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Fire Claims Life of Davenport Man

By Liz Page

DAVENPORT - A late afternoon fire claimed the life of Peter M. McGuire, 69, on April 1, after a passerby reported seeing heavy black smoke coming from a cabin at 2285 Stewart Road in the town of Davenport.

East Meredith Fire Chief David Briggs said his department arrived on the scene to find the cabin filled with heavy, black smoke that was pouring from the eaves. Firefighters were able to make a quick knock down of the blaze, but he said they were hampered by debris inside and outside the home. It took time to ventilate the home so they could see to navigate through the debris.

"Once we got enough ventilation, we entered the cabin and knocked the fire down quickly. Then it took us some time to find him," said Briggs.

The home had no electricity and no running water and had been condemned,

according to Briggs. However the man was known to be living in the basement.

"It was just a very difficult situation, because it was a hoarding house with little access and narrow pathways through floor to ceiling debris. He was found in the basement," said Briggs. "It was a very unfortunate situation."

Briggs called mutual aid to Davenport, Pindars Corners and Bloomville and AMR came in to standby with an ambulance. Also responding were Delaware County Coordinators Dale Downin and Ray Baker and New York State Fire investigators.

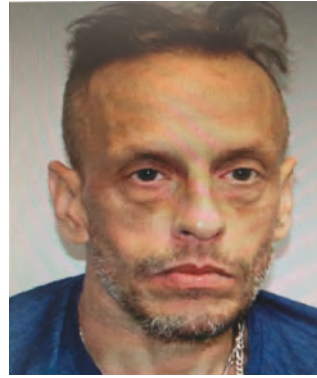
Firefighters got the call at 4:58 and were on scene until 11:45 that night, until state fire and the coroner could respond and the body was removed, said Briggs.

The cause of the blaze is undetermined, according to state police, but is not believed suspicious and no criminal activity suspected.

Davenport Man Indicted For Murder

DELHI - Delaware County Acting District Attorney Shawn J. Smith announced today the Indictment of 46-year-old JUSTIN T. VALK, of Davenport, New York. The Delaware County Grand Jury indicted Valk on March 30, 2023, for allegedly murdering his wife during the summer of 2022. The indictment accuses Valk of four Counts.

Count Three of the indictment accuses the defendant of Murder in the Second Degree, and alleges that he acted under circumstances evincing a depraved



indifference to human life, when he recklessly engaged in conduct that caused the death of Stephanie Valk.

Count Four of the indictment accuses the defendant of committing Murder in

the Second Degree, and alleges that Justin Valk intentionally caused the death of Stephanie Valk on or about July 29- August 1, 2023, in the Town of Davenport.

The defendant is also charged with Recklessly Endangering the life of the victim, and Assaulting the victim. The victim was the defendant's wife.

If the defendant is convicted of Murder in the Second Degree, he faces a maximum sentence of 25 years to life in prison.

Acting District Attorney Shawn Smith stated, "I am

extremely grateful for the thorough investigation of this case by New York State Police Investigators. They have expended hundreds of hours investigating the manner of this victim's death."

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned in Delaware County Court on April 10, at 9:00 A.M. The defendant is currently incarcerated at the Delaware County Correctional Facility.

As are all persons accused of a crime, the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Davenport in Mourning After Death of Supervisor Dennis Valente

DAVENPORT CENTER - Dennis Valente, who served the town of Davenport for more than 20 years, first as a member of the town council and for the past 18 years as the town supervisor, died April 4 from complications due to surgery.

He was also the owner of the Davenport Garden Center.

"He truly cared about the town," said Highway Superintendent Fred Utter. "I lost a business partner and friend, but most of all, the town of Davenport lost someone who cared about the town. He was a good businessman and kept us

out of debt."

Utter said the town upgraded its highway equipment under Valente's tenure and he believes Valente has left the town in good shape. He said he hopes the next supervisor can run the town like Valente did.

Although the two often butted heads, Utter said Valente always acted in the town's best interest and he appreciated Valente's help.

During his recent illness, Valente's wife, Patti, was appointed deputy supervisor.

Delaware County Supervisor Chairman Tina Mole said she had spoken to Dennis Valente just before his surgery and told her he

was very proud to serve Delaware County on the Board of Supervisors and of the many accomplishments he was a part of as a member of the board." Dennis was an asset to the County Board for almost 20 years.... intelligent, honest and he understood all the facts before making decisions. I will truly miss his humor and friendship," said Mole.

In February he sent an email that outlined what he was facing and saying that no matter what happened he is not short changed in any way. He wrote: "My work with the Town of Davenport and Delaware County

are two of my proudest pursuits..." his joy at serving with his fellow supervisors and "continuing to be a part of the teams that are taking on our big challenges."

Calling hours will be held Wednesday, April 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. at the Lester R. Grummons Funeral Home, 14 Grand Street, Oneonta. The will be a vigil prayer at 7 p.m.. Calling hours will also be held Thursday morning, April 13, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by a funeral mass at 12 noon at St. Mary's, 39 Walnut St., Oneonta.

A full obituary will appear next week.

Fishermen Turn Out for Opening Day

By Liz Page

BLOOMVILLE - The fishermen were few and far between first thing Saturday morning, but those who stuck it out were treated to a beautiful, sunshiny day, after midmorning.

Tara Fairbairn, of Stamford, has been going out on opening day since she was a kid and her partner, Kenny Palmatier, is also an avid fisherman. Missing from their annual rite of passage on Saturday was their son, Andrew, who was feeling a bit under the weather and didn't want to get wet.

The rain on Saturday morning went from steady to intermittent, producing some soaking rain in between. It was wet and Friday's showers had turned many waterways into a chocolate brown that made it difficult for the fish to see the bait. The water was high and swift, which is



Tara Fairbairn reels in her line after casting into the West Branch of the Delaware in Bloomville on Saturday morning. Like other avid anglers, she was marking the opening day to harvest trout. Avid anglers consider it the annual rite of spring.

nothing unusual for opening day

Tara was using a lure at the bridge in Bloomville, a favorite spot to cast a fishing line for many anglers. She said they usually don't go there on opening day, opting

for some quieter spots, but because it was muddy, she said they were starting at Bloomville and would work their way to the less muddy water where they could hopefully switch their bait to worms.

One of the keys to catching a fish is that the water is clear enough for them to see the bait.

Fairbairn and I stood there for a time, marveling

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Delhi Village Budget Adopted, 2% Tax Increase

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - Delhi trustees adopted the 2023-2024 budget of \$4,249,892 with a 2% tax cap increase following a public hearing on Apr. 3. The \$4.2 million budget is an approximate decrease of \$39,217 from 2022-2023.

Recently appointed Mayor

Jeffrey Gearhart said an increase in taxes was necessary due to the village's financial challenges. Village officials and residents have expressed concern over the last year with several tax-exempt properties and the loss of SUNY Delhi host funding.

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Grant Applications Top Economic Development Committee Discussion

By Mary A. Crisafulli
 DELHI - Delaware County Economic Development Specialist Sean Penchoff reported on several grant applications at an economic development committee meeting on Apr. 5.

Two resolutions will be recommended to supervisors by committee members regarding approval of \$144,000 in the tourism promotion and development grant program. County occupancy tax revenue will fund several non-profit business tourism-related projects if approved. For-profit company grants are being reviewed and will be presented in May, said Penchoff.

Approximately 22 applications for the state RAIL (resiliency and income loss) Grant, dispersed through economic development, have been received and are in review. RAIL grants aim to assist businesses in preparation, prevention, and response to the global pandemic. Business owners could apply for funds that require or have adapted operations due to COVID-19 or for economic loss during that time. According to Penchoff, the application review is longer than expected because each application needs a state-required environmental assessment. A second application process is expected once initial applicants are notified.

The county applied for a New York State Economic Development grant to promote outdoor activities. Funding is intended to establish a digital map of hiking, biking, snowmobile,

cross-country ski, and horseback riding trails, boat launches, fishing areas, and other recreational activities if awarded. According to Penchoff, a recent meeting with state representatives was positive in that the county will be awarded funding for the project, though it will be less than requested. A final decision is expected in the coming weeks. Once the map is established, Penchoff said businesses and hotels could be added through use of other funds.

In another discussion, county Industrial Development Board Chairperson James Thomson reported no movement on the Belleayre Mountain and Resort project, which will add over 200 lodging condos to Ulster and Delaware counties. The project cost is estimated between \$350 and \$450 million to construct the lodging facilities around an 18-hole golf course. "This could really transform the whole eastern end of this county," said Thomson. He explained that the hold is with the state as the project exceeds the state-mandated trail mileage regulation. Former New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo agreed for the state to purchase the 1,000 acres of property proposed for expansion for \$14,000,000 to be donated to an independent group for the project to move forward within state regulations. Negotiations for the property transfer were deferred due to the global pandemic. Stakeholders are seeking reengagement with Governor Kathy Hochel's administration.

In another report, Penchoff said that Blue Spark Creative Lisa Wisley, county media representative, is developing a website focused on wedding venues and resources available in the area. The site would include resources regarding venues, lodging, caterers, photographers, disc jockey services, event planners, invitation designers, and more.

In addition, Penchoff and Wisley are brainstorming ways to increase promotion of local business events. The goal, Penchoff explained, is to section off the county into four quadrants and bring together representatives from each to work on common goals. A centralized calendar for events will be developed and posted to greatwesterncatskills.com.

This is an issue "near and dear to my heart," said Harpersfield Supervisor Lisa Driscoll, "I know the community would come out for these events, they just don't know about them." Driscoll is a member of the Hobart Rotary Club, which brings business-minded individuals together to service the club, community, and world through activities, events, and contributions. Driscoll requested the representative from the Hobart quadrant be connected with the rotary club.

In other news, two candidates for the open economic development specialist position will be interviewed next week.

The next economic development committee meeting is scheduled Wednesday, May 3, at 9 a.m.

Delhi Budget, Continued from A1

The 2% increase will amount to approximately \$15 for every \$1,000 assessed property value. Gearhart said that for a homeowner with an assessed value of \$100,000, the growth would be roughly \$60 or \$70 for the year. The new taxation will rake in about \$19,000 in funding for the budget.

"The village board has done its due diligence with no tax increase for several

years," said Trustee Jeremy Fitch. Board members attempted to cut expenses where they could, but a tax increase was still necessary to meet needs, he added.

One village resident attending the meeting said she believes the village citizens will understand the need for the tax adjustment.

In other business, several appointments were made, including; Fitch as deputy mayor; Roemer, Wallens,

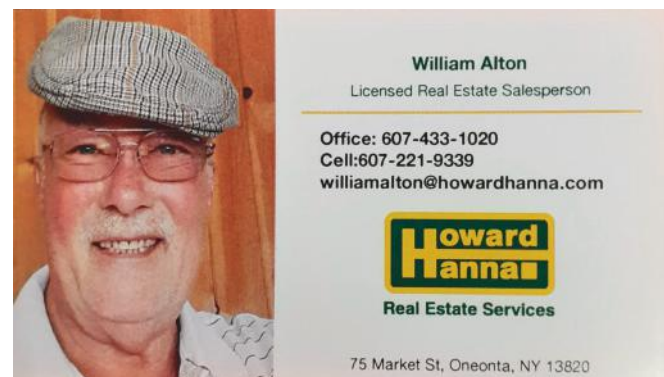
Gold & Mineaux as village attorney, Thomas Little as code enforcement officer; Regina Krzyston as health officer; and Gabrielle Pierce as historian. Barbara Sturdevant was appointed to fill Gearhart's one-year trustee vacancy following the mayoral election.

Joannie Biedent was appointed to the zoning board with a term to expire in 2027. Belinda Watts was appointed to the zoning board with a term to expire in 2028. David Curley was appointed to the planning board with a term to expire in 2029. Dave Kopecek was appointed to the planning board with a term to expire in 2030.

Trustees were assigned to the following committees; Ian Lamont to public works, Gearhart to public works and codes, buildings & planning, Fitch to police and codes, buildings & planning, and finance, Jannet Tweed to police and joint services, and Sturdevant to finance.



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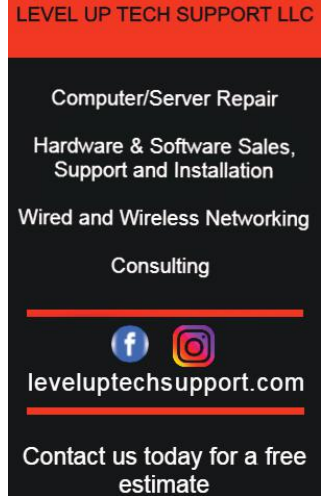
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Obituaries James Finch

A memorial service to celebrate Jim's life will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, at the Jay Gould Memorial Reformed Church, 53837 State Highway 30, Roxbury, N.Y. Fol-

lowing the service, there will be a time of fellowship and, at 3 p.m., interment at Vega Cemetery, Roxbury, N.Y.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may

be made to the Jay Gould Church or Adult Teen Challenge, PO Box 249, Ozark, MO 65721 or online at www.teenchallengeusa.org (http://www.teenchallengeusa.org/).

Fishing, Continued from A1

at how calming it was to stand at the edge of the streambank, cast a line and watch it feed downstream. "It is calming. That's why I like fishing," said Fairbairn.

She said she was only one in the family to catch a fish on opening day last year, which was cold, with a couple of inches of snow. The conditions were not ideal. "I was the only one who caught a fish," she smiled.

It is a family affair for them and Fairbairn is an avid angler. She said she invested in a rod last year that allows you to feel the

fish strike the line. "It took a little getting used to, but I do like it."

It started to rain fairly heavy again and I decided to leave. Fairbairn made her way to the car to wait out the rain again. Her only regret, she said, was not bringing a book to read while she was sitting in the car. Once the rain let up, she would go back to the streambank.

Cliff Mueller was out early opening day, but said he didn't last long. "The streams looked like chocolate milk and I didn't see any other fishermen. I lasted about

20 minutes," he said.

Many believe the opening day falls on April Fool's day, because the weather most of the time is not ideal. It is a teaser for anglers to get out into nature and enjoy the outdoors.

So the annual rite of spring has taken place, marking one more sign of spring and soon the state Department of Environmental Conservation will be stocking local streams and ponds. To see where and when the stocking takes place, visit the DEC website at dec.ny.gov or to get the latest regulations.



Two fishermen try their luck at the bridge in Bloomville on Saturday, April 1, the opening date to harvest trout.

Dine Out for a Cause

Our fine restaurants in Otsego, Delaware and Schoharie counties are hosting a Dine Out for a Cause day and a percentage of the proceeds will go to raise awareness and support for Helios Care.

J & D's Wagon Wheel
 4918 NY 28
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 Wednesday, April 12th

Jive Cafe
 12 Commons Drive
 Cooperstown
 Saturday, April 15th

Green Earth Health Market
 4 Market Street
 Oneonta
 Tuesday, April 25th

and joint services.

Richard Maxey was hired as ex-officio for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, not to exceed \$750.

The official meeting date for village trustees was designated for the third Monday of every month at 6 p.m., excluding January and February.

The Reporter was designated the official newspaper, and Delaware National Bank of Delhi as the official depositor. Trustees will advertise for a part-time assistant clerk with job duties and salary to be determined.

Nick Marino N&M Property Maintenance was hired for weekly mowing and trimming at the following parks, price per service, Bridgeside for \$50, Hoyt for \$6, and Reservoir for \$55.

Trustees authorized purchase of two six-foot tables for \$189.99 each and five folding chairs for \$114.94 each for the Fair on the Square (FOS) activities. Fireworks for FOS were authorized for July 7 with a rain date of July 14.

The next Delhi village meeting is scheduled Apr. 17 at 6 p.m.



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Recruitment, Human Resources Committee on Agenda

By Mary A. Crisafulli
 DELHI - Delaware County Personnel Officer Carrara Knoetgen reported on several recruitment events and possible adjustments to state-required testing at a human resources committee meeting on Apr. 5.

The New York State Department of Labor (DOL) civil service workshop and recruitment event on Mar. 28 held in Oneonta had a limited turnout, said Knoetgen. However, she added that several individuals who did attend were from Delhi, and she was able to hand out some county employment applications.

Another DOL recruitment event on Mar. 16 was held virtually, which yielded better attendance, she reported. The Southern Tier Virtual Career Fair is a monthly event that Knoetgen will attend regularly. "Candidates can go online, visit employer booths, and review opportunities to plan out their time at the fair," she said. Knoetgen gives the following tips to participants: be proactive by making use of the chat feature to directly engage with employers and ask questions, take advantage of the preview day to make a strategy for fair day, upload a resume, and be sure to visit as many booths as possible even if you don't have time

to engage with the employer, by visiting you ensure the employer sees you are an interested candidate.

"I am hoping to get more Delaware County participants in this fair because it is a great opportunity to chat directly with me and ask questions about civil service exams, job openings, and more," said Knoetgen.

For more information and registration for the virtual fair, email pers@co.delaware.ny.us.

Knoetgen also reported an increase in applications for county jobs over the last month. There are over 80 job openings listed on the county website at delcony.us.

In another discussion, Knoetgen said the online training program provided by New York State Civil Service Institute began and will run through June. She has completed two modules in the course thus far regarding the basics of civil services and position classifications. Conversations on the classification of positions are predicted to be a continued topic, as adjusting these is a significant component of recruitment challenges. The subject will also be on the agenda for the annual state personnel conference from May 7-10, she said. The state is

working to adjust classifications in positions and is making several other civil service changes which will be discussed at the conference, she explained. Committee members approved Knoetgen and another personnel employee to attend

the conference for \$550 each plus \$159 per night per person for lodging. Initially, Knoetgen said the budget only allowed for her participation though she would like to bring another employee. However, several committee members said

it was vital for additional staff to attend the conference as recruitment has been a major issue, and funds could be pulled from contingency.

The committee entered into an executive session to discuss personnel and

legal matters. Committee chairperson and Meredith Supervisor James Ellis, did not anticipate any decisions following the session.

The following human resources committee meeting is scheduled Wednesday, May 3, at 1 p.m.

Raccoon Tests Positive For Rabies In Delhi

A raccoon tested positive for rabies in the town of Delhi. This is the first animal in Delaware County to test positive for rabies in 2023.

One dog was bitten by a lab confirmed rabid raccoon in the town of Delhi, there were no human exposures. According to the owner of the exposed dog the raccoon was not acting sick or appeared to be rabid. Vaccination records of the dog indicated the animal was not up to date its rabies vaccinations. The animal has begun a 6-month quarantine following the New York State Department of Health guidelines.

"There have been reports to public health from other areas of the county about strange acting raccoons", states Heather Warner, PH Programs Manager. "Getting your pet vaccinated by your vet or at a free clinic can help stop the spread of rabies from wild animals to humans".

An exposure to rabies can be fatal for a human or a pet. Be sure your dogs, cats and ferrets are up to date on their rabies vaccinations. Vaccinated pets serve as a buffer between rabid wildlife and man. Protect them, and you may reduce your risk of exposure to rabies. Be a responsible

pet owner by keeping your pet's vaccinations current. Public Health recommends that pet owners take advantage of any of the free remaining rabies clinics in Delaware County.

- Sidney-May 8, 2023 5:30PM-7:30PM, Sidney Fire Hall: 74 River St. Sidney, NY 13838

- Hancock-May 22, 2023 5:30-7:30PM, Hancock Town Hall, 661 West Main St. Hancock, NY 13783

- Arkville- June 7, 2023 4PM-6PM Arkville Fire Hall, 43365 State Highway 28, Arkville, NY 12406

- Franklin- June 12, 2023, 5:30PM-7:30PM Franklin Fire Hall, 351 Main St., Franklin, NY 13775

- Walton-July 12, 2023 5 PM- 7 PM Walton Highway Garage, 25091 State Highway 10, Walton, NY 13856

- Delhi- August 22, 2023 5 PM-7 PM Delhi Fire Hall, 140 Delview Terrace Extn. Delhi, NY 13753

- Stamford-September 12, 2023 5 PM- 7 PM Stamford Fire Hall, 111 Main St. Stamford, NY 12167

- Deposit- October 2, 2023, 5:30PM-7:30PM DPW garage 1 Village St (200 Front St), Deposit, NY 13754

Once infected, rabies is a virus that has 100% fatality

rate when left untreated, in mammals including humans. Public Health recommends the following precautions to protect yourself and your family from possible exposure to rabies:

- Report any sick or strange acting wildlife

- Vaccinate pets and livestock. New York State law requires that all dogs, cats and ferrets be vaccinated against rabies by 4 months of age. Vaccinating your domestic animal not only provides protection for the animal, but vaccinated pets act as a barrier to keep the rabies virus from spreading between wild animals and people.

- Vaccination is also recommended for livestock with frequent human contact.

- Do not feed wildlife or stray animals and discourage them from seeking food near your home.

- Do not feed strays. According to Public Health Law an owner is defined as any person keeping, harboring, or having charge or control of or permitting any dog, cat or domesticated ferret to remain on or be lodged or fed within such person's house yard

or premises.

- Do not approach an unknown animal, either wild or domestic, especially if it is acting in a strange or unusual manner.

- Report all animal bites and any contact with bats to the Health Department in your county. Human rabies can be prevented after exposure by administering a series of shots.

- Keep garbage cans tightly covered and avoid storing any food outside.

- Children should be instructed to tell an adult immediately if they were bitten or scratched by any animal.

- If a pet not up to date on its rabies vaccinations comes in contact with rabid or suspected rabid animal the pet must be quarantined for six months.

- Vaccinated pets that come in contact with rabid or suspected rabies animal must be given a booster rabies vaccination within five days of the contact.

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Letters to the Editor

Will The Endangered Northern Long-Eared Bat Pre-vail Over Solar?

As of March 31, 2023, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has published a reclassifying ruling of the Northern long-eared bat from threatened to endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act.

According to the DEC, the bats are confirmed to winter in the caves of Carlisle and Seward.

McFails Cave Preserve located on Lykers Road, Carlisle is owned by the NSS (National Speleological society). It is 290 feet deep making it as of now, the deepest known cave in the Northeast. It is the longest known cave of New York and the 3rd largest cave bat hibernaculum in the state, therefore any proposed project potentially impacting it would have to be reviewed under the New York State environmental Quality review act. Also a protected wetland overlies a significant portion of the cave with the outlet of the wetland being "Halls Hole"! Many sink holes are present as well as 2 other caves on the property where it is located. Featherstonehaugh's Flop and Hanors/Cave Disappointment system which is 500 feet long is also in this area. One entrance to Hannors/Cave Disappointment is a 50 foot deep pit. The caves may all be connected via Disappointment Crawl but this is currently too small to permit passage through.

Other caves in the area are Sellecks Cave, Brown's Depression which is a half mile long underground drainage area with a passage named Barrack Zourrie in honor of the nearby Barrack Zourrie Mountain.

Selleck's Karst Preserve on Kniskern Road is also owned by the NSS.

Cave Mistake is located near the proposed Solar site on Brown Road in both the towns of Seward and Carlisle as well as Doc Shauls Spring which is an underground cavern.

Near Lawyersville, 3 miles from Doc Shauls is Cave Mistake and Doolittles Cave which are both in-feeders which makes water disappear and reappear in

another location.

There are so many caves and underground streams of in this area such as Balls Cave, and the "Ice hole" near Grosvern's Corners where the temperature never rises above freezing.

The Rock House near the Carlisle village has never been explored but consists of a number of fissures and dark openings with disappearing streams.

Levys Cave and Rock house are a few more caves in the area. Due to the Karst fragile soil with many underground streams and sink holes this cave country is very fragile and should be explored intensely before disrupting any endangered species who are loving our beautiful Schoharie County.

"information taken from northerncatskillshistory.com, "National Speleological Society" and USFWS.

Please come to the next STOP SOLAR FIELDS from disruption of our natural fragile ecosystem!

Carlisle Town Hall @ 7 pm on April 18.

Bring a hard copy of your questions in regards to the 300-acre proposed solar project and the effects these are having on our county and environment!

Marge Lawston
Carlisle

They Want It Both Ways

Everybody likes the good roads. You know, the ones that don't have potholes and that get plowed promptly, the ones graded with effective culverts and ditching. Residents, voters and town officials....everybody likes the good roads.

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Town budgets are often heavily weighted toward funding for roads. Trucks, plows, graders, loaders, material, personnel....all expensive and all necessary. For the good roads, of course. Towns commonly spend more on their roads than on anything else.

There's a reason why towns elect dedicated people as Highway Superintendents. It's a full time responsibility requiring knowledge, experience and a willingness to learn.

Highway work is the responsibility of the Highway Department.

For several years, the Town Board in Wright has been second-guessing the Highway Superintendent. The Board has been very willing to substitute its own judgment as to how much topsoil and road material should be ordered, when and for how long to rent a piece of equipment. Overruling the duly elected Highway Superintendent is routine.

Now the Board has decided that the Highway Superintendent should not attend the Cornell University Highway Superintendent Training this year.

The Board budgeted the \$620 for tuition and, in including this into the 2023 budget, said to the taxpayers in effect, we're willing to collect tax money for this expense and we will spend that money on this expense.

Now the Board says no. No training for you. New information? New techniques? New products? No. No Cornell School for you. We're not spending the tax money we collected to send you to school like we said we would.

You have to wonder why. It's not like the tuition money can be used for something else. It can't.

Frivolous spending of public money is to be avoided and the Town Supervisor continually warns that costs are rising and terrible things will happen if the budget is overspent but education is almost always money well spent. If the Board didn't think that was true, it would not have budgeted tuition money in the first place.

Tension between the Board and Highway Department is well known in Wright. It's poorly understood but well known. But a Town Board that IS willing to decide that two loads of topsoil is enough, not three and which is also willing to decide that the Highway Superintendent doesn't

need any education this year looks more petty and vindictive than fiscally responsible.

It's worth mentioning that since the Board's refusal, two town residents have stepped forward to help pay for half of the Cornell tuition and the Highway Superintendent thinks enough of the training to spend personal money on it as well. Neither of those efforts is necessary. Taxpayers have fronted the money.

There's no good reason for the Town Board to be digging its own pothole but that's what it looks like. There's no way this effort passes for serving the residents of our town.

Jean Burton
Wright

Highbridge Project

Better not let the board members pass this through.

I have written before about the power of 5 who can ruin everything about this mountaintop. You have to remember that this is not what the locals who love this mountain want. Keep thinking about the traffic alone trucks constantly up and down the roads. There will be more accidents etc. Do not let them tell you it will not be so bad...believe it will be worse than you think.

What is going on here is that many local board members have businesses including Air BNB etc. It is a selfish act to allow this destruction to take place. People up here got along just fine without these food chain stores. We go shopping somewhere else and come back to our quiet homes.

If you do not think about that think about how they will raise taxes. Stand strong with your voices.

Eventually, they look forward to getting all locals

out of here..turning this mountain into a visitors' playland. The Adirondacks realize their mistake. Lack of wildlife...all they have now is fast food bars etc. This mountain is already being overtaken by corporations and just greedy people in general. They are in the midst of killing off deer just like the buffalo were destroyed. If someone offered me a billion dollars. I would tell them to get lost. I have my convictions. But I guess most people would sell their souls to the devil for money. Remember God created all and you will stand in front of Him someday and answer everything. Your money will not help.

Lucy Veneski
Lexington

Transparency

In light of recent allegations being made in the Village of Middleburgh, I feel duty-bound to be transparent with the residents of my community. Although I believe my – and the actions of my colleagues on the Village Board – speak for themselves, I feel like the curtain needs to be peeled back a little bit.

Last month, a majority of the Village Board voted to keep our meetings at Village Hall until repairs and improvements begin on our building later this year. Soon afterwards, a Village resident sent me a letter that threatened – unless I changed my position and resigned as Deputy Mayor – that I would be sued.

In response to this, I was advised by multiple attorneys and confidants to remain silent on this matter at the April Village Board meeting; in essence, I was self-imposing a gag order in the face of a frivolous lawsuit. This meant that I bit my tongue at Monday night's meeting when lies, half-truths, and innuendos were being stated about the Village and our actions concerning handicapped accessibility.

The threat of lawsuit be damned, I will not be quiet any longer. Here is the truth of the matter: the Village Board has been carefully saving money over the past six years to be able to install a handicapped lift into Village Hall to provide greater accessibility to our disabled residents. Besides the fact that the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) exempts small municipalities with historic/old buildings from providing any accessibility when such improvements are either technically infeasible or impose undue financial burdens, the Village has been working to get this done because it is the right thing for our residents.

I also want to note that Village Hall was originally a bank constructed in the late nineteenth century, with large safes that our staff utilizes daily to keep important documents safe and secured. Because of this,

the building has some quirks and unique historical components, which we must also take into account. And, despite these nuances, we are still pushing forward to install a handicap lift to increase the accessibility of the building.

Accessibility is personally important to me as well. Many do not know this about me, but I was enlisted in the National Guard as a teenager. It was my lifelong dream to serve my country in uniform. That was all taken away when I failed my hearing test during Basic Training, the Army's doctors discovered that my chronic hearing issues stemmed from inverted ear drums, and they informed me that I will eventually go deaf in my right ear as a result of this preexisting condition. I understand the hardships that impairments pose personally, but I also understand the wheels of government can turn slowly at times.

In fact, we purchased a handicapped lift at this week's meeting. This process has taken a long time for one specific reason: shortly after the Village began studying this issue nearly six years ago, our Village Hall was significantly damaged and our engineers have been carefully monitoring the situation until we were certain the building was both (a.) stabilized enough to make repairs/improvements, and (b.) the insurance claims went through. Now that we are beginning to solicit bids for the building repairs, we are again moving forward on making Village Hall handicapped accessible because that has always been our goal.

Lastly, and so far as to why I voted to keep our meetings at Village Hall: when alternative locations have been proposed in the past, such as the Community Center, they fail to meet three important criteria for me: – (1.) centrally located within the Village, (2.) accessibility for hearing impaired residents, and (3.) ability to continue livestreaming our meetings on Zoom, which has made our meetings accessible and interactive for all residents – in addition to the fact that Village Hall is the most conducive place in our community for our board meetings. This is also why I believe that the Middleburgh Library will be a wonderful temporary home for the Village Board when repairs begin on Village Hall this year.

I was elected to do a job – to serve my community – and I will not stay quiet any longer in the face of a politically motivated, legal extortion by an individual who has publicly and personally harassed my wife and I. Needless to say, but I will have a lot more to add in the coming days and weeks as this issue plays out.

Timothy Knight,
Village of Middleburgh
Deputy Mayor.

HELP WANTED

Watershed Agricultural Council seeks an Economic Viability Program Intern to assist the Economic Viability Program with Pure Catskills membership relations and support, Pure Catskills Guide deliveries, document archiving, content development for various electronic and print media, event coordination and setup, and creating outreach materials consistent with messaging of the Pure Catskills Buy Local Campaign which will reinforce the positive impact being made in the region. This is a 10-week summer position that pays \$14.20 per hour. Must have a dependable vehicle, insurance and a valid N.Y.S. driver's license. Will be reimbursed for mileage incurred on the job. Send cover letter and resume to Patti Bowker, WAC, 33195 State Highway 10, Walton, NY 13856 or email pbowker@nycwatershed.org. Job description: www.nycwatershed.org. WAC will accept cover letters/resumes through April 19, 2023. E.O.E.

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And the New SCS Mascot Is...

By David Avitabile
SCHOHARIE - They will be known as the Schoharie Storm.

The Storm beat out four other finalists to become the new Schoharie Central School mascot. The name will now be sent to a graphic artist to draw up an image to be approved by the school board. It will then adorn uniforms, the gym floors, and athletic fields.

School officials announced the winners shortly after 4pm Wednesday. The voting ended at 3pm.

The Storm beat out the Coyotes, the Hawks, the Vales, and the Titans to become the mascot to replace the Indians, the long-

time mascot that Schoharie was forced to remove by the state, under threat of loss of state aid and removal of officers.

The Schoharie CSD Mascot Committee narrowed over 300 e-mail submissions to 20 mascot finalists. From there, the group chose five options to put forth for a community-wide vote. These five options were listed with a brief description that includes how many schools in the country share the same mascot.

The ranked choice voting showed that Storm received the most first place votes, while Vale received both the fewest first place votes and the most fifth place votes, announced

Superintendent David Blanchard. The second most first place votes went to Hawks. The third most first place votes went to Coyotes.

The district received more than 300 proposed mascot ideas from community members, staff, families, and students over a 30-day period. A mascot committee, which included stakeholders including alumni, parents, staff and students, narrowed that field down to the five choices on the ballot. The district then distributed the ranked-choice ballot to students and students' families and opened up voting to the community. SCS received 1,952 ballots after two weeks of voting.

"We appreciate all of your feedback at school board meetings, our public forum and through the comment section of the ballot," officials said. The school board will now review the vote in advance of an official announcement later this month.

The final results were, listed in the order they appeared on the ballot:

* Coyotes - 312 first-place votes; 202 last-place votes.

* Hawks - 318 first-place votes; 78 last-place votes.

* Storm - 419 first-place votes; 138 last place votes.

* Titans - 229 first-place votes; 262 last-place votes.

* Vale - 169 first-place votes; 767 last-place votes.

Easter Fun!



Ainsley Foster, 2, gets ready to pick her prize while her mother Kara watches during the Schoharie egg hunt this Sunday. More inside. Photo by David Avitabile.

Man Drowns In Blazer Pond

By Liz Page
STAMFORD - The body of a 36-year-old man was recovered from Blazer Pond near Stamford late last Sunday morning by a state police dive team. Two others were successfully rescued from the pond the day before after the boat the three were in capsized.

Members of the Stamford Fire Department were dispatched just after 2:30 p.m. to the pond adjacent to Camp Oorah's Boyz Zone in the town of Jefferson. Stamford Fire Chief Don VanEtten, who was first on the scene, said he had two victims hanging onto an overturned canoe and a reported third victim who was not visible.

He called mutual aid for additional EMS, ambu-

lances, and water rescue resources to the scene.

Members of the Stamford Fire Department were able to deploy their rapid deployment craft (RDC) to get to the two men who were clinging to the canoe and get them safely back to shore. Both men were suffering from exposure to the cold water. They were each transported by the Hobart Fire Department ambulance and AMR to a landing zone at the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) building on Route 10 in Stamford where they were put into separate LifeNet helicopters and transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital.

They were listed in sta-

ble condition, according to state police, and were treated for hyperthermia.

Hobart Fire Department and Jefferson Fire Department responded with additional personnel and equipment to assist Stamford with the search for the missing man, traffic control and to establish the landing zone. Also responding were members of the Schoharie County Technical Rescue Team with their boat and a New York State Police airboat, New York State Forest Rangers responded and helped with a perimeter

search of the water. A state police aviation unit was responded to do an overhead search of the pond and the state police Underwater Recovery Team responded to help locate the missing man.

VanEtten said the search for the missing man was suspended by the state police at dark, with the state police dive teams to return Sunday morning to resume the search.

The third individual was located at about 11 a.m. Sunday, deceased in the water. He has been identified as Juann E. Parco

Saez, 36, of Ecuador. Parco Saez had traveled to Jefferson from his home in Ecuador to work at Camp Oorah. The investigation is ongoing, according to a state police press release, and the drowning is believed to be accidental.

The incident was reported quickly by a trio of people who were out enjoying Saturday's warm weather. They called 911 as soon as they saw the boat capsize. They also held the point where they last saw Parco Saez attempting to swim to shore when he disappeared. The caller reported none of three men were wearing life vests.

VanEtten credited everyone involved with saving two lives on Saturday and indicated that members of the Stamford Fire Dept. realized the value of the RDC. They held a training on cold water rescue with NYS Forest Rangers just one week earlier. During that training, VanEtten said

he learned how to triangulate the location of the boat. "It paid off big time today," said VanEtten. The RDC easily paid for itself with the saving of two lives on Saturday.

The Stamford Fire Department would like to thank: Hobart and Jefferson Fire Departments; Schoharie County Technical Rescue Team; NYS Forest Rangers; NYS Trooper and their dive team, aviation unit, and airboat; AMR EMS; Lifenet of New York; Delaware County (NY) Department of Emergency Services Coordinators and Dispatchers. Also Stewart's Shops for providing refreshments for all responders on scene.

The Stamford Fire Department would also like to thank the community for supporting its 2021 fundraiser which resulted in the purchase of the RDC Boat that helped members of the Stamford Fire Dept. save two lives.

Middleburgh Residents Demand Meetings Moved Board Stands Ground

By David Avitabile
MIDDLEBURGH - Middleburgh village board members Monday night agreed to move their meetings to the library while repairs are being made to the village hall later this year, but two residents demanded that the meetings be moved to an ADA-compliant location immediately.

In March, village board members agreed not to move their meetings temporarily to a handicap-accessible location by a count of 3-2. That decision upset resident Dave Jeremenko who, along with resident Tony Anderson, demanded that the meetings be moved now to an ADA-compliant location like the library.

The repairs to the village hall are "very likely"

to be within six months but this did not satisfy Mr. Jeremenko and Mr. Anderson.

"If you can move to the library for construction, why can't you move to the library for ADA compliance?" Mr. Anderson asked.

"We know we have an issue here so out of common courtesy we should move these meetings," Mr. Jeremenko added.

"You told these disabled people, 'You don't matter. We don't want you at our meetings,'" Mr. Anderson continued. "That's ballsy in my opinion."

Mr. Jeremenko asked for a revote on the meeting location.

Mayor Trish Bergan responded that the board is "not doing that tonight. Don't even start that."



Searching from the air is a State Police helicopter that flies over the Stamford Fire Department's rapid deployment craft at the right and the Schoharie County Technical Rescue Team boat at left. They were searching for a man who drowned in Blazer Pond Saturday afternoon when he attempted to swim to shore after the canoe he was in with two other men capsized. The other two men were rescued by first responders. It was the second drowning in Schoharie County on Saturday. A woman drowned in Summit Lake earlier in the day.



First responders look skyward as a state police helicopter does an aerial search over Blazer Pond in an attempt to locate a man who disappeared after a canoe capsized and he attempted to swim to shore on April 1.



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Gallupville House Hosts Fun for Easter

By Bradley Towle

GALLUPVILLE — The Gallupville House hosted its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, rounding out a busy weekend of Easter activities in the Town of Wright. The Gallupville Methodist Church and Fire Department each held their events on Saturday, April 1st, the warmer of the two weekend days. But the cooler temperatures did not keep the eager families away from Sunday's event. Children entered the Gallupville House to find the Easter Bunny available for pictures and greetings. Gallupville House Association member Julianne Scanlan served as the master of ceremonies, directing her teenage volunteers (including her son as the Easter Bunny) and orchestrating a series



of egg and spoon games for the large crowd of children in attendance. Scanlan led the group in warm-up stretches before lining them up by age at the door and turning them loose to search for eggs around the property with their parents and grandparents. With jackets, hats (and many a snotty nose), the kids scoured around the

Gallupville House, filling their bags and baskets before returning to examine the treasures. The lucky eight to find a small piece of paper with a star could claim one jello egg to enjoy (or share) after the hunt. For information about upcoming events at the Gallupville House, go to <https://www.gallupville-house.org/>.

BOCES Links Students to Employers and Recruiters

SCHOHARIE — Forty-four businesses, labor unions and organizations recruited students on the Career & Technical Education Center - Schoharie Campus on March 29.

Entities ranging from Curtis Lumber, Ryder Truck Rental, Carver Industries and the Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers to the New York State Police and Kenworth Northeast Group recruited the high school seniors and juniors to help meet their current and future employment needs.

"BOCES is a great resource for the Laborer's Union," said Glenn Marek, of Laborer's Union 157. "We found that of about 550 members, 150 of them have come through Capital Region BOCES. They are good quality workers with a basis of training who know what they want and know what they are getting into."

Michael Bennett of Monroe Tractor Director of Services echoed those sentiments.

"BOCES is great because it gives you people who are committed to the training, have gotten the basic training, and who want to work. It gives us as a company something to work with," he said.

Hosted by Capital Region BOCES, the event helps students find jobs and opens their eyes to the variety of careers their Career and Technical School education



is preparing them.

Students said they appreciated the opportunity to examine all of their employment options and perhaps even get a job on the spot!

"Days like this are nice because you get to see what is out there. It's great that the businesses are willing to give up their time to come and meet with us," said Keegan Liddle, a Construction/Heavy Equipment senior from Schoharie who spoke during the event with Bill Gray of International Union of Operating Engineers Local 158.

"This is pretty awesome. The laborer's offer an excellent job and a good opportunity for a successful future," added classmate Jeremiah Taylor of Schoharie.

A career fair with approximately 40 businesses already registered to recruit will take place April 4 on the Albany Campus, located at 925B Watervliet-Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205.

Obituaries David Neubauer



Middleburgh - David "Shorty" Neubauer, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, March 19, 2023. He was born on July 30, 1959 in Copaugue, NY to Catherine (Axlesen) and Thomas E. Neubauer. After completing High School, "Shorty" proudly served in the United States Army from 1977-1979.

"Shorty" loved the out-

doors and camping. Working as a repairman, there wasn't a transmission he couldn't fix and he volunteered with the Town of Broome Fire Department for many years.

"Shorty's" memory will be held forever by his sons: Joshua (Stacy) Neubauer, Christian (Leah) Neubauer and Samuel (Mariah) Neubauer; grandchildren: Payton and Mackenzie Neubauer, Colt Neubauer, Mia and Harley Hunt, Samuel Jr. and Chevelle Neubauer; his companion: Patricia Van Orden; his siblings: Debbie (Joey) Kelly, Doreen Lupo, Pamela Vesley, Kathleen (Andy) Randazzo, Daniel Neubauer; many nieces and nephews; many extended family and friends including his ex-wife: Wendy Neubauer and

Dale (Katrina) Vance, Wanda Bates, David (Hiroe) Vance and their families. In addition to his parents, "Shorty" was predeceased by his brother: Thomas.

In keeping with his wishes, a private graveside service will be held for his family.

Coltrain Funeral Home, LLC of Middleburgh, NY is honored to be caring for "Shorty" and his family.

Memorial donations in his honor are requested to the Bayard Elsbree Memorial Park, c/o Clara Potter, 3077 State Route 145, Preston Hollow, NY 12469 or to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org

Please visit www.coltrainfuneralhome.com to share online condolences with his family.

A Weekend in the Catskills

Five friends were coming to the Gilboa area from New York City, and Angela was in charge of planning their activities. She was intrigued by the Gilboa Museum websites, and found that the Gilboa Historical Society's Tours-On-Call was perfect — people and families can visit the Gilboa Museum anytime during daylight hours, 365, at a mutually convenient time. Check Tours-on-Call out at <https://gilboamuseum.org/> under current activities.

A neighbor across the street from the Gilboa Museum is The Cidery, a venue with excellent food, cider and brews, entertainment, and a fantastic internet presence to promote their activities (<https://www.facebook.com/rcwupstate/events/>). Between the two attractions, you can have a great day's enjoyment at a jewel of a Museum and then go across the street for a light lunch and entertainment.

A new display at the Gilboa Museum is a Victrola Talking Box record player donated by Lester Parker and repaired by Michael Shiffer. Very popular ca. 1918, this record player is once again popular with a clear tone and pre-tech volume control: open the doors for louder music, close them for background music. People now may recall record players with dia-



mond styluses that needed occasional replacement, but the guests were amazed that the needles in 1918 had been sold in bags of 100 to be replaced after each single playing.

Another popular display found by these visitors was the Regina music box. Predating the Victrola, the Regina plays music for a penny — in this case, the record was the Battle Hymn of the Republic — and the record was a metal disk with "hanging chads" controlling the rhythm and tune.

Both pieces of furniture are powered by a key wound spring. As the spring spins the turntable, it also spins a balanced set of weights on a mechanical governor. As the speed increases, the weights are raised by inertia, and the variable height of the unit mechanically controls the speed. Michael Shiffer rebuilt the mechanism on both boxes and now

asks "Should we acquire a Model T Ford? Bring on the broken antique machinery!"

These artifacts appealed to this new wave of younger patrons — icing on a cake for people who came to see natural history of the Gilboa fossils and cultural history of a 1915 agricultural village, construction of a reservoir, and information on rural neighborhoods, lifestyles, and one-room schools.

Yes, they then travelled over to the Cidery and Angel wrote back "Thank you for the informational session this weekend! This article looks great, I can't wait to promote Gilboa to my friends! Can you add me to the emailing list?" [Yes]

From the other side of the visit, it is fun being a member of the Gilboa Historical Society and meeting people like Oba, Chris, Angela, Angel, and Shelby. Thanks, and come back again!

Safety Efforts Earn Jefferson Central School District Utica National's School Safety Excellence Award

Jefferson Central School District is one of at least 165 school districts and Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) in New York State to receive the Utica National Insurance Group's "School Safety Excellence Award" for 2023 at the Gold level.

The honor is presented annually and recognizes school districts' safety efforts as they work to help keep students, staff and visitors safe. Jefferson Central School District received its award at Utica National's 41st school safety seminar, one of seven such seminars the company hosts in the state. For over 45 years Utica National has kept kids and school staff safe and currently insures more than 300 school districts in upstate New York alone,

Jefferson Central School District officials

accepted a certificate to commemorate the district's safety efforts from Utica National representatives.

Utica National's School Safety Excellence Award Program has three levels - titanium, platinum, and gold - in which schools can earn a meritorious distinction by meeting specific criteria to enhance overall safety. Through the program, schools with their own transportation, schools with contract transportation, and BOCES are evaluated. Categories covered include bullying prevention programs, playground safety and other areas, and are measured using specific, quantifiable surveys.

"Safety and health concerns continue to be a priority in our school districts," explained Brian Saville, Senior Vice President in Utica National's



Educational Institutions Unit. "Districts that go 'above and beyond' to provide a safe, healthy and focused culture for learning are to be applauded, and we're pleased to count Jefferson Central School District among them."

Mr. Saville noted that, beyond the recognition

itself, an added benefit of following the safety program is the chance to pinpoint specific threats to safety. "The time to address those threats is before a loss happens, which really helps contribute to the safety culture that districts are working toward."

Middleburgh Central School District Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

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

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

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

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

Bass Trombone and Piano in Middleburgh April 23

Celebrating "International Trombone Week," Frank Meredith and Laurie Vivona Bunn will present an informal program of music for bass trombone and piano on Sunday April 23 at the Middleburgh Reformed Church. The hourlong event begins at 1:30, and there is no admission charge.

The trombone part of the program includes Mozart's "Concerto No.

3" (originally for horn); Sy Brandon's "Adages 2" (based on four well-known adages); Inez McComas' "American Muscle" (celebrating muscle cars); and Lauren Bernofsky's "Two Latin Dances."

Featured piano solos will include Cy Walker's jazz settings of "Blue Moon" and "Body and Soul."

Pianist Laurie Vivona Bunn brings a wealth of

collaborative musical experience to her performances. Currently residing in Indian Lake, NY, she formerly lived and freelanced in the Washington DC area as a pianist for choral groups, recitalists, modern dance and ballet, chamber music and symphonies, voice and instrumental studios and churches. Laurie also has worked as a vocal coach with summer opera workshops, such as the

Seagle Festival in Schroon Lake.

Frank Meredith has enjoyed a 45-year career playing bass trombone with several upstate NY orchestras; Glimmerglass Opera; several chamber groups; in the pit for several dozen musicals; and one nighters with touring headliners, including his favorite band, CHICAGO. Frank is the adjunct trombone teacher at Colgate University.

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Singles Tennis

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Egg Hunt, from Page B1



Kylie Parslow-Bradt, 11, Connor Parslow-Bradt, 8, and Hunter Slater, all of Schoharie enjoy a bigger form of Jenga at the Schoharie Fire House egg hunt Sunday. Photos by David Avitabile.



Alek and Steven Feit of Richmondville have fun with the Easter Bunny Saturday at the Schoharie Fire House.

Library News

Middleburgh Library

4/10 - 2:00 PM - Monday Family Movie Matinee - "Puss in Boots Last Wish" (PG13) - Puss has burned through eight of his nine lives, though he lost count along the way. Getting those lives back will send Puss in Boots on his grandest quest yet. The notorious PiB embarks on an epic journey into the Black Forest to find the mythical Wishing Star and restore his lost life. But with only one life left, Puss will have to humble himself and ask for help from his former partner and nemesis: the captivating Kitty Soft Paws. In their quest, Puss and Kitty will be aided—against their better judgment by a ratty, chatty, relentlessly cheerful mutt, Perro. Together, our trio of heroes will have to stay one step ahead of Goldilocks and the Three Bears Crime Family, "Big" Jack Horner, and terrifying bounty hunter, The Big Bad Wolf. No registration required. Free Popcorn.

4/11 - 10:45 AM - Drop-in Storytime - Family Dance Party! We're switching up storytime a bit today! We'll start with a story but then we'll dance the morning away with some fun tunes. We'll have drinks and snacks for everyone. For children ages 1 - 8 and their caregivers. No registration required.

4/12 - 1:00 PM - Reptile Adventure - Join Jessica Shea and Reptile Adventures as she introduces you to some of her lively and interesting friends. You'll meet tortoise, lizards, Argentine black and white Tegus and several snakes including a ball python. Jessica is very knowledgeable and will answer all of your questions about these amazing reptiles. No registration required. We can only accommodate so many people in the room. When it's full, it's full!

4/13 - 11:00-12:00 - Homeschool Explorers - Join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month through June for crafts, games, experiments, and lots of fun! This program is for homeschooled students ages 5 through 18. Registration is required.

4/13 - 1:00 PM - Create with 3D Pens - Learn how to create colorful 3D sculptures, starting with basic shapes and structures and then combining them into more complex designs! Registration is required. For kids ages 8 - 15.

4/22 - 11:00-3:00 - Puzzlemania: Team Jigsaw Puzzle Competition - Test your puzzle prowess. Teams of 2-4 players will have 2 hours to see who can put together an identical unopened 500-piece jigsaw puzzle in the least amount of time. Each team will get to keep their puzzle and the winning team and runner up will get to choose another puzzle to take home! Children 10 - 14 must compete with an adult. Children 15 and up can

compete without an adult on their team. All ages are welcome! Registration is required.

Please check our calendar on our website at www.middleburghlibrary.info for future programs. Also, don't forget our Facebook page.

Cobleskill Library

Income tax deadline is coming up fast and we have Federal and State Tax forms! They can be found in the library lobby.

Are you interested in joining the Library Board of Trustees? Library Trustee candidate nominating petition forms are available at the District Clerk office and the Library. Petitions will need at least 25 signatures from voters residing in the Cobleskill-Richmondville School District. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk by 5pm on April 17th. The election will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at the High School. There are four seats on the 2023 ballot: one one-year term, one three-year, and two five-year terms.

Friday, April 7 at noon Fan Favorites Book Club. Join us on the first Friday of every month for our casual conversation about the books, tv series, and movies we love. No assigned readings, just a chance to meet people, talk about things you love, and perhaps pick up a few suggestions on things that will become your new favorite obsession.

Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00pm Do you love anime and manga? Or maybe you're curious about these Japanese stories but aren't sure how to get started? Check out our Anime Club for teens! We meet once a month to watch anime episodes, eat snacks, and try Japanese-inspired crafts. Open to 6th-12th graders (ages 11-18). No registration required.

Tuesday, April 11 and 25 at 6:00 pm The Short Fiction Workshop: This monthly writing workshop for teens and adults features writing prompts, exercises, and moderated feedback sessions where authors working on short fiction can practice their craft, develop new skills, and get constructive input from other writers.

Wednesday, April 12 at 3pm Poetry Workshop with Linda Sonia Miller. In the relaxed atmosphere of this hands-on workshop, participants will explore some of the many ways in which poets use language by playing with words in both "free verse" and within the often helpful "confiners" of poetic forms (such as haikus, sonnets, pantoums, and ghazals) and less formal "forms" such as found poems and list poems. Workshop Facilitator Linda Sonia Miller has been a poet and teacher of creative writing and literature for almost thirty years.

Thursday, April 13 at 1pm Library Board of Trustees monthly meeting. The Trustees meet upstairs in the Community

Room and meetings are open to the public.

Thursday, April 13 at 1pm Make a Recycled Seed Starter Get a head start on your garden and start some seeds! Participants will decorate a recycled container, fill it with soil, and plant a few seeds! Take them home, keep them in a warm, sunny spot, and give them water so they'll sprout! Once the seedlings are established, they can be transplanted to a larger pot or garden bed. Recommended for ages 4 and up due to small parts that could pose a choking hazard.

Thursday, April 13 at 4 All Ages Craft Buffet Patrons of all ages are invited to join us for open craft time. We'll have tables full of craft supplies available for participants to use, along with plenty of snacks and beverages. Come let your imagination inspire you to create whatever you choose!

Saturday, April 15 at 11am The Oobleck Experiment Have you ever made oobleck before? This ooey, gooey mixture, inspired by Dr. Seuss's Bartholomew and the Oobleck, is a fun non-Newtonian fluid, a little like slime. Join us for a fun oobleck science experiment where we'll make our own oobleck, record our observations, and compare it to a glue-based slime! Open to kids 5 and up; each child must have a participating adult present.

Tuesday, April 18 at 6pm Adult Gaming Group: Adult Gamers interested in role-playing games, card and board games are invited to gather at the library for fun and games with other game fans.

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

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

Tuesday, April 25 at 6pm Yoga for Teens Join local yoga instructor Lana for a beginner-friendly yoga practice! Participants will learn a little about yoga's history and modern practice, then follow a sequence of poses and breathing exercises. No experience necessary, but registration is required. Open to middle and high schoolers (ages 11-18). If you

have a mat, please bring it; mats can be provided for those who don't have their own.

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

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

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

Paws for Reading Join our favorite therapy dogs, for reading and cuddles! This is a great, relaxed opportunity for kids to practice their reading with a friendly face. All ages welcome. No registration necessary. In April Lily will join our Paws for Reading program on Tuesdays at 4:30 and Thursday April 6, 13, and 27th at 4:30. Nico will be back on Fridays April 14 and 28 at 4pm.

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

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

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

April Tabling Tuesdays visitors:

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

Tuesday, April 18 from 3-7pm a representative from Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth will be at the Li-

brary. Berkshire's mission is to strengthen children and families so they can live safely, independently and productively within their home communities. Berkshire will have information on becoming a foster parent. There are currently over 17,000 children in foster care in NY with more than 6,000 coming into care every year.

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

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

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

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

Virtual UFO Club: Thursdays, 20, 10am. Work on projects and chat on Zoom. Signup: <https://bit.ly/SchoharieLibStorytime> with Yvonne: Fridays at 10am. Stories, songs, fun activities!

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

Knitcetera at the Library: Tuesdays, April 11 & 25, 10:30am-noon. Embroider, sew, knit, anything goes!

Service Dogs with Jubilee and Sydney: Wednesday, April 12, 3pm. In this kid-friendly program, Jubilee will introduce her service dog Sydney and talk about what service dogs do, how they are trained, and etiquette with service dogs and their handlers. Jubilee and Sydney will also give a demonstration.

Board of Trustees Meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 7pm. The public is welcome to join in person at the library or on Zoom with the link on our website.

"Hello, Puddle" with children's author Anita Sanchez: Thursday, April 13, 11am. This

magical, beautifully-illustrated book shows the life of a puddle and all the animals who depend on it. Ms. Sanchez will read the book, speak about it, and answer questions. Though geared toward children, this program will be interesting to all ages.

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

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

Earth Day Celebration: Friday, April 21, 4:15pm: Pollinator planting, pine cone bird seed feeders. Then we'll have a Volunteer Library Cleanup on Saturday, April 22 at 10am to remove sticks and debris from the lawn. Signup for either activity: bit.ly/SHOEarthDay23

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

Coding Club: Friday, April 28, 4:15pm. Youth Grade 5 and up are invited to attend. Explore Hour of Code, Learn Scratch, play with our Dash Robot and much more. Last Friday of every month, 4:15 - 5:45pm. Please register at: <https://bit.ly/SHOCodingClub>

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Auto Racing News

By Tom Coughlin

This week will see Albany-Saratoga Speedway on Rt. 9 in Malta open their gates as they will hold tech & inspection Sat April 8. Pit gates will open at 10am. and on track practice will take place weather permitting from 3pm-7pm. The grandstands will be free and pit admission is \$20. Concessions will be available.

Then on Friday, April 14 The Great Race Place will open for their 58th. season. Modifieds will compete for \$5,800, crate 602 sportsman for \$1,000, and pro stocks for \$1,000. Start time will be at 7:00 pm. Sun April 16 is the rain date.

The Ollie's Elite Series will kick off the 104th. season at Orange County Fair Speedway also known as the House of Power on Saturday, April 8 in Middletown, N.Y. with the Hard Clay Open. The Short Track Super Series modified 50-lap feature will payout \$12,000 to win. The O.C.E.S. 602 sportsman will compete in a 20-lap feature for \$1,000.

Pit gates open up at 3:00 pm. and grandstand and drive-in section at 4:30 pm, hot laps are at 5:30 pm.,

racing at 6:30 pm. Grandstand admission is \$35 and children under 12 are free. Sunday, April 9 will be used as a rain date. Area racers expected to be racing include Jack Lehner, Bobby Hackel IV, Mike Mahaney, David Schilling, and Ronnie Johnson.

For those of you interested in this year's Gas-Up. The next meeting will take place on Mon, April 10 at 7pm. at the home of Ralph & Barb Liddle at 591 Colby Road, Schoharie.

Utica-Rome Speedway on Rt. 5 in Vernon will have practice on Friday, April 14. Gates will open at 5:00 pm. and on track activity will take place from 6:30 pm. until 9:30 pm. Grandstand admission is free and pit admission will be \$35. Also there is a practice session scheduled for Tuesday, April 18 same times and admissions.

Last Friday night racing fans at Delaware International Speedway saw Matt Sheppard score a last lap victory over Mike Gurlar. The win in the Jake Marine Memorial 30-lap modified feature was worth a cool \$8,585. As Gular was lead-

ing on lap 29 he got a little high in turn number one and went over the cushion, which allowed Sheppard to get by. Gular raced Sheppard hard down the back stretch. However, Sheppard was able to carry his momentum through turns three and four and hold on for the win. Alex Yankowski finished 5th., Mike Mahaney 6th., Bobby Hackel IV 11th., and David Schilling 21st.

On Saturday Stewart Friesen of Sprakers started 7th. and had a nice 3rd. place podium finish in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race in his number 52 Toyota at the Texas Motor Speedway. Friesen currently sits 13th. in the point standings, with only eight points separating positions 10 through 14.

This week on Saturday the truck series will be racing in Tennessee at the high banked Bristol Motor Speedway. The asphalt has been covered with clay and Stewart will be driving the Ferris Commercial Mowers #52 and he will be joined by his wife Jessica Friesen as she will drive the Halmar-Friesen Racing, Aim Autism-Spectrum of Color #62 Toyota TRD Pro truck.

MCS Tax Levy Hike at 1.5 Percent

By David Avitabile

MIDDLEBURGH - Middleburgh school property owners will likely be paying 1.5 percent more in taxes for the upcoming school year.

School board members last week heard that spending reductions have lowered the proposed tax levy hike from 1.99 percent to 1.5 percent. Board members will be adopting a spending plan at their April 19 meeting. The public vote will be on May 16.

The proposed 2023-24 proposed budget stands at \$24.31 million, up from the current budget of \$23.81 million, an increase of \$501,113,

or 2.1 percent, said School Business Manager Robyn Bhend. The latest spending total is about \$26,000 less than the February preliminary budget.

The 2023-24 spending plan includes several areas with increases including health insurance, fuel, gas, and electricity. The estimate for fuel oil is up \$15,000 to \$250,000, while electricity is up by about \$30,000 to \$190,000, and gas and oil is up by \$20,000 to \$170,000.

The proposed budget calls for the use of \$821,815 in fund balance or district savings to reduce the tax levy, the same as this year. State aid, she added, is up from \$12.4 million to \$12.79 million, a hike of 2.91 percent. The proposed tax levy is up from \$10.1 million to \$10.255 million, a hike of 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 be-

fore, 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.

Ms. Bhend does not expect a state aid increase when New York approves the new budget.

Board member 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.

Board members are scheduled to adopt a spending plan on April 19. A public hearing is set for May 3 and the public vote is on May 16.

Community Calendar

Ongoing

- 2022 Adult Grief Support Group, Cobleskill United Methodist Church, 107 Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY 12043, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Free Story Times each Tuesday at The Book Nook, 645 Main St., Hobart. 2:30 p.m. for toddlers 18 months to 3 years and 4 p.m. for ages 4 and older.
 - Family Support Meetings
- Open Arms Recovery Resource Center 289 Main St. Schoharie NY 4 till 7 Thursdays. call Chrystal @ 518 605-4180 for details.
 - Open Arms Recovery Resource Center
- 289 Main St. Schoharie NY 8:00 - 4:00 Tuesdays 8:00 till 7:00 Thursdays. Addiction and recovery information call 518 605 3867 for more details.
 - The historic Charlottesville Schoolhouse is available for community use and events and school groups during their April-October 2023 season. It is located at the corner of Baptist Church Road and Charlotte Valley Road in Charlottesville. The Schoolhouse provides a large well-lit space, seats up to 48 people, has a full kitchen, ample parking and lovely grounds for picnicking. For Schoolhouse availability and further information please email csrc641@gmail.com or call Joe Dahms at 607-397-9180.
 - The historic Charlottesville Schoolhouse in Charlottesville, NY is inviting non-profit organizations and school groups/clubs to fundraise through the sale of baked goods during their monthly Pancake Breakfasts, which are held from 8-11 on the third Sunday of the month. Dates that are currently available to hold a Bake Sale during the Pancake Breakfasts are 4/16, 9/17 and 10/15. Send email inquiries and requests to csrc641@gmail.com.

April 8

- Second annual Pet Easter Parade, 4 p.m. at Marilyn's Mountain Dog Grooming. Also photos with the Easter bunny, give aways and prizes for Easter costumes. MMDG is located at 5 Harpers Street, Stamford.

April 10

- 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.
- Writer's Circle, 7 p.m. at the Stamford Village Library, on the second Monday of each month. Join local writers in presenting new works in progress. In addition to independent works, optional monthly writing prompts are provided. Writers in all genres are welcome! Bring something to read or just come to listen.

April 12

- 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.
- Little Ones Storytime, 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday, at the Stamford Village Library. Each week will feature a new theme with stories, songs, puppet time, bubbles, and more!
- Hand Needlework Group, 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St., Stamford. We welcome all who knit, crochet, quilt, do needlework, crewel, embroidery, etc. of all levels, including those who would like to learn. We will offer help and encouragement while you work on your own projects.
- Legends of Lore, 6-8 p.m. at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St., Stamford. Every second and fourth Thursday.

April 13

- Speaking Grief, The Cobleskill United Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Cobleskill, NY 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
- A Documentary on the Grief Experience followed by a Panel Discussion. Bring a bag lunch and participate in this screening and discussion. This is free and open to all - info: 607 432-6773.
- Preschool Story Time, 10 a.m. every Thursday at the Stamford Village Library. All preschool-age children and their parents or caregivers are invited to join the students from Kiddie Corner at the library for a fun time of falling in love with books and reading!

April 14

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

April 15

- Houseplant Swap at Landis Arboretum, 11:00 AM
- Pop Up at Catskill Outpost, 81 Main St., Stamford. Featuring hair cuts from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.. Haircuts start at \$60, bangs and framing \$25 and Fades and clipper cuts \$50. Book your appointment at albatrossfarmy@gmail.com.
- Presentation "Finding Money in Your Budget to Keep Up With Inflation", 11 a.m. at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St., Stamford. Eileen Knott from the Western Catskills Community Revitalization Council will lead this free, interactive presentation. Free worksheets and credit card interest and payments. Call 607-652-5001 to reserve a spot.

April 16

- 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

April 17

- 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.

April 18

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

April 19

- Little Ones Storytime, 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday, at the Stamford Village Library. Each week will feature a new theme with stories, songs, puppet time, bubbles, and more!
- 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.

- Gilboa Historical Society open meeting 6 p.m. followed by refreshments and a guest speaker. All are welcome to join in.
- Hand Needlework Group, 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St., Stamford. We welcome all who knit, crochet, quilt, do needlework, crewel, embroidery, etc. of all levels, including those who would like to learn. We will offer help and encouragement while you work on your own projects.
- Stamford History Hour with Karen Cuccinello, 10 a.m. at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St. Stamford. Bring something to share. All are welcome.
- Legends of Lore, 6-8 p.m. at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St., Stamford. Every second and fourth Thursday.

April 20

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

April 21

- Yoga at Headwaters, located at 66 Main St. in Stamford. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. Drop in rate is \$10 - \$20 sliding scale, bring your own yoga mat. Optional blocks, blanket, towel, strap, water.

April 22

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

- Chicken and Biscuit Dinner, 5-7 p.m. at the Charlottesville Fire House, Charlottesville. Menu includes chicken n' biscuits, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, salad, drinks and dessert. Cost is \$12, to benefit the Charlottesville Cemetery Assoc..

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

- Earth Day at the Mountain Dog Cafe, 5 Harper St., 1 p.m. presentation, Conservation Through Woodlot Stewardship by Zane Lawyer, plus Catskill Forest Association table and free seedlings from Arbor Day Foundation.
- Trail Tale "Over in the Forest" in conjunction with Stamford Earth Day 5K and Fun Run. Follow a fun story of our forest friends along the rail trail at the Stamford Village Library, 117 Main St., Stamford.

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

April 22 and 23

- Earth Day Weekend at the New York Power Authority Visitors Center

April 23

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

April 25

- 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.

April 26

- Little Ones Storytime, 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday, at the Stamford Village Library. Each week will feature a new theme with stories, songs, puppet time, bubbles, and more!

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

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

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

- 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.

April 27

- 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.

April 29

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

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

- Home of Tom Morgan and Erna McReynolds

- 1077 Otego Road

- Franklin, NY 13775
- 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.

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

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 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.

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August 6

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

August 13

- 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/ZJM or call 800-597 0350

September 10

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October 8

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All About Racing

By Ed & Betty Biittig
The Short Track Super Series (STSS) founded by Brett Deyo announced this week that Ollie's, America's largest retailer of closeout merchandise and excess inventory has expanded its association with the STSS and will sponsor the Elite Series for the 2023 season, with the first event getting underway at Orange County Fair Speedway in Middletown, NY, this Saturday, April 8 with the "Hard Clay Open" paying \$12,000 to win,

\$2,000 for 10th and \$1,000 to take the green. We got the chance to talk briefly with Laurie Fallis at the Fonda Speedway car show a week ago and she said that when she got the call from Buffy Swanson of the NE Dirt Modified Hall of Fame she was speechless and thrilled at the same time.

Laurie Fallis of Gloversville, will be honored with the 2022 Outstanding Women in Racing Award by

the Northeast Dirt Modified Hall of Fame in Weedsport, NY on the grounds of the Weedsport Speedway. The award will be given as part of the Hall of Fame inductions on July 13, 2023 at 7 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

Laurie Fallis, is currently promoter of the Mohawk Valley Vintage Dirt Modified Series (MVVDMS). Her connection to racing began in the 1980's at Fonda Speedway when she met her hus-

band, Sportsman driver, Drew Fallis. She fell in love with the sport and worked alongside her husband, turning wrenches and taking care of business, even racing two boys and penning a column "The Sportsman Voyage" for Fonda's weekly program.

By the 2000's she decided she wanted to experience the thrill of driving herself, so she suited up and got behind the wheel to race in the Powder Puff division against other women and picked up nine wins before moving to a Enduro car and taking on the men.

In 2004 she put together a Four Cylinder Cruiser car and raced at Glen Ridge where she claimed 15 wins and the 2007 title. She also traveled to Five Mile Point Speedway near Binghamton where she claimed 13 wins and the 2010 ALOTO Championship.

In 2017 she began writing a regular column for Race Pro Weekly and in 2018 when the promoter of the

MVVDMS decided to step down she took on the job, managing promotions, sponsorships, race-day activities, tech inspection and more for the group.

Under Laurie's leadership the series grew from eight cars to more than 40, expanded into three states,

adding new tracks each season and has increased its social media presence and has become one of the most popular vintage dirt car organization in Northeast racing.

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

Winners!



In the Young Adult Boys category, Thomas VanWagenen took first, Jackson Hughes-Charboneau took 2nd, and John VanWagenen took 3rd. Among the Young Adult Girls, Olivia Skowfoe was 1st, Ava Pagano 2nd, and Abigail Lawyer was 3rd.

Among the Pee Wee Boys, Beckett Hamm took first place, Collin Baciuska second, and Logan Collier Third in the Middleburgh Rod & God Club Youth Archery Tournament. In the Pee Wee Girls category, Raegan Priolo took first place. Photos courtesy Willie Karlau.



The Green Wolf Cinema Returns in April

The Green Wolf Cinema returns in April, focusing on films written and directed by women. The series starts on Thursday, April 13th, with Lynn Shelton's "Sword of Trust," a mostly improvised comedy starring comedian and podcaster Marc Maron. Shelton, who also appears in a supporting role, passed away suddenly in 2020. "Sword of Trust" was her final film before her untimely passing.

On April 27th, The Green Wolf will screen "Greener Grass," an absurdist suburban satire written, directed, and starring Jocelyn DeBoer and Dawn Luebbe. Behind the absurdist imagery, colors, and outfits lies a social commentary about modern American life.

On Sunday, April 30th, the Green Wolf celebrates Walpurgisnacht with the 1922 Finnish horror film "Haxan." One of the first movies to ever include scenes filmed in the dark, nightmarish images of devils and demonic nuns move

across the screen in a narrative based on The Malleus Maleficarum, a 15th-century German witch hunter's guide.

All films begin at 7:30 with a suggested donation of \$5 for each screening.

Gallupville House Unveils 2023 Open Mic Calendar

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 on

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August 13
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October 8

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MCS Falls to Canjo in Season Opener

MIDDLEBURGH - The Lady Knights rallied but fell short losing 11-7 to Canajoharie in the softball season opener Monday. The Cougars opened the top of the first inning with five runs. MCS answered with one run in the bottom of the inning. After trading runs in the second inning, Canajoharie took a 9-2 lead in the top of the third inning, but the Knights rallied for four runs in the bottom of the frame. Canjo scored two more times in the fourth while Middleburgh closed out the scoring with a single run in the fifth. Payton Yung started on the mound for the Knights followed by Olivia Skowfoe. Ellie Shaul was behind the plate. The leading hitters for the Knights were: Cierra DuPont, Yung, Namine Archer, and Skowfoe.



Above left: Middleburgh's Connor Mattice is called out at third base by Canajoharie third baseman C. Fox. Photos by Bob Roney. Above: Ian Hoop gets safely bad to first on a pick off attempt by Canajoharie.

SCS Alumni Say Bye to Indian

SCHOHARIE - The Schoharie Central School annual alumni game was bittersweet Friday night as it was the last time the players would grace the floor with the Indian mascot in the middle of the high school gym floor and walls.



The district is in the midst of replacing the beloved mascot with a new one following a state made to remove all Native American symbols for team mascots.

Playing in the game and pictured around the Indian were: Shawn Gathen, Mitchell Barton, Travis McHargue, TJ Smith, Lance Helstrom, Eric

Croote, Brenden Archer, Chris O'Neil, Blaine Rose, Garrett Marbot, Glen Posato, Paul Weis, Drew Gathen, Patrick Miller, Ben

Johnson, Stephen Alescio, and Josh Scheuer. Not pictured: Cameron Hotaling. Photos by Jennifer Crewell Alescio.

BKW Bests Middleburgh

MIDDLEBURGH - with 3 strikeouts and giving up two walks. For Middleburgh, Jaesen Hoop, Billy Martinez, John Shaw, Ben Croote, and Drew Hall all pitched with Lucas Shaw behind the dish. At the plate, Middleburgh's John Shaw went 2 for 3, scoring once and driving one run in. Braeden All went 1-2 with a double and a run. Middleburgh is 0-1 in league play and 1-1 in non-league play.



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Wayward Lane Brewing Wins State 2023 Brewery of the Year

SCHOHARIE - The New York State Craft Beer Competition has awarded Wayward Lane Brewing the 2023 Brewery of the Year. The farm brewery opened in 2021 on a 65-acre former hop farm in the town of Schoharie, which resides within the Mohawk Valley region of New York. The brewery prides itself on its classic styles of beer, but brews a full range of everything from West Coast style ales, lagers, wild-fermented ales, and even barrel aged strong ales. The production facility and taproom are situated in a restored 1800s hop house, an homage to the legacy of hop production in Schoharie County. The brewery also resides and is in partnership with Hop House Farm, which is pri-

marily a beekeeping farm that supplies honey and fruit for some of the brews including special bottle conditioned beers that utilize wild yeast and bacteria for unique characteristics and flavors.

The Brewery of the Year Award is given to the brewery that earns the highest number of points in the competition. Points are determined by the number of medals won. The points system offers three points for gold, two points for silver and one point for bronze. Wayward Lane took home the gold for both their Hazy Pale Ale, Cultivar: Motueka and their English Style Wheatwine conditioned on amburana, Xylem. They also won silver medals for their Hazy Double IPA, Cloud Generator, and their Cold



IPA, Prizm. Wayward Lane Brewing is owned and operated by a

group of friends who love beer, farming, and the community it creates. The brewery is committed to crafting high-quality beers that capture the essence of the land using locally sourced ingredients, many of which are produced on the farm. The awards speak to the quality of their beers, but the brewery has also become a place of community. Hosting regular events like their most recent winter Luau party, frequent live music, weekend yoga classes, tap takeovers and collaborations with breweries from all over; Wayward Lane Brewing has gone beyond being just a brewery. They are especially excited to usher in the summer event schedule, which can be found on their website www.waywardlanebrewing.com

"We are proud to represent Schoharie, and it has always been our ambition to share the beauty of this area with people from all over. Upstate New York is full of opportunity, has a wealth of resources, and everyone I bring here falls

in love with it immediately. This win is a chance to shine a spotlight on our community that prides itself in its rich history and agricultural heritage. People here think creatively and support each

other to make those agricultural roots work in the modern world," commented Co-Owner Andrew Rowles.

As an extension of this commitment to agricultural community and tourism, Wayward Lane Brewing will be kicking off its second year hosting Market in the Meadow, a Farmers Market held in the "Bier Meadow" at the brewery. Starting Sunday, May 7th, it will be held on the first Sunday of the month

from May - October, 12-4pm. The event features a variety of local vendors featuring a variety of craft and artisan goods, live music, food, and of course, beer. If you are interested in learning more about attending the Market in the Meadow or are interested in becoming a vendor, contact Andrew Rowles at info@waywardlanebrewing.com, or visit their website for more details.

SCS Honors Top Students



Photo by David Avitabile

SCHOHARIE - Schoharie Central School inducted 22 students into its National Junior Honor Society and 19 students into its National Honor Society in a joint celebration in the high school auditorium Tuesday evening.

Inducted into the National Junior Honor Society were: Bryson Beck, Caroline Borst, Adeline Borthwick, Kaycee De-Jong, Faith Emel, Noah Florussen, Skylar Griffon, Sara Harrington, Michael

Haverly, Madia Hofmann, Jane Koller, Kylie Liddle, Olive Maland, Adam McDermott-Dickson, Carley McHugh, Allison Okyay, Sophia Rehberg, Emma Robert, Stella Rockwell, Greta Schweigard, Madison Spencer, and Alexandra Sullivan.

Inducted into the National Honor Society were: Braeden Beck, Daniel Cater, Haley Drinon, Haleigh Funk, Joshua Guasp, Tori Harrington, Sean Koller, Edward Kruzinski, Zoey Lints, Johanna

Luhrman, Andrew Martin, Teyah Mason, Tyler Mason, Hope Morgenstein, Molly Repicky, Jacob Ringuette, Yarielis Rivera, Sophia Styles, and Austin Warner.

It was the 39th annual ceremony for the SCS Junior Honor Society and the 82 annual ceremony for the SCS Honor Society.

Schoharie County Historical Society Spring Meeting Set for April 23

SCHOHARIE - The Annual Schoharie County Historical Society Spring Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 23 at Chieftans Restaurant

and Bar, located at 584 E Main Street, in Cobleskill, NY.

The doors will open at 12:30 p.m. with the business meeting scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Attendees will learn about the progress of the building project currently underway, receive and update on artifact collections, and hear reports on the programs, activities, and initiatives taking place across the Old Stone Fort Museum Complex.

Light refreshments will be served during the business meeting and Chieftans will be open for a late lunch or early dinner following the meeting.

More information about the society, membership, and volunteer opportunities is available by calling (518) 295-7192 or by visiting TheOldStoneFort.org.

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Eight Longtime MCS Employees Retiring

By David Avitabile
 MIDDLEBURGH - Eight long-time Middleburgh Central School employees will be retiring at the end of the school year.
 School board members accepted the retirement resignation of the following teachers, teacher aides, and other staff:
 * Roxann Collins, elementary school teacher.
 * Eileen Rodman, elementary school.
 * Ross Pacatte, secondary school math teacher and coach.
 * Richard Thaxter III, secondary school math teacher and coach.
 * Shari Sauter, elementary school speech pathologist.
 * Jeanne Sheehan, secondary school teaching assistant.
 Teachers Wes Laraway, high school social studies

teacher, and Darcy Laraway junior high school teacher will also be retiring at the end of the school year.
 The retirements take effect on June 30 and board members approved the retirement resignations with regret and best wishes.
 The mass retirements caused a decrease in school district salaries for the upcoming 2023-24 preliminary budget.
 In other personnel moves, board members:
 * Accepted the resignation of elementary school teaching aide Bernadette Kloczko effective March 10 with regret and best wishes.
 * Added the following people to the support staff substitutes: Deborah Clifford and Heather Lounsbury.
 * Appointed Amber Shultes as an office and

keyboard worker, effective March 13. She was also granted an unpaid leave of absence from her position as a teaching assistant from March 13 to June 30.
 * Appointed Nicole Costello as a teaching assistant effective March 27 and granted her an unpaid leave of absence from her position as a school bus driver from March 27 to June 30.
 * Appointed Amanda Guettler as a behavioral support specialist, effective February 11.
 * Named the following long-term volunteers: Melanie Williams, elementary school, Rob Randaisi, modified track and field, and Eric Hamm, varsity tennis.
 * Appointed Katelynne Schuttig to a four-year probationary appointment as a secondary school social studies teacher starting September 1.
 * Appointed Mark Hitt to a four-year probationary appointment as a secondary school science teacher effective September 1.
 * Named Courtney Paser as head coach for varsity boys' track for the spring sports season.

Blenheim Still Pursuing Abandonment

By Joshua Walther
 BLENHEIM - Blenheim's Town Board came together last Wednesday evening to discuss continuing the abandonment process of lower Miller Road.
 Last month, it was decided among the Board members that they should abandon the lower section of Miller Road, relinquishing ownership and maintenance of it.
 This development came after pressure from a local resident, who had been urging the Board to consider it over the course of several months.
 In that same meeting, members also requested additional information from that resident and their attorneys. However, Supervisor Don Airey noted that the request for more information has not been fulfilled yet.
 Supervisor Airey also stated that, according to the DEC, they must abandon the road under a cer-

tain legal precedent. Meanwhile, the resident's attorneys disagree.
 Instead of getting the Town directly involved, Supervisor Airey directed that the DEC and the resident's attorneys communicate directly to come to an agreement on how the abandonment should occur.
 Despite this, the Board noted that nothing has changed in the process. "We're still moving forward with it," said Supervisor Airey.
 In other news, the Board considered a motion from the highway department to rent a ditch excavator for one month.
 After some discussion among the other members,

the highway superintendent noted that this is a different machine than the one rented last month, which was a tractor for cutting back brush. This would primarily be used for ditching and moving earth.
 Once all of their questions had been asked, the Board did not hesitate in approving a motion to allocate the necessary amount of funds for the rental.
 Finally, the Board has decided to move money into NYCLASS, an investment pool for local governments. The interest return is higher than other options, making it an easy choice for passive yields.

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Blader Memorialized With Bonnie's Trails

By Michael Ryan

LEXINGTON - She will forever possess a pioneering spirit so it is perfectly sensible for Bonnie's Trails to have taken her name, out in some of the higher areas in the town of Lexington.

Bonnie Blader, in her suddenly-cut-short life, was a community-oriented trailblazer in multiple ways, seemingly able to be simultaneously everywhere and being there ebulliently.

Blader used to help keep clear the woody walkways traversed by founding members of what became the Lexington Hiking Club, hiking on deer paths, old logging roads and farm roads.

All those mountainous byways will henceforth be Bonnie's Trails, where a celebratory "Inaugural Run and Hike" is taking place on Sunday, April 16, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., located in West Kill on the map.

Blader was and still is "a beloved local community activist," says Bennett Wine, a close friend of hers and member of the Lexington town board.

"When Bonnie was still alive, she and her husband Steve helped maintain the trails after we got permission to access the lands from the [New York City] Department of Environmental Protection," says Wine.

Blader was most well-known, though, for her perseverance and persistence in bringing 21st Century broadband capability to this rural and remote region which was stuck in the technologically distant past.

She and Wine, as well as others, were involved in the grassroots formation of an advocacy group for broadband, with Blader becoming the voice and face of the effort, taking it to entertaining and effective levels.

Lexington was competing with other underserved locales for grants and government funding to finance broadband development.

"We went to the State



Pep rallies, led by the late Bonnie Blader, helped put the town of Lexington on the broadband map, drawing necessary grant assistance and State funding to get the job accomplished.

Senate and Assembly to lobby but Bonnie was definitely the one pounding the drum," Wine says. "She was very good at coming up with viral videos to get the attention of the politicians. She would also compose songs," Wine says, including a lyrical makeover of the classic song "Second Hand Rose."

Blader altered the words to fit Lexington's situation and the frustrating sense of many residents that they weren't being treated

equally. It was tongue-in-cheek but did what it was intending to do, and Lexington, working with Margaretville Telephone Company and holding creatively unprecedented broadband pep rallies, led by Blader, got 'er done.

Blader was similarly passionate about the burgeoning Lexington Farmer's Market which has grown to be a summer and fall destination.

Bonnie's Trails, with a little overlap, are between 3 and 4 miles of foot



Bonnie's Trails will be hosting an Inaugural Run and Hike on April 16, from 10 to 11:30 p.m., named in honor of the late Bonnie Blader.

paths which afford beautiful views of Spruceton Valley.

They cross meadows and meander through new growth and pine forests, accessible for cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking and running.

Bonnie's Trails, recently completed and marked, start across the street from 745 South Beech Ridge Road and are on relatively even ground.

Travelers pass by and

through sunny meadows, streams, marshy fields, unfettered pine forests and rocky zones, all part of the Catskills.

"We will hand out cookies, bananas, water and trail maps that morning," says Wine, noting the trailhead is across from Royal Acres.

"Once the run/hike is complete, everyone will be encouraged to go to the Lexington Community Hall for the annual delicious Maple Brunch

which is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.," Wine says.

A kiosk is being prepared and a dedication ceremony will be held on October 14, says Wine, calling the death of Blader "a big loss."

Bonnie's Trails are a joint project of the Department of Environmental Protection, the town of Lexington, Greene County Soil and Water Conservation and the Lexington Hiking Club.

The Opioid Epidemic, Part 3: Budget Battlegrounds Being Drawn

By Robert Brune

CATSKILLS REGION —

Over the past couple of months, there's been an increased urgency to address the estimated 109,000 opioid fatalities for this past year of 2022. In her State of the State address on January 3rd, Governor Hochul announced that New York State will be making a, '... historic shift in policy' returning to the approach of inpatient treatment dedicated to mental health and substance use disorders (SUD).

Jennifer Donadio, the executive director of Friends of Recovery New York, has to say this about the governor's announcement, "We would love for recovery mentioned more frequently. We often hear recovery

group in with treatment, but we really see a definitive line between treatment, recovery, prevention, and harm reduction." When asked if she could expand on what she means by there being a definitive line, she said, "Specifically, when it comes to funding. Treatment is what happens in a facility and recovery is everything after, so having community-based resources, having services that help maintain their recovery or find recovery without the treatment process. A fair number of people find recovery without ever stepping into a treatment facility."

If you haven't read the previous two installments of this series, Attorney General Leticia James had secured an estimated \$2 billion from settlements with opioid pharmaceutical companies that is currently held up in the State Senate Alcohol and Drug Abuse committee. About a month

ago, it was announced that \$7.5 million would be drawn from that fund and put towards existing harm reduction programs. State Senator Oberacker's office says that the newly released funds will need to go through an application process with the Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS is a branch of the federal agency SAMHSA). OASAS is now showing that they're making \$8.6 million available for opioid programs. This first allotment is not the innovative historic shift that Gov. Hochul mentioned, rather it appears to be more of the same approach that doesn't seem to be entirely successful at bringing down that numbers of fatalities.

Upon speaking with the OASAS Commissioner Chino Cunningham, who is the gatekeeper of the \$2 billion fund and possibly an extra \$1 billion from the state's excess funds, as announced by Gov. Hochul,

we discussed the possible solutions. Commissioner Cunningham expressed a need for facilities patterned after the Dutchess County Crisis Stabilization Center by saying, "I'd like to see a Stabilization Center in every county in New York within months, not years." This might take a while due to the latest bill from the State Senate Alcohol and Drug Abuse committee initiating a task force to seek solutions, this past week. The chair of the committee Sen. Fernandez has failed to respond to email and voicemail requests for comments.

To complicate matters, President Biden had a short comment about the opioid epidemic by baiting the Republicans with this, "Fentanyl has claimed 70,000 lives this past year." In his State of the Union address. This triggered a loud protest of yelling, likely because downplaying the numbers of deaths to a subset of the

opioid epidemic, undercounting it by 39,000 is both cynical and irresponsible. The next morning on the MSNBC Morning Joe show, pundits praised President Biden after airing a montage of baiting incidents including the fentanyl reference. Rep. Marc Molinaro had this response to President Biden's comment on the opioid epidemic. "This is not a new phenomenon. There is a long history of leaders in our country downplaying the opioid epidemic because it's inconvenient and a tough fight to have. The reality is, fentanyl continues to pour into our rural communities and we still have inadequate treatment options for those who need it. People need our help and we must work in a bipartisan manner to deliver solutions."

The latest developing concern on the budget as pointed out by both Rep.

Story continued on C2





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Obituaries

Clara Louise Lanahan



Clara passed away peacefully at the age of 79, on December 8, 2022, in Ocala, Florida. Clara was born on June 8, 1943, in West Kill, New York, to the late Gilbert and Dorothy Persons and was preceded in death by her brother Marwood L Sim-

mons and her husband of 11 years Gerald Hubbard and her first husband of 28 years Charles Lanahan and nephew Theodore Williams, Jr. She is survived by her nephew and nieces, David Williams, Tonya Rene Donkel and Melinda Simmons. Her grand-nephews: Matthew Williams and Danny Donkel and grandniece Brandy Donkel and three great-grand nephews, Jackson Parr-Donkel, Hunter Williams and Colton Williams.

Clara attended Albany Business College and School of Business Administration and graduated in 1961 with a business degree. She started her career

as a telephone operator with what was then the NY Telephone company which is now known as Verizon. She worked for Verizon until she retired in 1990 after 29 years.

After her retirement she enjoyed traveling throughout the United States. In 2000 she started managing the Orange Blossom Opry located in Weirsdale, FL and operated it until 2018.

A private service will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the various veteran's associations. <https://support.wounded-warriorproject.org> <https://www.vfw.org>

Richard P. Hughes



Richard P. Hughes (known to many as Dick), 81, passed away suddenly, but peacefully on, Sunday, March 26th, 2023. He was born in NJ in 1941 to Richard and Ruth Hughes and lived in Leonia for many years. He was predeceased by his son Dion; a sister; his step-mother; a sister-in-

law, and two brothers-in-law.

Dick was in the US Army Corps of Engineers from 1966 – 1972. Platoon Leader, Company Commander, Staff Engineer (Vietnam / Thailand / Germany). He served in Vietnam for one year and rose to the rank of Captain.

For 25 years, he owned /operated a H.V.A.C. firm in northern NJ. Dick and his wife Gill were married in 1996 and moved to Windham in 1998. He found employment at Windham Mountain, where he was happy for 21 years. He retired but carried on as a ranger at Windham Golf Course which was one of the many sports he loved. He

loved to ski and taught lessons for many years. He loved all sports and was an avid reader.

In Windham village he had been a fire commissioner for 5 years and an active member of the V.F.W. Post 1545. Dick loved people of all ages, he was sharp-witted and fun to be with.

He is survived by his wife Gillian Hughes, twin brother Nick Hughes, 4 sisters-in-law, 1 brother-in-law, cousins, many nephews, nieces and great nephews and nieces. He will be missed by all.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2023 from 6-9pm at Decker Funeral Home, 5312 Main Street, Windham, NY.

John Wilkens



John Frederick Wilkens was born on June 08, 1932 in Brooklyn New York. He was the first-born son of William Wilkens and Mary (Molly) Sheriffs. William Wilkens immigrated from Germany and Molly Sheriffs immigrated from Scotland. They had met in New York City and married. William and Molly moved to Red Falls, New York with their 3 sons John, Ronny and Bobby. William started a Plumbing business and John was learning his father's trade.

John was drafted into the United States Army in October, 1952. He was Honorably discharged August 1954. He was a Medic and promoted to Sargent during his tour of duty in Korea. John was part of Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH), and accordingly loved the TV series MASH. After he was discharged, he met Margaret (Peggy) Helen Becker, fell in love and they married September 25th, 1955. John and Peggy brought three daughters in to this world: Peggy Ann, Johanna Lynne, and Karen Marie.

John made many accomplishments during his lifetime. John dropped out of school in the Eighth Grade to help his family financially, but gained his GED in 1954. He was inducted into the Masons the same year John and Peggy were an integral and influential

part of forming the Prattsville Rescue Squad. John earned his Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification, and provided medical aid to the town and surrounding area. He attended a Law Certification class in Albany Law School, served as a Town Justice of the Peace. John and his brother Ronny, formed a Construction business. They built many houses in and around Prattsville that are still standing today. John was in the Army National Guard.

John and Peggy moved to Ocala, Florida, built their house in 1997, and lived there together until April, 2022. John is survived by his three daughters. His beloved wife Peggy passed away in June of 2022.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 2PM at Fairlawn Cemetery, Prattsville, NY.

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

VFW POST 1545 – WINDHAM, NY WEEKLY UPDATE



It seems that spring is ever so slowly working its way to Windham. Not a moment too soon for me. I miss sitting on the porch getting some warmth from the sun, getting my golf clubs ready to hit some balls into the woods and let my oil boiler rest a bit.

As it gets warmer, I will likely start complaining that the grass is growing faster than I can mow it and look-

ing for some shade to sit in to get out of the heat. That's inevitable but bring it on.

Last week in my column I touched on a subject that I would like to expand on... why I am upset. The US Government is trying to save money in the upcoming budget.

They are trying save money by proposing to stop and deny disability benefits for veterans. To break this down, our fantastic economic geniuses think taking away service-connected disability funds that veterans receive is a good idea.

Picture this: a veteran is already collecting because he or she is disabled. It's like pushing an old lady in a wheelchair down the stairs.

How can you deny benefits for injuries suffered while serving our country. The most you can receive is \$3,330.00 a month.

So if you lost a limb, hearing, PTSD or cancer after being sent overseas; you no longer get any service connected compensation.

So the administration says that if a veteran's household makes more than \$150,000 (before taxes) you do not need your disability money that you have been receiving.

This total includes the entire household earnings including wife or anyone living in your household. This service-connected compensation is not an award. No, it is due to you because you paid for it with the disability you

came home with from serving your country.

Picture this - a wife is a RN and works overtime and grosses \$100,000, you go out and get a job, say, as a Walmart greeter and gross \$40,000 dollars and your two kids work part time and gross \$15,000.

You lose your disability money. You are penalized for making your life better. So, serving your country costs you to be disabled, ill or unable to work. The administration thinks taking our country's veterans service-connected compensation is the best way to cut the deficit.

If you agree that this is wrong, please write to your Senator and Congress person and let them know they should consider another way to cut the fat out of the budget.

The Veterans organizations work tirelessly for benefits to enable Veterans with ongoing disabilities and illnesses to live a productive life after their service to our country.

This week I would like to highlight another member of post 1545, Joseph D' Acunto. Joe served in the US Army and the United States Marines in Vietnam. As I have said before, Once a Marine Always a Marine.

Joe is our present Sr. Vice Commander. Joe has a vision disability but still manages to be a big part of our post.

He comes to help whenever he's available even with his disability. We salute his service to our country and the Post.

Marc Farmillette – Quartermaster VFW Post 1545

Opioid Epidemic, Continued from C1

Marc Molinaro and Nick Langworthy (NY23) is Governor Hochul's 2024 state budget proposal which takes from the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) funds from local governments and that vulnerable New Yorkers rely on. Congress delivers federal funds directly to states to cover a share of their Medicaid programs. These funds are known as eFMAP, are intended to be shared with counties. The Governor absorbs eFMAP funds into the state putting county-administered Medicaid services on the chopping block, according to Molinaro and Longworthy.

According to the New York Association of Counties are due to lose this amount in the coming year:

Broome: \$4.9 million
Chenango: \$1.2 million
Columbia: \$1.4 million
Cortland \$1.3 million
Delaware \$1.1 million
Greene \$1.2 million
Otsego \$1.3 million
Sullivan \$2.6 million

If this effort by the Governor is allowed to move forward, it would have devastating consequences for anyone hoping to put their lives back together. "The governor's proposal to eliminate enhanced federal Medicaid payments to our local governments is unacceptable. This is nothing more than a hidden tax that the governor is attempting to unleash on local property owners. As a former county representative, I fully understand how Albany schemes like this affect local budgets and will be fighting against this proposal. Questions regarding eFMAP fund payments will certainly be asked during the health portion of our legislative budget hearings," said Senator Peter Oberacker.

In an effort to conclude this segment on a positive note, a quote from a recent interview with the DCS of the Dutchess County Crisis Stabilization Center Jean-Marie Niebuhr on what

makes her facility stand out as a beacon of hope, "It's important to have services at all the different levels; prevention, treatment, and recovery. Treatment is really important, early identification is really important, and then recovery supports are really important. So, after an individual has

struggled with mental illness and substance use disorder, none is more important than the other. You really need to have a full system. You have to be able to prevent the problem from happening. All those different items have to be addressed when you're developing a comprehensive system."

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Out Lexington Way

By Christine Dwon

Jeanette Becker was the guest of honor at her surprise 90th birthday party April 1. Family planned this surprise for Jeanette that was held at the Lexington/West Kill UMC Fellowship Hall. There were lots of friends and family there to wish this special lady a very happy birthday. Of course there was delicious food and a beautiful birthday cake. Happy 90th birthday, Jeanette!

Good Friday, April 7 is the last Fish Fry Dinner sponsored by the Hensonville Hose Company from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Diners are \$15 and you can choose fried fish, fried clam strips or chicken tenders, french fries or baked potato, coleslaw, dinner roll and brownie. Please call 518-734-3040 to pre-order.

The Easter Bunny will be at Young's Ace Hardware and Feed in Prattsville, Saturday, April 8 at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join the fun. There will be treats, Easter eggs, refreshments, no charge, rain or shine. Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1327 and its many friends and supporters.

Here are Holy Week worship services:

Good Friday, April 7 service 6:30 p.m. in the Ashland UMC.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, April 9, 6:30 a.m. in the Lexington Cemetery followed by a breakfast in Fellowship Hall in the Lexington/West Kill UMC, Lexington. Worship at 9 a.m.

Kaaterskill UMC Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will be held at Twilight Park Bridge.

Easter Sunday Worship Services: Lexington/West Kill UMC in Lexington, 9 a.m.; Ashland UMC, 9 a.m.; Windham-Hensonville UMC, 11 a.m.; Kaaterskill, East Jewett, 10:30 a.m.

Birthday greetings to Diane Strausser on Friday, April 7.

April 7 is also Carisa Benjamin's birthday.

Elizabeth Dymond celebrates her birthday on Sunday, April 9.

Monday, April 10 is Janice Mellott's birthday.

Joan Mead also celebrates her birthday on April 10.

Tuesday, April 11 is Sammie (Simpfenderfer) Clark's birthday.

Best wishes to everyone.

The Greene County Department of Human Services Senior Nutrition Program menu for the week of April 10 - April 14 is as follows: Monday—Macaroni and cheese, three-bean salad, stewed tomatoes, fruit cocktail; Tuesday—Chicken Divan, Tuscan vegetables, white rice, pears; Wednesday—Beef stew, potatoes, broccoli, chocolate mousse with whipped topping; Thursday—Vegetable lasagna with red sauce, tossed salad, Italian mixed vegetables, peach crisp; Friday—Meatball sub, Monaco vegetable mix, potato salad, fresh fruit. The meal will be the meal that is delivered to all Greene County homebound meal clients. All persons over the age of 60 can receive a meal. Meals served at noon and suggested donation for each meal is \$4. Those wishing to receive a meal are required to call the respective location by noon, a day in advance. The number to call for the Senior Nutrition site at the Jewett Municipal Building,

Route 23C, Jewett is 518-263-4392.

Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m. is the meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Town of Lexington Fire Co. in the Firemen's Room.

Lexington/West Kill UMC Administrative Council will meet Wednesday, April 12 at 6 p.m. in the church hall.

Come see SHREK the Musical presented by Hunter-Tannersville Theater Department, on Thursday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m.; Friday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 16 at 2 p.m. at the HTC Middle/High School, Main Street, Tannersville. Admission is \$10, no reserved seating and no pre-sales. Door opens 30 minutes prior to showtime. Contact httheater@htcschools.org or call 518-589-5400 ext. 6206 if you have questions.

The annual West Kill/Lexington Community Improvement Association's Maple Brunch is coming to the Community Hall in West Kill Sunday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12 per person, under 5 are free.

The annual Patriots' Day Celebration for the Town of Lexington will be Saturday, April 22 at 1 p.m. in the Community Hall in West Kill. We will be honoring our Town of Lexington employees and volunteers. Light refreshments will be served.

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

The next Potluck Dinner Church will be held at the Lexington/West Kill UMC Fellowship Hall on Friday, April 28 at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, April 30

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

Greene County Legislature proclaims May as Greene County Older Americans Month when it expresses appreciation for the commitment and valuable service of outstanding senior citizens throughout Greene County. Two dedicated individuals are chosen by the Advisory Council to the Greene County Department for the Aging (Human Services) to receive special recognition from Greene County Legislature in categories of Senior Citizen of the Year and Outstanding Contribution by a Senior Citizen. These two county winners will also be submitted to NYS for special recognition.

Patricia Elsbree of Greenville has been honored as the 2023 Senior Citizen of the Year and Robert Knighton of New Baltimore will receive the Outstanding Contribution by a Senior Citizen Award. John Pulice of Athens will receive Merit Recognition. In May, these outstanding seniors will be recognized at the Greene County Legislature meeting. Later this year they will be recognized by NYS at a special ceremony as part of the 2023 Older New Yorkers Day celebration in Albany.

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

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

Ashland Speaks

By Lula Anderson

Happy Easter, Chag Sameach, Happy Passover to all. Remember that the Easter Season is a time for renewal. As we look around us, we see the flowers coming out of dormancy to bring new growth for us. The universal symbol of the egg shows a hard, rock like object cracks open and a new baby comes forth. Open your hearts and minds to the joy of the Spring season.

There are many breakfasts both before and after many church services this coming Sunday. The Ashland Community UMC invites you to join us at 9AM with full breakfast following. Thursday night services will be at Windham UMC with soup and bread to represent the Last Supper.

Looking ahead to the end of April, the Ashland Fire Department is proudly announcing their excellent Roast Beef dinner on April 29. Take outs start at 4:30 with sit down dinners at 5. \$15.00. Hope to see you all at the Ashland Fire House!

There are still openings for the WAJPL trip to Williamsburg and Charlottesville. It will be a 5 day - 4 night trip, from September 11 - 15. Package includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, buffet lunch at Historic Michie Tavern, 3 dinners including Captain George's smorgasbord and the Whaling company. 2 day ticket to Colonial Williamsburg with a guided tour, self-guided tour of Jamestown, tour of Monticello, admission to Berkeley Plantation. Luggage handling, taxes and gratuities included. Call Mary Louise 518-622-3397 for further information and to reserve. With Mary Louise planning the trip, you can be sure you will get the most for your money as well as a very enjoyable trip.

Happy Birthday wishes to Ken Mabey, Ed Armstrong and Janette Becket.

Prayers and get well wishes for Opal Tom Bristol, Ellouise Cole, Janice Maben and Joan Rapleyea.

Condolences to the family of Wayne Fisher and Brenda Decker Rapleyea.

AS I REMEMBER IT
Last week I was writing when my 50+ year old son asked what I was doing. I told him I was writing I Remember article and he said, Do YOU remember when we were growing up? We would

take an inner tube and go paddling down in the creek all the way to the bridge and then have to walk back, but then we'd do it all over again. What a great way to spend an afternoon. Back in the day, all tires had an inner tube inside. If your tire went flat, you took the tube out, found the leak, patched it and you were good to go. Everyone had rubber cement and tube patches. Every kid had their own tube (can you still smell it?) and days were spent lazing on them.

In the winter, my boys would go over to the neighbors (now Tom Lynch's place), and use the tube to slide down the hill. Truck tubes were the best because they were bigger and more than one could ride at once, and there were two to carry it (or should I say lug it) back up the hill. Oh, now you can pay to go snow tubing, but back then, all a kid needed was a hill and a

tube or even a piece of cardboard.

In the summer, my boys would go to the Knefley house, ride horses, swim in the pond, and be kids. Many days they would gather their pennies and walk to Ron's Dairy Barn, play games, have ice cream and walk back home. I didn't go with them. As long as I knew where they were going, it was fine. No cell phone to check up on them. Mothers opened the door and said "Shoo, Go out and play." Impromptu ball games in the backyard, unplanned picnics of bologna sandwiches and Kool Ade by the creek. Just be home in time to set the table for supper. Now the children are not allowed out of sight of the parents. All activities are choreographed and, more often than not, revolve around some sort of electronic device. I feel so sorry for them, but for me, Thanks for the memories.



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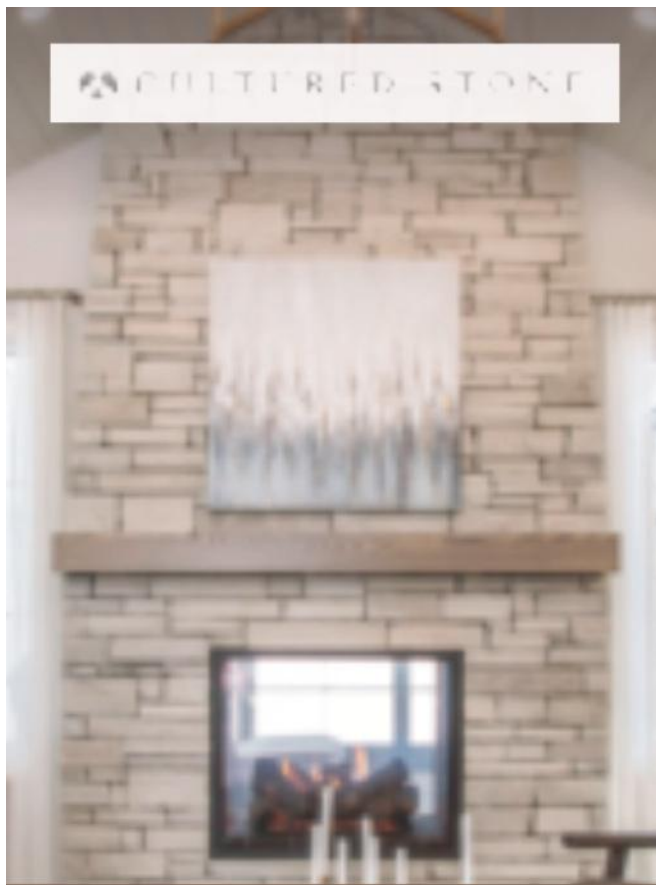
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The Prattsville Scoop

By Abby and Gabby

Prattsville – Happy Easter to all. There’s nothing like two Easter Egg Hunts to satiate the kiddies appetites and joy of hunting for hidden Easter Eggs. The American Legion Auxiliary Virgil E. Deyo Unit 1327 Easter Egg Hunt and the Prattsville Diner’s Easter Egg Hunt and activities on the Prattsville Town Greene will begin at Young’s Ace Hardware on Saturday April 8 at 11 AM with a visit of the Easter Bunny and will continue on the Town Greene as soon as that hunt is concluded. Beth Camna of the Prattsville Diner and her associates will oversee the continued Easter Egg Hunt on the Town Greene. Beth has made arrangements for a multitude of activities and entertainment so be sure to reserve time for all of these. There will be refreshments and children can never have too many Easter Eggs. Enjoy the festivities. Double the Egg Hunts, double the fun, and double Easter candy!

Our continued appreciation to our doctors, nurses, all medical professionals, EMT’s, first responders, Volunteer Firemen, and essential workers. Thank you, you continue to watch over us.

Sympathy to the family of Brenda Rappleyea (Mrs. Carl) on her recent passing. Brenda is the mother of our Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea. Prayers for all.

Feel better greetings to fellow columnist Christine Dwon of Out Lexington Way fame. At a certain age it doesn’t take much to have us feeling under the weather. Hi Chris.

Eight members, Mary Cline, Marianne Krauss, Cathy Martino, Pat Minew, Nancy Orr, Nancy Kizy, Shelly Brainard and Ginny Gurley, of the American Legion Auxiliary Virgil E. Deyo Unit 1327 gathered at the Gurley home on Friday afternoon to stuff hundreds, yes hundreds, of Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt at Young’s on Saturday AM. The eggs accommodated two candies each and in addition to those Lana Breigle had also stuffed at least one hundred eggs prior to the meeting and dropped them off. Once the eggs were stuffed 1,000 Memorial Poppies for the benefit of Veterans were attached to a dozen cans ready for distribution in May 2023. May 26 is the Official National Poppy Day. Your support is appreciated. Cookies, cookies and more cookies were enjoyed as well as some liquid refreshments.

Everyone’s favorites, ie: books, TV shows, pastimes, etc. were also subjects of conversations.

Welcome home Diana and Arnold Jaeger from 30 days of downtime in the sunnier climes. Of course they had a wonderful time eating local dishes and enjoying the company of family and friends and just doing nothing. Diana’s sister Donna and Ron Gutierrez helped the Jaegers spend vacation time away from upstate New York. Do you remember the two snow storms we had during the month of March, the Jaegers’ do not except from a distance. Regardless, we welcome them home and they have our sympathy in catching up on all the minutiae of family responsibilities and planning for all upcoming events.

The Reformed Church of Prattsville will hold its Annual Bake Sale on Saturday, April 8, 9 AM at Jim’s Great American. Now is the time to get all your Easter dinner desserts and other goodies to save you the time and work of doing them yourself. And the proceeds are for a good cause.

Speaking of Jim’s Great American that is indeed the proverbial local country store. Yes, the Eisels are there for all local organizations and to aid in your grocery shopping and to catch up on local news. Good to see Jeanine Eisel – she is prettier than husband Jim – and she is just as ambitious. Took the time to personally check on the can return machine even though it needed professional help. Thanks Jeanine.

There will be the annual Maple Brunch sponsored by the West Kill /Lexington Community Improvement Association at the West Kill Community Center, 141 Spruce-ton Road, on Sunday, April 16, starting at 10 AM - 1 PM. It is \$12 per person, children under 5 free. Highly recommend this Brunch, there is no dish that isn’t delicious. See you there.

Bob Hermance got to celebrate his birthday recently with his wife Carrie, sisters Nancy and Bonnie and their husbands and others. Bob’s birthday cake was enormous and looked very delicious. Most importantly it was enjoyed by all. Happy belated birthday Bob.

The American Legion Auxiliary Virgil E. Deyo Unit 1327 will meet on Tuesday, April 11, 7 PM at the Prattsville Town Hall. Please attend to discuss the activities for April and May. The Amer-

ican Legion Virgil E. Deyo Post 1327 will meet on Thursday, April 13, 7 PM at the Prattsville Town Hall for the monthly meeting. Lots to discuss so your attendance will be appreciated.

Did you enjoy March Madness, and did your

By Michael Ryan

CATSKILL - They are a reassuring and rescuing voice in the dark of night or light of day and content to be invisibly present.

Greene County Legislature members, at a recent meeting, designated April 9-15 as “Public Safety Telecommunicators Week,” gratefully joining the national movement to recognize the integral work of 911 dispatchers.

Public Safety committee chairman Thomas Hobart (District 2, Coxsackie), read a proclamation into the record, stating, “emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services.

“When an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and emergency medical providers is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property.

“The safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Greene County 911 Center

“Public Safety telecommunicators are first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services,” Hobart read.

Dispatchers are “the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters and emergency medical providers by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information, and ensuring their safety.

“Public Safety telecommunicators of the Greene County 911 Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients.

“Each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.”

team win the championship? Hope your teams, men’s and ladies’, made it all the way. Ours did - Yeah UConn!! And did you take note of the fact that one of UConn’s starting five was Andre Jackson Jr. of Amsterdam, NY?

Hope you are also enjoying “Land Girls” on PBS. This is a time of

LEGISLATURE STUFF

Blood on My Boots



Greene County 911 Center systems administrator Neil Kellegher on duty in the deeply emotional and highly technological world of telecommunicating.

“We recognize and honor the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe,” Hobart read.

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week was started in 1981 by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Office in California.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton made it a nationwide event, honoring the commitment, sacrifice and service of the invaluable unseen voices.

Greene County is served in the 911 Center trenches by systems administrator Neil Kellegher and full-time dispatchers Lisa VanHollsteyn, Jessika Loucks, Donald Quinlivan, Jeff Coyne and Stephen Salluce Jr.

More compatriots are full-timers Sydney Kohrs, John Bondrew, Billy Pine, Barry Rausch Jr., Wency Hernandez and Tiffney Biagioni along with part-timers Ted Nugent, John Snyder, James Chewens and per diem senior dispatcher Rich Frasco.

Emergency Service Center director John Farrell leads the way, unwillingly mentioning himself but more than willingly to talk about the men and women on that end of the line when an emergency call comes in

“First of all, this isn’t about me,” Farrell said, making that point crystal clear and giving a tip-of-the-cap to deputy director

history taking place in England during WWII. Yes, it is a lesson in putting your country before yourself. The only thing is there are many episodes and only a finite number will be shown on our PBS Station, Channel 2, showing on Sunday afternoons. Perhaps all the episodes are available from the Acorn catalog.

Happy Birthday to Bob Gurley Jr. on April 8. On April 11 we wish Crystal Cornell and Gabriella Ramundo Happy Birthday. On April 13 it is Happy Birthday to Ashleigh Jaeger.

Please send your news, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. to gurleyrv@gmail.com or call 518-299-3219.

Dan King.

“My concern is to recognize our dispatchers. We can’t say enough about the pressure they are under, continuously, and their dedication.

Farrell is one of those guys who became a volunteer firefighter pretty much the moment he was able to, having long been ready, devoting the past 52 years of his life to emergency services.

He understands that effectively being on the front lines begins in the belly of the 911 beast. “What our dispatchers do for our citizens in their time of need, 25 hours a day if necessary, is incredible,” Farrell said.

Farrell is highly respected, becoming director after rising through the ranks, a knuckle-down approach familiar to his trusty sidekick. James DiPerna.

DiPerna is currently the 911 communications director, dutifully learning the ropes over the past 14 years, similarly agreeing to talk only if emphasis was properly put on the dispatchers.

His story, though, is their story. “I’m a third generation volunteer firefighter,” DiPerna says. “I was one of those kids who grew up listening to my dad’s pager, wondering, ‘who are the mythical voices on the other side of the radio?’

“This job of being a dispatcher isn’t just sitting at the phone. No two days are the same. It takes a

special kind of person to do this job.

“We have an eclectic group of people here. A lot of the workforce today doesn’t want to work nights or weekends and holidays,” DiPerna says.

“That’s not an option here. People don’t call 911 because they are having a good day. It could be the worst day of their lives.

“We get 80,000 calls a year and 38,000 of those are what we call unique incidents. We triage every call that comes in here. In a matter of ninety seconds or less, we need to mitigate the situation.

“Often, there is no gap between severe calls,” DiPerna says. “We may need to keep a caller on the line, even after we’ve sent help.

“If there is a cardiac arrest, we are providing CPR instructions for twenty minutes, waiting for the responder to get there.

“Fortunately, we are pretty set with technology. We have some of the best equipment around,” DiPerna says, noting the county investment.

“A lot of people are leaning on us, depending on us. If all these dispatchers weren’t giving them those first minutes of attention, a lot of calls might not turn out as good as they do.

“What I’ve come to know is that just because I don’t have blood on my boots doesn’t mean I wasn’t there. That goes for everyone here.”

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BETTER THAN HEARSAY

Not Going Totally Gently

By Michael Ryan

TANNERSVILLE - Long-time village of Tannersville mayor Lee McGunnigle is going quietly into that political good night. The again, maybe he isn't.

McGunnigle is now the former mayor after perhaps the most suspenseful and surprise-ending vote in village history (though many already-turned dramatic pages may have faded from living memory).

The poet Dylan Thomas asked his father to "rage, rage against the dying of the light" and McGunnigle gave serious thought to legally challenging the election after losing to mayor-elect David Schneider by one vote.

Two separate recounts of absentee ballots were necessary and the climax came when the Greene County Board of Elections did not open the final absentee ballot, declaring it "not valid" due to non-matching signatures.

There was fairly knowledgeable speculation the vote would have gone to McGunnigle, but now the village will never officially know.

The flaw was determined after the BOE sent a so-called "cure" letter to the

voter, receiving a response and comparing signatures on three different documents, determining the same right person did not sign them.

Records will show Schneider won by the slimmest of margins, 103 to 102, and McGunnigle's initial reaction was to tell it to a judge.

He says he has changed his mind about a court challenge, even as the whole thing sticks in his craw, requesting a BOE manual recount, also noting complaints of voter intimidation on Election Day.

"I'm struggling with my principles," McGunnigle said in a phone interview. "This would cost thousands of dollars to go to court but for what? I don't want it looking like the disgruntled candidate."

"I'm not that whining guy. But I'm also asking myself, 'when do you fight for the voters?' This is two [Board of Election] commissioners deciding they don't like the match of these signatures."

"They aren't handwriting experts. Which is more odd? Thinking somebody stood in for a voter three times or that one vote, which could decide an election, wasn't counted."

"Of course I'm prejudiced [about the outcome] but the two commissioners decided the election in Tannersville, not the voters," McGunnigle said. "I don't know how else to see it."

Noting that he ran on the Truth and Integrity Party for a Day ticket, not endorsed by the Republican or Democratic Party, McGunnigle said, "I wasn't represented [at the Board of Elections absentee counting]."

"I hired an attorney to go with me. I figured I was getting screwed. My hope is that this gets explored thoroughly. My ethical dilemma is whether or not this is a fight for voter rights."

BOE officials, answering questions about the issues raised by McGunnigle, stated, "as required by State law, the BOE will conduct a manual count of ballots cast in the village of Tannersville on April 7th at 11 a.m."

"This follows the same procedure as last November when the Board did a manual count of over 20,000 ballots cast in the NYS Supreme Court contest in the 3rd Judicial District."

"Step one is to determine the results. Then, if within the required margin, sched-

ule a manual count," with Tannersville falling into that category.

As for voter intimidation, the BOE stated, "these claims appear to be centered on challenges issued to six voters in this election."

"This is allowed by State Law," BOE officials stated, meaning questioning of residency, etc. by election inspectors or any citizen onsite.

Awaiting the results of the April 7 recount, McGunnigle says, "I am really pleased with the work I accomplished," singling out village clerk Robin Dumont and former village trustee Greg

Landers for their service.

Leaving the political door ajar, McGunnigle added, "we'll see. In two years, the way voters were motivated or even disheartened by this election, if there is any bad performance there are two [trustee] seats up."

"A lot of people might reintroduce their voice. If the board does well, executes the budget well for tax rates, maybe not so much."

Schneider, in a written statement said, "I'm honored to have been elected by voters in the village of Tannersville to serve as the next mayor."

"In the largest election

turnout in well over a decade, I'm excited to continue engaging with our neighbors as we move our community forward."

"I'm ready to get to work and serve our community in a collaborative manner. We have a tremendous opportunity to ensure that basic services are maintained while supporting our residents, businesses, and visitors."

"I look forward to working with the Board of Trustees as we map out Tannersville's future together. I want to thank Lee McGunnigle for his years of service to Tannersville," Schneider stated.

LOCAL HISTORY BY DEDE TERNS-THORPE

Eli Lane's Life

Reading this story is like peeking into our past. It was written by a gentleman from Lanesville, born on his parents' Hollow Tree Branch farm in 1883. Eli J. Lane did what we all should do; he composed a summary of his life. Thanks to his relatives for sharing and keeping Eli's little story intact. He mentions the railroad going through Route 214, shares how much money he made on different jobs, and touched on working at the Fenwick Lumber Company. (Fenwick was high on Hunter Mountain from nearby Edgewood from about 1903-1917.)

Eli started school when he was seven. He said he often wore leather boots to school to protect him when the deep snow caused him to walk along the top of stone walls. He mentioned the Rion family as their only neighbors.

He left school at thirteen and went to work on a farm owned by Amos Jones, his mother's brother.

Eli's pay was \$10 a month. His father took four dollars, leaving him six for clothes and other needs.

Uncle Amos had a dandy pair of crème-colored horses with black tails and manes. He called them Dewey and Manny (?). Uncle Amos was a good horseman and taught Eli how to handle them.

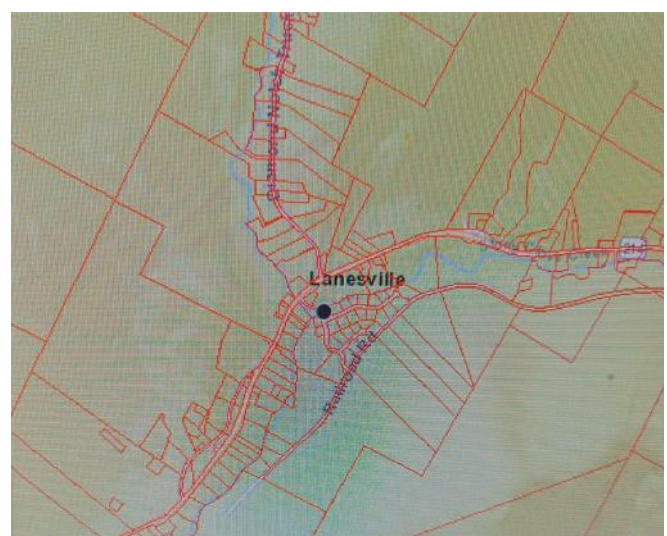
Eli helped milk his uncle's thirty cows and he liked the work. His uncle had a separator, and Eli made butter. A year later his father called him back home to work on the railroad. The railroad in Stony Clove was being updated from narrow to wide gauge tracks. Eli took the job, he was just fifteen and was now making \$1.20 a day. He and his father started in the section gang (maintenance) in early spring. He worked wherever the railroad needed him. He liked that. Later, they put him in the sliding gang (another part of the tracks) to work with Bob Ingles from nearby Edgewood. He liked working with him.

From his daily pay, his father took \$1.00, and Eli got to keep the twenty cents. Eli worked on the railroad until the job was finished but kept his last pay to himself!

He was seventeen when his father offered him room & board and a four-year-old colt, in return for a year of work on his farm. Eli was thrilled to own a horse and accepted.

Harry, Harvey, and Charlie Lane, relatives of Eli's father, Abram, owned most of Lanesville, including a sawmill and a multitude of timberland.

When revival meetings came to Lanesville, Eli started to pray often. He asked the Lord to make him a



good man.

Eli's grandmother had ninety acres of land with a barn, a nice home, and wanted Eli to join her. She moved into two rooms to give him the rest of the house. Eli's grandfather, Eli Jones, his namesake, was a deceased war veteran (buried in Lanesville) leaving his grandmother by herself. He remained with her until fall.

By December, he worked at John King's farm in Delaware County. John King was a fine man, who lived at Rose Brook, seven miles from Hobart. Eli was paid \$25 a month plus room and board. He had a horse to "drive" anytime! He helped milk ninety-five cows, cared for two pairs of horses, one yoke of oxen and stayed until June.

Eli then worked until March for Mr. Gool in Hobart Village.

His pay was \$35 a month. (Eli loved his mother's weekly letters).

That spring, Eli went to work on the railroad in Hobart. An accident damaged his spine, and Eli was forced to take a year off. He went back to Lanesville. Mike Lane, his father's brother, was visiting from Pennsylvania and asked Eli to return with him. Uncle Mike got him an easy job for one-year driving for a doctor.

Afterward, he took a two-year job caring for fifteen horses. Then he went home and purchased his grandmother's farm. By that time Lanesville had a busy boarding business.

Eli's mother, Mary Rosella Jones, was elated to have him back home. (Tidbit: Mary R. Jones and Abram Lane were married July 4, 1879, in Phoenicia, N.Y.)

He settled down and soon bought six heifers and a pair of horses. He logged all summer and winter for the Lane Brothers. He traded and sold horses, handling over 365 horses in one year.

He and his father took their teams up to work for Fenwick. They soon learned to deal with the camp's cold nights. One night his father woke him and said, "Boy, whether you believe it or not, I've got ice on my mustache!" They stayed the winter and were paid \$10, daily plus board. This was for

one man and a team. Fenwick furnished the bobsleighs.

Mr. William Dolan worked at Fenwick, and his wife did the cooking. She used the metal rails to bake twenty-four loaves of bread at one time. Their son, Roy, worked at the camp, and their two daughters were home in Platte Clove. The camp employed over twenty men.

Eli worked until spring and returned to Lanesville. He acquired a summertime constable position, working with Henry Curtis.

One night, Mrs. William Dolan visited Eli and introduced her daughter, Leota. He invited her to a dance and said she was a dandy dancer. They soon married and lived on the farm he purchased from his grandmother.

Sometime later Eli joined a lumber company, and Leota became the cook. They worked for four years and then went to work for O.H. Perry of Tannersville. They soon moved to Sprucecon, and Eli worked for C.C. Dunham of Shandaken. He supervised four or five men, and again, Leota cooked. They continued this until December 1922, when they bought the Addie Ferris Place's farm on County Route 10, near Sutton Hollow in Ashland.

In 1923 Eli was elected Ashland Road Commissioner for six years. He lost the next election to Will Griffin but then won again.

Leota Dolan and Eli had eight healthy children: six boys and two girls. (In order of birth: Lee, Amelia, Willard, Carl, Clarence (Larry), Freida, Gerald and Clifton).

In 1949 they sold the farm to their son, Carl Lane. Eli had reserved 25 acres for themselves, and they built a nice five-room house. He returned to work for C. C. Dunham, the same man he worked for thirty-five years ago.

Eli loved his life. He didn't have an enemy in the world. He thanked the Good Lord for that.

"We are alone in our new home, and we love it." Eli, thank you for sharing. You led an amazing life.

Thanks for reading. Have a good week and stay safe.

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TRADITIONALLY SPEAKING BY PAT LARSEN

Eating Mindfully/Developing a Healthier Relationship with Food

We very much strive to live in the present. We often focus on the present moment until...we don't. A "to do list for the day" morphs into many other things even without quite meaning to. Perhaps it's a phone call that begs for our time and attention or a forgotten task that suddenly takes over our thoughts for the day. An hour can then lead into a blur of several hours that then leads us to wonder where our day went. That then includes a question about what we have eaten, if anything at all. It can be very frustrating. Many of us are wanting very much to develop a better relationship with the food that we eat, especially in the quantity and quality of these foods, in an effort to curb extra weight, get a handle on excess carbs and sugar, or just slow down long enough to enjoy a meal without the looming excessive things we have to do. Being busy and busy eating are two things that should not be mixed. Yet it's become a "meal" on the go society.

I have found that by exercising some mental muscle, we can learn how to hold onto our present moments through a focus of attention that can lead to a very satisfying result especially where our meals are concerned. Nourishing ourselves began as it did as babes, with the instinct for survival. Now, it's pure craving, often of the kinds of foods that fill our bellies but doesn't feed and nourish our bodies.



With that in mind, I set about to teach a mini workshop in my class that helped my students to develop better skills to create an intention for themselves that built a better result through the "power of presence".

It's actually called a Mindful Eating Practice. Here's how it works. In this particular situation each participant was instructed to bring a piece of fruit of their choosing to the program.

They were told to focus on their choice with only themselves in mind; not the family, not what the kids liked or what was on sale.

A perfect piece of fruit that first and foremost was their favorite.

Just one piece.

As we began the program, I asked each person to write down a description of their choice and why they had chosen it.

We then began to eat the fruit with each of our senses. Again, writing down each step along the way.

Slowly and deliberately focusing on sight, smell, texture, before biting into the fruit. Then as we took our first bit into the fruit,

we added taste and the sound the fruit made to the descriptive mix.

Finally, after the grueling exercise of holding back before actually eating their piece of fruit, we joined in to discuss the benefits associated with these fruits choices regarding vitamins and minerals.

From beginning to end, this exercise took approximately 24, fun filled minutes to complete. It quickly became clear that the benefits of our efforts really showcased how fruits or foods in general can be better enjoyed by staying present with more focus.

Eating mindfully also tends to add an additional benefit of filling us up with less quantity when we add that time to savor every mouthful. Try this exercise yourself or with your grand kids.

Train your mind to immerse yourself in the moments of eating.

When we bring this intention to our conscious mind, slowing down, savoring with all our senses, exploring new tastes and smells with textures it helps us to cultivate a better relationship with what food can do for us and allows us to live up to our full potential. Try it.

Pat Larsen lives in Greene County and teaches fitness classes and programs for living your best life to Seniors and Baby Boomers. As a certified clinical hypnotherapist Pat has helped many let go of issues that have kept them stuck through the practice of con-

scious story.

On a medical hiatus at present, Pat regularly teach-

es fitness classes at The Shamrock House as well. She will be returning in

late Spring to her classes. Please email at pelarsen5@aol.com

Ibex Puppetry: Ajijaak On Turtle Island At The Orpheum In Tannersville

Hunter - Catskill Mountain Foundation presents a spectacular puppetry experience called Ajijaak on Turtle Island at the Orpheum Performing Arts Center, 6050 Main Street, Tannersville, NY on Saturday, April 8 at 7:30PM.

IBEX Puppetry's Ajijaak on Turtle Island tells the story of Ajijaak, a young whooping crane. Separated from her family in a Tar Sands fire caused by the monstrous Mishibizhiw, Ajijaak must make her first migration from Wood Buffalo, Canada, down to the Gulf Coast on her own, finding her voice and a family through the interconnectedness of all of creation. A reflection on life's energy and how it connects all aspects of our world, Ajijaak on Turtle Island brings communities together through puppetry, music, traditional dances, animations, and kites. Ajijaak's story puts



forward visions from Indigenous communities, inspiring the next generation of storytellers, change-makers, and eco-champions.

Founded by Heather Henson, IBEX Puppetry is an entertainment nonprofit devoted to health and healing of the planet through artistic spectacle, outreach, and the fine art of puppetry. Ajijaak on Turtle Island, one of Henson's original works, will delight and inspire children and family members of all ages.

Tickets can be purchased online at

www.catskillmntn.org or by contacting the box office via email at boxoffice@catskillmntn.org or by phone at 518 263 2063. Note that online ticket sales close 5 hours prior to performance time. Tickets purchased ahead are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$7 for students. Tickets purchased at the door are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$7 for students. For information about upcoming programs at Catskill Mountain Foundation, please visit www.catskillmntn.org.

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LOCAL FEATURE

Studio Minimale

By Michael Ryan

WINDHAM - The first indication that "Studio Minimale" is delightfully unique was being greeted by Nella, the friendly Samoyed pup who answers to gentle commands in two languages, English and Polish.

Actually three if you count "a little bit of Spanish," said her loving master and similarly-multi-lingual shop owner Gosia Pedziwiatr.

Studio Minimale opened with the calendar arrival of spring although winter has been stubbornly persistent and downright ornery.

It is the exact opposite inside the warmly-lighted, cozy store, located at 5348 Main Street in Windham, a few steps west of Mill Street.

"I feel like dogs understand any language," Pedziwiatr says, giving a tour of the neatly displayed items, easily transitioning from English to her native Polish when her husband phones in.

"They respond to the tone of voice, don't you think," she says, returning to the tour while a reporter's attention drifted to the large Moroccan baskets that are, in fact, Moroccan straw lampshades.

Many countries and a smattering of locals are represented, such as the very clever hand-puppet pot holders that are part of a linen line from Lithuania including soft kitchen towels and blankets.

Over here, in what the owner says is best described as a, "high end, home decor" shop, are Japanese ceramics created to be maximally functional and minimally (thus the name of the place) cluttering.

And over there are what Pedziwiatr calls "kimono jackets," individually designed by local clothier Mae-gan Neubeck.

"They are all one of a kind. She dyes her linen and makes them in small batches. I just love them," the owner says, sounding like a Catskill Mountains echo.

Pedziwiatr similarly gushes about the Finnish vegetable wax candles, the linen pillows from Thailand with hand-drawn faces, gold jewelry and the English hot water bottle covers and machine washable slippers.

Not to be slighted, over there there are Moroccan woolen rugs and lamp shades sewn by members of a women's cooperative, and the MASK, "journey to self acceptance" skin care



Studio MiniMale, maximizing minimalism, is located at 5348 Main Street in Windham, a few steps west of Mill Street.



Stackable and eminently functional Japanese ceramics share neatly-arranged shelf space with unique 3-piece rice cookers, Finnish vegetable wax candles and MASK skin care products.



These awesome candles don't stop melting at the candle stick holder; burning all the way down. The "kimono jackets" awaiting purchase on the rack in the back are from Catskills clothier Mae-gan Neubeck.



The fluffy pillow on the far left is actually the friendly and multi-lingual house and establishment pet Nella, modeling Moroccan woolen rugs, linens from Lithuania and Thailand along with sundry international items.

products. And, oh yeah, the traditional Japanese, three-in-one ricer cookers and not

so traditional Roza Home candles that have an Ebenezer Scrooge burnable candle holder, lasting long enough for all three ghosts.

So, that's not all but the whole point is, "everything is all about being very minimal but practical," says Pedziwiatr. "I love ancient China and Japan, their history, the beautiful way they use minimalism."

"The idea for this shop came when I was renovating my home. I started to minimize everything. You have no idea how my house changed, how my life changed. I suddenly had air in my cabinets."

"Windham is so beautiful," Pedziwiatr says, noting she was a seller at the downtown Farmer's Market for the past two years. "There are so many different shops for such a small town."

"Studio Minimale is open Friday (noon to 6 p.m.), Saturday (11 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and Sunday (noon to 4 p.m.) Phone (929) 335-4950 for info.

OUTDOORS BY LARRY DIDONATO

Trout Stocking Started

Trout stocking in NY has begun. On a recent bright sunny day, I followed the DEC stocking truck on its annual route through Greene County. The usual cadre of aging veteran sportsman-volunteers plus a few kids on Easter break, were in tow. Walt Bennett, long-time Fish Chairman for the Greene County Federation of Sportsmen, was chief among the elder veterans of the fish-stocking ritual. Walt led the way as he has done so many times over the past 45 years.

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos has attributed the excellent trout angling opportunities in NY to DEC's extensive stocking program. "DEC stocks nearly 1.9 million trout in waters statewide, beginning in March and lasting until early June."

All was going well as the Catskill Creek was stocked with yearling and two-year-old trout. When we were about to stock a long stretch of the picturesque Basic Creek however, a problem arose. As Walt Bennett discussed the order of the last four stocking locations on the many miles of the Greene County portion of the Basic, he learned from DEC staff that there was now only one stocking location and it would get the remainder of trout on the truck. Walt and the other experienced volunteers were stunned. In disbelief, a call was made to the DEC Hatchery who confirmed the 75 percent reduction of stocking locations and numbers of trout stocked on that reach of the Basic. Hatchery managers said the severe reduction in trout and stocking locations was caused by DEC's 2021 Trout Management Plan. It created a formula dictating trout stocking will cease or be severely reduced based upon a highly technical metric concerning trout biomass per hectare versus linear public access data etc. I had heard that same logic being used to reduce stocking locations and the number of trout stocked in heavily fished Albany trout streams as well.

The remainder of the trout on the truck were offloaded at the bridge in Freehold which has limited access. The action defied logic. We could not believe DEC would no longer stock the miles



Grandfather Bill Sharrick is shown here carefully watching over his grandson, as he hands down the trout stocking tradition to the next generation. Bill is a retired Wildlife Biologist out of DEC's Stamford office. He is pictured here with his 10 1/2 year-old grandson who's just learning the art of trout stocking!

of the stream, including their own DEC trout fishing access site and parking area accessible right off state highway 81 in Greenville. That DEC Fishing Access Site, bought with your fishing license and taxpayer dollars, contains hard-fought purchased acreage with Public Fishing Rights (PFR). The beautiful Basic Creek then runs downstream through miles of privately owned creekfront. Much of that privately owned stream is open to the public. It is clearly marked. "Fishing Permitted" signs are plainly visible for everyone to see just by driving down Red Mill Road. No problems parking and walking the short distance to the stream which is clearly visible for anyone on the road looking to fish the stream.

One great fishing access and stocking location just downstream on the Basic was at a small bridge. Access was recently lost forever because of an entirely different, brand-new DEC program which contains draconian new requirements for co-operating stream-landowners. It forces advertising the GPS location of the sleepy streamside locales on a website/phone app inviting untold hordes to a place where maybe a car or two with 2 or 3 fishermen can comfortably fish at one time. That recently created DEC program is called, the "Stream Access Verification Program."

Back to the landowner who owns miles of stream/road frontage, who still allows the public to fish that beautiful stretch. He

was shocked and disappointed when he was told no trout will ever be stocked on the Basic from the DEC trout stream parking lot through all of his property, miles down to the bridge in Freehold.

It certainly put a damper on the lighthearted mood at what would have otherwise been an idyllic and enjoyable event. Worse, it foretells ominous consequences for the statewide trout stocking program DEC just so proudly touted as being responsible for the success of trout fishing in New York. There's much more to this story but we'll have to leave it till next time.

Happy Easter and Passover; and happy hunting, fishing, and trapping until next time!

News and Notes

Striped Bass Season Open on Hudson River as of April 1st

The striped bass season on the Hudson River north of the Washington Bridge is open from April 1st to November 30th. Limit is one fish between 18-28 inches in total length.

The striped bass season is open all year on the Delaware River and West Branch of the Delaware River (NY border water with Pennsylvania). Limit is one striper between 28 and 35 inches.

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Easter Egg Hunt In Windham

By Michael Ryan

MAPLECREST - Almost as if by magic, spring burst in the mountains, last Saturday, for the maiden Easter Egg Hunt at C.D. Lane Park in the Big Hollow region of the town of Windham.

"It was like somebody hit the switch with nice weather," Windham Chamber of Commerce president Lisa Jaeger said.

"We changed the time from morning to later in the day and it was amazing how it suddenly got warm and sunny."

The hunt, held on April fool's Day, was the first of its kind, jointly sponsored by Best Hot Tubs, Windham NY Escapes and the Chamber, hoping to make it an annual event.

"It far exceeded our expectations," Jaeger said. "The town was very cooperative and supportive. It was - can I say this? - a hopping success."



Above left: A basketful of candy and other goodies await a harder-to-find, Golden Egg winner. Above center: Easter Egg Hunt at C.D. Lane Park, last weekend, was a hippity-hopping hoo-ha thanks to the shared efforts of (left to right) Windham Chamber of Commerce member Brenda Hughes, Windham town supervisor Thomas Hoyt, the Easter Rabbit (whose bet pal is Evan Schieren) Chamber member Caroline Lynch and Chamber president Lisa Jaeger, along with many others.



Above: It isn't everyday two little kids get to see eye-to-eye with a giant rabbit. Their body languages tell a story of curious wonder and not-too-sureness.

Far left: Shh! Don't tell anyone the Easter Rabbit is about to pull an April Fool's prank, driving off with a Windham police department cruiser.

Left: Seek and ye' shall find eggs hidden in plain sight and literally underfoot.

MTP Annual Earth Day Trail / Stream Clean-up

Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10 am - Noon

Evergreen Parking on Ski Bowl Road (at the CRIP CAMP Marker) in Hunter

Hidden under the beauty of the recent snow along the side of the roads and trails is an incredible array of trash. As Spring warms our hearts and flowers and grass brighten the community, it is again time for a Spring Clean Up. Thanks to Mountain Top Progressives' Annual Earth Day Trail / Stream Clean-up and all of the wonderful volunteers, on Saturday, April 22 from 10 am to 12 noon many of the eyesores and environmental hazards along Ski Bowl Road will be cleaned up. Volunteers will meet at the Evergreen Parking lot near the Crip Camp Marker in Hunter and either follow the new trail toward Route 214 or go in the other direction to Dolan's Lake Park.

Organized by MTP, the spirit of Clean-Up Day has become a yearly scavenger hunt. The lively conversations about what people find each year adds a sense of adventure to the job. Whether it be roof-tiles found along a trail, pieces of bed

frames or bottles, cans and other trash, this mess destroys our environment. Litter and debris clog stream beds and destroy good habitats for fish and swimming holes for humans. The effects of chemicals from plastics and synthetics are long-lasting and cumulative, leaching into and degrading vegetation, biodiversity and water quality, and ultimately, human health.

For six years, MTP has been on the front-lines of environmental efforts to keep our Catskills "the gem of New York" and to pro-

mote awareness of policies and proposals that affect it.

We are hoping to attract new volunteers from our entire community to help with this vital project. We will be gathering in the morning for a quick briefing, then set off in small groups to trails, empty lots and streams—armed with gloves and trash bags. Bring your own trash picker if you have one.

April is a great time for a spring cleaning in our homes and environment. This clean up gives us the opportunity to discard unsecured building materials, unwanted fur-

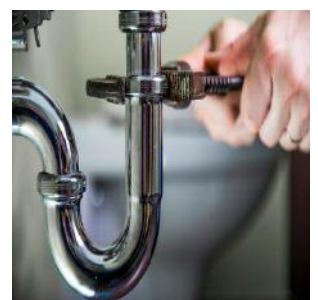
nishings, and trash—clearly tossed and blown by wind and weather that end up out of reach in gullies and streams. Bears drag garbage from people's unsecured garbage cans and leave the remains of their finds in the woods and along beautiful trails. The challenges this poses to nature, safety, and town charm are obvious and certainly beyond the efforts of volunteers to totally

solve on foot but it is a start. Let's work together!

The two-hour clean-up will end with MTP's characteristic comradery: a lakeside potluck picnic at the pavilion at Dolans Lake. Spring cleaning is a mixed experience for one's closets and shed. But on a Spring morning with communal and celebratory spirit, it feels good and looks better. All are welcome to come -

please bring a dish to share.

Please join MTP and help clean up Ski Bowl Road. Everyone is welcome. Children are especially welcome! It is a great learning experience about how they too can make a difference. Well-behaved dogs are also welcome. Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10 am - Noon



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THE TAPESTRY BY DR. DEBORAH HERODES

Obituary for a Good Shepherd A Bold Story of Faith

Jesus Christ- Bethlehem-Born 6-4 B.C. (approximately.) Died 33 A.D. (approximately.) Son of the Virgin Mary and God. Raised by Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. Born in a Bethlehem stable. His young life was spent learning the trade of carpentry by His Earthly father, but He heard the call of His heavenly Father and began studying under religious rabbis. In His early thirties, He began preaching and surrounded Himself with students (disciples,) who were expected to carry His "Good News" into the world, after His demise. Preaching for only three years made Him a recognizable name, throughout the area, because of His miraculous deeds and because He claimed He was the Son of God. He began to be hunted by local authorities, for the crime of blasphemy. He was arrest-

ed, beaten, chained, starved, and jailed, and eventually sentenced to death by crucifixion. The carrying of His cross, up the hill of bones (Golgotha,) on Good Friday, attracted townspeople, who lined the streets to watch His painful walk to Calvary. Due to fear of Divine escape, unlike the others, who flanked His cross and were tied to their trees with ropes, Jesus Christ was nailed to His cross. Mocked by a sign above His head, which read King of the Jews, and crowned with a crown of thorns, Christ did not question His persecution, as He knew it was His destiny from the start. His pleadings from the cross were to His mother ("Where is my mother?") and his heavenly Father, where he asked for forgiveness for his executioners ("Father, forgive them for they know not

what they do.") and eventually gave Himself into the hands of God ("Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit.") The burial plot was compliments of a friend. Christ's body was interred behind a large stone, which blocked the entrance to the burial cave. Mary, his mother, Mary Magdalene (one of his followers) and John, his disciple, were all present for Christ's interment. One of His promises was that He would be resurrected on the third day, and all who believe and love Him know this is pending. To send condolences, please bring food to the Upper Room. Christ will be remembered, as a humble, prayerful man, who suffered immensely at the time of his death, was powerfully devoted to His faith, spent much time in the desert and in the Garden of Gethsemane.

THE TAPESTRY BY DR. DEBORAH HERODES

Trial of Shakespearean Proportions, Pt. II Why are we so Interested in Spectacle?

This would all be such a literary find if it wasn't a true story. There are many left suffering because of this monster! Lost loved ones, lost monies, lost friendships and lost familial relationships. He continues to lie, until this day, and will be soon facing over 90 criminal suits from clients and partners he chose to steal from. Hopefully, all will learn from this trial, as they have from others they have been glued to, throughout the years, and recognize the destructive characteristics in their own personalities and work hard to keep those devils within them.

Watching pieces of this trial, night after night, disturbed me for many reasons but the most obvious irritant for me was Murdaugh's ability to sit and or stand with very little emotion. Sitting at the same table, as a defendant, that he had sat at countless times as counselor, surrounded by the paintings of his forefathers, he casually took his glasses off and on to observe documents being shown in court. During descriptions of the crime scene, his lawyer placed a cover over the computer that revealed these savage deaths, but Murdaugh seemed to navigate his way through the testimonies of all his past friends and relatives. Although there were Kleenex and snorts of weeping, the jury didn't buy the emotion, as he was able to recover very quickly. His own narcissism put him at great risk, as he chose to take the stand in his own defense. No trial lawyer wants his/her client to take the stand, but Murdaugh considered himself smarter than anyone else in the courtroom. He spoke of his "Mags" and "Paul, Paul" in the nicknames he had given them and professed his undying love for them, over and over and over again. And when confronted with the snap-chat video, although he finally confessed to have been where

the victims had been found, some time before they were slain, he also said that he had just forgotten about the fact that he ran down to say goodbye to them before he left to go see his mother. I think this is called having ice water in your veins.

Scientists continue to study the human brain to see what it is that causes this kind of treachery and cruelty to loved ones and anyone for that matter. Drugs that affect the mind are certainly up there when discussing criminal behaviors, along with mental illness that is left untreated, but I have also read that anyone can do the unthinkable if pushed to his/her absolute limit, even if it because of his/her own actions. It's a scurrying effect, where the brain cannot stop racing and because of its racing is unable to make right judgments and

moral decisions, because the animal-mind has taken over and survival of the fittest has shown its human teeth. And so the question remains. Would you lose your mind if someone hurt your child, a family member, a friend, or you, or would your coping skills, your allegiance to what is right, your humanity kick in and prevent attacks upon the perpetrator of harm? For Alex Murdaugh, his allegiance to his family name, kept him wanting to have more, to be more, and when he was unable to keep all the balls of deceit in the air anymore, he became the hunter for his own sought after reputation.

And now, the world moves on to the next Shakespearean tragedy, but the victims from this "murder, murder" are still gone, with no encore. "Parting is not sweet sorrow."

THE CATSKILL GEOLOGISTS BY PROFESSORS ROBERT AND JOHANNA TITUS

Opus 40, A Devonian Home?

We always look into a sedimentary rock and see the sediment that lies within. At the Opus 40 quarry most of that sediment was sand. It has been cemented and thus petrified into the Catskill bluestone that we see all over the quarry today. But it was, long ago, soft wet sediment. The thick sandstones at Opus were mostly deposited in river channels, rivers of the ancient Catskill Delta. All these sands are hard cold sandstones today, but we always have to remember that these were once river channels and there were animals who called them home. We have not yet found any fossil shells or bones in the quarry, but we have found some other fossils. Take a look at our photo.

That's an unusually dark sandstone for the Catskills; it's a black sandstone with a large number of light-

gray curvy patterns within it. What earth could those curves be? Well, paleontologists know them as trace fossils. They are, indeed, not shells nor bones. Instead, they record the behaviors of ancient organisms. From time to time, you leave footprints when you walk across wet grounds. Imagine if, somehow, those prints hardened into rock. Then your footprints would have become trace fossils. That's not likely to actually happen but it does sometimes with invertebrate animals who live in soft sediments. That's what happened here. Think about what you are looking at. About 380 million years ago, when these sands lay on a river bottom, animals squirmed around within those sediments and that left the marks. We geologists use the word burrowing to describe this.



And that burrowing produced burrows. It should have been that they would never have been preserved; instead, floodwaters should have soon washed them all away. But that just did not happen. They remained, undisturbed as

the years passed by. They were buried by thicker and thicker heavy sediments and, under all that weight, slowly hardened into the rock we see today. But what were those animals, and what were they doing? That's an interesting

scientific question and it might seem one that is impossible to answer. But what does the evidence say? That evidence is in the color. Where the rock is dark that is because it is rich in biological material, mostly carbon, that's the black stuff. Where the rock is gray, then there is much less biological material. And that is within the burrows. What happened? Maybe you can guess.

Those burrowing animals, as they worked through those sands, removed the biological material. They were consuming it as food. Who does this today? Worms do. The way to bet is that these are the burrows of ancient Devonian worms.

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A CONVERSATION ABOUT

Rodents

By Jean Thomas

There are even more of them out to get us!

Rodents galore are gathering to swipe our stuff. The chipmunks, moles and voles are just the smaller ones. The bigger ones live more above the ground and include ground hogs. Rabbits used to be rodents, but got promoted to "lagomorphs" at some scientific level. Rabbits are a special challenge. Usually we can protect our crops with the correct kind of fencing. Minimum two foot height and built tight to the ground can work pretty well. Better yet, bury some of the fence to discourage the more ambitious ones. I hear some of you saying, "Just shoot them." You might want to bear in mind that hunting season for rabbits ends in March. So while you wait for October's hunting season, a combination of good fencing and some of the repellents available on the market will usually do the trick.

Groundhogs are the most fun to talk about, and the most frustrating. They're also called Woodchucks, whistle pigs, marmots and land beavers, as well as "that blanket blank". This is because they will eat a garden or flower bed down to the ground in a day. And their tunnels are apartment houses for lots of other pesky critters... with multiple exits. Sometimes poison bombs are successful when we try to get rid of them, but more often not, because there are so many exits that keep the fumes from becoming concentrated. The state allows them to be shot and trapped if determined a nuisance.

An adult woodchuck can weigh ten pounds, so obviously it can consume a whole lot of whatever we're trying to grow. They are true hibernators, so at least we don't have to deal with them in winter. But the en-



tertaining part about Punxatawney Phil and his February appearance is pretty much a pack of lies. For a more thorough story of the saga of Punxatawney Phil, listen to the podcast "Nature Calls; Conversations from the Hudson Valley" or read the transcript at <https://ccecolumbiagreene.org/gardening/nature-calls-conversations-from-the-hudson-valley/episode-two-groundhogs-and-other-furry-wildlife>.

Fences will work against woodchucks, but planning will make all the difference. A fence that is good enough for a rabbit will be a joke to a woodchuck. First thing... they are good climbers. They are also good swimmers in case you were thinking of installing a moat. So the fence should be at least three feet tall. The top needs to curve outward away from the garden, and the bottom should be at least a foot underground and/or 12-18 inches at a 90 degree angle from the upright part, also underground. Frankly, if you're going through all this, think about going for broke and installing deer fence, which should be seven feet high. I suspect if you have other wildlife looking to picnic in your yard, you have deer as well.

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LEGAL ADVERTISING

LLC Notice
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; Name of LLC: JSB CONCRETE, LLC; Date of filing: Feb 1, 2023; Office of the LLC: Albany Co.; The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at James Bouton, 2600 Vega Mountain Road, Roxbury, NY 12474; Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

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

LLC Notice
166 JAR LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/17/22. Office in Albany Co. SSNY designated Agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the Martha Hacklin, 4 Oakwood St, Albany NY 12208. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LLC Notice
Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 607Riders, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 8, 2023. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 607Riders P.O. Box 134 Stamford. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LLC Notice
NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION NP3LSO LLC. Filed 11/30/2022. County: Schoharie. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail 4912 NY-30 Schoharie, NY 12157. Purpose: any lawful.

LLC Notice
NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION TNF Cobleskill, LLC. 1/3/2023. County: Schoharie. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail 20 Petra Lane #6, Albany NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful.

LLC Notice
Notice Of Formation Of Domestic Limited Liability Company; Name Of Llc: GILBOA EGG BARN LLC; Date of filing: 02/07/2023; Office of the LLC: Delaware Co.; The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 380 Wyckoff Rd, Gilboa NY 12076; Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

LLC Notice
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Whitegate Family Farm LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/31/2022. Office location: Greene County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to: the LLC, C/O Daniel Locker, 173 Village Grove, Williston, VT 05495.

LLC Notice
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; Name of LLC: PANGMAN OUTDOOR POWER LLC; Date of filing: 01/03/2023; Office of the LLC: Schoharie Co.; The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process

to the LLC at 220 Barnerville Road, Cobleskill, New York 12043; Purpose of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

LLC Notice
Notice of Formation of Domestic Limited Liability Company: Follow Through Landscaping, filed on May 3, 2022; 137 Souer Road, Stamford, NY 12167. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at 137 Souer Road, Stamford, NY 12167. Any lawful activity.

LLC Notice
Notice of Formation of NYSentencing LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company located at 285 Main Street, Catskill, NY. Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept of State 02/01/23. Office in Greene County. NY Sec of State designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. Sec of State to mail copy of any process against it to PO Box 433, Catskill, NY 12414. Purpose: Software publishing and all other lawful purposes.

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

LLC Notice
Notice of Formation of Sass Squash Fallon Brands, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/22/23. Office location: Schoharie County. Princ. office of LLC: SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to Sass Squash Fallon Brands, 597 Shew Hollow Road, Stamford, NY 12167. General Purpose.

Notice of Formation of LLC
WindyRidge Trading Company LLC filed with SSNY 3/26/2023 Office located in Schoharie County SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to 137 Debar Hill rd Middleburgh NY 12122 Purpose: to engage in any lawful activity

Public Notice - Schoharie
There will be a Workshop held by the Planning Board of the Town of Schoharie on Tuesday April 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Schoharie Firehouse, 114 Fort Road, Schoharie, NY. Primarily held to review the Highbridge SEQ Environmental Assessment Form, any other business may be conducted.

Public Notice - Bids Wanted
The Conesville Town Board is now accepting sealed bids from qualified contractors to cut grass and trim borders at multiple locations in Conesville from May 1, 2023 to October 15, 2023.

For a list of locations and requirements, interested parties may request a copy of the bid specifications from the Conesville Town Clerk during regular business hours at Conesville Town Hall, 1306 State Route 990V, Conesville, NY 12076 or from the

official Conesville Town Website at: https://www4.schohariecounty-ny.gov/Pdf-Files/PdfAnnouncements/PA_39704_24_PDf

Public Notice - Middleburgh
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Middleburgh, New York will hold a public hearing pursuant to Attachment XII, Section 12.2(G) of the Zoning Law of the Town of Middleburgh. Appeal No. 1-23T is the request of James Ryan, (hereinafter Applicant), 333 Bassler Road, Middleburgh, NY 12122, for a variance from Table 2 (Dimensional Table) of the Zoning Law of the Town of Middleburgh. Said Table sets forth required lot sizes, frontage, set-backs, and building heights in the R3 zoning district, which governs the applicant's property located at 333 Bassler Road (tax parcel 119-6-5). The applicant proposes to build a three car garage within 24 feet of his rear property line. The aforesaid Dimensional Table of the Town Zoning Law requires a minimum setback of 50 feet. Applicant requests a variance from this requirement of the Zoning Law. The hearing of the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding this variance request will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at the Village Hall, 309 Main Street, Middleburgh, NY, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Public Notice - Grand Gorge FD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Grand Gorge Fire District's Board of Fire Commissioners will take place on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 7:00pm at the Grand Gorge Fire House located at 60753 State Route 30, Grand Gorge, New York 12434.

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

Public Notice - Stamford FD
Please take notice that the April meeting of the Stamford Joint Fire District Board of Commissioners of the Towns of Stamford, Harpersfield, Kortright, Gilboa and Jefferson, Counties of Delaware and Schoharie, New York, will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7:00PM at the Stamford Firehouse, 111 Main Street, Stamford, Stamford, New York 12167.

ENGINEER CONTACT
CPL
30 Century Hill Drive, Suite 104
Latham, NY 12110
adminCPLNY@CPL-team.com

Public Notice - Windham FD
Please note the change of venue for the Windham Fire District of the town of Windham, County of Greene, New York. Regular meeting for Wednesday April 11, 2023, at 6 o'clock p.m. will be held at the Windham Fire Station 5462 Main Street Windham, NY. All meetings of the Windham Fire District are open to the public.

The proposed Reso-

lution for consideration is abstracted as follows: RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Stamford Joint Fire District, hereby authorizes the Fire District to adopt RPTL §466-a volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance worker partial tax exemption for enrolled members of an incorporated fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as determined by the authority having jurisdiction in the amount of 10% of the assessed value of a primary residence and upon a minimum service requirement of two years based upon the Fire District's determination as the governing body, subject to all other statutory requirements.

The Resolution setting the Public Hearing may be viewed in its entirety on the website: www.stamfordfiredept.com

Public Notice - Greene County
Sealed bids will be received by the Greene County Highway Department, 240 West Main Street, Catskill, New York, 12414 until 10:00 am, Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The proposed project is located in the Town of Hunter, Greene County.

The work includes providing all labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and other 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:

Replacement of the Bloomer Road Bridge over Gooseberry Creek - BIN 3200960

Complete sets of the specifications and bid forms may be obtained on or after Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Bid documents will be provided electronically from the Engineer by contacting the issuing office at to adminCPLNY@CPL-team.com . Hard copy full and partial plan sets will not be distributed.

Contractors that obtain contract documents from a source other than the issuing office must notify the issuing office (adminCPLNY@CPLteam.com) in order to be placed on the official plan holder's list, receive addenda and other bid correspondence. Bids received from contractors other than those on the official plan holder's list, will not be accepted. A pre-bid meeting will not be held.

All questions on the bid documents shall be submitted in writing to the Engineer. The period for questions pertaining to the bid documents will close at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

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This notice is being

posted in accordance with the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York.

Public Notice - Lexington
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Town of Lexington Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 3542 Route 42, Lexington, N. Y. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments from the residents of Lexington regarding the formation of an ambulance district. There will be a second public hearing on May 2, 2023.

Public Notice - Prattville FD
Commissioners Meeting Scheduled For April 18, 2023 Has Been Rescheduled For Tuesday, April 17, 2023 At 7:00 PM.

Public Notice - Stamford
The Town Board of the Town of Stamford will hold a Public Hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2023 - "Local Law Designating Town Highways for Travel by ATV's" on April 12, 2023 at 5:45 PM. at the Town of Stamford Municipal Building, 101 Maple Ave. Hobart, NY.

INVITATION TO BID - VILLAGE OF MIDDLEBURGH

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received until 1:00 PM., April 26, 2023, at the Village of Middleburgh Offices Attention: Village Clerk, located at 309 Main Street, PO Box 789, Middleburgh, NY 12122; at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for the Village Hall - Interior & Exterior Repairs Project.

No pre-bid conference will be held for the Foundation Stabilization Contract. Bids for the Interiors/Exterior repairs contract were previously submitted on March 24, 2023 and are currently under review.

Bids will be received for the Single Prime Contract Project consisting of the following prime contracts which covers the Village Hall - Foundation Stabilization & Interior/Exterior Repairs:

Foundation Stabilization Contract
Foundation Stabilization & Repairs of the Existing Village Hall must be completed by September 8, 2023.

Contract Documents, including Advertisement For Bids, Information For Bidders, Labor and Employment, Additional Instructions, Bid Documents, Agreement, General Conditions, Specifications, Contract Drawings and any Addenda, may be examined at no expense online at the following website: <https://de.biddi.com> or at the office of Delaware Engineering, D.P.C., 28 Madison Ave Extension Albany NY, 12203.

Digital copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained online as a download for a non-refundable fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) from the website: <https://de.biddi.com>. Complete hardcopy sets of bidding documents may be obtained from REV, 330 Route 17A, Suite #2, Goshen, NY 10924, Tel:

SEEKING

CASH FOR RECORDS VINYL RECORDS WANTED! We'll buy your Vinyl LPs for top \$. Interested in full or partial collections. CASH paid for vinyl in good condition dating from the 1950's to the present. Call or email Sounds Good: (845) 676-6233 or soundsgoodcatskills@gmail.com.

ARKVILLE - Summer helper, part time, week-ends. Some heavy lifting and porting. May - October. Call David (845) 586-6287.

1-877-272-0216, upon depositing the sum of 100.00 Dollars (\$100.00) Checks or money orders shall be made payable to Delaware Engineering, D.P.C. Cash deposits will not be accepted. Any Bidder requiring documents to be shipped shall make arrangements with REV and pay for all packaging and shipping costs.

Any Bidder who submitted completed Bid Forms to the Village of Middleburgh, upon returning such set in good condition within thirty days following the award of the contract or rejection of the bids, will be refunded his full payment. Deposits will not be refunded to any non-bidder (including material suppliers, subcontractors, or those that provide quotes to Bidders). Questions should be sent to Cody Messier, PE via email at cmessier@delawareengineering.com.

Please note that <https://de.biddi.com> is the designated location and means for distributing and obtaining all bid package information. All Bidders are urged to register to ensure receipt of all necessary information including bid addenda. All bid addenda will be transmitted to registered plan holders via email and will be available at <https://de.biddi.com>. Plan holders who have paid for hard copies of the bid documents will need to make the determination if hard copies of the addenda are required for their use, and coordinate directly with REV for hard copies of addenda to be issued.

There will be no charge for registered plan holders to obtain hard copies of the bid addenda.

Each bid must be accompanied by security in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of opening thereof.

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

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

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

The right is reserved to waive any informalities in the Bid and to reject any or all Bids.

Public Meeting Notice - Middleburgh Library

A public hearing on the Middleburgh Library Association Budget will be held on April 19th, 2023, from 7:30PM to 8:00PM at the Middleburgh Library.

Legal notice of a budget vote by paper ballot is hereby given: that a budget vote by the qualified voters of the Middleburgh Central School District shall be held on Tuesday, May 9th, 2023, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 PM at the Middleburgh Library, 323 Main Street, Middleburgh, New York. The Proposition to be voted on is as follows: SHALL the Proposition be approved authorizing the Middleburgh Central School Board of Education to levy taxes annually in the sum of \$176,397.35 and pay over such amount to the trustees of the Middleburgh Library Association annually until such authorization is changed. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said budget vote and election will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 12 noon and 8 p.m. prevailing time at the Jefferson Central School at which time the polls will be opened to vote upon the following items:

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

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

3. Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

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

The School District, acting as lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA"), has completed its environmental review and, on March 21, 2023, has duly issued a negative declaration and has determined that the implementation of the unlisted action as proposed will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

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

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of esti-

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

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er's license. One of the job requirements will be to complete a pool operator training course, paid for by the Village of Stamford, to help operate the municipal pool. Some of the other job duties include familiarity with general hand tools, physical labor, road flagging, and landscaping. Compensation based on experience. Please apply in person by April 23, 2023 at Village Hall, 84 Main Street, Stamford, NY 12167 or see our website at www.stamfordny.com to print our employment application.

SERVICES OFFERED

Services Offered
My services of vacuuming and rug shampooing to Schoharie County Seniors. Apartments only. Monday-Friday, Noon to 3:00 PM. \$15 per room. 518-231-2359.

HELP WANTED

Help Wanted
DISABLED VETERAN looking for an aid in the Stamford area. Flexible hours and flexible days to do housekeeping and some meals. 9

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Town of Bovina Highway Department is looking for a full time heavy equipment operator. The applicant must be capable of operating highway equipment, have some mechanical skills, have a CDL class B license or the ability to get one and pass a drug screening. Benefits are available

after a probation period. Contact Highway Superintendent Edward Weber, at 607-832-4220 or email at bovinahighway@hotmail.com

Edward Weber
Bovina Highway Superintendent

Help Wanted
Gerster Trucking Now Hiring For: Class A CDL Drivers Local - Tank Endorsement Required Competitive Salary and Health Insurance Available Immediately.
Paid Vacation and Retirement Plan Available after 1

Year
Call 607-278-5212 or email prgerster76@aol.com

Help Wanted
The Village of Stamford DPW is seeking a full-time skilled laborer. This person must have a valid driver's license and be able to report to the job for emergency calls. Some of the job duties include familiarity with general hand tools, physical labor, snow removal, road flagging, landscaping, assisting on construction and excavation sites, etc. Compensation based on experience. Opportunity for ad-

vancement with certifications and great health benefits.

Help Wanted
The Delaware County Department of Planning & Watershed Affairs is seeking interns for the 2022 field season beginning on May 31, 2022. Pay rate is \$18.939/hr based on a 37.5-hour work week, M-F 9am-5pm. Work will consist of data collection on highway infrastructure, drainage features and infrastructure with use of Geographic Positioning System (GPS) units. Interns will be required to operate County

vehicles and use County equipment for field surveys in a responsible manner. Applications can be obtained by visiting the Delaware County Personnel webpage: <http://www.co.delaware.ny.us/departments/pers/application.htm>. Please mail applications to the Delaware County Personnel Department, 1 Courthouse Square, Suite #2, Delhi, NY 13753.

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CWC Annual Meeting Update

ARKVILLE - The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) convened on April 4th, 2023, for its annual meeting at its headquarters in Arkville, New York. The fifteen-member CWC board of 12 elected local officials and three appointed representatives welcomed a standing room only crowd including Rohit Aggarwala, NYC Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner, and various representatives from NYS Department of Health, the US Environmental Protection Agency, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and key stakeholders, partners, and town supervisors and village mayors from across the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River.

The following CWC officers were elected: Tina Molé, President; Rich Parete, First Vice President; Innes Kasanof, Second Vice-President; Christopher Mathews, Third Vice-President; James Eisel, Treasurer; and Alicia Terry, Secretary.

The CWC administers critical programs across the West of Hudson Watershed, which includes 39 towns across five counties. CWC programs protect and enhance both the economic viability of watershed communities and drinking water for those within the watershed as well as NYC residents. Independent, locally based and locally administered, CWC programming is made possible through the cooperation and partnership of involved communities, agencies, and stakeholders.

CWC Executive Director Jason Merwin summarized 2022, which included a number of milestones and achievements for CWC and the watershed and a dramatic increase in participation levels across CWC programs:

17 low interest loans to various businesses located in Watershed towns were approved under the Economic Development Program, totaling over \$8.1 million.

285 septic systems were repaired or replaced, the highest volume of repairs in a decade, under the Septic Rehabilitation and Replacement Program.

667 property owners participated in the Septic Maintenance Program which once again had a record year. The Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program approved funding to assist property owners with a number of flood protection efforts and water quality benefits while also approving a \$15 million renewal contract with DEP to ensure additional funding for future projects.

Nearly \$158,000 in grants were awarded to schools and non-profit organizations for watershed education projects and programs in NYC and across the watershed region.

\$2,501,629 was approved in funding from the Future Stormwater and MOA-145 Programs for costs to comply with NYCDEP required stormwater control and treatment measures through the

West of Hudson Watershed for a variety of projects.

\$56,843 in funding from the Stormwater Retrofit program for stormwater BMPs was approved.

Community outreach included participation across the watershed at a variety of community events including seminars and trainings, festivals and fairs, roadside clean ups, and holiday events among others.

As the largest unfiltered water source in the U.S., the West of Hudson Watershed serves as an example of cooperation, coalition and compromise between stakeholders that is known and

recognized internationally by government and non-governmental organizations.

CWC programs continue to evolve to meet the economic and water protection needs of our local watershed communities. In 2022 CWC announced the formation of a special committee to begin the task of evaluating and monitoring community sustainability within the West of Hudson Watershed. CWC President Tina Molé states, "We will be looking at the impacts the watershed has had on our local communities as well as developing a path forward to build sustainable economies into wa-

tershed management for the future. This is a critical component of our long-term growth and ability to continue the essential role as watershed stewards. Community health is directly tied to water quality stewardship and is important to understand the ability of communities to grow and evolve in light of changes related to the New York State objectives to combat climate change."

The 2022 Annual Meeting Report and details about each of our programs, board members, and how to participate or get involved in CWC is available on our website: cwconline.org.

Bushel Opens New Exhibition "Inside Voice" April 8

DELHI — Bushel is pleased to present Inside Voice, a two-person exhibition of paintings, drawings, and collage by Saira McLaren and Nancy Diamond. This show brings together two artists whose work is deeply informed by their shared environment, particularly the mountains that in our Catskills region are both around us and beneath us; as we view them, we are in and among them too. The exhibition runs April 8-30, 2023, with an opening reception on Saturday, April 8, 3-5 pm. In conjunction with the show, on Friday, April 21, 7 pm, Bushel will screen the film noir Night of the Hunter (1955, directed by Charles Laughton), selected by

McLaren and Diamond for Bushel's monthly Community Film Pick. The exhibition, opening reception, and film screening are all free and open to the public. Bushel is located at 106 Main Street, ground floor, in Delhi.

Diamond and McLaren each possess a highly developed language of vision that reveals itself as equally as a language of emotion and experience. Nancy Diamond's "exploratory" paintings are grounded in observation—the cataloging and collecting of visual information—but the resulting imagery bears an indeterminate, hallucinatory quality that seems to bend the rules of macro- versus micro-vision, inviting an inward-

turning reception of what the artist terms a "distinctly sensitized" terrain. Saira McLaren's vivid canvases—each one a view painted through a window, from indoors—are not so much abstracted landscapes as accurate pictures of an instance of apprehension, of an associative and affective meaning that resists resolution, providing, in the artist's words, "a response to the culture of immediacy and the fragmentation of time." Together, the paintings in Inside Voice invite a renewed curiosity toward our environment and toward our ways of seeing and interpreting it, aptly falling during the time of year in which the outside begins to call.

Sentencing In Criminal Contempt Case

DELHI — Brandin M. Vantassel, 26, of Walton, New York appeared in Delaware County Court on April 3, 2023 for sentencing on his conviction for Criminal Contempt in the First Degree, a Class E Felony.

The defendant had previously pleaded guilty to Criminal Contempt in the First Degree on February 27, 2023. When the defendant entered his guilty plea, it was agreed that the defendant would be sentenced to 6 months' incarceration and 5 years' probation supervision. The basis for that guilty plea was that the defendant had contacted, via phone, a party protected by

an order of protection. After entering his guilty plea and being remanded to the Delaware County Correction Facility, the Village of Walton Police discovered that the defendant continued to try and make contact with the protected party by using the phone in the jail. Walton Police obtained a recording of the jail phone calls, along with the call records showing that the defendant made multiple phone calls to the protected party in violation of the order of protection.

At the sentencing, Acting Delaware County Court Judge Gary A. Rosa informed the parties that as a result of the new conduct the Court was not bound by the original plea agreement. After hearing arguments from the prosecution

and defense, Judge Rosa sentenced the defendant to the maximum legal sentence of 1 and 1/3 to 4 years in state prison.

Acting District Attorney Shawn Smith commended Officers Kathryn Mitchell, Zachary Finch and Logan Wood of the Village of Walton Police Department for their continual investigation of this case which discovered that the defendant continued to disobey the order of protection— even after having pleaded guilty to the charge. Smith stated, "Everyone should realize how important it is to abide by a Court's order. Intentionally disregarding an order of protection is a serious matter; and the sentencing in this case shows that a violation of an order of protection will be taken seriously."

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mated expenses for the ensuing year may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

AND FURTHER NOTICE is given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of the Board member must be filed with the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023. Nominating petitions must be directed to the

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District Clerk, must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate, and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including at least the term of office and the name of the last incumbent. Nominating petitions are available at the District Office during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. excluding weekends and holidays.

AND FURTHER NOTICE is given that any proposition that is required to be included for vote shall be submitted in writing by means of a petition signed by at least 25 qualified voters, stating the residence of each signer, which proposi-

tion shall be filed with the Board of Education by no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023. Any proposition shall be rejected by the Board of Education if the purpose of the proposition is not within the power of the voters or where the expenditure of monies is required for the proposition, and such proposition fails to include the necessary specific appropriation.

AND FURTHER NOTICE is given that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable from the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least (7) seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2023.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on each of the 5 days prior to the budget vote on May 16, 2023, between the hours of

8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays. Any qualified voter present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Election Inspector before the close of the polls.

Dulcie Fowler
District Clerk
Jefferson Central School District
Dated: March 27, 2023

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING,
BUDGET VOTE
AND ELECTION
MIDDLEBURGH
CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of Middleburgh Central School District will be held in the Junior/Senior High School Library Information Center 291 Main Street, in the Village of Middleburgh, New York on May 3, 2023, at 6:00 PM prevailing time, for the presentation of the 2023-2024 budget for Middleburgh Central School District, and other business as may come before the meeting as is authorized by Education Law.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting and a vote, by voting machine, will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in the Junior/Senior High School Gymnasi-

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ACROSS

- 1) Part of the NFL
- 4) Eagerly expectant
- 8) Non ___ mentis
- 14) "The Family Circus" cartoonist Keane
- 15) The first James Bond movie
- 16) Away from one's mouth
- 17) Foreman
- 19) Kathy Bates film
- 20) Wife of Jacob
- 21) Back end of a private meeting?
- 23) Onager, e.g.
- 24) Ontario's capital
- 26) Bro or dude kin
- 28) Amount to take
- 30) Like a big-time landowner
- 33) Full of merriment
- 36) "It's either them ___"
- 38) Compete
- 39) Wanted poster abbr.
- 40) Top prison officials
- 42) "Able was I ___ I saw Elba"
- 43) For each
- 44) Jewish month after Av
- 45) Closer, as to one's heart
- 47) A plant disease
- 49) Public lecture hall
- 51) Private student
- 53) Crime statistics
- 57) Curiosity killed it
- 58) Have faith in
- 60) Fiddling Roman emperor
- 61) Dashing
- 63) Protector or defender
- 65) One of several Monopoly properties
- 66) Place for a cabin
- 67) ___ zag
- 68) Thing approved by the SEC
- 69) "Would ___ you down?"
- 70) Golfing Ernie

FINDERS KEEPERS By Tim Burr

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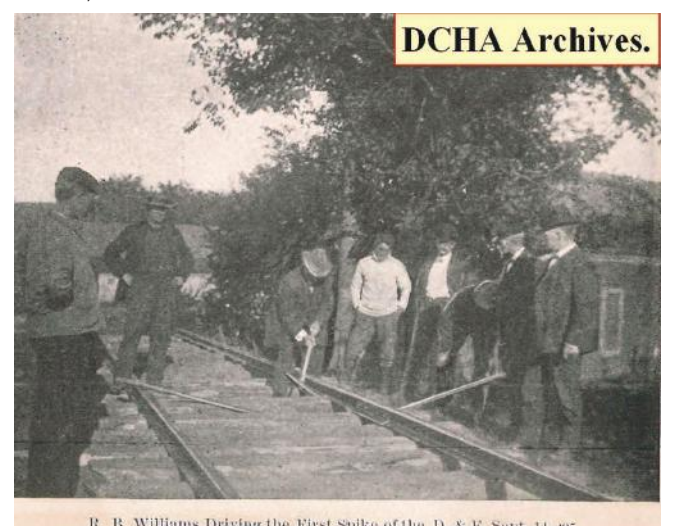
- 1) Like ___ from the blue
- 2) "Hawaii ___" (CBS revival)
- 3) Word used around defibrillators
- 4) They're sometimes classified
- 5) United States emblem
- 6) Three words before "customer"
- 7) Clinton's veep
- 8) Star's small role
- 9) "Mikado" sash
- 10) Tile art, say
- 11) Thing on a big boat (with "life")
- 12) Things on a little boat
- 13) Using trickery
- 18) Prefix meaning "rose"
- 22) "___ Goes My Baby" (Drifters hit)
- 25) "Don't worry about it"
- 27) Rubber at a spa
- 29) Worthy of reverence
- 31) Hibernia
- 32) Bambi kin
- 33) Witty remark
- 34) Green-lighted
- 35) Janitor, e.g.
- 37) Set about, as a project
- 41) 12-inch stick
- 46) Change, as the Constitution
- 48) Shutting off the audio
- 50) Like Fridays, in some offices
- 52) Old-time anesthetic
- 54) "___ the day!"
- 55) Hiker's path
- 56) Singles and jingles
- 57) Batman's hideaway
- 59) Wrinkly skinned fruit
- 61) Male sheep
- 62) Lawyer's suggestion
- 64) With one's career completed (Abbr.)

Presentation: Unusual Railroads of Upstate NY

Delaware County Historical Association - Saturday, April 8 @ 2 pm
Join the Delaware County Historical Association at 2pm on Saturday afternoon, April 8 for a PowerPoint presentation delivered by railroad historian, and trustee of the

Greater Fleischmanns Museum of Memories, John Duda. John will be highlighting the more unusual railroads in our region.

Admission to the event is free. For more information, please call (607) 746-3849, or email: dcha@delhi.net



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R. B. Williams Driving the First Spike of the D. & E. Sept. 14, 1855.

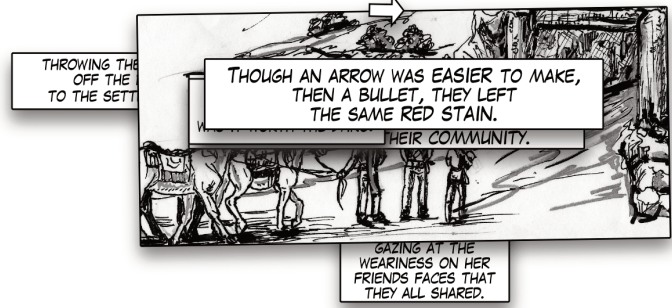
EDITORIAL

Our Friend Dennis Valente

I hate writing editorials like this. While I enjoy celebrating what people like longtime Davenport Supervisor Dennis Valente represent to our area, I also hate to lose them. Dennis was among the first Delaware County officials I met after I purchased the paper in early 2017. He was bright, thoughtful, and committed to the people of Davenport and Delaware County. When he spoke, people listened. His efforts and pursuit of the best interests of our area were always helpful. It's hard to think of a legacy for anyone, but that's what I think of with Dennis. It's hard to find people like Dennis Valente. I do count us lucky to have had him for as long as we did.

- Matthew Avitabile
Publisher

MIGHTY MEAGAN AND THE LEGIONS OF LIGHT BY ELIZABETH M LIVINGSTONE



THE LOOK ON JADEN'S FACE SHOWED THE PAIN RUMBLING FROM HIS WOUND.

"HANG IN THERE JADEN! WE'RE ALMOST HOME!"

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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 \$306,500?

PROPOSITION # 3: SHALL the Board of Education of the Middleburgh Central School District Board of Education be authorized to fund the Repair Reserve in the amount not to exceed \$200,000 from (the 2022-23 unappropriated fund balance) to be used for repairs of capital improvements or equipment, which repairs are of a type not recurring annually or at shorter intervals?

PROPOSITION # 4: SHALL the Board of Education of the Middleburgh Central School District be authorized to: (1) create a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of financing the general improvements, construction, reconstruction, renovations or additions to various School District, buildings and grounds, including site work and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings are to be used; (2) said Capital Reserve Fund not to

exceed the ultimate amount of \$4,000,000 plus interest earned; (3) and annually deposit into the Capital Reserve Fund such portion of the General Fund and/or available unappropriated fund balance as determined by the Board of Education. The probable duration of the Capital Reserve Fund is ten (10) years?

4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the election and budget vote shall be by machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from Noon to 9:00 PM prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 PM to cast their ballots.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for the 2023-24 school year, exclu-

sive of public monies, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting except Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, at District school buildings between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, prevailing time and also at said District Election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) a resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name, and address.

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 seven (7) 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 delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on 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 office of the District Clerk on and after May 11, 2023, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 16, 2023, the day set for 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 petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education to fill one (1) expired term of three (3) years, shall be filed with the Clerk of the Middleburgh Central School District at 291 Main Street, Middleburgh New York 12122, not later than April 17, 2023, at 5:00 PM. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, and must state the full name and residence of the candidate. Nominating petitions may be obtained from the District Clerk during regular school hours.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education Law, any referendum or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said vote and election, must be filed with the Board of Education on or before April 17, 2023, at 5:00 PM, prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) of the qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters or is illegal, or any proposition requiring the expenditure of moneys which fails to include specific appropriations for all such expenditures required by the proposition.

Kim Lawyer
District Clerk
Middleburgh Central School District
Middleburgh, New York

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Friends of Music Season to Open

STAMFORD - On Sunday, April 16, at 3PM, Friends of Music of Stamford NY's 37th season opens with a performance by the Telegraph Quartet at a new host venue for the concert series: the First Presbyterian Church at 96 Main Street, Stamford, NY. Admission is by donation at the door; the suggested donation is \$12 per person, \$6 for seniors & students. There is no charge for those under age 13. Cash or check only; no advance sales. Reservations are encouraged, walk-ups welcome. Masks are recommended.

Contact FOMAdmin@friendsmusic.org or (518) 918-8003 to reserve your space.

The Telegraph Quartet (Eric Chin and Joseph Maile, violins; Pei-Ling Lin, viola; Jeremiah Shaw, cello) will perform a dynamic selection of standard chamber music repertoire and contemporary work spanning three centuries, featuring compositions by Joseph Haydn, Ludwig van Beethoven, and Gabriela Lena Frank. Founded in 2013, the Telegraph Quartet was awarded the pres-



tigious 2016 Walter W. Naumburg Chamber Music Award and the Grand Prize at the 2014 Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition. The Quartet has performed in concert halls, music festivals, and academic institutions across the United States and abroad, including New York City's Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, and San Francisco's Herbst Theatre. The Quartet is currently on the chamber music faculty at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music as the Quartet-in-Residence.

Friends of Music of Stamford, NY presents nine performances each season. Concerts start at 3PM on the 3rd Sunday of each month from April through November; the Holiday Concert is on the 1st Sunday of December.

Friends of Music 2023 Season Schedule:
April 16: Telegraph Quartet
May 21: Pegasus: The Orchestra (Eiko Kano, violin; Karen Hakobyan, piano; and guest artist Sergey Antonov, cello)
June 18: Andreas Klein, piano
July 16: Juilliard Jazz Ensemble
August 27*: Fenimore Chamber Orchestra (*4th Sunday)
September 17: Wynona Wang, piano & Reed Tetzloff, piano
October 15: Delphi Trio
November 19: Benedict Kloeckner, cello & Danae Doerken, piano
December 3: Holiday Concert: Idith Korman, piano

WHITTILING AWAY WITH DICK BROOKS

Supermarket

When I was a younger man, my leisure time was filled to capacity with things like white water rafting, car racing, competing in a variety of sports, hiking, visiting museums and journeying to new places. Most of my limited free time now seems to be spent in the super market. It is a necessary part of life and not as stressful as some of my previous activities.

I usually start my day by finishing my coffee and planning my morning trip to the market. This involves choosing an outfit, clean socks and such. I then prowling the kitchen and make a list of our needs and wants. I have a mental list that I run down; milk, bread, coffee, dog food, toilet tissue, fruit, veggies, and meat. I write down any that need restocking and thus armed, head off for the day.

I look at the market as a daily adventure, which is sad. It doesn't take a large amount of gas to get there. It's a clean well lit place that's air conditioned. There's no admission fee. It's not hard to find a parking place within an easy day's hike of the door. The door even opens by its self, welcoming you in. Once inside, I spend some time at the Cart Corral where they park the grocery carts. This is time well spent. I check the carts tires in particular; are they round and do the wheels turn? Does it have the little plastic piece that folds up to block off the leg holes for little kids? These are things that the mature shopper notices, having pushed carts with flopping wheels, wheels with flat spots or wheels that would not turn and having had cans and pieces of fruit escape through the leg holes and have to be pursued down the aisle. Retrieving those objects on the floor can put you at risk, never bend over in the market

because you take the risk of being run over by some large lady with a full cart, it has happened to me on more than one occasion.

Having picked a good cart, you can now get down to the business of the day, visiting with all the folks you run into that you know. The market is a social center for seniors, we wouldn't get to see each other if it weren't for our frequent trips to the market. The folks who run the market, being good business people, recognize this, that's why there are bathrooms at the market. I have gone into the market for a loaf of bread and on a good day, spent as much as three hours before I was back in the parking lot.

Make sure that you bring your reading glasses, I spend a lot of time there reading labels and nutritional information blocks. In fact, I do more reading there than in the Library. Some products are really entertaining, anything with Paul Newman's picture on it usually has something humorous on it and is worth reading. You can spend hours reading over the labels on just one item, like bread. There must be 50 different kinds of bread on the shelves. It's fun trying to find the product with the

least amount of salt or the one that's highest in fiber. You can learn a lot about geography too by trying to figure out where some thing came from. The nutritional information will teach you a lot about chemistry too. I've discovered several food items that have no food at all in them, being made entirely of chemicals and preservatives.

Entertainment, education, social interaction, nourishment, free samples, air conditioning and bathrooms, who needs more than that for excitement? An added plus is if you go often enough you get to know the cashiers and can have a pleasant time chatting while you're cashing out.

Out to the parking lot, a quick trip home, put away the morning purchases, have a nice lunch and then you can plan the afternoon trip back to the market for the items you forgot during the morning trip.

Thought for the week— Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

Until next week, may you and yours be happy and well.

Whittle12124@yahoo.com



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STATE OF NEW YORK
 COUNTY COURT, SCHOHARIE COUNTY

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens by
 Proceeding In Rem pursuant to Article Eleven of
 the Real Property Tax Law by Schoharie County

PETITION AND NOTICE
 OF FORECLOSURE OF
 TAX LIENS
 Index No. 2023-9

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges that have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on Schedules A and B of this Petition, which are annexed hereto and made a part hereof. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding.

Effect of filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition are hereby notified that the filing of this petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in this petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

Persons affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this petition has been filed in the office of the Schoharie County Treasurer who is the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may on or before said date redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereon, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to the Schoharie County Treasurer, Post Office Box 9, Schoharie, New York 12157. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

Last day for redemption: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 31st day of July, 2023.

Service of answer: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

Failure to redeem or answer: In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in this petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default.

Dated: February 15, 2023

Enforcing Officer:
 Mary Ann Wollaber-Bryan
 Schoharie County Treasurer

State of New York)
 County of Schoharie) ss

I, Mary Ann Wollaber-Bryan, being duly sworn, depose and say: I am the Enforcing Officer for the County of Schoharie. I have read this Petition that I have signed, and I am familiar with its contents. The contents of this Petition are true to the best of my knowledge, based upon the records of the Schoharie County Treasurer's Office. I do not know of any errors or omissions in this Petition.

Signed by: Mary Ann Wollaber-Bryan
 Schoharie County Treasurer

Sworn before me this 15th
 Day of February, 2023.

Michelle L. Gaida, Notary Public

Attorney for Tax District: Michael West, County Attorney
 2668 State Route 7
 Cobleskill, New York 12043
 Telephone (518) 296-8844

Petition of Foreclosure for 4 Yr. Redemption Tax Liens - Schedule A - 121 parcels - Index #2023-9

TOWN OF BLENHEIM

OWNER LAST NAME	OWNER FIRST NAME	STREET ADDRESS	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / STATE / ZIP	ACCOUNT #	TAX MAP #
CATSKIRONDACKS INC		3873 COUNTY HIGHWAY 16		DELHI, NY 13753-3148	405J218002	181.-1-63
DEFIORE	ROBERT A	JOSEPH T MATTINA	C/O MARC DIFIORE	HARRISON, NY 10528	405J101107	159.-2-3
HORTON	KEVIN	LINDA HORTON	32 N WEEKS RD	MANORVILLE, NY 11949	405J204003	181.-2-5.123
RICHARDSON ESTATE	JUNE	111 MAIN ST STE 4		DELHI, NY 13753-1233	405J101201	171.-1-11
RICHARDSON ESTATE	JUNE	111 MAIN ST STE 4		DELHI, NY 13753-1233	405J101202	171.-1-13

TOWN OF BROOME

OWNER LAST NAME	OWNER FIRST NAME	STREET ADDRESS	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / STATE / ZIP	ACCOUNT #	TAX MAP #
ARDELL	PHILLIP P	395 DAWSON RD		GLENVILLE, NY 12302	415J100710	152.-6-5
CLARK	JON	2223 STATE ROUTE 443		BERNE, NY 12023	415J100064	153.-2-1
HORNIK IV	PETER F	39 HOYT ST		DANBURY, CT 06810	415J190018	152.-7-15
LUONGO	JOSEPH	25 LAKEVIEW AVE		WEST HARRISON, NY 10604	415J188038	164.-1-22
MOUSTRAY JR	JAMES	204 STONE STORE RD		MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122	415J197003	174.-1-13
VITOLA	PETER	5 WASHINGTON DR		KINGS PARK, NY 11754	415J100352	130.-4-2

TOWN OF CARLISLE

OWNER LAST NAME	OWNER FIRST NAME	STREET ADDRESS	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / STATE / ZIP	ACCOUNT #	TAX MAP #
MACKEY	PATRICK	HEATHER K MACKEY	PO BOX 66	CARLISLE, NY 12031	425J101366	25.1-1-18
SISSON	EDWARD C	JOAN E SISSON	390 LYKERS RD	CENTRAL BRIDGE, NY 12035	425J214010	35.-3-1.2
WILKINS (ESTATE)	RAYMOND E	C/O LINDA PAGE	1397 CORBIN HILL RD	SLOANSVILLE, NY 12160	425J191020	25.-3-5.2

TOWN OF COBLESKILL

OWNER LAST NAME	OWNER FIRST NAME	STREET ADDRESS	STREET ADDRESS	CITY / STATE / ZIP	ACCOUNT #	TAX MAP #
CASSIDY JR	GEORGE A	181 WOODMAN RD		CENTRAL BRIDGE, NY 12035	431A100704	68.5-7-4
COBLESKILL ENTERPRISE LLC		C/O OM KRISHNA	121 BURGIN DR	COBLESKILL, NY 12043	431A198007	56.18-9-3.-9999
DUNCAN	GREGORY	ALISHIA SCALA	218 SHADY TREE LN	HOWES CAVE, NY 12092	435J100068	57.4-2-8
EAMER-DULIN	RYAN	427 HARDIN RD		DELANSON, NY 12053	435J100525	57.-5-28
WHITE	DAVID	76 CARROLL ST FL 2		BROOKLYN, NY 11231	431A101450	56.17-4-1
WRIGHT ESTATE	MARTIN J	EDNA C WRIGHT ESTATE	1350 HIGHWAY 9 BYP W	LORIS, SC 29569-8813	435J100600	69.-2-18

TOWN OF CONESVILLE

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ANDERSON	NINA LOUISE	23391 ELLINGTON AVE		GLENWOOD, IA 51534	445J184002	202.-4-31
BROWE	DARLENE	60 SHAFTSBURY HOLLOW RD		EAGLE BRIDGE, NY 12057	445J195001	211.-1-38.2
BROWE	DARLENE S	60 SHAFTSBURY HOLLOW RD		EAGLE BRIDGE, NY 12057	445J179713	216.-2-19
CUBAS	ZIOLA	316 TANGLEWOOD RD		PRESTON HOLLOW, NY 12469	445J100529	205.-1-2
DAHLBERG IV	ERIC	524 EAST CONESVILLE RD		GILBOA, NY 12076	445J179415	210.-3-7
DALY	DANIEL J	53-15 68TH ST		MASPETH, NY 11378	445J100226	194.-4-12
FRISCIA	ANTHONY M	ANTHONY CAMPO	22 ROBINSON AVE	MEDFORD, NY 11763	445J180553	216.-2-39
GERARDI	ROBERT P	433 ELM ST		PORT CHESTER, NY 10573	445J184028	217.-1-7
KEISER	WILLIAM	155 HICKORY KINGDOM		BEDFORD, NY 10506	445J179710	216.-2-16
LANANNA	ANGELINA MARIE	FRANK LANANNA	663 JUNCTION RD	BAINBRIDGE, NY 13733-3331	445J100077	193.-1-3
TIMMERMAN	DONALD	279 CLARK ST APT A-6		HACKENSACK, NJ 07601	445J100487	203.-2-15

TOWN OF ESPERANCE

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ROBINSON	ALAN	JACLYN ROBINSON	172 GIDLEY RD	ESPERANCE, NY 12066	455J100448	19.1-2-49
SISSON FAMILY TRUST		EDWARD C SISSON	C/O CHARLES SISSON	OREM, UT 84058	455J215014	47.-1-4.113
SISSON FAMILY TRUST		AGNES R SISSON	C/O CHARLES SISSON	OREM, UT 84058	455J215017	47.-1-4.116
SISSON FAMILY TRUST		AGNES R SISSON	C/O CHARLES SISSON	OREM, UT 84058	455J215018	47.-1-4.117
WALSH (ESTATE)	GEORGE	C/O R & M OCONNOR	14 PRINCETOWN PL	GLEN ROCK, NJ 07452	455J100548	19.1-2-10.1

TOWN OF FULTON

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DELANEY	DENISE	DONALD A DELANEY	410 BUNKER HILL RD	NASSAU, NY 12123	465J184007	128.-3-9
DOYLE	JAMES M	ALICE M DOYLE	3673 STATE ROUTE 30	MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122	465J101552	116.1-2-2
FILIBERTO	RICHARD JAMES	863 CLAUVERWIE RD		MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122	465J101393	128.-4-7
HOOK SR	RANDALL	MARILYN HOOK	ATTN: MARILYN HOOK	MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122	465J186024	117.-4-6
TOMLINSON	JACOB	3463 STATE ROUTE 30		FULTONHAM, NY 12071	465J101119	128.1-5-1

TOWN OF GILBOA

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BANKS	THOMAS J	GREGORY FIORE	PO BOX 30315	STATEN ISLAND, NY 10303	475J188009	207.-1-27
CARDINALE	RALPH	MICHAEL D HUGHES JR	5 STERN PL	CONGER, NY 10920	475J180027	184.-5-17
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE		C/O DOUGLAS MURPHY	PO BOX 369	STAMFORD, NY 12167	475J100446	189.-1-1
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE		C/O DOUGLAS MURPHY	PO BOX 369	STAMFORD, NY 12167	475J193014	189.-4-2
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE		C/O DOUGLAS MURPHY	PO BOX 369	STAMFORD, NY 12167	475J199038	198.-1-16.5
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE		C/O DOUGLAS MURPHY	PO BOX 369	STAMFORD, NY 12167	475J199040	198.-1-16.61
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE		C/O DOUGLAS MURPHY	PO BOX 369	STAMFORD, NY 12167	475J189011	198.-4-5
DUDLEY	FREDERICK	C/O CHARLES NEWMAN	5010 MARTIN AVE	AUSTIN, TX 78751	475J100158	172.-4-5
IRWIN ESTATE	DONALD L	C/O LAUREL IRWIN	3327 ROUTE 42	WESTKILL, NY 12492	475J100221	183.-6-24
JANSEN	JANET	JOHN JANSEN	103 BAY 8 ST	BROOKLYN, NY 11228	475J180017	184.-5-30
LEWIS ESTATE	CARLTON E	JENNE LEWIS	330 CHESTNUT ST	ONEONTA, NY 13820-1212	475J189113	192.-2-11
LEWIS ESTATE	CARLTON E	JENNE LEWIS	303 WYCKOFF RD	GILBOA, NY 12076	475J100383	201.-3-13
PLANTE	STUART	9 WINDING RD		ROCKVILLE CENTER, NY 11570	475J177031	207.-1-32
PLAYFORD	LINDA M	3907 LOWLAND RD		HOBUCKEN, NC 28537	475J176037	174.-5-7
SPILLER	ANTONIO	C/O NATL BANK OF	ATTN: CAROL	STAMFORD, NY 12167	475J100613	190.-4-9
TIPPENHAUER	MARILYN	27 PEEKSKILL ST		ELMONT, NY 11003	475J190030	200.-3-6
VANVALKENBURGH	DARYL	MANDY VANVALKENBURGH	144 KEYSERKILL RD	GILBOA, NY 12076	475J174010	174.-5-4.1

TOWN OF JEFFERSON

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COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE		C/O DOUGLAS MURPHY	PO BOX 369	STAMFORD, NY 12167	485J100430	188.-2-17
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COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE		C/O DOUGLAS MURPHY	PO BOX 369	STAMFORD, NY 12167	485J100512	188.-2-23
GEO VALLEY LLC		123 RUGBY DR EAST		SMITH POINT, NY 11967	485J187206	167.-3-7
KERSHAW	THOMAS	1255 W BIRDIE LN		MAGNOLIA, DE 19962-3101	485J201001	179.-2-10.114
LEO	ANTHONY	BARBARA LEO	100 ROCHDALE RD	POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12603	485J100605	167.-1-13
MATTICE	RODNEY	MICHELE A MATTICE	220 DYER RD	JEFFERSON, NY 12093	485J218004	145.-2-8.313
MATZEN	ASHLEY	85 MIDWAY ST		BABYLON, NY 11702	485J187238	167.-3-33
MATZEN	ASHLEY	85 MIDWAY ST		BABYLON, NY 11702	485J187227	167.-3-35
MCALLISTER	RYAN J	123 RUGBY DR EAST		SHIRLEY, NY 11967	485J187235	167.-3-9
OBST	GARY R	PO BOX 262		JEFFERSON, NY 12093-0262	485J190045	167.-2-1.11
ORILIO	MATTEO	MICHAEL ORILIO	100 HIGH POINT DR APT 208	HARTSDALE, NY 10530	485J188048	145.-2-14
RANDAZZO	GIUSEPPE	PO BOX 128		CALLICOON, NY 12723	485J196002	179.-2-10.113

WRIGHT	THERESE A	PO BOX 100		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	485J212002	178.-5-1.118
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OWN OF MIDDLEBURGH

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CREWELL	MICHAEL	AMY CREWELL	143 SUNNYSIDE RD	SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	495J100734	95.-2-20
LAWYER	AARON	791 MILL VALLEY RD		MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122	491A218008	106.16-1-3.2
MOSA	RAY	SUELLEN MOSA	163 RIVERVIEW AVE	TARRYTOWN, NY 10591	495J198004	70.-4-24.114

TOWN OF RICHMONDVILLE

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BENEDICT	LEE	732 BEAR GULCH RD		RICHMONDVILLE, NY 12149	501A102130	90.10-1-6
BENEDICT	LEE	732 BEAR GULCH RD		RICHMONDVILLE, NY 12149	505J179035	90.-2-15
CATALALOS	GREGORY	1335 LIBERTY AVE		UNION, NJ 07083	505J102387	77.-5-5
GOODNOUGH	JOSEPH	1616 STATE ROUTE 7		WARNERVILLE, NY 12187	505J102396	67.20-3-6
KARG	TASHA	1137 STATE ROUTE 7		RICHMONDVILLE, NY 12149	501A102175	90.10-1-11
PLOSS ESTATE	CHARLES F	ALVERDA E PLOSS	1 NORTON AVE RM 306-1	ONEONTA, NY 13820	505J102726	79.-4-3
TERPENING	HARRY	MARJORIE TERPENING	118 HIGH ST	RICHMONDVILLE, NY 12149	501A102264	90.7-2-10

TOWN OF SCHOHARIE

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ANTHONY	BRENDA J	LARRY J KERN	PO BOX 28	CENTRAL BRIDGE, NY 12035	515J100083	47.4-3-7
CONSOLO	TERESA	C/O FAMILY GUARDIAN SERV.	680 CENTRAL AVE STE 117	CEDARHURST, NY 11516	515J100121	59.-3-4
DEFAZIO	WENDY	448 BARTON HILL RD		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157-4812	515J195009	61.-1-10.2
LIDDLE	TRACY	430 RICKARD HILL RD		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	515J100414	72.-4-24
LIDDLE	TRAVIS	111 HOUCK LN		HOWES CAVE, NY 12092	515J100051	47.3-3-3
LYONS ESTATE	GEORGE	C/O DAVID LYONS	246 GURN SPRINGS RD	GANSEVOORT, NY 12831	515J178005	84.-5-25
MADSEN	JOHN	ROBERT MADSEN	62710 STATE HWY 10	STAMFORD, NY 12167	511A186013	71.16-2-11
MEADE	PATRICK B	MELISSA A MEADE	5675 STATE ROUTE 30	SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	515J100602	60.-2-11.1
SCHOENECKER	HANS	106 FARM LN		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	515J100105	71.-2-10
SCHOENECKER	HANS	106 FARM LN		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	511A101159	72.9-3-5

TOWN OF SEWARD

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BREDLEY ESTATE	ROBERT	ARLENE BREDLEY	C/O JOHN LEPPLA	PEORIA, AZ 85383	525J200002	65-2-9.3
BREDLEY ESTATE	ROBERT	ARLENE BREDLEY	C/O JOHN LEPPLA	PEORIA, AZ 85383	525J200003	65-2-9.4
CASTRO ESTATE	NELSON D	C/O SHERI CASTRO	633 GARDNERSVILLE RD	SHARON SPRINGS, NY 13459	525J186007	32-2-11
GRAY	JAMES A	6051 STATE ROUTE 10		COBLESKILL, NY 12043	525J181016	42-2-12
MERRICK CAPITAL HOLDINGS		333 GLEN HEAD RD STE 145		GLEN HEAD, NY 11545	525J190006	43-1-28
SHUMWAY	LINDA	413 WEST RICHMONDVILLE		RICHMONDVILLE, NY 12149	525J101552	65-1-24
SMALLEY	CHRISTOPHER	JENIFER LAWTON	1798 STATE ROUTE 165	ROSEBOOM, NY 13450	525J101007	40-2-1
SMALLEY	CHRISTOPHER	JENIFER LAWTON	1798 STATE ROUTE 165	ROSEBOOM, NY 13450	525J101515	40-2-2

TOWN OF SHARON

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BEHBEHANI	AHMED YOUSEF	YOUSEF RASHED BORESLEY	500 S. EWING DR STE D	ST LOUIS, MO 63103	535J100081	13-3-16
BRUEN	JENA	ANNA BRUEN	142 SAWMILL RD	SHARON SPRINGS, NY 13459	531A100824	5.17-1-30
HREN	JOSEPH	CHARLENE HREN	PO BOX 61	SHARON SPRINGS, NY 13459	535J197001	1-1-9.2
ODONNELL	SHAWN	PO BOX 101		RICHMONDVILLE, NY 12149	531A100832	5.17-1-21
SCHILDE	STEPHEN S	587 CHESTNUT ST		SHARON SPRINGS, NY 13459	535J100558	4-4-20
SCHILDE	STEPHEN S	587 CHESTNUT ST		SHARON SPRINGS, NY 13459	535J100557	4-4-28
SCHILDE	STEVEN S	587 CHESTNUT ST		SHARON SPRINGS, NY 13459	535J100559	4-4-25

TOWN OF SUMMIT

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JACKSON	ALBERT A	ERICA JACKSON	600 BAYCHESTER AVE	BRONX, NY 10475	545J186015	110-3-15
MILLS	JUDITH	ATTN: DEAN HANSEN	1 FANWOOD PL	S HUNTINGTON, NY 11746	545J100015	111.4-1-2
WAYMAN JR	LYNN	PO BOX 165		SUMMIT, NY 12175	545J100612	123-5-6
WEISBERGER	DAVID	POLLY WEISBERGER	24 N 3RD ST	SURF CITY, NJ 08008-4919	545J191016	102-4-11.9

TOWN OF WRIGHT

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GOODRICH	CHARLES G	LISA LONGENDYKE-GOODRICH	508 KNOX RD	SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	555J198006	74-3-10.2
LONGENDYKE	LISA	508 KNOX RD		SCHOHARIE, NY 12157	555J100387	74-3-9
MORGAN	BRENDA J	784 BULL HILL RD		GILBOA, NY 12076	555J184003	85-4-7

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TOWN OF COBLESKILL

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Cobleskill Enterprise LLC		c/o Om Krishna LLC	121 Burgin Dr.	Cobleskill, NY 12043	431A101535	56.18-9-3
Cobleskill Fairview Apartments		3214 State Route 7		Howes Cave, NY 12092	431A101587	68.6-5-13
Toughfilms LLC		548 Main St		Cobleskill, NY 12043	431A100626	68.6-1-6

TOWN OF FULTON

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Tommy Hansen Realty of Schohar		c/o Judith Mills	1 Fanwood Pl.	S Huntington, NY 11746-4314	465J216001	125-1-5.2

TOWN OF SHARON

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Brookfair Ventures LLC		Attn: Ronald L Ketelsen	PO Box 133	Sharon Springs, NY 13459-0133	531A100942	5.14-7-1

MRB Group Economic and Fiscal Analysis Reveals Impacts for Proposed Highbridge Route 30A Development Project

SCHOHARIE - The MRB Group's Economic and Fiscal Analysis was presented at the Town of Schoharie Planning Board public hearing on March 21, 2023, and offers key insights into the potential impacts of the proposed Highbridge Route 30A development. This report is now available for the public to review on the Town of Schoharie's website and at www.seecny.org/highbridge.

Industry and regional data have been used in the MRB Group analysis to create a conservative job estimate and related tax benefits of the economic and fiscal impacts for Schoharie County, the Town of Schoharie and Schoharie Central School District. While the Times Journal and SEEC previously reported industry data-sourced estimates at 640 and 500 jobs, respectively, the MRB Group report has refined this estimate to 475. To help the public with accessing information about the proposed development, SEEC created an easy to navigate webpage that the public can view at www.seecny.org/highbridge. The information on the webpage has been updated to reflect the data of the MRB Group analysis.

Anticipated real property

tax impacts may be significant. MRB Group compared payments at the current vacant property value to the value over the course of the development with the proposed Payment In Lieu of Tax (PILOT) agreement. At the assessed property value for the vacant 48-acre lot, the anticipated real property tax revenue would be \$236,065 over fifteen years. Over that same fifteen-year period and with a PILOT agreement in place, the real property tax collected would total over \$7.5 million (see Figure 1), an increase of more than \$7.3 million. Additionally, the Town of Schoharie will receive over \$400,000 in water/sewer fees over the 15-year period that was analyzed. The current fee from the site is \$0.

The MRB Group analysis also considered the annual payroll once operational. The report estimates the annual payroll will total over \$14.4 million and anticipated an increase in spending in the Town and Village during and after construction. Bob Stevenot owner of El Taco Shack commented, "With the number of employees anticipated through the project there is going to be an increase in traffic in the village, espe-

cially for the eateries on Main Street that are only a five-minute drive from the site. We need more people spending money in Schoharie, so to me this is a chance not just for my business to grow, but also to help ease the tax burden for residents like me."

In addition to addressing these economic impacts, Highbridge Development has been working to resolve the concerns of the Town and of the community. Three key concerns have been the landscaping, façade and idling trucks. Revised site renderings were presented and are available to view at www.seecny.org/highbridge. Highbridge is also working with the Town's preferred landscaping professional, Floyd Guernsey, to put together a revised screening and landscaping plan. Another main concern noted by the public, particularly at the public hearing, is the idling of trucks. Highbridge CEO, John Roth, offered multiple methods of addressing this issue. Firstly, it is against New York State law to allow trucks to idle, so law enforcement may be called. To pre-empt law enforcement, Highbridge Development plans to use their role as developer and property managers to instill measures that further manage the potential idling. Roth noted at the recent public hearing that they will shape the lease agreement to address the idling concern and make it the responsibility of the tenant to enforce this. Tenants will also be required to offer a driver lounge to incentivize drivers to turn their trucks off. As property managers, Highbridge will have the authority to enforce these requirements with their tenants to ensure they are respecting both New York State law and the surrounding community.

At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on April 3, 2023, two residents spoke in opposition. Each repre-

sentative read aloud their rationale for not allowing a 10' Area Variance for the requested roof height to reach 45' which would allow a 36' clear span inside that facility to accommodate the modern-day racking systems in addition to the recognized height needed for the rooftop mechanicals. The Town of Schoharie Councilwoman also expressed her desire for the ZBA to honor the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Land Use Law and restrict the use of Area Variances. The Comprehen-

sive Plan was adopted in 1997, revisited in 2014, and updated Land Use Laws were adopted in 2015.1. Less than 15 years ago, with the assistance of a professional consultant, the Town Board reviewed and considered comments received from the public, the Town Planning Board and the Schoharie County Planning and Development department, to make changes to the local Land Use Law. Those updates did not address nor further restrict warehouse development in the commercially-zoned dis-

trict near I-88 exit 23. A warehouse development remains legal with a Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit. In New York State, local Zoning Boards of Appeal have reviewed and allowed Area Variances since the early 20th century2.

The public is encouraged to learn more about the project at www.seecny.org/highbridge and share their comments with the Planning Board. The public hearing will remain open until April 18.

Inaugural Walk and Run in West Kill

WEST KILL -On Sunday April 16th between 10:00 AM and 11:30 there will be an inaugural non-competitive run and hike on Bonnie's Trails in West Kill. Bonnie's Trails are across the street from 745 South Beech Ridge Road. Bonnie's Trails, named for the beloved local community activist Bonnie Blader, are a series of paths on relatively even ground which were recently completed and marked. We will hand out cookies, bananas, water and trail maps that morn-

ing. Once the run/hike is complete, everyone will be encouraged to go to the West Kill/ Lexington Community Hall 141 Spruceton Eoad in West Kill for the annual delicious Maple Brunch which is open from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Bonnie's Trails, with a little overlap, are between 3 and 4 miles of foot paths which afford beautiful views of Spruceton valley, cross meadows, and meander through new growth and pine forests. They are used

for cross country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking and running.

On October 14th, 2023 there will be a dedication ceremony in commemoration of Bonnie Blader. Stay tuned for more details.

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



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Duanesburg Tops Schoharie



Schoharie third basewoman Arabella Donzelli gets the throw, but is unable to stop Duanesburg's Shannon Zink from stealing the base during Monday's game.



A Duanesburg runner safe at second base, Schoharie short stop Amanda Stalker throws to her sister Kate Stalker to try for the runner on her way to first.

Photos by Scott Keidong.



Schoharie pitcher Alaina Martin fields the ball and winds up for a throw to first base in time to get the batter out.



Sliding safely into a stolen second base, Schoharie's Briana Repsche reaches the bag before the ball gets to Duanesburg short stop Mollie Welch. Repsche then stole third, but was left on base at the end of the inning.



Schoharie pitcher Alaina Martin fields a hit and winds up to the throw the ball to first basewoman Kate Stalker, forcing another batter out.



On one knee and straddling a loose ball, Schoharie third basewoman Arabella Donzelli slides safely into second base with a double.

Building Bridges and Linking Communities Through Outdoor Recreation



All aboard!! The Hunter Area Trail Coalition (HATC) is pleased to announce the newest addition to the Hunter Regional Trails (HRT) outdoor recreation network – an 11-mile trail corridor connecting Kaaterskill Falls to the Village of Hunter.

The Hunter Branch Rail Trail (HBRT) is just under a mile in length on the former Hunter Branch of the Stony Clove and Catskill Mountain Railroad, which was discontinued in 1939. The property is owned by NYC Department of Environmental Protection, which issued the town a land use permit to open the trail.

This section includes the installation of a 90 foot long,

prefabricated truss pedestrian bridge where the railroad was once carried over a small Schoharie Creek tributary – to that end, a section of the original stone abutments has been left in place for visitors to appreciate the efforts of early railroad workers.

The HBRT can be accessed from Clove Road off Route 214 in the Town of Hunter. The out and back trail from Clove Road is 1.5 miles. Not far from the pedestrian bridge, the trail abuts a section of the Schoharie Creek, which flows northwest through Hunter, Jewett, Lexington and Prattsville into the Schoharie reservoir. The melodic sound of the stream soon fades as the trail continues through a mixed deciduous, hemlock forest offering quiet solitude before reaching Ski Bowl Road.

The trail coalition was successful raising the funds for engineering services and construction and installation of the pedestrian truss bridge. Funding sources that captured the HRT vision include the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Smart Growth Program, Greene Co. Soil and Water Conservation District Stream Management Implementation Program, and matching private donations (Hunter Mountain, Scribner's Catskill Lodge, Hunter Foundation, Inc., and the Luke Patterson memorial fund). Representatives of the organizations and funders will be on hand for a bridge dedication on

Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 1:00PM, which is also Celebrate Trails Day and Earth Day.

"The community and agencies have been amazingly supportive of the Hunter trail network vision," noted David Kukle of the HATC and Hunter Town Councilman.

"We are building bridges, literally and figuratively, that connect our communities in the bustling northern Catskills, just like the old railroads did." The town was awarded two DEC Smart Growth grants for the HRT system. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Region 4 Director Anthony Luisi said, "DEC is proud to once again partner with the town of Hunter, Greene County, and other local environmental leaders to complete this phase of the exciting and ever-growing Hunter Regional Trails system."

The history of the HBRT goes way beyond turning a rail bed into a community trail. At the west end of the trail, there used to be a summer camp for people with disabilities, Camp Jened. In 2021, the Mountain Top Historical Society spearheaded the installation of a commemorative plaque at this site to honor the hard fought battles a group of campers and counselors started in 1977. Their struggles for equality, inspired by the camp experience, laid the groundwork for the national disability rights movement that is embodied in the Americans with Disabilities Act. It has been the HATC's vision from the start to create an accessible trail in the spirit of Camp Jened. Exciting news will be shared on April 22, 2023 regarding upgrading the trail to meet ADA requirements!

For more information about the Hunter Regional Trails and HBRT bridge dedication and opening on April 22, 2023 at 1pm, visit <https://townofhuntergov.com/kaaterskill-rail-trail/>, call the GCSWCD Watershed Assistance Program office at 518-589-6871, or email michelle@gcswcd.com. Hope to see you there!!



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Remote Margaretville Cabin Leveled By Fire

By Brian Sweeney
MARGARETVILLE — A remote cabin outside of Margaretville was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning, April 2.

Margaretville Fire Chief Nelson Delameter said his department, along with the Halcottsville Fire Department, as part of a pre-planned mutual aid, were called out at approximately 11:45 a.m. to investigate the sighting of a large column of black smoke emanating from the area of East Hubbell Hill, Margaretville.

Chief Delameter determined that the smoke was coming from a remote area of Sprague Road. After several attempts to determine the source of the smoke, 1st Assistant Chief Alan Gavette located the remains of a small cabin at the end of the road. The cabin had been consumed by fire.

The Margaretville Fire Chief reported that,

due to the remote access needed to reach the scene, volunteers responded to the scene with their 4x4 pickup brush truck to extinguish the remaining hot spots to ensure that the dry leaves didn't ignite.

The cabin was owned by Kevin Cancellier of Blue Point. Chief Delameter said the cause of the fire remained undetermined as of Monday. He said the owner had been at the residence over the weekend and had built a fire in the fireplace. He said the cabin was only about 15-by-15-feet and would have been destroyed very quickly.

All fire units were back in service at 3:30 p.m. The Margaretville Fire Department was assisted by Roxbury Constable, Steve Williamson, New York State Police, and a NYS Department of Environmental Conservation officer.



A small cabin off Sprague Road, Margaretville was destroyed by a fire that broke out on the morning of Sunday, April 2. — Contributed photo

Fleischmanns Election Challenge Hearing Underway

Case To Resume With Testimony In Delhi April 17

By Mary A. Crisafulli

A legal challenge to the residency of absentee voters who cast ballots in the March 21 Village of Fleischmanns election got underway this week with two full days in Delhi at State Supreme Court.

The testimony regarding allegations of illegal voting registration in the Village of Fleischmanns began on Monday, Apr. 3, starting with former Village Trustee Dan Halpren, who testified regarding his affidavits the 2022 elections in which similar allegations of illegal registrations were charged.

According to Mr. Halpren, several of the homes which individuals registered as primary residences appear to be summer dwellings

and rental properties. After over half-a-day of testimony where Mr. Halpren reviewed reasons why he questioned the residency of many of the voters in the 2022 election. Presiding Delaware County Brian Burns ultimately informed the court that future testimonials should be focused on the 2023 election.

Trustee candidate Todd Pascarella also testified on Monday regarding his investigation into voter registrations. As requests came in for absentee ballots in the 2023 election, Mr. Pascarella testified that several claimed residencies appeared to be summer dwellings and rental properties, with multiple individuals registered at each home.

He further stated that approximately 24 of the 60 purged voter registrations in the 2022 election were re-reg-

istered under different addresses for 2023. During Mr. Pascarella's investigation, he said he requested water reports from questioned residencies which were reviewed. Mr. Pascarella's testimony stated these residencies follow a general trend of water use during the third quarter, which is the summer months, and a significant decrease in use to no use during the remainder of the year.

Investigator testifies

The case continued Tuesday, April 4, with Delaware County Sheriff's Department Senior Investigator Christopher Erwin taking the stand. He is responsible for investigating the residency of everyone in question. His investigation is still pending completion, he explained.

After reviewing several of the voter registration cases, it was

determined by Judge Burns and the attorneys that Investigator Erwin would develop a report on each registration to submit to the court as evidence to preserve court time. He may testify again once the summaries are completed.

Village resident Vicky Szerko testified on Tuesday regarding a conversation she had with Avi Mendlovic, property owner of one of the dwellings in which individuals who submitted absentee ballots had claimed as their residences. Ms. Szerko testified that Mr. Mendlovic stated, following the 2022 election, that it doesn't matter how many voters were purged, that he will register another 100 or whatever it might take.

Another resident Bill Birns was called to the stand on Tuesday and provided testimony on village proceedings and background infor-

mation. Following this week's court proceedings, the case was adjourned until April 17 at 9 a.m.

Commenting on proceedings, Mr. Pascarella told *The Catskills Chronicle*, "There is still potential for many days of hearings." He noted that each of the 81 voters has the opportunity to testify and all have been subpoenaed by the court.

Conference planned

The attorneys for the Plaintiffs (Mayoral candidate Elizabeth Hughes, and Trustee candidates Mr. Pascarella and Yvonne Reuter) and Respondents (Village Clerk Diane Rossman and the Delaware County Board of Election as official certifiers, and Mayoral candidate Sam Gil and Trustee candidate Stewart Cohen) will conference with Judge Burns prior to April 17 to

schedule and organize testimonies of the voters, dependent on response to the subpoenas.

Until Judge Burns rules on the case, the village is left with no declared winners until after the proceedings. Current Trustees Gil and Cohen will remain in office until Judge Burns determines a final decision. Mayor Winifred Zubin will also remain in office until court proceedings are completed.

A similar challenge raised after the 2022 village election was dismissed since the ballots were challenged following the certification of election results. To properly challenge ballots, they need to remain sealed as they were following this year's election, Mr. Pascarella explained. The petitioners alleged that the ballots were **continued on E4**

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Hobby Maple Syrup Producer Enjoyed Sweetest Season

Dick Sanford Has Enjoyed Making Syrup Since Childhood

By Brian Sweeney
BLOOMVILLE —, Bloomville resident, and former *Catskill Mountain News* publisher Dick Sanford, has been a hobby maple syrup maker for as long as he can remember.

"I grew up on Walnut Street in Margaretville and every spring a motley assortment of kids would gather in the back yard of our home and boil sap over an open wood fire," Dick told *The Mountain Eagle*.

"We had a hand brace and bit and would tap trees up and down Walnut Street and then carry sap in some kind of bucket back home where we would add it a little bit at a time into what I remembered was an old clam steamer. It's funny, but what I don't remember is eating any of it. The fun was outside."

Dick went on to say, "With all the kids around, poking whatever wood we could

find into the fire and standing over the pan, with runny noses, smelling the boiling sap, my guess is that my father dumped whatever we made when we were not looking. But it was great fun and we did learn the basics of making maple syrup."

Today, Dick is still a hobby producer who loves making syrup.

"It's a great hobby," he said. "It's a wonderful season divider, when you start it's the tail end of winter and when you finish the trees bud and it's spring. It's reasonably easy to make more than you can use. I use it as gifts all year and most people really like it."

Like old times

A traditionalist, Dick still uses a flat pan, as opposed to a more sophisticated evaporator. "I have a stainless-steel pan that the late Bill Bode of Arkville made for me," he explained. "It's 33 inches by 35 inches and six inches deep."

In one concession he's made over the years, Dick now uses LP gas instead of wood as

a heat source. He conceded that, with age he's gotten a bit lazy and it's nice to be able to tune it on and off. While the gas is more expensive than wood, Dick pointed out that the advent of small-scale reverse osmosis (RO) technology has made it affordable. He said it costs about \$15 to make a gallon of syrup using LP gas as long as he concentrates sap to five or six percent sugar before beginning boiling.

How sweet it is

Dick explained, "The sugar content of average sap is about two percent and at two percent you need 43 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup. But if you concentrate that sap to six percent sugar using a RO, you only need 14.3 gallons of sap to make a gallon of syrup. The RO technology has revolutionized making maple syrup."

Dick is calling this season a banner year. He tapped on February 7 during a warm spell and the sap ran for three straight days and continued running well



Dick Sanford got his first taste of maple syrup production growing up in Margaretville. He's pictured 70 years ago with Pete Haines.

for the entire season. Dick said he usually makes 10 or 12 gallons, but this year he gave up after 20 when he lost interest.

"I use it myself and give the rest away to family and friends. But I'm running out of friends to give it to," he joked.

He noted that syrup tends to get darker as the season progresses

and the last batch he made was really dark and that's when he quit.

Dick said it was a good year in both quantity and quality. He usually has about 60 taps in the woods and had all the sap he could manage.

He reported that the average sugar content was two-and-a-quarter to two-and-a-half percent and he had one

nice run early in the season that was over three-percent sugar.

"I pulled my taps and picked up the buckets two weeks ago but many of the serious producers in the region are still boiling. I've made syrup for more than 40 years here at home and I'm pretty sure this was the best season I ever had," Dick added.

Chamber Launches Online Academy

DELHI — The Delaware County Chamber of Commerce and GrowthWheel, a Delaware County based business and a premier world-wide trainer of business planning professionals, have partnered to deliver online resources to help businesses grow.

Through the Delaware County Chamber Academy, users can access on-demand courses covering essential entrepreneur skills.

Users are encouraged to start by completing a free business assessment. This workshop introduces the GrowthWheel framework that considers twenty aspects of a business and participants receive a

customized assessment tool, worksheets with key decisions, and a 30-60-90 day plan to keep them on track.

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Getting Out There

By Peter Manning

Overlook Mountain

Us hiker types are susceptible to such habit-forming conditions as peak bagging, thru-hiking long distance trails, fire tower challenges, and related collection-oriented pursuits. Just when you think you're safe from the next self-inflicted assignment, somebody will be there to nudge you off the tailgate. And you're only too happy to oblige, like a youthful English Springer Spaniel waiting for the next frisbee toss.

Aware of the Catskills All Trails Challenge (hike all the trails in the Catskill Park) but not on a mission to complete it, I was flushed out by my friend Chris Olney, who travels from the Finger Lakes to complete all the trails. It turns out we each needed to hike some trails in the Western Catskills to move closer to completing this exercise. The Challenge was set up by our friend Wendell George of the Catskill Mountain Club.

Although Chris and I had known each other for many years, we ashamedly had never gone on a hike together; and we can thank Wendell for winding our cranks. And just in case the avid hiker needed any further convincing, the Challenge description asks "How well do you know the Catskills?" It goes on to say that many hikers are aware of all the trails (upwards of 350 miles worth) but most never get around to all of them. How true. And yes, we didn't know what we're missing.

Setting our goal

We targeted the 6.35 section of trails that traverse a good-sized chunk of the Delaware Wild Forest. Beginning at Cat Hollow (State Route 206/ Delaware County Highway 7), we would hike east to Holiday Brook Road. As an encore, if we were up for it, we'd leapfrog the first car and hike the 2.4-mile section of the Campbell Mountain Trail leading back to Cat Hollow.

As soon as we stepped off the road to begin climbing Brock Mountain, we had to scan the trees ahead to locate the first marker, as the trail was rather faint. This pattern would continue for much of the day, as we instinctively tossed manageable-sized limbs off the lightly trafficked trail. Easily upstaged by the higher summits in the eastern section of the Park, these quiet corners of the Catskills are obviously overlooked and they await discovery.



Peter Manning on the Park West Trail.

Looking at the shape of the Park on a map, it narrows considerably in this western section. With the two east-west lines looking like they're going to converge, the Park's western boundary ends abruptly with a straight north-south boundary at the Colchester-Hancock town line. This is my chance to quiz Chris about any backstories he's aware in the demarcation of the Catskill Park. After all, Chris co-authored (with Norman Van Valkenburgh) The Catskill Park: Inside the Blue Line back in 2004, the 100th anniversary of the Park.

Notes were lacking

Were there any notes from meetings or anecdotal accounts of how the boundary was arrived at? Not exactly, it was likely drawn on maps in an office by staff in the then Conservation Department, surmises Chris. However, he notes, the prodigious body of research developed by Van Valkenburgh may still harbor further tidbits. Van Van Valkenburgh's detailed history portion of the book recounts the fascinating history of the Park and holds many surprises.

In the big picture, the Park was created for primary purpose of focusing state land acquisition within the blue line boundary. The state lands acquired within the line are part of the constitutionally protected "forever wild" forest preserve lands. Interestingly, there are forest preserve lands in Delaware County outside the blue line today. This hints at the twists and turns that influenced the boundary over time, although the final location of this boundary is "largely a curious fact of history," Chris writes.

Continuing up Brock Mountain, we discover an abandoned car from the 1930s at the site of

an old quarry. Though we're packing snowshoes and micro-spikes, we don't need them since the early April rains have enabled the receding snowpack to be quite walkable. With no open ledges along this portion of the hike, it's best tackled when the trees are bare.

Soon we encounter spruce forests and then a major abandoned roadway that whispers strongly of yesteryear. Its stone-walled and maple-lined edges set our imaginations at play, conveying a sense of movement of the bygone denizens of these hardscrabble realms. The twisted silhouettes of a few dead apple trees complement the old-farm feel as they contrast crisply against the bright blue sky.

Some good stout Catskills climbing brings us the day's only open overlook. Marked by a cross-bedded boulder perched on the cliff's edge, we get a glimpse at the some of the ground we'd covered in the morning hours. Descending to the second vehicle, there never really was any question whether we'd hike the Campbell Mountain piece. It begins with a well-maintained forest road that also serves as a snowmobile trail. Reaching a junction with the long-distance Finger Lakes Trail, Chris' later-edition trail map shows how this trail descends through the woods to Downsville. We go right, visit the Cat Hollow Lean-to and arrive at the multi-cascade waterfall that fully occupies the rising gorge.

More variation

The concluding piece the trail offers still more variation in the forest community and another abandoned farmstead along the swiftly moving headwaters of Cat Hollow. Again, we connect with the sense of time, as it is both woven deeply in the landscape and continues to unfold with each step. We hear the cars up on the highway and know our time together is ending, for now.

Though motivated by a purpose, we spent the day in leisurely fashion and were not remiss in trading our remaining unhiked trails. Though I have good sense of what trails I need to complete the challenge, I suppose I'll need to hunker down and dig out the old journals. No, that would be silly. It will be much easier and enjoyable to just go for a hike. It's not like I would ever hike on the same trail more than once.

Peter Manning is the Executive Director of the Catskill Mountain Club. To learn more about CMC events, membership, and projects, please visit: catskillmountainclub.org

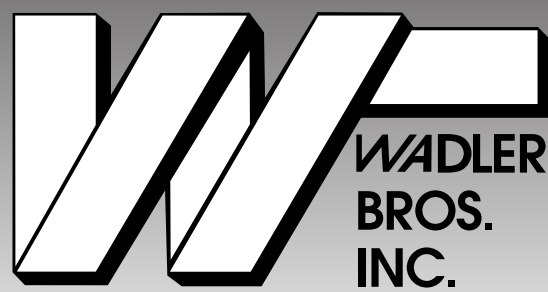
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Here's The Scoop

Following Orders

By Brian Sweeney

Parts of the following are true. It's up to readers to decide the real from the make believe.

Mountain Eagle Publisher Matt Avitabile: "Hey, Brian, I've got a unique assignment for you. I know how much you enjoy the band Wilco. They are playing a special residency — three nights in a row — no songs repeated. I'd like you to cover the concerts, even though it's a bit outside our usual territory."

Naturally, I didn't have to think twice about this assignment. "Music to my ears!" I responded with great enthusiasm.

It then occurred to me to ask a logical follow-up: "By the way, where are the concerts being held?"

"Iceland," Matt replied.

I was a bit stunned by this information, but played it appropriately cool. "Will I get mileage money?" I asked.

"Of course," he answered. "Lodging and concert tickets will be on the newspaper, as well."

This was all good news, so to speak.

Learning experience

I didn't really know anything about Iceland, but it sounded cold. A quick online search backed my theory. That was OK, since the concerts were indoors.

My wife was actually quite familiar with Iceland. She told me it's become a very popular tourist destination. How did I not know about this phenomenon?

Sure enough, when I started telling people we were heading to Iceland, invariably they responded something like, "Oh, my sister and her family were just there."

After hearing about these visits from everyone to whom I mentioned our trip, I started wondering if there was going to be enough room for two more people on this relatively small island.

I started telling my wife about my unscientific research that backed what she had told me: EVERYBODY goes to Iceland. She shook her head and reminded me how she's been asking me for years to take the edge off late winter with a Costa Rica vacation. "You always complain you don't want to because EVERYONE goes there." Ouch.

She added, "There's a reason people like traveling there. It's beautiful. Oh, did I mention that it's nice and warm?"

Yes, but...

I did understand these two important pieces of information. So, I had to come up with a sensible reply.

"What I've recently learned from many knowledgeable folks is that Iceland is quite stunning, too," I countered.

What I left unsaid was the fact my wife was keenly aware of — that this red-hot destination is generally not terribly warm. Especially in early spring. When the Wilco shows were happening. On the other hand, Iceland *does* have features that are quite steamy — thermal pools! It's like the toasty waters of Costa Rica, without pesky seaweed. Or sharp shells.

None of this really mattered, though, because I had a duty to cover the Wilco shows and report back to our loyal readers. I can't do that yet, because the concerts are still a few days away at the time of this writing.

It's now what you say...

One way I learned to separate us from everybody and their brother who has visited this chilly paradise was to pay attention to the order in which I told people about this excursion.

"We're going to see Wilco three nights in a row!" is how I excitedly informed friends about our upcoming trip. Because this band is not one you're likely to hear while on line at CVS, blank stares often followed.

As soon as I added, "in Iceland," things changed in a hurry. Responses were always some variation of: "Oh, when are you going? Maybe you'll see my FILL IN THE BLANK HERE who is visiting there soon!"

Fleischmanns Election Challenge Hearing Underway

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cast by individuals that were not Fleischmanns residents. Although the case was dismissed in 2022, approximately 60 ballots were purged

from the rolls by the Delaware County Board of Elections following an investigation by the Delaware County Sheriff's Department. While the 2023 elec-

tion was not certified, Ms. Hughes took lead in the race for mayor with 69 votes, while Sam Gil secured 42 on Election Day. Of the two trustee seats up for election

Reuter and Pascarella secured the majority votes. Preliminary results exclude absentee ballots which remain sealed pending the court ruling.

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Bomb Threat Against MCS

MARGARETVILLE — Law enforcement officials from multiple agencies responded to a bomb threat at Margaretville Central School on Tuesday, April 4.

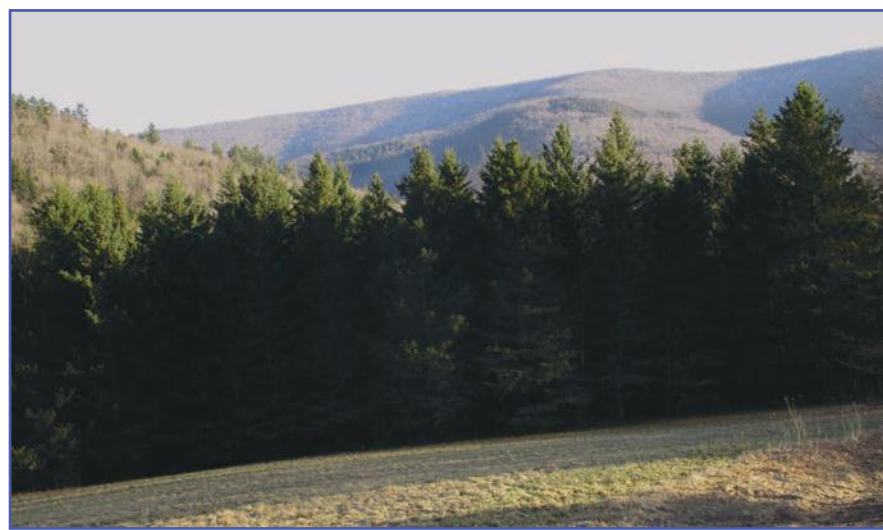
Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond reported that the bomb threat turned out to be part of a statewide "swatting incident." He explained that the threat was perpetuated by unknown off-shore individuals and involved several school districts across the state.

Because MCS is closed for spring break, there were no students present.

Sheriff DuMond said his department assisted the State Police with personnel and a canine explosives detection unit to clear the building. The threat was deemed not credible but the sweep was conducted as a precautionary measure, he explained.

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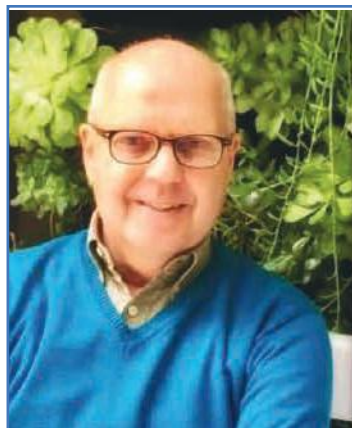


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Raccoon Tests Positive For Rabies; Free Clinics Scheduled In County

DELHI A raccoon recently tested positive for rabies in the town of Delhi. This is the first animal in Delaware County to test positive for rabies in 2023.

One dog was bitten by a lab-confirmed rabid raccoon in the town of Delhi, there were no human exposures. According to the owner of the exposed dog the raccoon was not acting sick or appeared to be rabid. Vaccination records of the dog indicated the animal was not up to date its rabies vaccinations. The animal has begun a six-month quarantine following the New York State Department of Health guidelines.

“There have been reports to public health from other areas of the county about strange acting raccoons”, states Heather Warner, PH Programs Manager. “Getting your pet vaccinated by your vet or at a free clinic can help stop the spread of rabies from wild animals to humans.”

An exposure to rabies can be fatal for a human or a pet. Be sure your dogs, cats and ferrets are up to date on their rabies vaccinations. Vaccinated pets serve as a buffer between rabid wildlife and man. Protect them, and you may reduce your risk of exposure to

rabies. Be a responsible pet owner by keeping your pet’s vaccinations current. Public Health recommends that pet owners take advantage of any of the free remaining rabies clinics in Delaware County, including:

- Arkville: June 7 from 4-6 p.m., Arkville Fire Hall, 43365 State Highway 28.

- Walton: July 12, 2023 5-7 p.m., Walton Highway Garage, 25091 State Highway 10.

- Delhi: August 22, 5-7 p.m., Delhi Fire Hall, 140 Delview Terrace Ext.

- Stamford: September 12, 5-7 p.m., Stamford Fire Hall, 111 Main Street.

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Monday, April 17

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Wednesdays, April 19-May 24

Writers in the Mountains (WIM) presents Just Hit Send: Submitting to Literary Journals, a six-week long workshop with Sally Simon, April 19 – May 24, 2023. The class will be held online Wednesday from 4 to 6 pm. To register, e-mail writersinthemountains@gmail.com. To register online, visit writersinthemountains.org. Class fee is \$125. Registration deadline is April 12.

Through April 23

A Special exhibit Farms, Farmers, and Farming: A Tribute to Local Agriculture at Longyear Gallery in Margaretville opened March 24. The show runs through April 23. Longyear Gallery is located at 785 Main Street, Margaretville. For information, please call 845 586-3270 or visit: longyeargallery.org. Hours are Friday-Sunday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Thursdays, through May 4

Writers in the Mountains (WIM) presents Ekphrastic Poetry: A Jump Start from Other Art Forms and Everyday Objects, a six-week long workshop with Sharon Ruetenik, March 30 – May 4. The class will be held online Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. To register, e-mail writersinthemountains@gmail.com. To register online, visit writersinthemountains.org. Class fee is \$125.

Saturday, May 6

Diamond Hollow Books in Andes welcomes artist Denise Corley to start the Spring/Summer exhibition series. DENISE CORLEY - COME WHAT MAY, RECENT WORK will open on Saturday, May 6 with a reception for the artist from 12-4 p.m. The show will run through June 11. The book store is located at 72 Main Street, Andes. For information visit diamondhollowbooks.com or e-mail: biz@diamondhollowbooks.com

Through May 6

Liberal Arts Roxbury is present a solo exhibition of multi-media works by Moscow-born, Brooklyn/upstate-based artist Dasha Shishkin. chik chirik, featuring drawings and prints on various supports. A closing event during finer weather on May 6 is also planned.

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



Fishin' Tradition

Sarah Kutkiewicz (6) caught a 15-inch Brown Trout on her 1st Opening Day, April 1. She was accompanied by and fished alongside her father, Todd Kutkiewicz, and Grandfather Ron Kutkiewicz. Todd has been fishing every Opening Day since he was a young boy also. The first day of the season brought pleasant temperatures.

Saddle Up For Derby Party

MARGARETVILLE — 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. Time to get the hats out of the closet and dress them up for this spectacular gala to benefit the hard work of the MARK Project.

Ticket holders are afforded a complimentary mint julep, an extravagant buffet of food provided by local restaurants, derby themed sweets, prizes for best hat, and a full service cash bar. New this year is the opportunity to purchase tableside service by local celebrities—no standing on line for the bar or food—and feel free to heckle your server.

“This event is an absolute whoot and should not be missed” says Peg Ellsworth, Executive Director at MARK “Funds raised help this vital organization to keep up the work we do in our towns and villages” she adds.

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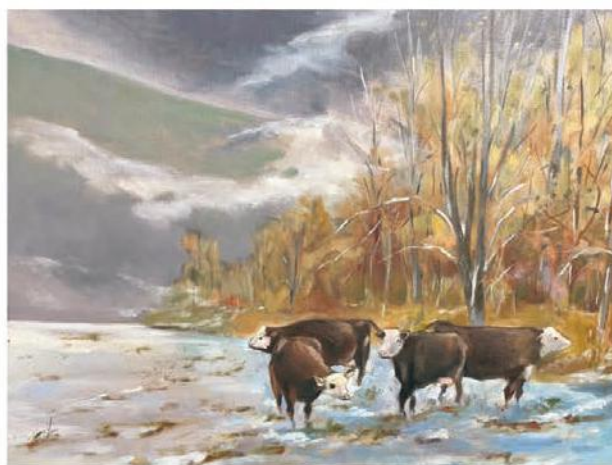
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POLICE NEWS

DELHI — Delaware County Sheriff Craig S. DuMond has announced the arrest of a Margaretville resident for driving with a revoked New York State Driver's License.

On Tuesday March 21, while patrolling in the Town of Middletown, Sheriff's Deputies observed a motorcycle improperly pass another motor vehicle while traveling northbound on State Highway 28.

Upon conducting a traffic stop, Deputies identified the driver as 61-year-old, Daniel P. Schultz of Margaretville. A check of Schultz's New York State driver's license determined that his driving privileges in New York State had been revoked due to previous driving while intoxicated incidents.

Deputies subsequently arrested and charged Schultz with one count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operator in the Second Degree and Use of a Motor Vehicle without Interlock Device, both Misdemeanors of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. Schultz was additionally issued uniform traffic tickets for unlicensed operator and improper passing.

Schultz was released on the traffic tickets and is to appear in the Town of Middletown Court.

Two-car accident

Sheriff DuMond announced the arrest of a Brooklyn resident for driving while intoxicated following a two-car motor vehicle accident.

On Saturday night, March 18, Sheriff's Deputies responded to a two-car motor vehicle accident with injuries on County Highway 26, near the intersection of Gregory Hollow Road in the Town of Colchester.

Deputies arrived on scene and observed a vehicle had left the lane of travel, crossing over the double yellow line, and striking an oncom-

ing vehicle, head on. Deputies made contact with the driver, 49-year-old Andras Kasuba of Brooklyn.

Upon completion of the investigation, Sheriff's Deputies arrested and charged Kasuba with driving while intoxicated, driving while intoxicated with a BAC greater than 0.08%, aggravated driving while intoxicated with a BAC greater than 0.18%, all misdemeanors, as well as Unlicensed Operator, Speed not Reasonable and Prudent, Moved from lane unsafely, failure to keep right, driver's view obstructed, obstructed license plate, all violations in the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Kasuba was additionally charged with three counts of Assault in the Third Degree, a class A misdemeanor in the New York State Penal Law.

The driver of the other vehicle and one passenger were transported by Lifenet to Albany Medical Center for treatment and a third passenger was transported by Ambulance to Delaware Valley Hospital for treatment.

Upon completion of arrest processing, Kasuba was released on tickets returnable to the Town of Colchester Court at a later date.

Drug impairment

Sheriff DuMond has reported the arrest of a Walton man on charges of driving while ability impaired by drugs.

On Wednesday, March 22, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies on patrol in the Village of Walton encountered an oncoming vehicle traveling an extremely high rate of speed on Delaware Street.

Deputies say the vehicle proceeded recklessly towards oncoming traffic near the intersection of West Street, before the operator of the motor vehicle slammed his brakes, leaving skid

marks extending approximately 200 feet on the roadway before the vehicle came to a stop.

A traffic stop, and subsequent interview with the operator of the vehicle, identified as 59-year-old Andrew Ridikas of Walton revealed signs of physical impairment by a substance other than alcohol. At the completion of their investigation, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested and charged Ridikas with one count of speed not reasonable and imprudent, reckless driving, and driving while ability impaired by drugs.

Ridikas was later released on traffic tickets and is scheduled to appear in front of Judge Hall at the Village of Walton Court.

Sheriff DuMond has announced the arrest of a Middletown resident for driving with a suspended license.

On Wednesday morning, March 14, Sheriff's Deputies responded to a one-car motor vehicle accident on County Highway 16 in the Town of Delhi. The driver of the vehicle was identified as 40-year-old Edwin Teron of Middletown.

A check of Teron's license revealed that his driving privileges in the State of New York had been suspended.

Multiple tickets

Deputies subsequently arrested Gensler and issued him traffic tickets for Aggravated Unlicensed Operator in the Third Degree, an unclassified misdemeanor, as well as Unlicensed Operator, Obstructed View and Speed not reasonable/prudent violations in the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. Teron is scheduled to appear before the Town of Delhi Court at a later date to answer the charges.

Delaware County Sheriff's have arrested Deanna Macintyre age 35 of Hobart on the charge of Criminal Mis-

chief in the 4th Degree stemming from a report of a Domestic Incident.

On the evening of March 25, Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a domestic incident in the Village of Hobart. Upon arrival, deputies found two individuals involved in a domestic and had to be separated. Deputies conducted interviews with the individuals.

Impeded 911 call

The investigation revealed that during the incident Deanna Macintyre had knocked a cell phone out of the reporting party's hand in an attempt to prevent them from calling 911.

Sheriff DuMond has announced the arrest of a Deposit resident for driving with a Suspended New York State Driver's license.

On Wednesday morning, March 22, Sheriff's Deputies observed a vehicle speeding on State Highway 8 in the Town of Sidney. Upon conducting a traffic stop, Deputies identified the driver of the vehicle as 38-year-old Michael Vandermark of Deposit. A check of Vandermark's driver's license revealed that his driving privileges were suspended.

Deputies subsequently arrested Vandermark and issued him uniformed traffic tickets for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the Second Degree, an unclassified misdemeanor and for speed also a violation in New York State vehicle and traffic law.

Vandermark was released on the uniformed traffic tickets and is scheduled to appear in the Town of Sidney Court at a later date to answer the charge.

Domestic charges

A domestic incident report was completed, and Macintyre was subsequently arrested and charged with Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor of the New York State Penal Law. Macintyre was then released on an appearance ticket, directing her to appear at the Stamford Town Court at a later date.

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month at 5:00 pm.

Planning Board meetings will be held as needed on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings will be held as needed on the fourth Monday of the month at 5:30 pm. Meetings for these boards are held only if an application has been filed with the Village of Margaretville Building & Zoning Department for that month.

All meetings are held in the Gottfried Building, 773 Main Street, Margaretville, New York. Any changes to this schedule shall be published in the official newspaper and posted at the Village Clerk's office.

Notice of Completion of 2023 Tentative Assessment Roll & Hearing of Complaints

(Pursuant of sections 506 and 526 of Real Property Tax Law)

Notice is hereby given that the assessor of the Town of Roxbury, Delaware County, New York, has completed the Ten-

tative Assessment Roll for the current year; that a copy thereof will be filed on or before May 1st, 2023 with the Town Clerk. The assessor will be in attendance with such tentative assessment roll during the following dates and times: Wednesday, 5/10/2023, 4pm-8pm; Saturday, 5/13/2023, 11am-3pm; Wednesday, 5/17/2023, 11am-3pm; Monday, 5/22/2023, 3pm-7pm.

The Board of Assessment Review will meet Thursday, May 25, 2023, for a period of four hours, from 4-8pm in said town, to examine all written complaints on the application of any person believing himself aggrieved thereby by submission of a written complaint. Information on how to contest your assessment may be found at www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/contest/contestasmt.htm or by calling 607.326.4362 to request such forms to be mailed.

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Climate Action Policies On MCS Cafeteria Menu

By Brian Sweeney
Students and cafeteria staff at Margaretville Central School (MCS) have teamed up to do their part to make the school a bit more environmentally friendly.

The move to going “green” was inspired by students in the Climate Action Committee, which is comprised of students in grades 6-12, according to Cafeteria Manager Connie Mathiesen.

With about 200 students eating breakfast at school each day, and another 230-250 lunch meals served daily, the amount of waste is considerable. Utilizing recommendations from Climate Action Committee members and having them approved by the MCS Board of Education, the cafeteria staff has implemented several changes that are having a positive environmental impact.

Ms. Mathiesen noted that, effective last January, New York State implemented a statewide ban of expanded polystyrene, single-use foam food and beverage containers. This new law went into effect during a period in which pandemic-related supply chain issues resulted in all disposables such as paper plates, paper cups, soup and dessert bowls to triple in price.

Green options

In response, Ms. Mathiesen researched the feasibility of serving meals on reusable plates. That resulted in a decision to switch to plates made of melamine, a plastic tableware approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration. While the initial cost is more, the plates can be used many times and sterilized in the school’s energy-efficient dish-washing system. Melamine is also used for dessert plates and soup bowls.

The cafeteria manager, who started her position at MCS 11 years ago, said a bonus is that the school’s melamine dishware is all white and it coordinates well with the blue serving trays which provides it a nice visual presentation.

As with any innovation, there’s been a period of adjustment. Ms. Mathiesen said the melamine dishware has been well received, but there’s been a learning curve as her staff has had to reinforce the fact that the plates do not get thrown out after meals. Ironically, she in-

dicated that most students who have had to be reminded not to toss their plates are high schoolers.

To reinforce the fact that the plates are reusable, signs were placed near trash cans reminding students not to throw out their plates. Lids with small openings that plates won’t fit through have also been installed on top of garbage cans. Another means of reinforcing to high school students to not toss out melamine plates was to switch them back to paper plates for a while.

“They got the message,” she laughed.

Another recent shift in cafeteria policy was the elimination of plastic straws. This policy change has been in place for several years. Ms. Mathiesen said students were quick to embrace the use of compostable straws after viewing a video of a turtle with an airway obstructed with what turned out to be a plastic straw — a product long recognized as creating this type of environmental hazard.

More innovations

In another bid to cut down on waste, the MCS cafeteria eliminated single-serve plasticware two years ago and returned to providing students with standard silverware.

Noting her response to the recommendations from members of the Climate Action Committee, Ms. Mathiesen said she’s been pleased to present these options and receive a very positive response from the Board of Education. Ms. Mathiesen said she’s a member of the school’s Wellness Committee, another group that has embraced these changes.

The cafeteria manager said she has not researched the amount of waste reduction realized from these changes, but noted that such policy shifts can really add up when adopted by many schools and other organizations.

Ms. Mathiesen said she and her staff always welcome innovative ideas that benefit the school — and the environment. She was also quick to credit the students who helped spark the changes.

“The kids got me started with reusable idea and I always want to try to make things better,” Ms. Mathiesen commented. “Not all schools have these options.”



Members of the Margaretville Central School Climate Action Committee. Starting at the left and across the top Amelia Pasarella, Olivia Locke, Brianna Jackson, Robert Bybag, Madison Rizzo, Joseph Brybag, Katie Nichols, Ryder Balcom. On the floor: Taylor Hubbell, Alizandra Jamroz, Madison Marks, Daniella Herrera, and Gianna Torres. — Contributed photo

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4/7 Fri	6:00PM - Citizen News Bureau - Lori Fairbairn brings you the Weekend Weather report for the Catskill Region. 6:30PM - Solid Waste Management Center and Compost Facility - Jezz Harkin talks with Tyson Robb, Solid Waste Coordinator, about the compost facility. 7:00PM - Mostly Folk with Artie Martello - Artie's guest is Carolann Solebello, a performing songwriter born and bred in New York City. Known as a founding member of Americana trio Red Molly, she now tours both solo and with modern folk quartet No Fuss and Feathers. 7:30PM - Pine Hill Community Center - Check out the Phoenicia Farmer's Market Winter Home. 8:00PM - Robert - Portrait of an Art-er - A documentary about Robert Johnson, Franklin NY's beloved stone artist, and all around interesting person. A documentary by local filmmaker Jessica Vecchione.
4/8 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. Join Jeff and Moe as they put on their snowshoes and hike the Acra Point loop. Acra Point is located between Blackhead Mountain and Burnt Knob in the northeastern Catskills. 7:00PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mami talks with Kate Quarfordt who is a multifaceted artist, teacher and performer. 7:30PM - The Catskill Center - Jezz Harkin talks with Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center talks about the Center and funding from New York State. 8:00PM - "Trees, Trout and the CCC" - Diane Galusha, Director of the Historical Society of Middletown, talks on how the Civilian Conservation Corp boys worked to preserve John Burroughs' Catskills and saved themselves in the process.
4/9 Sun	6:00PM - Grocholl Homestead - Ashton makes planters for succulent plants and then shares the ins and outs of owning chickens. 6:30PM - WARK Community TV Archives - The Larry Smith Show. Larry visits Zullins Country Store in Arkville. (Airdate Early 80s). 7:00PM - WARK Community TV Archives - The Dictionary Game. Michael Finberg hosts two teams of four as they try to stump each other. 7:30PM - The Sonny Rock Show - Sonny Rock talks with Timothy Northup, founder of the Northup Drum Museum in Oneonta, NY. 8:00PM - Solid Waste Management Center and Compost Facility - Jezz Harkin talks with Tyson Robb, Solid Waste Coordinator, about the compost facility. 8:30PM - Mountain Athletic Club - The 2023 season for vintage baseball is coming soon to Delaware County. Members of the Club talk about Vintage Baseball, and give an overview of this nostalgic sport in the local area.
4/10 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 Jeff Senterman, Executive Director, about the Center and funding from New York State. 7:00PM - Mostly Folk with Artie Martello - Artie's guest is Bill Scorzari, who has transformed his life from being a New York Trial Attorney to full-time musician. 7:30PM - Downstaters - A comedy series about two New Yorkers who leave big city life for the Catskills. In this episode, Jess & Beth find out the true meaning behind farm to table. 8:00PM - Hudson Valley History & Art presents a series of short films which profile Hudson Valley Women Artists and Hudson Valley Photographers. This will be the last chance to watch these programs on CatskillsAir.
4/11 Tue	6:00PM - Delaware County News Update - Julia Marks and Matt Avitabile bring you the latest news from the Delaware County Region. 6:30PM - WARK Community TV Archives - The Dictionary Game. 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! 7:00PM - The Hiker Trash Husbands. Join Jeff and Moe as they put on their snowshoes and hike the Acra Point loop. Acra Point is located between Blackhead Mountain and Burnt Knob in the northeastern Catskills. 7:30PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mami talks with Kate Quarfordt who is a multifaceted artist, teacher and performer. 8:00PM - "Trees, Trout and the CCC" - Diane Galusha, Director of the Historical Society of Middletown, talks on how the Civilian Conservation Corp boys worked to preserve John Burroughs' Catskills and saved themselves in the process.
4/12 Wed	6:00PM - Grocholl Homestead - Ashton makes planters for succulent plants and then shares the ins and outs of owning chickens. 6:30PM - WARK Community TV Archives - WARK's Michael Finberg talks with Dr. Ott about the flu. (Airdate Early 80s). 7:00PM - Hudson Valley History & Art presents a series of short films which profile Hudson Valley Women Artists and Hudson Valley Photographers. This will be the last chance to watch these programs on CatskillsAir. 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 - The Sonny Rock Show - Sonny Rock talks with Timothy Northup, founder of the Northup Drum Museum in Oneonta, NY.
4/13 Thu	6:00PM - Citizen News Bureau - Lori Fairbairn brings you the Weekend Weather Report for the Catskill Region. 6:30PM - Mostly Folk with Artie Martello - Artie's guest is Bill Scorzari, who has transformed his life from being a New York Trial Attorney to full-time musician. 7:00PM - The Catskill Center - Jezz Harkin talks with Jeff Senterman, Executive Director, about the Center and funding from New York State. 7:30PM - Solid Waste Management Center and Compost Facility - Jezz Harkin talks with Tyson Robb, Solid Waste Coordinator, about the compost facility. 8:00PM - CabaRadio - The most recent performance at the Pine Hill Community Center. Guests include: Lee Jackson (Musician and Poet), Margaret DiBenedetto (Author), Bruce Balmer (Musician) and Dave Holden (New York State DEC Licensed Hiking Guide).

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Major Safety Concerns Among CRCS Parents

By Joshua Walther

COBLESKILL - Following last month's meeting, another surge of parents spoke out about safety concerns at the CRCS Board of Education last Monday.

During the public comment period of the March monthly meeting, two parents began to advocate for aides to be placed on buses. Due to the longer routes, they were concerned about student behavior, believing that there should be some supervision present.

The first meeting of April began in much the same way. Not only were there more voices to join in the safety sentiments, but they were backed by a host of supporters, which comprised more than half of the audience in the room.

The first to speak was Sandra Delorme, who began by speaking about the bullying that her son, Logan Bouck, has endured in the high school. This was Mrs. Delorme's second time to take the

podium, as she raised the same topic to the Board last year.

Within that time, Mrs. Delorme alleges that there has been no attempt at serious communication from the staff while her son continues to be antagonized by the other students.

She cited that the bullying has grown to the point that her son has developed anxiety, depression, and PTSD while still in high school.

"There hasn't been a solution in two and a half years. There has been just hate and just bullying in a no hate and bullying district," said Mrs. Delorme, repeating the well-known CRCS slogan.

After several minutes of urging the Board to take a stance, she finished her comments by noting that CRCS has to be a safe place for children. The room erupted into applause from the other supporters upon her conclusion.

Mrs. Delorme wasn't the only one to relay their

fears, either. Another parent addressed the Board soon after, pleading with the Board to invest in metal detectors and screening tests for all of the schools.

Not only was this parent worried about the prospect of guns and knives being brought into the schools, but she noted that there was a security breach in which a student from another district had gone undetected for half a day before they were caught.

"I honestly think that it'll take someone's kid not coming home for something to change," said the concerned individual. "If this continues for the rest of the school year, I'm pulling my kids out of the district."

As the comments from the public came to an end, Board member Susan Strasser stressed that the Board should take an official stance on the issues raised. President Bruce Tryon noted her comment before moving on.

Mud Season Is Here, Much To Hikers' Discontent

By Jennifer Patterson

With it finally beginning to feel like spring, many people are itching to get outdoors.

While hikers are understandably eager to dust off their boots and enjoy some fresh air, officials from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation are urging outdoor enthusiasts to be extra prepared or to stay off the trails entirely during spring's notorious mud season.

It happens every year, when snow starts to melt and spring showers begin. This combination of moisture in the ground, along with fluctuating temperatures, creates the perfect environment for muddy trails.

The Catskills are experiencing an early start to mud season because the ground wasn't able to consistently freeze during the winter. And despite the heavy late snowfall, a relatively mild winter translated to little snow on hiking trails, causing a muddy mess as spring temperatures continue to warm.

Mud season usually begins in late March and lasts until May or June, when trails dry up and harden with sustained warmer temperatures.

Hiking during this messy season not only presents safety concerns, but it also compounds conservation challenges on trails and in forests, according to the DEC. Hikers who hit the trails



early can unknowingly cause expensive damage to trail systems and the natural environment.

New York's changing climate has extended mud season, with higher temperatures in late winter increasing the contrast between conditions at the trailhead and mountain peaks, according to the DEC.

These differences create a range of challenging conditions, like steep trails with thick mud, deep slushy snow, slippery areas with compacted ice (the DEC refers to narrow snowy/icy paths as "mono-rails") and flooded trails. If hikers aren't wearing the proper footwear with spikes, their adventure will be no walk in the park.

Many trails can also seem to disappear from step to step and become streams. Crossing these areas is inadvisable, especially when there is fast-moving frigid water. Hikers

who fall are at risk of hypothermia.

In addition, when hikers try to avoid mud and walk around it, they may inadvertently trample and destroy vulnerable vegetation that is just starting to regrow after the winter months.

Loss of vegetation impacts wildlife habitat, as high foot traffic causes changes to the soil and grass that animals and insects rely on.

Mountain biking on muddy trails is also discouraged by the DEC, because bikes leave behind large holes that need additional repairs when they dry up, affecting the usability of the trail for the rest of the season.

The DEC frequently issues "muddy trail advisories" to keep hikers off the trails, allowing snow to melt and the ground to dry thoroughly.

For information, go to <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/113437.html>.

Woman Drowns After Falling Through Ice in Summit

SUMMIT — On April 1 at 12:25 p.m., Forest Ranger France overheard radio traffic from Schoharie County 911 about a subject who had fallen through the ice on a pond while trying to rescue her dog. The subject was believed to have spent about 10 minutes in the water. New York State Police, Schoharie County Sheriff's Department, Summit Fire, and County EMS responded.

When Ranger France arrived, rescue crews had pulled the 54-year-old from Summit from the water. Responders performed CPR and then Ranger France assisted

with packaging the patient into a litter and carrying her to the ambulance. The subject was pronounced deceased at Cobleskill Regional Hospital. The dog survived the incident.



Cobleskill Briefs

Do you have any events you'd like to see featured in the Cobleskill Herald? Let us know at cobleskillherald@gmail.com.

Senior Congregate Meal Sites Open

Local residents are invited to enjoy noon-time meals and good company (except holidays) at one of Schoharie County Office for the Aging's two congregate meal sites:

- Jefferson (Tues./Wed./Thurs.), Community Center, Rte. 10)
- Sharon Springs (Mon./Wed./Fri), Firehouse, 137 Beechwood Rd.) Reserve a meal by calling Schoharie County OFA at 518-295-2001 before 2 pm the day before you want to go. A suggested donation of

\$4 is accepted from those 60 years old and older. Under age 60? You're welcome to participate and will be charged \$5.

Seward - Town Board Meeting

The Seward Town Board will be holding its monthly meeting on Monday, April 10th at 6:30 PM at the Seward Town hall (795 Lowe Road, Suite 1).

Cobleskill - Town Board Meeting

The Cobleskill Town Board will be holding its monthly meeting on Monday, April 10th at 7:00 PM at the Cobleskill Firehouse. Meetings are also available for viewing afterwards on the SCHOPEG website.

Esperance - Village Board Meeting

The Esperance Village Board will be holding its monthly meeting on Monday, April 10th at 7:30 PM at the Village Hall Meeting Room (113 Church Street).

Family Recovery Support Group

Every Wednesday evening from 5:30 PM to 7:00 P.M., 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.

Richmondville - Town Board Meeting

The Richmondville Town Board will be holding its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 13th at 6:00 PM at the Town Municipal Building (104 Municipal Lane off of Podpadic Road).

CRCS Board of Education Petitions Available

Nominating petition forms for residents interested in running for a seat on the Cobleskill-Richmondville Board of Education will be available at the District Office beginning on Monday, March 6th. The District Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Petitions with the signatures of at least 25 qualified voters must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 PM on Monday, April 17th.

Sharon Springs - New Everything Shoppe

A new Everything Shoppe, which is administered by the Schoharie County Council of Senior Citizens, is poised to open in early May at 209 Main Street in the Village of Sharon Springs.

OFA and The Gathering Place Offer Grab & Go Meals

The Office for the Aging provides healthy grab and go meals for individuals 60 years +, daily (M-F) at The Gathering Place, 127 Kenyon Rd., Cobleskill. Each person may make a suggested \$4 voluntary contribution for a meal. Interested individuals must reserve grab and go meals 24 hours in advance by calling 518-920-3757 and speaking to Judy between 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Meals are available daily beginning at 11 a.m. One can take meals home to eat or stay at the Center and enjoy them with company. Monthly meal menus are available at The Center's front desk or by contacting OFA at 518-295-2001.



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COFFEE IN COBY War in Europe L

By Timothy Knight

It is almost unfathomable to me that this will be the fiftieth Coffee in Coby column published in dedication to covering the ongoing Russo-Ukrainian War. Launched in the immediate aftermath of Russia's immoral, illegal invasion of Ukraine last February, I have intended this column to shine a steady light on the heroism and courage demonstrated by Ukrainians in defense of their nation against destruction.

Rereading my earliest columns published about this conflict, it is astounding to me just how bleak the early days of the war were for Ukraine, especially once evidence of the earliest Russian war crimes emerged in Bucha. Invaded from the north, south, and east by an imperialist neighbor hell-bent on reconstituting a long dead sphere of influence, Kyiv stood while Russians fell by the hundreds of thousands.

After so many columns, I do want to note something for posterity's sake: though I write so approvingly of

Ukraine's fight for national sovereignty, the cost of war cannot be dismissed. Lives lost will remain so, and families will forever be shattered. I mourn the Ukrainian who is murdered for the crime of his birth, and equally for the mobilized Russian, who is sent to die for no greater reason than his leader's vainglorious delusions.

Modern society fancies ourselves as advanced, evolved, and refined, but the greedy and malicious intentions of people that existed thousands of years ago remain the same today. That is why this conflict is not only important to Europe, but to the United States and the world as a whole: imperialistic and tyrannical notions exhibited by one power cannot be tolerated, lest we permit its actions among all powers.

With all that said, I pray that Ukraine's battles today can lead to peace for all Ukrainians tomorrow. They have known warfare that few modern nations can appreciate or imagine, while showcasing a spirit that is infectiously defiant. Ukraine might stand alone on the

battlefield, but they are aided by dozens of nations across the world, and billions of people who oppose the despotic, genocidal designs of Vladimir Putin's conquest.

I do not know when this column will conclude, but it will persist so long as Ukraine's fight does. So long as men and women perish on the Ukrainian frontline, I can sharpen my pen weekly to praise their heroism, document their struggle, and advocate for the United States continued support of our brave, courageous allies. Though the pen may be mightier than the sword, there is no questioning the honor of those who wield the latter.

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.

Obituaries Kayla Hitchcock



Kayla A. Hitchcock (Black) of Carlisle, NY sadly passed away unexpectedly on Friday, March 31st, 2023 at Albany Medical Center. She departed her loving family too soon at just 29 years old.

Kayla was born on August 25th, 1993 in Cooperstown, NY, and was lovingly raised by parents Peggy & Chris Duncan.

After Kayla graduated from Sharon Springs Central School, she went on to study Criminology at Herkimer County Community College for 2 1/2 years.

Kayla loved her community and was a Fire Department Explorer for the Sharon Springs Fire Department. She most recently worked as a Dental Assistant at Schoharie Dental.

Kayla was preceded in death by her biological father Fredrick W. Black, maternal grandfather Kevin W. Kennedy, and maternal great-grandparents Della & George Higgins.

She is survived by her three sons, Jesse (8), Daniel (4), and Keith (1), husband Daniel Hitchcock, and stepdaughter Journey (9).

Her brother Kevin Duncan, sister Brittany Black, maternal grandmother Karen Kennedy, paternal grandparents Fred & Arlene Black, in-laws Kyle & Joanne Hitchcock, Uncle Ken & Aunt Nina Kennedy, Aunt Laurie Scudder, cousin Kimberly J. Buck, and countless other family and friends will miss Kayla dearly.

Kayla enjoyed spending time with those that meant the most to her, especially her children.

Kayla was so full of life, love, and happiness, bringing a smile everywhere she went. She will be missed tremendously.

While Kayla's family grieves her loss, they are choosing to remember her in a way that honors her spirit.

Service arrangements have not yet been made.

Summit SnoRiders Aids Helios



The Summit SnoRiders would like to report we had a very successful fundraiser to benefit Helios Care. We were able to raise \$5,980.00! We would like to thank all the businesses that contributed plus our hardworking volunteers. Left to right in the attached photo are Bruce Wollaber, president, Dan Ayres, Helios CEO/president, and Debra Wollaber, committee chair.

New Home for Everything Shoppe in Sharon Springs

By Alexis Pencar

The Everything Shoppe in Cobleskill has found a new home in the Village of Sharon Springs on Main Street starting mid-May!

After being asked to vacate their storefront at 115 Plaza Lane Suite 8, Cobleskill, NY 12043 by the end of April, The Everything Shoppe, a non-profit thrift store run by The Gathering Place, had to scramble to find another option.

With quite the following, the first effort was to stay in Cobleskill but with limited time and options the search expanded out landing on the smaller but keen market of Sharon Springs.

The new location for The Everything Shoppe will be at 209 Main Street, Sharon Springs, NY 13459, right next to Chalybeate Park, set to open mid-May. The hours will be Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 am until

3:00 pm.

With hopes to reopen another location in Cobleskill by Summer and then another to follow in Conesville, this would be in addition to the successful Middleburgh location and new Sharon Springs spot, providing a total of 4 locations once complete!

The Everything Shoppe boasts consistent and low prices on clothing, household items, small appliances, craft materials, jewelry, and more! They take donations during business hours and ensure there is little to no waste since "everything gets worked through". All the proceeds from this nonprofit support Seniors at The Gathering Place and more!

Executive Director Kim Witkowski of The Gathering Place, responsible for The Everything Shoppe, said she is "so grateful for the continuous community support".

She added, "we are growing so much and there will be even more expansion soon!"

Witkowski also offered that "the Manager of all The Everything Shoppe sites, Linda Ovitt, does such a great job" and they are "really excited for what's to come!"

With excitement all around and so many positive changes on the horizon, look out for more updates and exclusive content from The Cobleskill Herald.

The Gathering Place, the popular and growing 50 Plus Community Center, provides resources, programs, meeting space, classes, and activities all dedicated to enhancing the lives of the 50 Plus population in Schoharie County and surrounding areas. They are located at 127 Kenyon Road, Cobleskill, NY 12043. For more information, call (518) 254-7040.



The George S., and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Chapter winners are pictured here. On the left is Brianna Dervlin of Middleburgh, Mr. Richard C. Smith SAR Chaplain presenting, and Yasmin Issa of Sharon Springs. Contestants submit an essay based on an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. Photos by Bob Duso.

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Annual Keep Mohawk Valley Initiative Kicks Off in April 19th for Schoharie County

SCHOHARIE - Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful (KMVB), a six-county NYS affiliate of the national Keep America Beautiful (KAB) program, is launching the 22nd annual Great American Cleanup. The Schoharie County kick-off event will

take place on April 19th at 287 Main Street, Schoharie, at 2:00 pm.

KMVB is a standing committee of the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, Inc. (MVEDD), and represents Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego and Schoharie Counties. KAB estimates that there are still 2,000 pieces of litter per mile along roadways and waterways in this country – but we can all do something to help.

This year's kick-off event for Schoharie County will be co-hosted by MVEDD, Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation (SEEC) and the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce. The public is encouraged to attend the kick-off event, but also to register a clean-up

or beautification project. Registering your clean up allows KMVB to report the impact of our region's efforts to the KAB national office. When you register, the KMVB team will coordinate your cleanup efforts and provide you with supplies, such as trash bags and gloves. To register your team visit www.mvedd.org/kmvb.

Last year, over 1,700 volunteers across the Mohawk Valley collectively removed 3,100 bags of litter from parks, roadways, and waterways. The cleanup and beautification efforts of KMVB have far reaching positive impacts on the environment, communities, and even the mental well being of the residents of the Mohawk Valley.

The Mohawk Valley Eco-

nomie Development District (MVEDD) and Schoharie Economic Enterprise Corporation (SEEC) will be on-site to sign up groups or answer any questions. This is a great opportunity for businesses, corporations, youth groups, and sports teams to give back to their community.

For more information, or to report a site that needs to be cleaned or rehabilitated, email info@mvedd.org. You may also follow KMVB on Facebook (Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful – KMVB) for additional information. To donate funding or materials, register your team, or access the sponsorship package, visit www.mvedd.org/kmvb or call (315) 866-4671.

NOTICE *revised & re-issued*

A vacancy exists in the Schoharie County Health Department in the position of

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR

Starting Salary: \$54,810 (CSEA grade 18)

The work involves responsibility for planning, preparing and completing projects relative to an emergency-ready public health department. Incumbent upgrades, integrates and evaluates local public health preparedness for responses to terrorism, pandemic diseases, and other public health emergencies with federal, state, local, private and non-governmental organizations. These efforts are intended to support continuous improvement of a national system of public health emergency preparedness that uses Centers for Disease Control preparedness goals and associated measures to monitor public health system response performance. Incumbent may be assigned either to lead major projects or complete phases or projects. The work may also involve the coordination of grant-funded activities with other municipal departments, collecting and analyzing data, and preparing documents necessary for community and economic preparedness activities. The work is performed under the general supervision of the Public Health Director. Does related work as required.

This will be a provisional appointment; permanent appointment will be contingent upon successful completion of a Civil Service examination and becoming reachable on the resulting eligible list.

Candidates interested in being considered for this position must submit an employment application to the Schoharie County Department of Personnel & Civil Service, 284 Main Street, PO Box 675, Schoharie, NY 12157, (e-mail: civilservice@co.schoharie.ny.us) by the close of business on **APRIL 18, 2023**.

Applications may be obtained in the Personnel Office or online at: www.schohariecounty-ny.gov

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

(A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a master's degree or higher in Public Health; OR

(B) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a bachelor's degree in Public Health, Education, Health Science, Nursing, Emergency Management, Human Services, the Natural Sciences, or a closely-related field; and two (2) years of paid professional experience in Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, or in planning, implementing, coordinating or administering a public health program; OR

(C) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an associate's degree in a field listed in (B); and four (4) years of paid professional experience as outlined in (B).

NOTE: Part-time experience can be pro-rated to equal full-time, based on number of hours worked per week, and a higher level of education in Education, Health Science, Nursing, Emergency Management, Human Services, the Natural Sciences, or a closely-related field can be pro-rated for experience up to one year under minimum qualification (B).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: This class requires frequent travel. Incumbents will be required to possess a valid, appropriate level, New York State Motor Vehicle operator's license, or otherwise demonstrate the ability to meet the travel needs of the job.

****In accordance with NYS Public Health Law, appointee must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at time of appointment and provide proof of vaccination status****

New Classes at Landis

Recalibrate: Silent Excursions

Tuesdays, May 23, June 20, July 18, and August 22

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Meet at the Farm House

Registration: Members: \$20; non-members: \$30 per class session

Lock your phone in the car. Bring your journal.

Recalibrate is a way to reset your relationship to your senses. All day, every day we are bombarded with information: from colleagues, from family, from our chosen entertainment. Screens have become such an integral part of our lives. While they are a useful tool, they can cause overwhelm if not managed properly.

We will begin with a centering and breathing practice, along with some gentle stretching. Then we'll choose to stay silent as we walk. We shall observe as we walk to a point we can pause to sit, contemplate, and journal. We will finish with

the opportunity for quiet conversation on the way back to the car.

Instructor: Vanessa Chambers, Certified Yoga Instructor. Visit the website for more information on Vanessa.

Register for each class separately; click on the session date above to register. Attend any or all. Class size is limited to 12; class will be cancelled if fewer than 7 register.

Know and Nurture: Outdoor Yoga at Landis

Sundays, May 7, June 4, July 9, August 6, and September 24.

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: The Peace Pavilion

Registration: Members \$20, nonmembers \$30 per session

Know & Nurture: Tools to help you redirect your attention inward. An adventure of self exploration.

There will be 5 yoga workshops over the length of the growing season, each designed to create a framework through which you can experience

who you are. You will notice (without judgement) how you act/react to the yoga practices offered. This is a microcosm of your life. You will be given the opportunity to connect the way you behave in a yoga class to the rest of your life.

Each workshop will be between 75 & 90 minutes and include centering and intention setting, breath direction techniques, physical postures, resting, and meditation.

Bring a mat, and any props you have (blocks, blankets, pillows, eye pillows, straps). Classes will be held outside, so please consider bug spray. Each workshop will include time at the conclusion of meditation to journal about your experience. Don't forget a journal and pen.

Register for each class separately; click on the session date above to register. Attend any or all. Class maximum is 15 participants; class will be cancelled with fewer than 7 registrants.



NOTICE

A vacancy exists in the Schoharie County Health Department in the position of

DEPUTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

Starting Salary: \$73,084

Incumbent has responsibility for assisting the Public Health Director in the overall administration of health department programs and activities. Responsibilities include budget preparation, fiscal management, data collection, cost analysis studies, and assisting in the planning and development of programmatic policies and procedures. The work is performed under the general direction of the director, with a high level of autonomy. Incumbent acts for and in place of the director in their absence. Supervision is exercised over assigned departmental staff. Does related work as required.

This will be a provisional appointment; permanent appointment will be contingent upon successful completion of a Civil Service examination and becoming reachable on the resulting eligible list.

Candidates interested in being considered for this position must submit an employment application to the Schoharie County Department of Personnel & Civil Service, 284 Main Street, PO Box 675, Schoharie, NY 12157, (e-mail: CivilService@co.schoharie.ny.us) by the close of business on **APRIL 17, 2023**

Applications may be obtained in the Personnel Office or online at: www.schohariecounty-ny.gov

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Possession of a Bachelor's degree in Public Health, Health Administration, Nursing, Environmental Health, or a closely-related field; and two (2) years of professional supervisory or administrative-level experience in a recognized public or private health-related agency.

NOTE: A higher level of education can be pro-rated for experience up to one year.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Incumbent must possess a valid New York State driver's license or otherwise demonstrate the ability to meet the travel needs of the job.

Charlotteville Schoolhouse Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale

Sunday April 16, 8:00-11:00 AM, at the corner of Baptist Church Road and Charlotte Valley Road in Charlotteville All You Can Eat.

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Lt. Gov. Delgado Keynote Speaker at Annual Chamber Dinner

COBLESKILL – The Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the keynote speaker at their Annual Dinner will be the Antonio Delgado, the Lieutenant Governor for the State of New York. The Emcee for the event will be Channel 10 News Chief Meteorologist Steve Caporizzo. The Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023

from 6 PM to 9 PM at The Olde Tater Barn in Central Bridge. Tickets are \$60 per person. The dinner will also feature local business gift basket raffle, a 50/ 50 raffle, and swag bags for all attendees.

The Chamber Annual Dinner is an event where Outstanding businesses, non-profits and individuals are recognized for outstanding service to Schoharie County.

Being honored this year at the dinner are: Business of the Year - R. L. Parsons; Non-Profit Business of the Year - Landis Arboretum; Community Leader of the Year - Alicia Terry; Lifetime Achievement Award - Maureen Lodes; New Business of the Year - David's Eateries; and People's Choice Award - The Arc Lexington.

For more information and to purchase tickets online,

please visit the Schoharie County Chamber website at

<https://m/annual-dinner/> or call <https://schohariechamber.co> (518) 295-8824.

Win Tickets to Yankee Stadium or Citi Field in Mountain Eagle's Baseball Trivia Contest

It's Week Two for the Mountain Eagle's famous baseball trivia contest!

The first place winner of the contest will receive two tickets to a Mets or Yankees game this summer. The second place winner will receive will get two tickets to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. The third place winner will get a \$20 gift certificate for Yastrzemski Sports on Main Street in Cooperstown.

Just answer the five questions each week and mail in your answers.

Since we live in New York, the questions will center around the Yankees and Mets. Now we know, in the age of the Internet, you can Google the answer to almost

anything in five seconds, and we can't stop you from doing that. But, TRY, to answer these questions on your own.

This week's questions will focus on Citi Field firsts:

1. Who did the Mets play the first game on April 13, 2009?
2. Who was the Mets' starting pitcher?
3. Who won the game?
4. Who batted leadoff for the Mets that day?
5. Who had the Mets first hit in the new stadium?

Answers to last week's questions:

1. What former Brooklyn Dodger was the starting pitcher for the first two Mets opening days? Roger Craig.

2. The Yankees last won the World Series in 2009. Who was their opening day starting pitcher? CC Sabathia

3. The Mets last won the World Series in 1986. Who was their opening day starting pitcher? Dwight Gooden.

4. What year was the first that Babe Ruth was in the opening day lineup for the Yankees? 1920

5. In 1962, who had the first hit for the New York Mets and who hit the first home run? Gus Bell and Gil Hodges, respectively.

Next week, Yankee Stadium firsts.

Good luck and keep rooting for the "home teams." David Avitabile

Attention Retired Educators of Schoharie County

If you are a retired educator (teacher, administrator, or teaching assistant) who taught or is currently living in Schoharie County, you are cordially invited to the spring meeting of the Schoharie County Retired Teachers Association (SCRTA) on May 17, 2023 at Chieftans

Restaurant in Cobleskill, NY. The meeting starts at 10:30 AM with lunch to follow at noon.

The SCRTA is part of the Retired Educators of New York (RENY) with a variety of objectives of interest to retired educators. We welcome our newest retired educators to join us and share their

experiences during these very challenging times.

Reservations and payment for the luncheon must be made before May 8. For additional information, call President Leslie Hooper at 518 827 4754. Please include your contact information if you are leaving a message.

Police Blotter



on 05/02/2023 at 2:00 PM.

Friday, March 31, 2023

At 10:45 AM, Cobleskill Police executed a bench warrant from Cobleskill Town Court and arrested Rachel Corsi, 37, homeless, for failure to appear on a previous charge. She was arraigned in Schoharie County CAP Court at 6:00 PM and remanded to Schoharie County Correctional Facility to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 04/04/2023 at 2:00 PM.

At 11:30 AM, Cobleskill Police executed an arrest warrant from Cobleskill Town Court and arrested Rachel Corsi, 37, homeless, for possession of a forged instrument in the third degree and petit larceny. She was arraigned at Schoharie County CAP Court at 6:00 PM. and

remanded to Schoharie County Correctional Facility to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 04/04/2023 at 2:00 PM.

At 3:22 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Walter Colgan, 60, of Cobleskill, N.Y. for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree and one other vehicle and traffic law violation. He was issued traffic tickets to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 05/02/2023 at 2:00 PM.

At 7:42 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Anthony Evenson, 23, of Canajoharie, N.Y. for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree and one other vehicle and traffic law violation. He was issued traffic tickets to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 05/02/2023 at 2:00 PM.

Monday, March 27, 2023

At 11:31 AM, Cobleskill Police arrested Rostam Freitag, 42, of Cobleskill, N.Y. for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the second degree. He was issued a traffic ticket to appear in Cobleskill Town Court on 05/02/2023 at 2:00 PM.

Thursday, March 30, 2023

At 5:42 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Kelly Austin, 49, of Jefferson, N.Y. for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the second degree and one other vehicle and traffic law violation. She was issued traffic tickets to appear in Cobleskill Town Court

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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) by the close of business on **APRIL 12, 2023**

Applications may be obtained in the Personnel Office or online at:

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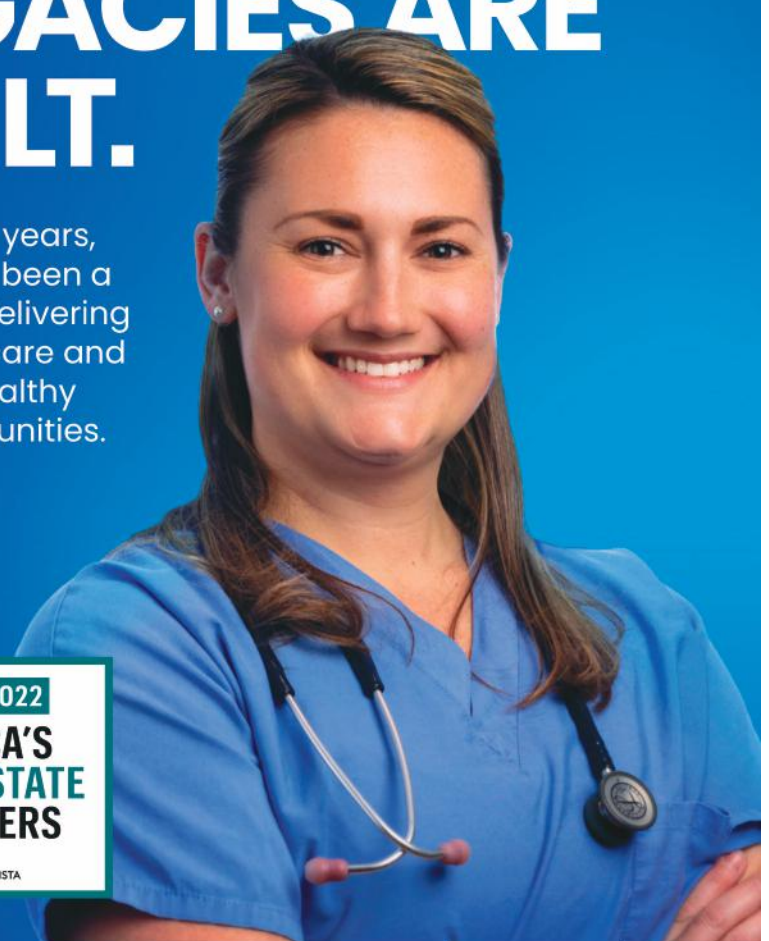
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Physics Fun at CRCS



Rolling rockets. Overcoming the forces of drag, friction, and gravity. The kids learn what it takes to make it happen this week at CRCS. Photos by Bob Duso.



Fire! The rockets are off, and running. Who's rocket overcomes the forces of nature?

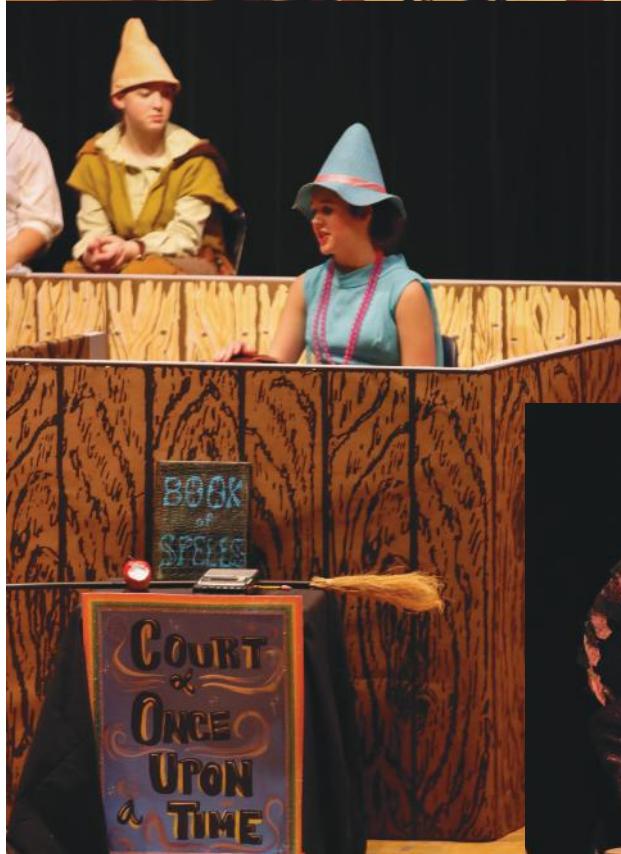
The 5th grade class from Radez school in Richmondville were invited to the Cobleskill-Richmondville Central school by Mr. Power's science teacher, and the high school students who helped with the event. The event gave the 5th graders a chance to see what lies ahead of them. They all seemed to enjoy learning.

On Trial!



ABOVE: The wicked witch played by Rebecca Redmond, and her lawyer the evil stepmother, played by Molly Hay.

BELOW: The "Wicked Witch" Rebecca Redmond reacts to the charges she faces. Keep an eye out for flying houses. Good luck!



The Wicked witch has finally been caught, and has been brought before the court. Justice presiding? Why it's the Fairy Godmother of course, played by Claire Brownell, who runs a tight ship.



Cast photograph taken before the play. Makeup checks are complete, and everyone is ready to do their part. Break a leg! Photos by Bob Duso.

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YOUR LOCAL HAPPENINGS FOR SHARON SPRINGS

Sharon Things

By Alexis Pencar
Hey Neighbors!
Happy Easter Holiday to you all!

It was the Spring Awakening in the Village last week with lots of activity on Main Street! The weather was rainy but warm for the event most of Saturday and then we felt the lows again on Sunday. Overall it is nice to have the shops in the Village open again for the season!

Looks like we're in for some warmer temperatures with highs in the 70s on the horizon and some nice sunny days too. This is also the time of year we encounter highs and lows with 30-degree-plus ranges and changes. We're not out of the woods yet with continued freezing lows at night over the weekend.

There are a number of openings for the Village Board and even one for the School Board coming up! If you're interested in making even more of a difference in your community, inquire to each organization for more information.

After the burst pipe last week, with work that went on longer than expected, the Water and Sewer Project construction has continued with major closures on Chestnut St.

Brimstone Bakery is open during this big change, with lots of construction, so stop by for a delicious coffee, pastry, or even lunch today! If the road happens to be closed, you can use the alternate route by heading West on

Route 20, then making a left on Sawmill Road and then following that back down until it meets with Chestnut Street, bringing you in from the other direction.

Sharon Springs Rescue Squad

The Sharon Springs Rescue Squad is a cornerstone of our community! With many active members, they are always looking for new volunteers for Drivers, First Responders, Social Members, and EMT's. SSRS will fund any training that is needed. SSRS meets the first Monday of the month at 7 pm and would be happy to answer any questions with how you can support your community.

Sharon Springs Free Library

Saturday, April 15 is Tax Day! Have some food on us! Join our nutrition educator, Kimberly, at the Sharon Springs Free Library Community Room for a fun, interactive class that will feature the hands-on preparation—and tasting!—of a delicious, affordable, healthy dish. All ages welcome, and advance registration is requested. Saturday, April 15, 2023, 11:00 AM until noon. Contact the library at 518-284-3126 or Hthomas1@mvls.info.

Friday, April 21 at 6:00 pm, Book Discussion on "The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections" by Eva Jurczyk. In it, a young librarian left to run things finds that the library's most prized manuscript is missing.

Thanks to all patrons and visitors who made this year's Annual Great Book Giveaway a Great success, by bringing and taking books and by leaving generous cash donations. The Community Room is open with the remaining books, and all are welcome to come browse and help themselves during our open hours this week. We are back to our regular hours now (Monday and Thursday 10 - 6, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 3 - 8 and Saturday 10 - 1. That is two extra hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday that you can come browse.

We now have puzzles you can check out to take home and do on the long rainy days of spring. We have checked them all and all the pieces are there. Donations of puzzles are welcome to increase our collection if you care to share any you have.

Trivia Question from last week:

True or False? Conservators require white cotton gloves when handling rare books.

The answer is False. Although there is a public perception that this is the case, conservators shy away from wearing white cotton gloves when handling rare books. The gloves, they say, might cause the handler to drop or damage the books because they are loose fitting. Rubber gloves on the other hand, are too resistant and might cause tears. Handling rare books with bare hands and great care is the rule.

Children's Reading Group is on Thursday mornings from 10-11 AM and includes story time, crafts, and a snack for pre-

school and homeschool children up to third grade. For more Library information please contact (518) 284-3126.

Worship Services

The Sharon Reformed Church (6858 State Route 10, Sharon Springs, NY 13459) offers weekly service at 10:30 am. Contact at (518) 234-2387 for more details.

The Sharon Springs United Methodist Church (511 State Route 20, Sharon Springs, NY, 13459) offers weekly service at 10:30 am. Contact at (518) 284-2200 for more details.

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's Springs, NY 13459).

They are always accepting donations! If you or someone you know is in need of the Pantry, the hours are Thursday 9:00 am -10:30 am and 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm.

Senior Congregate Meal

Site Linda Wegner, Sharon Springs Meal Site Manager, invites local residents to enjoy some good company and a noon-time meal year round (except holidays) at the "Spa Ritz" Senior Congregate Meal Site at the Firehouse at 137 Beechwood Rd. M-W-F. All orders for meals must be called into the Schoharie County Office for the Aging at 518-295-2001 by 2 p.m. for the following day. A suggested donation of \$4 is accepted from those 60 years old and older. Under age 60? You're welcome to participate for a fee of \$5.

To share community news, upcoming events, business specials, adjusted hours, birthdays, anniversaries, or even an outstanding resident, please reach out to: (772) 971-1410 or alexis.pencar@gmail.com.



Sharon Springs Central School Clay Target Team received another donation to start off their season from the American Legion Post 248 in Middleburgh this past week!



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Bravo!



Spanish 3 period 6 performing "Nuestra Cancion" at the Bravo event CRCS theater.



French 4 period 4 performing "Mi Gente" by J. Balwin, Willy Williams

Bravo! An International Lip-Sync Contest Performed by the language classes of the high school. A special thank you was given to Mr. Michael Lent and the stage crew for their dedication and hard work for this and every event that takes place. They are amazing.

NBC Supports SUNY Foundation with Corporate Partners Scholarship Program

COXSACKIE / COBLESKILL – The National Bank of Cossackie has donated \$1,000 towards the SUNY Cobleskill Foundations Corporate Partners Scholarship Program.

The Corporate Partners Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to SUNY Cobleskill students in the form of business supported annual scholarships. To be eligible, students must be enrolled on a fulltime basis, demonstrate financial need, and have a GPA of 2.5 or above. This scholarship aids in covering the cost of books, technology, academic fees, equipment, room and board, and other crucial non-tuition educational related needs.

"We are so pleased and thankful for the generous commitments by area businesses in support of our corporate scholarship program," said John Zacharek, SUNY Cobleskill Vice President for Development and Executive Director for the SUNY Cobleskill Foundation. "For \$1,000, a company like National Bank of Cossackie can name a scholarship for the year, which can make an enormous difference to an aspiring student pursuing a degree



From left: NBC Middleburgh Assistant Manager Brenda Bellinger, NBC Middleburgh Head Teller Tina Fischer, NBC Middleburgh Branch Manager Heather Kelly, SUNY Cobleskill Director of Development and Corporate Partnerships Nick DeCaprio, MBA, M.Ed., and NBC Commercial Loan Officer Keven Mathes

through our unique applied learning approach. The success of our students, 98 percent of whom enter their career field or go on to pursue a higher degree within a year of their graduation, is testament that a Cobleskill education truly works."

"National Bank of Cossackie is always looking for ways to support our local communities," Middleburgh Branch Manager Heather Kelly commented,

"especially if it can be directed towards our youth who have a need."

Keven Mathes, NBC Commercial Loan Officer went on to say, "NBC is excited to support students studying at Suny Cobleskill through its participation in the college's Corporate Partnerships Scholarship Program. Through our relationship we are happy to provide an impactful way to help students afford their college education."



Spanish 4 Period 4 performing their dance number "Mi gente". What a show, they did great. Photos by Bob Duso.

Free Trees for Village for Arbor Day

By Alexis Pencar

SHARON SPRINGS — The Village of Sharon Springs has scheduled a native tree giveaway with educational sessions this Spring in celebration of Arbor Day! The Village is sponsoring this event in preparation for its upcoming application for Tree City USA.

Arbor Day in New York State is April 28th so the newly appointed Tree Board has met and planned a wonderful educational community event the Saturday & Sunday following, April 29th & 30th, from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm both days.

Along with the tree giveaway and an educational session from a local

Arborist, look out for a craft for kids and additional information about your new tree!

At this time, the trees that will be offered are Sand Cherry and Winterberry. These particular trees are native to our area and will help promote new and long-term tree growth in the Village. Supplies will be limited and there will be a sign up sheet for more ongoing details on continued events like workshops, family-friendly events, etc.

The Village is working towards becoming one of 3,652 other communities that 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.

This newly scheduled event will be the first of its kind and a very positive direction for the Village of Sharon Springs! For more information on this event, look out for more news coverage here as well as flyers around the Village soon!



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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

CROP Hunger Walk Coming to Cobleskill

The 2023 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.

Twenty-five percent of all money turned in that day will go to three food pantries in Schoharie County. The remaining 75% will go to Church World Service for distribution in the United States and across the world.

The letters in CROP stand for "Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty." When Church World Service originally created the first CROP Walks after World War II, the word CROP stood for "Christian Relief Overseas Project." The Church World Service's top priority has always been providing aid to the people in foreign countries, especially third-world nations in Africa.

Like last year's fundraiser, this year's local CROP Hunger Walk will be a combination of

in-person and virtual. People who want to walk in person on May 7 will meet before 1:30 at Cobleskill United Methodist Church to turn in their donation envelopes as they register.

A short program will start at 1:30, the Walk itself about ten minutes later. The 2023 CROP Hunger Walk follows a course of 2.8 miles around Cobleskill. Maps and directions will be available for participants. Markers will not be posted along the route.

People who want to walk virtually can walk any distance of their choosing whenever and wherever they want before May 7. Virtual Walkers do not have to walk in Cobleskill. No one from the CROP Hunger Walk planning team will ask how far a virtual Walker went to earn a 2023 tee shirt.

Virtual Walkers not going to Cobleskill UMC on May 7 to pick up their tee shirts need to tell their church recruiters their tee shirt sizes before

May 7 so that the recruiters can pick up the shirts on CROP Hunger Walk Sunday and deliver them to virtual Walkers on the following weekend.

However, virtual Walkers can turn in their donation envelopes and get their tee shirts before 1:30 on May 7 at Cobleskill United Methodist Church.

The members of the planning team for this year's Schoharie County Aggie Scott Memorial CROP Hunger Walk are Registration Coordinator Tracy Smith, Local CROP Treasurer Becky Leggieri and Event Arranger John Jarvis.

At press time, four Schoharie County churches and one from Albany County will provide the Walkers for the event either in-person or virtually.

Team Empie will be back again this year.

People with questions about the annual fundraiser can call 518-234-2933 for more information.

Puttin' on the Spa Ritz



Some "Spa Ritz" meal participants celebrated spring's arrival by enjoying lunch of Swedish meatballs and egg noodles and playing spring trivia.

By Alexis Pencar

SHARON SPRINGS — The Sharon Silver & Gold Senior Club will hold its next meeting at 12 noon on Friday, April 14th at the Office for the Aging's Meal Site in the Village of Sharon Springs at the Firehouse (137 Beechwood Road).

The Silver & Gold Senior Club meets each month and provides enriching activities and positively contributes to the lives of so many! Members of this club come from surrounding areas including Sharon, Cherry Valley, Cobleskill, Ames, and beyond.

With Seniors of all ages, this vibrant group is warm and welcoming to all! It's a great place to make new friends or just add a fun activity to your schedule!

For the Silver & Gold April luncheon, celebrating Spring, expect a delicious and nutritious meal of roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, shredded red cabbage, vegetable blend, and angel food cake with strawberries. A

business meeting and presentation by Bob Muller of Sun Mountain Apiary in Delanson will follow.

Area Seniors interested in more information about the Club should contact Anne Lennebacker, President, at 607-547-9055. Those interested in attending the April 14th luncheon meeting must call the "Spa Ritz" Meal Site by April 12th at 518-284-2883 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 10 AM and 2 PM.

Linda Wegner, Sharon Springs Meal Site Manager,

invites local residents to enjoy some good company and a noon-time meal year round (except holidays) at the "Spa Ritz" Sr Congregate Meal Site at the Firehouse at 137 Beechwood Rd. M-W-F. All orders for meals must be called into the Schoharie County Office for the Aging at 518-295-2001 by 2 p.m. for the following day. A suggested donation of \$4 is accepted from those 60 years old and older. Under age 60? You're welcome to participate for a fee of \$5.



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