies.

For those Fleischmanns First and other volunteers wanting to walk the Village streets, please plan on meeting

up with Rob Alverson at the village gazebo on Main Street for instructions, directions and collection supplies.

The morning activities will be followed by

a village hosted barbecue at 12 noon at ballfield on Wagner avenue, where there will be a collection dropoff. Following lunch, the MAC team has invited anyone

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Said hearing will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, 42339 State Highway 28, Margaretville. At this time all interested parties will be heard.

John Nolan, Chairman AP28C

Spring Has Arrived!

DELHI — Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced the arrest of a Hamden resident for driving while intoxicated following a motor vehicle accident.

On Friday night, April 14, Sheriff's Deputies responded to a one car motor vehicle roll over with entrapment on County Highway 14, near Archie Elliot Road in the Town of Meredith. Deputies arrived on scene and observed that the vehicle had gone off the side of the road into the ditch, and had rolled onto the roof. Deputies made contact with the driver, identified as 45-year-old David Moxley of Hamden.

**Multiple charges**

Upon completion of the investigation, Sheriff's Deputies arrested and charged David Moxley with driving while intoxicated, and aggravated driving with a BAC greater than 0.18%, both misdemeanors in violation of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Upon completion of arrest processing, Moxley was released on appearance tickets returnable to the Town of Meredith Court at a later date.

Sheriff DuMond has reported the arrest of a McDonough man for

Criminal Mischief in the 4th degree, and Harassment in the 2nd degree.

At approximately 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12 Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies responded to an address in the Town of Walton for a Domestic Incident in progress. It was alleged that a male individual made physical contact with a female, in an effort to prevent her from calling 911.

**Call stopped**

During the course of the investigation Sheriff's Deputies identified the suspect as, Fredrick Hallstead, age 61 of McDonough. Upon conclusion of the investigation, it was discovered that Hallstead had made unwanted physical contact with a female at the address initially preventing her from calling 911 to report the Domestic Incident.

Upon a court ordered Criminal Summons from the Town of Walton Court, Deputies subsequently located Hallstead on April 16th 2023 and issued Hallstead the summons to appear at a later date to answer the charges at Town of Walton Court. Sheriff Craig DuMond has announced the arrest of a South Kortright man on Criminal Mischief in the 3rd Degree

and Burglary in the 2nd Degree.

On March 8, Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a Burglary Report in the Town of Stamford.

Further investigation revealed between the dates of February 23 and March 8, someone had allegedly forced entry into a residence in the Town of Stamford and intentionally damaged property within said residence. Deputies had recovered evidence from the scene and said evidence was sent to the New York State Police Crime Lab for analysis, as it was suspected that the perpetrator had left behind DNA.

**DNA evidence**

Deputies later received positive DNA analysis records from the New York State Police Crime Lab indicating a match with Kyle Oakley, age 31, of South Kortright.

After Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies, assisted by the Criminal Investigation Division and NYSP units were unable to locate Oakley, an arrest warrant was issued by the Town of Stamford Court for the arrest of Oakley.

On April 19, Oakley was located by New York State Police units, where he was taken into

custody. Deputies subsequently relayed with State Police units and arrested Oakley on one count of Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony and one count Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree, a Class E Felony. Oakley was arraigned in the Town of Middletown Court where he was remanded to the Delaware County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash or \$10,000 in secured bond.

**Trespass**

On Saturday afternoon, April 15, Sheriff's Deputies arrested a Walton woman on charges stemming from a Trespass Complaint that occurred in the Town of Delhi.

On April 7, at approximately 1:26 p.m., Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a Trespass Complaint in the Town of Delhi.

Further investigation of the incident revealed that 65-year-old Margaret Telian of Walton had driven onto a property unlawfully after being previously warned not to go onto the property.

Deputies subsequently arrested Telian and was served with a Criminal Summons for Trespass.

Telian was released on appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Delhi Court at a later

date to answer the charges.

Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced that a Stamford resident has been arrested following a harassment complaint.

On Saturday evening, March 25, Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of Domestic in progress occurring in the Town of Harpersfield. During the investigation the complainant advised that 43-year-old Frank Darmody, of Stamford subjected another person to physical contact.

**Order of Protection**

Patrol Deputies submitted a criminal summons and order of protection request to the Town of Harpersfield Court for the charge of Harassment in the 2nd Degree.

The Town of Harpersfield Court issued a Criminal Summons for Darmody and on March 28, Deputies subsequently arrested Darmody for one count of Harassment in the 2nd Degree which is a violation of the New York State Penal Law. An Order of Protection was also issued against Darmody ordering her to stay away from the complainant.

Darmody is to appear in the Town of Harpersfield Court.

## LEGAL NOTICES

**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 Delaware 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

**NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA**

Pursuant to Sec. 501 of the Real Property Tax Law

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessor of the Town of Hardenburgh, County of Ulster, has assessment inventory and valuation data available for examination and review. This data is the information that will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel to appear on the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Hardenburgh, to be filed on or about May 1, 2023. The information may be reviewed, by appointment, in the Assessor's Office at Town Hall, 51 Rider Hollow Road, Arkville, NY during regular business hours. An appointment to review the assessment information may be made by telephoning the Assessor Clerk at (845) 586-2320 or Assessor at (845) 795-6167, extension 8.

Dated April 20, 2023  
Cindy Hilbert,  
Sole Assessor,  
Town of Hardenburgh

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL**

Pursuant to Section 506 & 526 of the Real Property Tax Law

Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of Hardenburgh, County of Ulster, has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy has been left at the Hardenburgh Town Hall, 51 Rider Hollow Road, Arkville, NY 12406, where it may be seen and examined by any interested

person until Thursday, June 1, 2023.

A publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available at the Assessor's office.

The Assessor Clerk or Assessor will be in attendance with the Tentative Assessment Roll by appointment only (phone 845-586-2320 or 845-795-6167 ext. 8).

Hearing of Complaints: The Board of Assessment Review will meet on Thursday, June 1, 2023, between the hours of 4 PM to 8 PM at Town Hall in said town, to hear and examine all complaints in relationship to assessments, on the written application, correctly filled out, accompanied with the required data of any person believing himself to be aggrieved.

Dated April 24, 2023  
Cindy Hilbert,  
Assessor,  
Town of Hardenburgh

**VILLAGE OF MARGARETVILLE NOTICE**

In accordance with Section 17 of the water department regulations of the Village of Margaretville, all water rentals and other water department charges for the period up to December 31, 2022 which remain unpaid on May 12, 2022 shall, by order of the incorporated Village of Margaretville, acting as the Board of Water Commissioners, be added to the village tax for the year 2023 and collected as a special tax on the property affected thereby. The matter is called to the attention of the owners of the real property in order to avail such property owners of the opportunity of paying such water department arrears before the 12th day of May 2023.

Diana Fronckowiak,  
Village Clerk  
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Send a check and contact information to HSM, PO Box 734, Margaretville, NY 12455. Someone will be in touch to collect details. FMI: 845 586-4973 or history@catskill.net. Information about HSM events can be found at mtownhistory.org.



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### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

<b>4/28</b> 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 Danielle Tucker and David Hans about the upcoming 2023 Catskill Center Summer Gathering and the Greater Catskills Outdoor Expo. 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 - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mami talks with Jennifer Prevatt, a Visual artist, Children's book illustrator and a Scientific illustrator. 8:00PM - CabaRadio - Tune in to see the most recent performance - Guests include: Lee Jackson (Musician and Poet), Margaret DiBenedetto (Author), Bruce Balmer (Musician) and Dave Holden (New York State DEC Licensed Hiking Guide).
<b>4/29</b> Sat	6:00PM - Delaware County News Update - Julia Marks and Matt Avitabile bring you the latest news from the Delaware County Region. 6:30PM - The Hiker Trash Husbands. Jeff and Moe contend with the mud and stinging nettles, on the way up to Kaaterskill High Peak. 7:00PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mami talks with Kate Quarfordt who is a multifaceted artist, teacher and performer. 7:30PM - Delaware County Board of Supervisors meeting - recorded on April 12. Thank you to the Delhi Telephone Company. 8:00PM - Mountain Athletic Club - The 2023 season for vintage baseball is coming soon to Delaware County. Members of the Mountain Athletic club talk about Vintage Baseball and give an overview of this nostalgic sport in the local area. 8:30PM - Mountain Athletic Club - The 2023 season for vintage baseball is coming soon to Delaware County. Tonight we learn about the Bovina Dairymen from one of their players, Nick "Roughcut" Frandsen.
<b>4/30</b> Sun	6:00PM - Grocholl Homestead - Ashton Grocholl is in the kitchen making jam. Then it's back to the garden to harvest carrots. 6:30PM - 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. Robert has chosen to film his feature film right here in Delaware County. 7:00PM - WARK Community Television Archives - The Dictionary Game (Episode 3) Michael Finberg hosts two teams of four as they try to stump each other with "trick definitions". One of the four definitions is correct Tune in for the fun! 7:30PM - The Historical Society of the Town of Middletown presents Living History Cemetery Tour Margaretville NY. Meet people from the past on a walk through history.
<b>5/1</b> Mon	6:00PM - Weekly Weather Forecast - Lori Fairbairn brings you the Weekly forecast for the Catskill Region. 6:30PM - The Catskill Center - Jezz Harkin talks with Danielle Tucker and David Hans about the upcoming 2023 Catskill Center Summer Gathering and the Greater Catskills Outdoor Expo. 7:00PM - Mostly Folk with Artie Martello - Artie speaks with Sara Milonovich, an incredible fiddle player. 7:30PM - The Sonny Rock Show - Sonny Rock talks with Robert "Cue" Gerhards. A brilliant luthier and working musician in Windham. 8:00PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth A Mami talks with Sharon Woodhouse Suess, an author and writer embarking on a challenge for the Guinness Book of World Records. 8:30PM - Solid Waste Management Center and Compost Facility - Jezz Harkin talks with Tyson Robb, Coordinator, about the compost facility
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## County Taps New Health Director State May Partner with County to Combat Homelessness

By David Avitabile  
SCHOHARIE - Schoharie County supervisors Friday unanimously named a successor to controversial Dr. Amy Gildemeister.

Board members unanimously agreed with the recommendation from the Board of Health to appoint Dr. Nicole Blanchard Director of Public Health replacing Dr. Gildemeister, who resigned earlier this year after a controversial series of events as reported extensively by the Mountain Eagle.

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In other action, supervisors last week:

\* Had a prolonged discussion about a motion

to not allow departments to transfer funds from their salary budget for unfilled positions to another expense. After much discussion, Finance Chairman and Wright Supervisor Alex Luniewski withdrew the motion.

\* Heard the select committee to study and recommend a better way to address homelessness in the county, report that there has been interest by the state in partnering with the county on a solution which could include the former Public Safety Facility in the Village of Schoharie. The former jail has been vacant since the flood of August 2011.

\* Engaged in a lengthy

discussion about the state and its imposition of a number of items in the budget that would continue to reduce home rule rights.

"For instance, pushing aside local planning and property assessments for renewable energy projects," Chairman Bill Federice said.

In addition, "believe it or not a discussion has started at high levels in Albany about using eminent domain to establish renewable energy projects which would be built and run by the Power Authority which would take the local property tax on those properties off the books."

## Safe!



Sarah Schweigard slides into second. Safe. Stolen base. More inside. Photo by Bob Duso.

## May 7 CROP Hunger Walk To Honor Aggie Scott And Lee Empie

The Schoharie County Aggie Scott Memorial CROP Hunger Walk will start at Cobleskill United Methodist Church at 1:30 PM on Sunday May 7, rain or shine.

The name of the event honors Aggie Scott, a long-time supporter of this anti-hunger Walk. For many years, when she was well into her 80s, Aggie brought in the most money of all participants. Because she was so well known and loved in our community, Aggie had no trouble collecting the large amounts of money that she submitted to the local planning team on CROP Walk Sundays.

After Aggie passed away, Lee Empie became involved in our local fundraiser. A senior citizen like Aggie, Lee was well known in our community and passionate about raising money to fight hunger here and abroad.

To achieve that goal, Lee did something that hadn't been done much before: he and his adult children used the Internet to raise money for our CROP Hunger Walks. Lee then began to set local CROP Hunger Walk records for the amounts of money raised by one local Walker. After Lee passed away on April 3, 2019, Lee's family created Team Empie, which went on to raise even more money than Lee ever did. "That's saying a lot," commented John Jarvis of the local CROP Hunger Walk planning team.

Starting in 2021, the local CROP planning team began awarding a plaque, called the Lee Empie Award, to the individual Walker turning in the most money on CROP Hunger Walk Sunday.

Last year the local CROP Hunger Walk raised \$11,384, the largest amount

raised by one CROP Hunger Walk over the past 21 years.

During those 21 years the local fundraiser has raised an average of \$6908 per Walk.

The total amount raised over those 21 years is \$145,076.

This year, as usual, 25% of the money raised will stay in the county. Food pantries at Catholic Charities, Cobleskill United Methodist Church and North Blenheim United Methodist Church will split the money that stays in the county. The remaining 75% will go to Church World Service to fight hunger in the U.S. and especially abroad.

On CROP Sunday, registration begins just before the 1:30 program. The 2.8-mile Walk will start about ten minutes later. The event will take place rain or shine.

Again this year the in-person participants can walk the 2.8-mile route though Cobleskill or take any short-cuts that they wish to create.

There will also be the traditional Family Walk of slightly less than a half mile that starts and ends at Cobleskill UMC.

Virtual Walkers can walk any time or distance of their choosing before May 7 as long as their donation envelopes are turned in to registration by 1:30 on CROP Sunday.

Local churches participating in this year's fundraiser are Calvary Assembly of God, Cobleskill United Methodist Church, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Com-

munity, Warnerville United Methodist Church and Zion/St. John's Lutheran Church in Seward.

Again this year Helderberg Evangelical Lutheran Church in Berne, Albany County, will join Schoharie County churches in the war against hunger here and abroad.

Again this year members of the Cobleskill Christian Fellowship at SUNY Cobleskill walked around the college campus to support the annual anti-hunger fundraiser.

Members of the Schoharie County Aggie Scott Memorial CROP Hunger Walk planning team are Treasurer Becky Leggieri, Registration Coordinator Tracy Smith and Event Arranger John Jarvis.

CROP Hunger Walkers are well aware that, according to both the World Hunger Education Service and UNICEF, 3.1 million children worldwide die each year of hunger and hunger-related illness.

According to the UN World Food Program, somewhere in the world, a child dies of malnutrition every ten seconds. To those who support the Schoharie County Aggie Scott Memorial CROP Hunger Walk, a child dying of malnutrition every ten seconds is totally unacceptable; so we walk to fight hunger, starvation and death, especially the death of children.

Anyone seeking more information about this event can call 518-234-2933.

### Cobleskill Briefs

Do you have any events you'd like to see featured in the Cobleskill Herald? Let us know at [cobleskillherald@gmail.com](mailto: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.

#### 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.

#### Cobleskill - Schoharie County Maple Festival

The Schoharie County Maple Festival will be returning to the Cobleskill Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 29th. There will be maple products for sale, pancakes all day, food & craft vendors, maple syrup production and free, live entertainment all day. Festivities will kick off at 9:00 AM.

#### Cobleskill - Fisheries Wildlife Festival

The SUNY Cobleskill Fisheries Wildlife Festival will be returning to the Village of Cobleskill Veterans Memorial Centre Park on Saturday, April 29th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Events include a "Live Birds of Prey Show" by Wesley Laraway, a Youth Fishing Derby (trophies awarded; poles & bait available), and other activities for area youth and children.

#### Sharon - Town Board

The Sharon Town Board will be holding its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:30 PM at the Sharon Town Office. Meetings are also available for viewing on the SHOPEG 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.

#### Carlisle - Town Board

The Carlisle Town Board will be holding its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

#### Cobleskill - Author's Hour

The Jeff Tufano Gallery will be hosting an Author's Hour with Susan Fantl Spivack on Saturday, May 7th at 2:00 PM. Presented by Schoharie County Arts, this event is funded in part by Poets & Writers with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts. Refreshments will be provided.

#### 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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# War in Europe LI

By Timothy Knight

All eyes – in Beijing, Brussels, Kyiv, Moscow, Taipei, and Washington, D.C. – remain fixated on the eastern and southern fronts, as the Ukrainian Army prepares a large-scale counteroffensive against Russian forces occupying the Ukrainian oblasts of Crimea, Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk, and Zaporizhzhia. The pieces are nearly set for action.

There is no question that a counteroffensive looms over the fourteen-month-old Russo-Ukrainian War, as this next phase of the stalemated conflict is the worst kept secret in global politics.

From the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) decision to ramp up deliveries of tanks, supplies, planes, and other arms to the Ukrainian Army in stark contrast to Russia's pyrrhic obsession with Bakhmut in the east and freshly dug out trench lines in the south, both sides are preparing for what will be the decisive battle in this conflict.

Reading tea leaves for signs of Ukraine's coun-

teroffensive has become a pastime for military analysts and defense strategists alike, with the Institute for the Study of War confirming last weekend that Ukrainian forces have established a toehold on the eastern side of the Dnipro River; located southwest of the liberated, key City of Kherson.

After months of bombarding Russian forces, which have thinned and weakened considerably in Kherson, there is speculation that a river crossing could be the start of Ukraine's counteroffensive. It is thought that this maneuver would aim to break up the Russian occupied land bridge in southern Ukraine that stretches from Russia to Crimea.

Whether this is signaling the start of a renewed southern campaign or represents an isolated incursion into the enemy's softened underbelly, remains to be seen in the weeks and months ahead.

One thing is clear: the field of battle, which has been stalled in Bakhmut amid Russian struggles

to capture the eastern city, has left the occupiers susceptible to attack on multiple fronts. The only question is whether Ukraine can capitalize on these vulnerabilities and push their advantage of freshly trained troops and newly delivered western arms.

My expectation is that the southern counteroffensive into Kherson and Zaporizhzhia will prove fruitful for Ukraine this year, while the situation is likely to remain stalemated on the eastern front. These are only the predictions of an arm-chair analyst, but I firmly believe this conflict is Kyiv's to win at this point. Only time will tell if that is true or not.

In Solidarity with Ukraine.

Greetings! I am planning a "mailbag" edition of Coffee in Coby soon, so please send any questions you may have for me about Schoharie County politics, the Atlanta Braves 2021 World Series title or whatever else, and it might just be included. My email is timothyknight93@gmail.com.

## SUNY President Dr. Marion A. Terenzio Receives Fulbright Award

COBLESKILL — SUNY Cobleskill is pleased to announce that President Marion A. Terenzio, Ph.D. has received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Award in Agricultural Education to France for the 2023-2024 academic year from the U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Dr. Terenzio is acutely aware of the role SUNY Cobleskill plays in the global efforts required to feed the world's citizens and finding solutions to mitigate climate change through agriculture. Her project is focused on creating a network of higher learning institutions within New York State to both complement Governor Hochul's Strategic Interagency Task Force Lessening Obstacles to Agriculture (SILO) Working Group and provide a coalition of experts to assist in the advancement of agriculture throughout the state.

In France, Dr. Terenzio will meet with experts who are leading the formation of the National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE), which is addressing the pressing challenges of minimizing food insecurity and preserving our natural resources. She hopes to develop collaborative initiatives with INRAE and its network that will serve to elevate agriculture education programs in New York and create a robust international curriculum at SUNY Cobleskill.

Dr. Terenzio said, "Agriculture practices reflect culture, values, environmental conditions, and other key aspects that shape and define communities globally, and the context for this project is viewing agriculture as a global platform for international engagement. Effective agriculture education requires exposure and understanding of these cross-cultural practices that make up the global agriculture ecosystem, and education at all levels is paramount in global efforts to feed the grow-



ing population. The Fulbright project will catalyze our efforts to create New York State's version of INRAE and bolster our agriculture education efforts." SUNY Chancellor John B. King, Jr. said, "Our college presidents do amazing work both on campus and in the broader community, and President Terenzio is a stellar example. She is fully aware of the environmental impact agriculture has on climate change, and her project for the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program will help society address how the industry can utilize technology and environmentally friendly practices to ensure a safer, more sustainable way to grow and sell food. It is an honor to celebrate Dr. Terenzio as we recognize her selection for this prestigious award. I look forward to learning more about her project and how SUNY Cobleskill and the entire SUNY system can lead the way in agriculture education programs."

New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "Agriculture is an essential industry that thrives on collaboration. As we continue to face new and shifting challenges, it is more important than ever that all members of the agricultural community, whether here in New York or across the globe, continue to work together to innovate, exchange best practices, and foster a new generation of leaders. Dr. Terenzio has done exemplary work elevating SUNY Cobleskill as a nationally recognized College of Agriculture and Technology, creating the Institute for

Rural Vitality, and engaging diverse perspectives and developing new, progressive learning environments. This is an incredible opportunity that will help Dr. Terenzio continue her work as a leader in agricultural education in New York." Dr. Terenzio is among over 800 U.S. citizens who will teach or conduct research abroad for the 2023-2024 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program. Fulbrighters engage in cutting-edge research and expand their professional networks, often continuing research collaborations started abroad and laying the groundwork for forging future partnerships between institutions. Upon returning to their home countries, institutions, labs, and classrooms, they share their stories and often become active supporters of international exchange, inviting foreign scholars to campus and encouraging colleagues and students to go abroad.

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## Talkin' History



The membership of the Schoharie County Historical Society met on Sunday to discuss a number of topics, including research and projects funded by the Nicholas J. Juried Family Foundation and the Zimmer Family. Board president Curt Van Steele discusses the progress the group has made over the past year. Curator Dan Beams gave a presentation about a number of items returned to the Fort after a theft in the 1970s

## Police Blotter



Tuesday, April 18, 2023  
At 2:30 PM, Cobleskill Police executed an arrest

warrant from Cobleskill Town Court and arrested Nicholas Foland, 32, of Central Bridge, N.Y. for possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, a "D" felony, and grand larceny in the fourth

degree, an "E" felony. He was arraigned on 04/18/2023 at 3:30 PM in Cobleskill Town Court and released on his own recognizance to return to Cobleskill Town Court on 05/02/2023 at 2:00 PM.

## A Mountain Eagle



SUNY Cobleskill's Ross Pass caught a picture of the local eagle at our softball game versus SUNY Canton on Saturday. It appears to be feasting on a groundhog. Special thanks to Mitch Tomazkiewicz.

finding solutions to challenges facing our communities and our world.

Dr. Terenzio's community engagement and advocacy for agricultural and general education includes her current service on the NYS Blue Ribbon Commission on K-12 reform and her most recent work as the co-chair for SUNY's Empowering Students with Disability Task Force. She received the New York State ACE Women's Network Catalyst Award in 2019 for her work with women leaders, and the Jay Kappraff Award in Excellence in Science and the Arts from NJIT in 2022. She has worked with the National Governor's Association initiative on Rural Resurgence, sharing her work nationally on establishing the Institute for Rural Vitality; which re-

ceived an innovation in economic development award from the American Association of Colleges and Universities in 2019.

The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program and is supported by the people of the United States and partner countries around the world. The Fulbright Program is funded through an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations, and foundations around the world also provide direct and indirect support to the Program. In the United States, the Institute of International Education sup-

ports the implementation of the Fulbright U.S. Student and Scholar Programs on behalf of the U.S. Department of State, including conducting an annual competition for the scholarships.

More than 800 U.S. scholars – faculty members, artists, and professionals from all backgrounds -- teach or conduct research overseas through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program annually. In addition, over 2,000 U.S. students, artists, and early career professionals from all backgrounds in more than 100 different fields of study receive Fulbright U.S. Student Program awards annually to study, teach English, and conduct research overseas.

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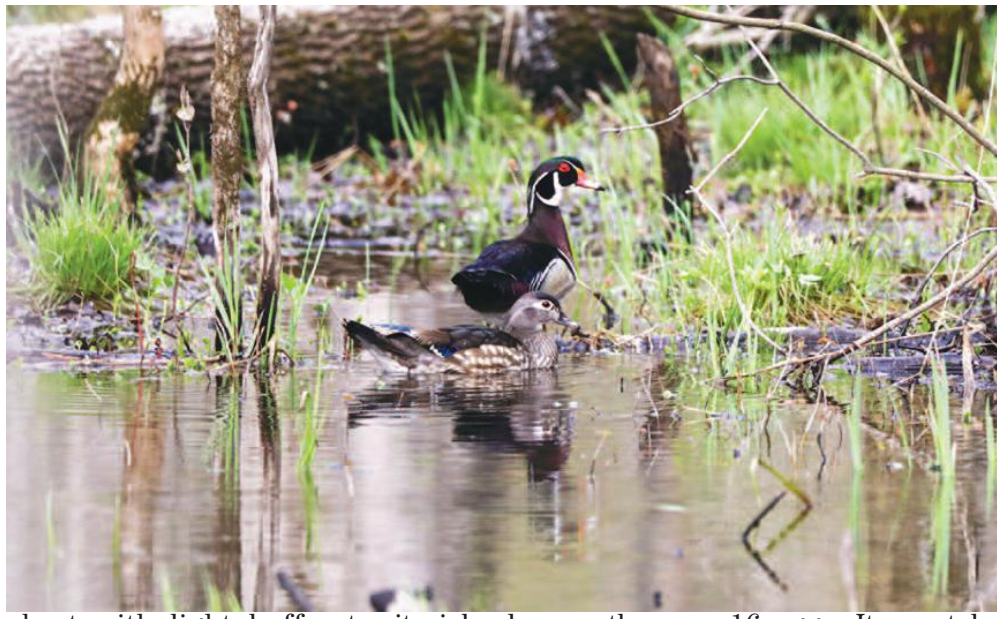
ON THE WILD SIDE

# Waterbird in a Bridal Dress

By Bill Combs Jr

Welcome to On the Wild Side. Join me as I explore the wildlife and nature that Schoharie County and the surrounding areas have to offer on the wild side.

Now that the weather has warmed up and the forest swamps, freshwater marshes, beaver ponds, and bottomland ponds have melted, woodland ducks have arrived. One of the most beautiful and uniquely colored ducks has shown up, and its the Wood Duck. Its scientific name *Aix sponsa* translates into "waterbird in bridal dress". You can find these brightly patterned ducks along some of the county backroads and seasonal use roads that do not get a lot of vehicle traffic. They like wet areas with trees and cattails. I usually find them in small groups of no more than ten. Males have a black head with green on the top with white stripes and a bright red eye. His bill is multi colored with red, orange and white, the body has an iridescent chestnut



chest with light buffy sides with ornate color patterns on almost every feather. Females are gray-brown with a white-speckled breast and a delicate white ring pattern around the eye. Once they pair up, they will stay together until eggs are laid and the male will pick a different female the following year. Courtship and nesting season has begun in the area with the males showing off their colorful plumage and even splashing water over themselves to make their colors brighter. Males are not

territorial unless another male gets too close to the female he has chosen as his mate for the season. The male and female will search together for a large tree with a cavity already in the tree. The female enters the hole and examines her future nest site. These cavities are typically places where a branch has broken off or an old Woodpecker nesting site. Wood Ducks usually nest over or near water but have been known to nest over a mile away from water. Their nest can have as many

as 16 eggs. It can take anywhere from 28 – 37 days for the eggs to hatch, and the ducklings spend another 60 – 70 days before they are ready to venture out on their own. Once the female lays the eggs, she stays at the nest area. The male leaves the area, joins up with other males and spends the rest of the time with them until next year. One of the most amazing things about the newly hatched ducklings is that after their mother checks the area around the nest site, she calls to

the little fluffballs from the ground to encourage them to jump out of the nest even if they are 60 feet up in a tree, as their mother does not feed them in the nest. Wood Ducks feed on eaten acorns, soybeans, smartweed, water primrose, panic grass, duckweed, millet, waterlily, blackberries and wild cherries, as well as flies, beetles, caterpillars, isopods and snails. Sometimes at just one day old they must walk over half a mile or more to find the nearest water

hole. Wood Ducks are very comfortable perching in trees and flying through the woods. They are very strong fliers and able to reach speeds up to 30 mph. There are estimated to be over 4 ½ million Wood Ducks in the world. Here are some of my favorite locations to view them in Schoharie County: School House Road in Carlisle, Westkill Road and Power Plant Access Road in North Blenheim, Landis Arboretum in Esperance and Secret Caverns in Howes Cave.

## SUNY Hosts Successful FFA Conference Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems Contest

43 teams  
160 individuals

The Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems Career Development Event (CDE) helps students develop technical knowledge and an ability to work with others to solve complex agricultural problems. The event is built around students learning and executing a "systems approach" – or the process of understanding how solving one problem influences others. Teams in this event consist of four students that solve a multi-system agricultural problem scenario. The team works to solve the problem and prepare a report while judges evaluate. Additionally, individuals complete a written exam that covers five agricultural technology and mechanical areas: compact equipment, electricity, environment and natural resources, machinery and equipment and structures.

Meats Evaluation & Technology Contest

37 teams  
139 individuals

Participants in the Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event (CDE) delve into the science of meat. During this team event, students evaluate beef carcasses for quality and yield grade; identify various meat cuts and place carcasses; and identify wholesale and/or retail cuts. This event is ideal for students who are interested in exploring or pursuing career opportunities in the meat animal industry. Students are challenged to develop analytical skills, critical-thinking strategies and effective communication skills. Special thanks to the FFA for this information.

Meats Evaluation Top Teams

- 1st Place – Cobleskill Richmondville
- 1st Place – Hunter Tansey – Cobleskill Richmondville
- 3rd Place – Danielle Hughes – Cobleskill Richmondville
- 4th Place – Ronald Cook – Cobleskill Richmondville
- Meats Evaluation & Technology Top Teams
- 1st Place – Cobleskill Richmondville
- 2nd Place – Cattaraugus Little Valley



- 3rd Place – Northern Adirondack
- Meats Evaluation & Technology Top Individuals
- 1st Place – Hunter Tansey – Cobleskill Richmondville
- 2nd Place – Breanna Unruh – Cattaraugus Little Valley
- 3rd Place – Danielle Hughes – Cobleskill Richmondville
- 4th Place – Ronald Cook – Cobleskill Richmondville
- 5th Place – Madison Washy Singer – Cattaraugus Little Valley
- 6th Place – Dillen Narrigan – Indian River
- 7th Place – Samantha Gilmore – Northern Adirondack
- 8th Place – Kierra Knoblock – Cattaraugus Little Valley
- 9th Place – Brianna Peryea – Northern Adirondack
- 10th Place – Allie Erhart – Cattaraugus Little Valley
- Agricultural Technology

- & Mechanical Systems Top Teams
- 1st Place – Penn Yan
- 2nd Place – Pioneer 1
- 3rd Place – Berne Knox Westerlo
- Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems Top Individuals
- 1st Place – Ryan Dann – Penn Yan
- 2nd Place – River Townsend – Berne Knox Westerlo
- 3rd Place – Conner Woloszyn – Pioneer
- 4th Place – Christopher Preston – Penn Yan
- 5th Place – Chance Lane – Tomion – Penn Yan
- 6th Place – Aydin Brewer – Oxford
- 7th Place – Jackson Lundfelt – Byron Bergen
- 8th Place – Seth Higgins – Pioneer
- 9th Place – Jack Flynn – Penn Yan
- 10th Place – Harrison Sloan – Pavilion

## SEEC Welcomes New Associate, Economic Development Week

SCHOHARIE – Schoharie County – The Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation (SEEC) is pleased to announce the hiring of a new associate, Autumn Roney. Roney joined the SEEC team in March 2023 as a full-time Administrative Associate. She is leading the 2023 Economic Development effort and will be involved in a variety of activities at 287 Main, including the Enlighten: Digital Marketing Series, providing support to the organization for grant applications, financial and administrative duties and more.

Roney earned her Associate in Applied Science Accounting from Hudson Valley Community College. Most recently, Roney served as the Financial Administrative Assistant for Deposit Control Systems in Cohoes, New York. Prior to her work in finance administration, Roney served as Social Media Coordinator for the Saratoga National Golf Club. Originally from Schuylerville, New York, Roney currently resides in Middleburgh, New York.

"The breadth of the work necessary to progress economic development in Schoharie County means that it is essential for SEEC to have staff in place who offer a wide range of skills and a passion for success. We strive as an organization to encourage young people to bring their insights and expertise to the table. With her diverse skillset and commitment to community, we are thrilled to welcome Autumn to our

team," commented Julie Pacatte, SEEC Executive Director.

As part of her initial efforts for broad community outreach, Roney has organized a robust lineup activity for Economic Development Week 2023.

SEEC's programming will include the following:

Monday, May 8: Inside 287 Main | Take a peek inside 287 Main, a new collaborative workspace on Schoharie's Main Street by viewing SEEC's Instagram, @seec\_upstateny

Tuesday, May 9: Headshot Happy Hour | This after-hours event at 287 Main kicks off at 5:00 pm and will feature photography by Katerina Weingarten of Mosaic Mountain Media. 287 Main will serve as a backdrop and light refreshments will be available.

Wednesday, May 11: National Small Business Day | Celebrate National Small Business Day with a virtual event designed to connect small business owners with a valuable resource available to them through the Capital Region, the Community Loan Fund. Attendees will have a chance to learn more about the services offered by the Community Loan Fund. This Zoom event will take place from 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm.

Thursday, May 12: Spotted on Main | Join SEEC staff in Middleburgh, Sharon Springs and Schoharie as they visit with small businesses and highlight the points of light on Schoharie County's Main Streets. Contact admin@seecny.org to

schedule a stop at your business or hidden gem on Main Street! Follow along on May 12th on the SEEC Instagram, @seec\_upstateny.

Friday, May 13: Empire State Entrepreneur Expo 2023 Showcase | Join the SEEC team on Instagram as they attend the Empire State Entrepreneur Expo 2023 organized and hosted by SUNY Cobleskill Institute for Rural Vitality. The Expo will offer a chance for vendors to showcase their products to distributors and the community alike, and admission is only \$5! Register to attend the Expo at www.cobleskill.edu/institute and follow along that Friday on SEEC's Instagram, @seec\_upstateny.

"I am delighted to be a part of the SEEC team and support prosperity for every community in Schoharie County. Economic Development Week is the perfect chance for us as an organization to recognize the variety of activities that support economic growth and as a person who is new to SEEC, to immerse myself in the collaborative nature of economic development and engage directly with the community," stated Roney, SEEC Administrative Associate.

If you are interested in learning more about 2023's Economic Development Week opportunities in Schoharie County, please contact SEEC Administrative Associate, Autumn Roney, at admin@seecny.org.



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# SUNY Cobleskill Fighting Tiger Weekly Recap

The SUNY Cobleskill softball team posted a perfect week winning six home games versus North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Western Division opponents opening the week with a sweep of the SUNY Delhi Broncos on Tuesday by scores of 7-3 and 15-1 prior to sweeping four games over the weekend from the SUNY Canton Kangaroos winning twice on Friday by scores of 6-2 and 11-3 the taking two on Saturday by scores of 9-0 and 14-6 to improve to 10-19 overall including a 5-3 record in NAC Western Division action. Fighting Tiger senior pitcher Marissa Wheeler, Kinderhook, N.Y., Ichabod Crane High School, went 3-0 on the week with a 1.47 ERA including a no-hit shutout victory over SUNY Canton on Saturday. During the week Wheeler hurled three complete game victories striking out 28 batters while walking only seven.

The Fighting Tiger baseball team won five-of-six NAC Western Division contests during the week sweeping the visiting Wildcats of Cazenovia College on Tuesday by scores of 6-5 and 8-7 then traveled to Canton,

N.Y. over the weekend to take two-of-three games from the host Kangaroos of SUNY Canton winning a solo game on Friday afternoon 3-1 then splitting a pair of games on Saturday taking the opener by a 21-2 margin then dropping the finale by an 11-8 margin to improve to 17-12 including a 12-1 record in NAC action to claim their third consecutive NAC Western Division Championship. Sophomore catcher Logan Hutter, Smithtown, N.Y., Smithtown West High School, batted .600 on the week going 9-for-15 on the week with a .647 on-base percentage including two doubles, two home runs, eight runs scored and seven runs batted in.

The Fighting Tiger men's lacrosse team posted a 10-3 home NAC victory over the Trailblazers of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts on Wednesday to move to 8-3 overall including a 3-3 record in conference play. Junior midfielder Shane McMahan, Clifton Park, N.Y., Shenendehowa High School, scored three goals, passed out one assists and picked up a ground ball in the victory.

Sophomore multi-event

athlete Michael Masocco, Eden, N.Y., Eden High School, was the Fighting Tiger men's track & field team's top individual finisher at the 2023 Cortland Classic hosted by SUNY Cortland in Cortland, N.Y. over the week. Masocco placed fourth overall in the Decathlon with a score of 4708 at the event.

Competing as an individual Fighting Tiger senior women's golfer Olivia Lisi, Marathon, N.Y., Marathon High School, placed 21st in a field of 43 golfers at the 2023 Northeast Women's Golf Conference (NWGC) Championship hosted by the league over the weekend at the par 70/5678-yard Wintonbury Hills Country Club. Lisi posted a two-day total score of 58-over-par 198 firing rounds of 103 and 95 at the event.

The women's track & field team competed at the 2023 Cortland Classic hosted by SUNY Cortland in Cortland, N.Y. over the weekend. Sophomore Hayleigh Girard, Hudson Falls, N.Y., Hudson Falls High School, was the Fighting Tigers top performer at the event placing third overall in the Hep-

tathlon with a score of 2869 points.

UPCOMING HOME CONTESTS: SUNY Canton 4/29, Keystone College 5/3

## SUNY Downs Canton 3-1

The SUNY Cobleskill baseball team opened an important three-game weekend North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Western Division series on Friday afternoon topping the host Kangaroos of SUNY Canton by 3-1 margin to cement their hold on first place in the division. With the victory the Fighting Tigers are now 16-11 overall including an 11-0 record in conference action while the Kangaroos drop to 9-18 overall on the campaign with a 6-5 record versus league opponents.

Tied 1-1 after five in-

nings, the Fighting Tigers took the lead for good when junior shortstop David Flora, Windsor, N.Y., Windsor High School/Herkimer Community College, blasted a solo home run to left field followed by a run scoring single off the bat of first-year right fielder Logan Firment, Andes, N.Y. South Kortright High School, who brought home sophomore catcher Logan Hutter, Smithtown, N.Y., Smithtown High School.

Staked to a 3-1 advantage senior right-hander Wyatt Palmer, Camden,

N.Y., Camden High School/Cayuga Community College, held the home team in check the rest of the way allowing only one earned run over nine innings of work on seven hits striking out seven and walking only one to improve to 3-1 on the season to date.

David Flora did the bulk of the Fighting Tigers work offensively going 3-for-4 with the home run, a stolen base a run scored and a pair of RBI with Logan Firment going 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI on the afternoon.

## Family Farm Day 2023 Farm Registration Now Open

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) is pleased to announce that the 11th Annual Family Farm Day (FFD) will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023. If you are a farm in Schoharie, Otsego, or Delaware County, regardless of whether you participated in any previous year, CCE welcomes your participation. Registrations are being accepted through Friday, May 12, 2023. Information, including eligibility, registration, contacts, and agritourism resources are available online at [www.familyfarmday.org](http://www.familyfarmday.org). Farms that participated in previous years may register directly online. We ask that newcomers to FFD contact your respective county coordinator to confirm eligibility. In Schoharie and Otsego Counties, contact Nicole Thompson at 518.234.4303 (x111), or [Schoharie@cornell.edu](mailto:Schoharie@cornell.edu); in Delaware County, contact Carla Crim at 607.865.6531, or [ceh27@cornell.edu](mailto:ceh27@cornell.edu). FFD provides local

farms and related businesses the opportunity to introduce current and new customers to diverse, high-quality products, generate farm-gate sales, build long-term customer bases, and share the ever-evolving farm 'stories' that keep the importance of agriculture in the public dialogue. "Our signature agritourism event continues to thrive," said Liz Callahan, Executive Director for CCE Schoharie and Otsego Counties. "The feedback from participating farms and visitors has been overwhelmingly positive over the years."

There will be an informational (Zoom) confer-

ence call on Monday, May 1, at noon and repeating at 6:00 p.m., for new and returning farm participants only. Attendance is optional, but registration is required online at [www.familyfarmday.org](http://www.familyfarmday.org), by noon, Monday, May 1.

Family Farm Day is an agritourism collaboration among CCE Schoharie and Otsego Counties, CCE Delaware County, Delaware County Tourism, Destination Marketing Corporation – Otsego & Schoharie Co. Tourism, as well as local chambers of commerce, county Farm Bureaus, local farmers, and loyal sponsors.

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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.

This week's questions

will focus on Yankee great Mickey Mantle.

1. What was Mantle's first number with the Yankees?
2. What year did he make his debut?
3. What was his first position?
4. How many home runs did he hit in his career?
5. How many World Series home runs did Mickey Mantle hit?

Answers to last week's questions:

1. What year did Tim Lincecum debut with the Mets? 1967.
2. The Mets' literally picked Tom Seaver's name out of a hat. What two other teams had their

names in the hat? Phillies and Indians.

3. Who did Tom Seaver beat for his 300th win in 1985 and what team was he pitching for at the time? He beat the Yankees as a member of the White Sox.
4. When Tom Seaver was traded to the Red in 1977, what four players did the Mets get? Steve Henderson, Doug Flynn, Pat Zachary, and Dan Norman. (UGH).
5. What team did Tom Seaver last pitch for in 1986? The Red Sox.

Good luck and keep rooting for the "home teams." David Avitabile

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# Mohonasen Downs CRCS



Sarah Schweigard hits this one for a single.



Sorry, too slow. Lady Bulldogs beat the runner at second.

Mohonasen defeated Cobleskill-Richmondville 5-2.

Photos by Bob Duso.

# New Speed Signs and Project Updates in Sharon Springs

**By Alexis Pencar**  
**SHARON SPRINGS** — The Village of Sharon Springs Board gathered for their regularly scheduled monthly board meeting this past Thursday (4/20) at 6 pm in the Sharon Community Building. Many of the usual Village residents and business owners were present.

This was the first meeting back for Mayor Doug Plummer as he was away over the winter. The Annual Village Budget for 2023-2024 was handed out along with the meeting agenda.

Mayor Doug Plummer kicked the meeting off with thanks to the Village for everyone's patience with the ongoing Water and Sewer Project. He mentioned that though this project is "a lot" it will save money in the long run.

The streetlight deal and the remaining previous balance have been reconciled. The Village "paid

off the bond to have no debit" to NYSERDA (NYS Energy Research and Development Authority) and National Grid after swapping to new energy-efficient LED heads. The Board was happy to announce that they are now "done with that".

The Mayor's Report moved to the ongoing issue of speeding in the Village, specifically in the Historic Downtown area. There are currently two-speed signs on Route 20 and he would like to see the same, one in each direction on lower Main Street since "people just barrel through there". It is estimated at \$10,000 for the signs and funds would come from ARPA money. The goal would be to install them after the Water & Sewer project is complete.

The Mayor was glad to announce that the donated paved pad by the park is now complete. This is from back when many residents and businesses purchased bricks, having their names engraved on them. He also mentioned there is "plenty of money in the park fund" and that more teak planters and a bench at a total of \$1180.64, could complete the look in that area. The purchase was not approved and he will get more quotes.

Resolution #5 was passed by all moving forward on the closing of 133 Sawmill Rd, which is where the old water tank stood. It is a small property and there is "no reason" for the Village to own it. There was 1 bid and in order to move forward the Board needed to complete an Environmental Impact Study and walk through a list of questions as a group.

Alan Tavenner with Delaware Engineering was present with a positive report that Anjo is "making good progress" and that "directional drilling is about to get started heading down towards Pavilion". There was an estimate of about 40% of the total project being completed so far.

There was a question of lead pipes and how it

is "illegal to connect to a lead line" and that they would need to be replaced back to the house. A resident was present to speak up asking when the lead pipes would be replaced and it was clarified during the time of the work and that "lead would be taken care of".

The Sidewalk Project, separate from the Water & Sewer Project, is out for bid. This would cover the West side of Main Street from the Library down the hill until Division Street and could cost between \$400k to \$600k. Trustee Denise Kelly asked for advice on how to pay for such a large project without draining the fund balance. The consultant present suggested that \$600k was "reasonable" and that cutting down the area or looking for other areas of funding could work. Mayor Doug suggested "bond it out for 10 years" and Trustee Denise agreed that this is "very dire" and "really important".

Trustee Joyce Slater was proud to announce the Arbor Day event in anticipation for the Tree City USA application. There will be a Native Tree Giveaway for Village residents this Saturday (4/29) and Sunday (4/30) from 12-2 at the Sharon Community Building. More residents have joined the Tree Board and interest in this group is building.

With the approval of minutes and talks of another upcoming Public Hearing for the Budget the following week (4/27), the lengthy meeting was wrapped up just after 8:30 pm.

SCHOPEG was recording this meeting so check out schopeg.com for the full video soon.

The regularly scheduled Village Board Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm, located in the Sharon Community Building at 129 Main Street, Sharon Springs, NY 13459. Please call (518) 284-2625 for more information.

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## Sharon Things

By Alexis Pencar

Hey Neighbors!

What a cold and chilly week we've had! That warm weather from a few weeks ago feels exceedingly far away. Looks like we switched into May showers a little early with a continuation of this cool wet weather into next week.

The Everything Shoppe in Cobleskill is closing this weekend but don't worry, it is set to reopen at its new location in Sharon Springs starting June 1st! This will be an exciting addition to our Historic Downtown!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the "Mother's Day Make A Bouquet" event, followed by the Summer Garden Parties each 2nd Saturday, June through August hosted by The Sharon Springs Chamber of Commerce!

### Village Construction

The Water & Sewer Project construction has moved in front of the local church on Route 20 this past week. One resident spoke up at the Village Board Meeting last week, expressing concern over the big tree falling on the United Methodist Church. The Board mentioned that large tree would need to be removed for safety concerns.

### Sharon Springs Free Library

May 1, traditionally a celebration of the arrival of spring, often included dancing around a Maypole. In

Medieval Europe, some celebrations included the crowning of a May King and May Queen, the gathering of wildflowers and the weaving of garlands. In 1889, the International Socialist Congress designated it as a celebration of labor. Many countries now hold parades in honor of laborers that include large military displays.

Thursdays at 10:00 am, Story Time for preschoolers includes books read by Mrs. Fralick, crafts and snacks.

Book Discussion, Friday, May 19 at 6:00 pm on "The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper," by Phaedra Patrick. This delightful novel tells the tale of a sixty-nine-year-old man who finds a gold charm bracelet in his wife's things after her death. The bracelet takes him on a quest to learn about her life before they met. It is a story of hope, healing and self-discovery. All are welcome.

Board of Trustees Meeting, Thursday, May 25, at 7:00 pm. Board meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to participate.

The library's regular hours are Monday and Thursday 10-6, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 3-8 and Saturday 10-1.

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.

The St. Thomas The 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 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 en-

joy 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. 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.



'Tis the Season for ramps! Always leave some behind for next season!

## Hatching Season Trail Meet-Up May 6th

Join Bill Combs Jr. at the Sterling Insurance Viewing Site on Saturday, May 6 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am for the hatching season trail meet-up.

This will be an exclusive event for Friends of the Schoharie County Eagle Trail to have the opportunity to learn more

about Eagle hatching season and to have a chance to catch a glimpse of this part of the Eagle's lifecycle, including the two newly hatched Eaglets of Anna Marie and John Jacob in Cobleskill. We hope to see you there!

During the event, there

will be binoculars available and Bill Combs Jr. will have a feed from his camera to a 24-inch monitor for easier viewing opportunities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email the Trail at scaegletrail@gmail.com!

## Landis Plans Packed May

Nature Writing Sunday, May 7, 1:00 – 3:00 PM (also April 30, June 4, and June 11) Class dependent on grant funding.

Woodcock Search and Sneak-up Friday, May 5, 8:30 – 10:00 PM

Know and Nurture: Outdoor Yoga at Landis

Sunday, May 7, 2:00 PM c

Preparing for the Spring Plant Sale

Friday, 9:00 AM, May 19

Pick of the Pots (POPs): A Members-Only Spring Plant Sale Preview Party Friday, 4:00 – 6:00 PM, May 19

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Recalibrate: Silent Excursions

Tuesday, May 23, 11:00 AM

Morning Bird Walk Sunday, May 28, 6:00 AM

## Opening Reception for 2023 Featured Exhibition at Iroquois Museum

HOWES CAVE — The Iroquois Museum will be holding the opening reception for the featured exhibition on May 6, 2023 from 1 to 4 pm. This year's exhibition is titled Oil & Water: Works by Ernest Smith, Jesse Cornplanter, and James Beaver from the Iro-

quois Museum collection. The exhibit showcases 3 early Haudenosaunee artists and the impact of the Seneca Arts Project (part of the WPA Indian Arts Project) in the context of cultural assimilation and revitalization.

Perry Ground will be the guest speaker at the opening.

Perry is a member of the Onondaga nation, a well-known storyteller, and the nephew of featured artist Ernest Smith. Please join us for this event and be sure to check out all other upcoming events at <https://www.iroquoismuseum.org/workshops-events>.

## Important Grant Aids Schoharie County Arts Juried Plays Key Role

By Matthew Avitabile

SCHOHARIE COUNTY — A critical \$10,000 grant from the Nicholas J. Juried Foundation aided Schoharie County Arts to purchase the insurance necessary to jumpstart programming in and hire a website developer.

SCA's Lisa Ovitt wrote, "we were so grateful Nick helped us launch our plan."

Ovitt continued, writing that Juried's "additional gift will enable us to further our mission in 2023 by paying musicians to perform at the Arts in Bloom Fest we are co-sponsoring with the Schoharie Library on June 10."

"We will also bring artists and hands-on art activities to our booths at Richmondville Days on June 3, the Iroquois Museum's Roots, Rhythm & Ale Fest on August 4, and the Sharon Springs Harvest Festival on September 16-17. On May 7 at 2 pm, Schoharie County Arts will sponsor our second Author's Hour with poet Susan Fantl Spivack at the Jeff Tufano Gallery, 548 Main Street,

Cobleskill."

Ovitt said that SCA partnered with the Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation to bring art to the village of Schoharie in SEEC's "stunning, newly-renovated space in the former Bank of America building at 287 Main Street."

"In March we opened the space when we hosted SCA's own board member Christine Harris and her photography show, Abloom. Going forward, SCA will be working with SEEC to keep the space continuously filled with the work of local artists. Some of Nick's gift will go toward purchasing the specialized art gallery supplies and displays necessary to bring a variety of art to the County."

"Our most exciting update is that on Saturday, October 7, SCA will be holding an Arts Trail Driveabout throughout Schoharie County. Participants will be provided with a map to artist studios where they can watch artists work, interact with them, and purchase their work. For

artists without formal studio space, we will have key locations throughout the County where they can work and display. It is our hope that this event will grow each year and become as ingrained in the culture of Schoharie as the Eagle, Quilt Barn, and Beverage Trails. Artists who wish to participate are encouraged to sign up at <https://bit.ly/ArtsDriveabout10-7-23> or contact SCA at [schoharierecount-yarts@gmail.com](mailto:schoharierecount-yarts@gmail.com)."

"Mr. Juried recognizes that organizing all these activities takes not only time and work, but also money. SCA has a hard-working and talented volunteer board of directors with a vision and a plan to support and showcase artists and to make art accessible to each and every resident. Nick's gift supports that vision and solidifies our mission."

Juried has played a key role in a number of local projects, including another one on our other pages.

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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](mailto: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](http://www.schohariecounty-ny.gov)**

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** (A) Must possess a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited or New York State-registered college or university with thirty (30) credit hours in the natural sciences, of which not more than twelve (12) credit hours may be in the applied sciences, and have satisfactorily completed a public health training course approved by the State Health Department within two (2) years of appointment; OR

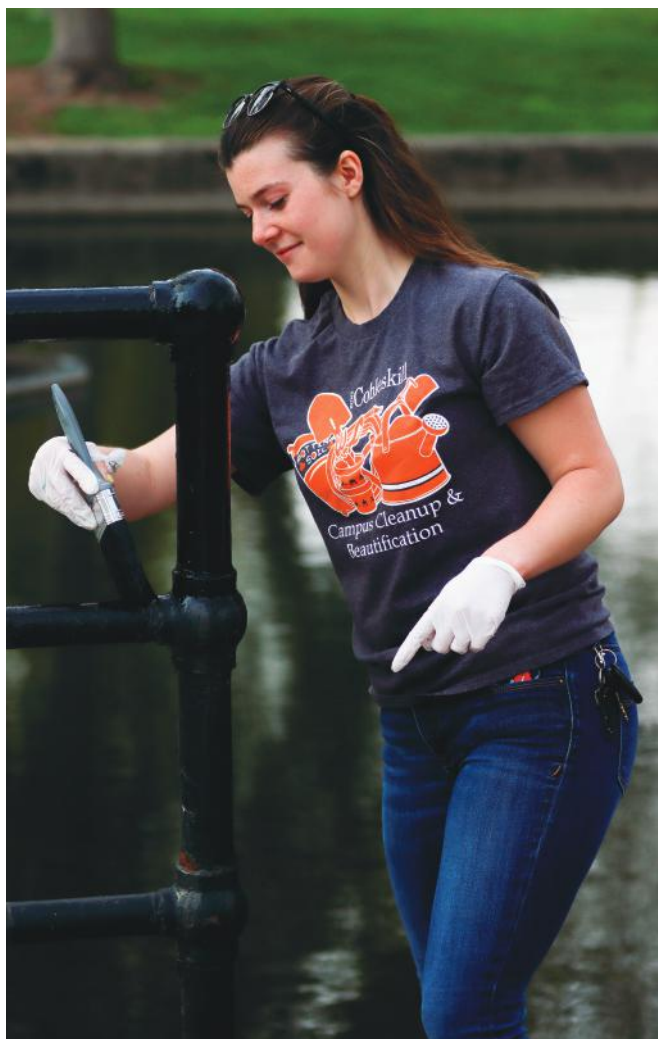
(B) May be a public health technician who possesses five (5) years of experience as a public health technician deemed satisfactory by the local commissioner of health or public health director and have satisfactorily completed a public health training course approved by the State Health Department.

**NOTE:** Part-time employment can be pro-rated to count towards full-time (based on number of hours worked per week) and a higher level of education can be pro-rated for experience up to a year.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** This class requires 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\*\***

# Clean Up for Earth Day!



SUNY college students lend a hand with cleanup for earth day at Veterans park. Photos by Bob Duso.



Picking up the trash left by people, who didn't take it with them.



Mayor Stanton-Terk doing her part painting the bridge that crosses over Park Place near the Veterans Park. Interesting color to say the least. The mayor simply asked for green, and that's what was given.

What are your thoughts?



Robert Barr, Post Commander, Cobleskill American Legion Post 57 gets a head start on the Earth Day clean up at the post Headquarters building.

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**Family Support Services**

Hi Everyone, There is now a New Family Support Group meeting being held every Monday evening from 5:30 – 7:00pm at Open Arms Recovery Center on Main Street in Schoharie. Everyone is welcome, feel free to join us for some or all of the meeting. We are here to help you and your family navigate the complexities of being and/or loving someone with a Substance Use Disorder. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me.

Bushnell.Chrystal@SCCASA518.org  
 Cell: (518)605-4180

# Tree Giveaway for Arbor Day

**By Alexis Pencar**  
 SHARON SPRINGS — Happy Arbor Day! The Village of Sharon Springs is celebrating with a Native Tree Giveaway this weekend! The Tree Board is sponsoring this event in preparation for the upcoming application for Tree City USA.

This Arbor Day Celebration is planned for Saturday, April 29th, and Sunday, April 30th from 12 noon until 2:00 pm both days in the parking lot of the Sharon Springs Community Building located at 129 Main Street.

Along with the tree giveaway, there will be educational sessions with local Arborist Elliot Adams. Topics will cover tree care, tree identifi-

cation, pruning lilacs, and more! Look out for a fun craft for children too!

The Tree Board will now offer Sand Cherry and Virginia Rose! This particular tree and shrub are native to our specific area and will promote new and long-term growth.

The Sand Cherry and Virginia Rose are important native trees in Upstate New York and provide numerous benefits to the environment, specifically the rocky and steep Village of Sharon Springs.

Since supplies will be limited to a first come first serve basis for Village residents, there will also be a signup sheet for details on future

events like workshops, family-friendly activities, giveaways, and more.

The Village of Sharon Springs is working towards becoming one of 3,652 other communities who have satisfied the requirements to be called a Tree City. This program is responsible for nearly 1 million trees planted since 1976!

The Tree City USA program, through the Arbor Day Foundation, provides communities with a framework to maintain and grow their tree cover. It also gives them an avenue to celebrate their work, showing residents, visitors, and the entire country that they're committed to the mission of environmental change.

# Gardening Tips & Radliff Plant Sale

**By Alexis Pencar**  
 SHARON SPRINGS — As our seasons transition to a wet and chilly Spring, it's no wonder gardening enthusiasts eagerly anticipate the start of the growing season.

As many have learned the hard way, it is so important to take the proper steps, and especially timing, to prepare your garden for the coming months.

Here are some tried and true gardening tips to help you get your 2023 gardening season off on the right foot:

1. Plan and prepare your garden bed.

Start by cleaning the garden bed by removing any sticks, weeds, or dead plants from the previous season. You can then add compost to enrich the soil and improve its texture. You could also add organic fertilizer to promote healthier growth.

2. Choose and plant the right plants.

Since our area has a relatively short growing

season, it is so important to choose crops that thrive in cooler climates. Some popular options include lettuce, peas, radishes, and spinach. You can also plant cold-hardy flowers like pansies, snapdragons, and calendula. Start your seeds indoors for more sensitive crops.

3. Protect your plants from the elements.

Even after the last frost, there could still be a cold snap or two! To best protect your plants, use frost blankets or ground cloths. Row covers and greenhouses are excellent ways to extend the growing season.

4. Water and mulch regularly.

Regular watering is important for new plants to establish their root systems. In addition to watering, adding a layer of mulch around your plants can help to retain moisture and regulate soil temperature.

5. Monitor for pests and diseases.

Always be on the lookout for pests and diseases

that can damage your plants. Some common pests in Upstate New York include aphids, slugs, and Japanese beetles. To prevent infestations, you can use natural pest control methods like companion planting, beneficial insects, and even homemade insecticidal soaps.

By sticking to these quick gardening tips, you can make sure your garden is ready for the upcoming growing season.

If you want to skip the seed starting and plant right into the ground, visit Radliff Hollow Farm for their "Famous May Plant Sale" this May 13th & 14th. They have all types of plants and flowers for sale and are offering lots of creative specials this season! They are located at 210 West Lykers Road, Canajoharie.

No matter which way you like to garden, with proper planning and care, you can enjoy a bountiful harvest and beautiful blooms all season long.

# Bison Island Ranch Days Kick Off in May



It's calving season at the Ranch!

**By Alexis Pencar**  
 SHARON SPRINGS — Did you know that Sharon Springs is home to a bison ranch? This Spring and Summer, Bison Island Ranch will hold its "Ranch Days" on the first Saturday of every month from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm!

At Bison Island Ranch Days, you can purchase bison meat, jerky, art, and handcrafted goods. Learn more about bison and their important role in our ecosystem. There's always fun and educational activities for kids at the Ranch too!

Have you ever wanted to talk to a bison rancher? Bison Island Ranch Owner Susan Golembeski will be there to speak and answer any questions too. She's been in the bison business since 2011!

This bison herd is 100% Grass-Fed and pasture rotated regularly, allowing the animals to live in the most natural and undisturbed way possible. As the largest land mammal in North America, a bison can consume up to 30 pounds of grass in one day! These huge herbivores, also com-

monly called buffalo, can weigh up to 2,000 pounds, stand over 6 feet tall, and run up to 35 miles per hour!

With cooking tips and tricks on hand, this is also a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the best ways to use bison and creative ways to add this "Original Healthy Food" into you and your family's diet!

Did you know that The American Heart Association "recommends bison meat for a heart-healthy diet due to its low fat and cholesterol content"? This meat is high in protein, iron, selenium, phosphorus, zinc, copper, potassium, riboflavin, niacin, and vitamins B6 and B12.

Come out for the first Bison Island Ranch Days on May 6th from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm for a day of fun and education! If you've ever wanted to learn more about bison, this is a great chance!

Bison Island Ranch is located at 194 Engleville Rd, Sharon Springs, NY 13459. Please call (305) 298-5397 for more information.

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