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Driscoll Takes Over For Eisel In Harpersfield

By Liz Page

Harpersfield Town Board cult decisions. last Wednesday as long-

HARPERSFIELD - It stepped down, due to was a difficult meeting health reasons, and the for members of the board made some diffi-

town supervisor, appointed by her fellow board members. Dwayne Hill was seated as a member Council member Lisa of the town council, ap-

council seat.

effective Feb. 17. He a number of years as has served on the town chairman of the Delaware covery as he resigns to board for more than County Board of Super- look after his health.

time Supervisor Jim Eisel Driscoll will take over as pointed to fill Driscoll's years, most of that time visors. as town supervisor, a job Eisel's resignation was he loves. He also served

For now, his fellow council members are wishing him speedy re-

Delhi Council Denies Bramley Mountain Fire Tower Contract

Members of Public Request Code Officer Be Terminated

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - Delhi Council members were bombarded by public outcry at a regular meeting on Feb. 13. Several residents respectfully requested town support in resurrecting the Bramley Mountain Fire Tower, while others expressed discontent with Building and Code Enforcement Officer Dale Downin, demanding his immediate dismissal.

The Friends of Bramley Mountain Fire tower have been working to resurrect the original fire tower for several years and have since raised over \$100,000 for the project. The Friends of Bramley Mountain Fire Towsaid the group would be reassociated with the project, including ongoing maintenance. The Catskill Watershed Corporation agreed to guarantee \$30,000 for deconstruction if needed.

Roberti asked the council to accept the building permit, develop a memorandum of

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agreement (MOA) with the group, and work with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on a land use application.

DEP drafted a contract requiring a municipal entity to take responsibility for liability, deconstruction, and other associated needs for the tower if it is to be resurrected on what is DEPowned property. Council members voted not to sign the contract 3-2 following an executive session with the town attorney. Council members Matthew Krzyston and Christina Viafore voted to move forward with a DEP contract, while council memer President Anne Roberti bers Margaret Baldwin, William Cairns, and Supersponsible for the total costs visor Mark Tuthill voted against it.

"I felt the agreement with the City was workable, and it was something that the town should do, especially considering we previously passed a resolution to support the volunteers on this project," Krzyston said after



Friends of Bramley Mountain Fire Tower President Anne Roberti askes Delhi council members to support the resurrection of the tower.

the meeting.

In 2019, council members passed a resolution backing the initiative, which states liability for the tower could be placed on the town's insurance so long as the group completed specific guidelines, including safe erection, permanent reserve account for deconstruction, provide ongoing maintenance, and provide supervision when the tower is open to the public.

"I feel that the volunteers did what they said they would do, but the Town did not," Krzyston continued, "I will keep working with the Friends of Bramley Mountain Fire Tower to move the project forward through oth-

the tower but that the town can not enter into an agreement with the city due to the requirements.

In an interview the following day, Tuthill said, "We would like to see them build it on non-city owned land. There were so many unknowns about cost, control, and what the town would be responsible for." If the group were to pursue resurrection on the walking

paths owned by Delaware Academy Central School District along New York Route 28, the town would support that, he added as a suggested alternative.

After hearing about the town's decision, Delaware County Economic Development Director Glenn Nealis said the project could have been completed this year if the contract had been signed. "From a tourism perspective, it is a great idea," he said, "Everyone goes to the Adirondacks to hike fire towers, it's really popular." According to Nealis, the group can seek municipal support from Bovina, which borders the mountain or the county.

During public comment, Laurie Rankin, director of NYS chapter of forest fire lookout association, informed the council of other fire tower restoration projects which have been ongoing for 25 years in the Catskill region. Over 50 towers have been restored throughout the state since the 1990s with the help of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Rankin said she is unaware of any accidents or injuries at the restored Catskill towers over the 25 years. The structure

will benefit residents by providing a new recreational source, improving health through hiking, and being a multi-faceted educational resource for school districts.

Group board member John Sandman, and Catskill Mountain Club board member, said the Bramley Mountain Trail draws over 3,300 hikers annually and is estimated to draw around 10,000 if the tower is erected. Based on statistics from the Economic Valuation Study for Public Lands in the Central Catskills, Sandman estimates the tower could bring over \$400,000 in visitor spending to Delaware County annually. "The fire tower will, no doubt, provide a huge economic benefit to the Town of Delhi." he concluded

Other public concerns addressed during the comment period were regarding Delhi Code Enforcement Officer Dale Downin.

Dirt Road Camp owner Brad Lockwood and local welder Richard Ambrose requested Downin's immediate dismissal due to building permit concerns at the camp.

The camp was ordered to shut down by New York State Department of Health and the town during the summer of 2022. The camp

wood to gain appropriate permitting and re-open.

The situation has become a "personal vendetta," said Ambrose. The code violations were based on false claims, and Downin has "grotesquely abused rights by failing to file proper paperwork and unjustly shutting down the camp," he said. Ambrose added that he would not subcontract with any projects in the Delhi area due to untimely paperwork, which delays projects.

"He (Downin) does not provide paperwork, respond, and the paperwork he does supply is contradictory of that of the state," said Lockwood. "I have tried to work with you in good faith, but nothing is moving forward."

Later during the town meeting, Tuthill said, "There are two sides to everything, and if you only listen to one, then it can get skewed. There are issues we are working on. I am happy with everything that Dale is doing as code enforcement officer."

In other business:

The clerk will advertise bids for moving the pool, playground, town hall, and garage.

Code enforcement issued three building permits, conducted nine inspections, and six conferences, issued one certificate of compliance, and drove 88 miles in Janu-

The next Delhi council meeting is scheduled Mar.

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and Bob Anderson 258-0X Other Delhi shooters were: Dennis Klimowski and Fred Robertson

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Pistol League Scores

Team and High Individual Match Scores 02/10/2023

Oneonta defeats Rockdale: 1083-14X to 1053-

Stamford defeated Delhi: 1090-9X to 1061-11X

Top shooters for Stamford were: Gus Mueller

Also shooting for Stamford were: Steve Baker,

High Scores for Delhi were: Kevin Gutliph 269-

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280-3X; Cliff Christman 271-5X; Larry VanDeusen

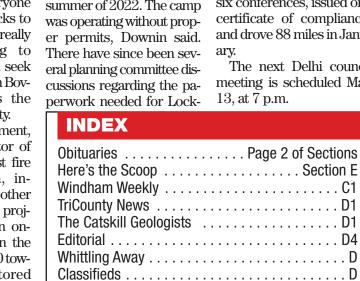
271-0X; and John Wyckoff 268-1X

Walton beat Sidney: 1079-9X to 938-5X

Win/Loss Record:

Gifford, and Bill DeSilva

Stamford:	16-0
Walton:	12-3
Oneonta:	7-9
Rockdale:	5-10
Sidney:	4-11
Delhi:	2-13









Obituaries Marcello Dianich



Marcello Dianich, 93, of Jamaica NY sadly left us on February 9, 2023 with family at his side.

He was born in Valdarsa, Italy to Marcello and Luiga Dianich and was the oldest sibling of 4.

Marcello worked many years on cargo ships sending money back to his family in Italy and eventually immigrated to the U.S. He found work in the restaurant industry and with his love for cooking worked his way up to a Chef position at the Waldorf-Astoria while living with his brothers in lower Manhattan. He retired after many years as a Head Chef at Danny's Hide A Way in Manhattan which was his most favorite place to work.

He bought a house in Jamaica Queens from his brother with a big back yard where he loved gardening and took pride in his garden and huge grapevines and making his own wine. Marcello talked to his sister in Italy often and visited when he could and came upstate to Stamford to see his brothers as well as his niece and nephews and family.

Surviving is his sister: Alma Arcese and family in Italy; his sister-in-law: Maria Dianich: nieces and nephews: Michael Dianich and family, Dorine Muller

and family, Anthony Dianich and family, Joe Dianich and family; along with Robert Oates of Jamaica Queens who was his longtime friend and caregiver.

He was predeceased by his brother Silvio Dianich of Stamford and most recently his brother Guerrino Dianich of Stamford, and his lifelong companion Irene Hlinka of Jamaica Queens.

Calling hours are on Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 9:30-11:30 am at the MacArthur Funeral Home, 15 Buntline Drive, Stamford, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12noon on Saturday at Sacred Heart Church, Stamford.

Please www.macarthurfh.com to share a condolence with the Dianich family.

Bovina Council Concerned With NYS Building & Construction Requirements

Towns could lose code enforcement authority if local laws are not passed

By Mary A. Crisafulli BOVINA - Bovina council members were advised by the town attorney Alison Davidson on Feb. 14 following a public hearing proposed regarding amendments to the local law regarding state uniform building and construction code.

Local municipalities have authority to create and enforce building, construction, and fire codes provided they adhere to New York State minimum standards, referred to as the uniform code. The state revised the uniform code in 2020 following the goals mandated in its 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. Municipalities were given until Dec. 31. 2022, to revise local code enforcement laws to meet the state's new minimum standards. If local towns refuse to adopt the minimum requirements, they will be deemed unfit to oversee the code and the responsibility falls to the county. If the county does not assume the standards, the authority to enforce and develop code will fall to the state. Essentially municipalities have no choice but to adopt the standards or release local power to the state.

Councilmember Dominic Gullow had several questions regarding the effects of amendments on local farmers. One amendment includes a requirement for any highpiled combustible item storage of over 500 square feet to have a permit. Every sap house has the wood over this amount, are they required to get a permit, he asked.

Davidson will explore what protections farmers have from amendments due to the Right to Farm

According to Davidson, Code Enforcement Officer Dale Downin has already applied the new uniform code to permit added that the new imincreased workload on local enforcement officers.

Supervisor Tina Molé asked for additional comments from Downin regarding the revisions to be obtained. "My concern is that this is opening the door for additional requirements or restrictions as a broader mission of the state." Molé also suggested reaching out to surrounding town officials to see if there is a common position to be taken.

As advised by Davidson, Bovina council members unanimously voted to table the law's adoption until more information is gathered. According to Davidson, several municipalities still need to adopt such amendments and are still reviewing them.

In another discussion, the council appointed members to the recently developed committee to update the comprehensive plan. Following an executive session, council members Donna Dickson Noonan and Marni Greenberg were appointed, along with Don Farley and Chris Ingvordsen, as planning board representatives. Residents Shanapplications. Davidson non Shoemaker, Matthew plementations place an LaFever, Faith Burns, and Bonnie Denison were also appointed to the commit-

tee. In other business:

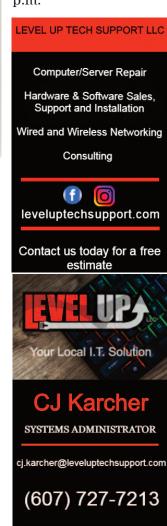
Kristin Janke Scheider was appointed to the planning board.

Dubbins estimated to replace the 30-year-old heating system at the community hall at approximately \$85,000. The estimate was cheaper than anticipated due to moving to a one-furnace system rather than two.

The next Bovina Council meeting is scheduled Tuesday, Mar. 14, at 6







Negotiations for City Land Easements Continue DelCo Representatives Push for Reduction of Easement Provisions

By Mary A. Crisafulli DELHI - Delaware County Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett reported on ongoing negotiations regarding recently approved New York State Department of Health (DOH) revisions to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Filtration

Avoidance Determination

(FAD) agreement at a com-

mittee meeting on Feb. 9.

After several Delaware and Catskill watershed stakeholders opposed the initial draft revisions, DOH finalized the FAD agreement requiring DEP to continue negotiations with stakeholders to address concerns. Opposition primarily focused on DEP's land and streamside acquisition programs, which are not directly mandated by FAD. According to stakeholders. acquisition programs cause economic concerns, as they prevent construction on such land due to conserva-

tion easements. According to Johnson-Bennett, a primary goal is to adjust land easement language to include the ability to construct utilities. According to Johnson-Bennett, city representatives are in agreement with the language adjustment. Johnson-Bennett hopes to encourage proposed solar or wind turbine farms to be constructed on city-owned lands, which could preserve other agriculturally viable

Stakeholders will also request a reduction of the total allowable solicitation and acquisition of acres. The previous agreement allowed for up to 50,000 acres of solicitation plans annually. Stakeholders are expected to request no more than 500 acres be acquired by the city per year West of the Hudson Watershed, said Johnson-Bennett.

Representatives from Delaware County's planning department, soil and water conservation district, and legal council will attend negotiations.

In another discussion. Johnson-Bennett reported the department is exploring the 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and its impacts on local municipalities. Possible concerns include revisions to solid waste management procedures and affordable housing goals.

According to Johnson-Bennett, Governor Cathy Hochul's proposal to develop 100,000 climate-friendly affordable homes in urban and rural communities needs to be better informed. The initiative does not consider local zoning codes or the lack of such regulations in upstate New York and instead violates the constitution's home rule, she said. In addition, she continued, affordable housing is not the main issue in rural communities; instead, they re-

quire workforce housing. Another possible concern for the county is the general goal for zero emissions, which will require homeowners to rely on electricity in their homes, Johnson-Bennett continued. During the last severe weather event, she explained that electric companies had difficulty reaching and repairing all the downed poles in the county due to rough road conditions. Delaware County does not have places for people to shelter as a city would, and if they are relying on electric heat, it could leave many of our aging population freezing

to death, she said.

The department will continue to review legislation for possible concerns.

In another discussion, Johnson-Bennett reported continued planning for the upcoming IRT medical services event scheduled for July in Walton. United States Military personnel will be stationed in the county to provide medical services, including dental, vision, well checks, optometry, behavioral health, and veterinarian services. All medical assistance received will be free of charge for county residents, with no income level requirements. The team is currently working to secure equipment for pet neutering so the service can be offered. They are also working on planning a thank-you dinner for military personnel and assuring local business involvement. The hope, said Johnson-Bennett, is that military personnel working the event "fall in love with Delaware County and want to come back to live or raise families."

The next planning committee meeting is scheduled Thursday, Mar. 9, at 1 p.m.

Cobleskill Woman Arrested Following Crash in Stolen Vehicle Investigation

On February 10, State Police of Princetown arrested Jessica L. Glass, 31, of Cobleskill, for Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree, Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree, Unlawful Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle, Reckless Driving and other Vehicle and Traffic Law Violations.

On February 10, at about 2:11 a.m. Troopers were dispatched to the Stewarts Shop on West Street Main Cobleskill=, for a 911 call, reporting that a vehicle had just been stolen from the location. While enroute, Troopers located a vehicle matching the description of the stolen vehicle being operated on State Route 145 near Keyser Road and initiated a traffic stop. The operator, later identified as Glass, failed

to comply. Troopers pursued the vehicle until it crashed in the area of Cliff Street in Middleburgh, NY. Glass was tak-

was recovered. Glass was transported to SP Cobleskill for processing. She was arraigned at the Cobleskill Town Court and released on her own recognizance.

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jured, and the vehicle

Bronx Resident **Arrested** in Delhi

Delhi - Today, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced the arrest of a Bronx resident for driving with a suspended registration.

On Friday night, February 10th, 2023, Sheriff's Deputies were patrolling on Meredith Street in the Village of Delhi when the Deputy received a hit on their License Plate Reader of a vehicle with a Suspended Registration. Upon conducting a traffic stop, Deputies identified the driver of the vehicle as 42 year-old Katara Bush of Bronx, NY. A check of Bush's vehicle registration was in fact suspended, due to Insurance Lapse, Insurance Not in Effect as well as Violation of Toll Regulations in the State of New York.

Deputies subsequently arrested Bush and issued her uniformed traffic tickets for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended/Revoked Registration, an unclassified misdemeanor, and Obstructed View, an infraction of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. Bush was released on the uniformed traffic tickets and is scheduled to appear in the Town of Delhi Court at a later date to answer the charge.



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DuMond Elected 1st VP of NYS Sheriff's Association

County Sheriff Craig S. DuMond was elected 1st Vice President of the New York State Sheriff's Association during the Sheriffs Winter Conference held in Albany. As 1st Vice President, Sheriff DuMond will assist Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple. President of the Association, as well as the executive staff, with leading the association in 2023.

as 1st Vice President, Sheriff DuMond also serves on several committees to include the Executive, Legislative,

Albany – Delaware Jail, and Standards, Goals and Ethics Committees respectfully.

> Sheriff DuMond is also actively involved in the National Sheriffs Association, recently attending the National Conference in Washington DC, where he serves on the Government Affairs, Drug Enforcement, School Safety and Security and Animal Abuse and Cruelty Committees.

Speaking on his elec-In addition to serving tion to 1st Vice President, Sheriff DuMond remarked, "I'm so humbled and honored to have the confidence of my fellow Sheriff's from across New



Above left: Sheriff DuMond and Peter Kehoe, Executive Director, NYS Sheriff's Association Above right: State Supreme Court Justice Thomas Marcelle and Sheriff DuMond

York State. I promise to support as well as honor Sheriff, the New York and the people

work hard to earn their the historic Office of State Sheriff' Association, Delaware County.

ARPA Committee Hears Project Updates

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - Delaware County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee members heard updates on various projects they allocated money for on Feb. 14. Delaware County received approximately \$8.5 million in ARPA funding.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Senior Team Leader Dale Dewing presented updates on the farm enhancement grant program. Supervisors awarded \$1 million in ARPA funds for the project to combat issues due to the pandemic, which disrupted agricultural markets.

Qualifying farms could request grants of up to \$5,000 for crop production costs or up to \$25,000 for improvement projects. Out of 108 applications, 49 farm projects were funded across the county, including 44 dairy, 25 livestock, six vegetable, six maple, and four other farms.

"There is a fair amount of diversity among farmers," said Dewing. Several innovative farms, such as mushroom and fish farms, surprised Dewing.

awarded funding have the potential to receive funding from a John Mills grant program in Cooperstown, he explained, and those farmers were required to apply for funding there before receivfarms are funded through program will be able to re- be completed in March.

locate those funds.

Delhi Mayor Sridhar Samudrala presented updates on two village-funded projects. The village was awarded \$15,000 to install 100 feet of safety fencing in Reservoir Park on Franklin Street and \$20,000 for improving the shooting range on J. Small Range

Approximately \$4,800 in funds have been spent for Reservoir Park to install fencing along cliff sides. Samudrala presented the committee with before and after photos. He reported that the remaining funding would be used to install fencing along the roadway entrance.

Other work planned for the park is the removal of knotweed, which has begun, and installation of an entrance gate and safety signage. Samudrala requested additional funding for benches and park chairs, which committee members did not discuss.

Samudrala also requested an additional \$25,000 to improve the shooting range further. "We are getting a Some projects that were tremendous amount of requests for use," he said.

Funds were allocated to complete improvements to the instruction classroom and materials to construct a 12' by 24' outdoor pavilion for shooting in inclement ing disbursement. If such weather. To date, \$11,738 in funding has been spent. that grant, Dewing said, the The project is estimated to

Additional \$50K Received

the shooting range was \$10,000 until Joe Cetta, Walton supervisor, suggested raising the award, believing it was underestimat-

The project proposal indicated the need was due to anticipated increased use of the facility due to a recent change in New York State legislation which took effect in September, said Colchester Supervisor Arthur Mer-

The bill, which relates to licensing and firearm provisions, requires all pistol permit applicants to complete an 18-hour introductory training course and a refresher every three years.

The original request for The Delhi facility is utilized any issues with the network program. However, Nealis by the general public and several police units within and outside the county.

Committee members did not appear to agree the project required additional funding at this time.

Information and Technology Director Joe de Mauro said of the \$2.6 million allocated for a network and phone system update, approximately \$28,000 remains unspent. The project is about 90% complete, with a few network switches still needing installation at the three Department of Public Works facilities recently constructed in Delhi, Walton,

update, the phone system will be updated, he report-

Economic Development Director Glenn Nealis reported on the 'train-to-work program, which was allocated roughly \$350,000 in ARPA funds. The program supports local businesses that have struggled to fill jobs during the pandemic by reimbursing employers 50% of wages paid while training new hires. The program has established 64 contracts with approximately 35 individual businesses. Of the 64 employee contracts, about one-third end and Bloomville. Once the up quitting, said Nealis, team has had time to address which is a struggle for the

said the program has been very beneficial for those businesses taking advantage. "It helps them take the leap with hiring," he said.

In other business, the committee approved the reallocation of \$17,899 to the ARPA general fund initially allocated for premium pay for county employees who went uncompensated for extra time worked during the pandemic. The committee also accepted \$50,000 in additional ARPA funds from the state and is expected to receive another \$50,000.

The next ARPA committee meeting is scheduled Tuesday, May 9, at 1 p.m.

State to Discontinue County Share of Federal Medicaid Funds

Trying to Steal our Money, Commissioner Says

By Mary A. Crisafulli

DELHI - Delaware County Social Services Commissioner Sylvia Armanno requested supervisors pass a resolution asking New York State to continue dispersing county share of Affordable Care Act Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance (ACA) funds at a social services committee meeting on Feb. 13.

Cathy Governor Hochel proposed that the state retain all ACA funding, leaving Delaware County's 2023 budget for Medicaid short by approximately \$1 million. NYS Medicaid qualifications were also recently expanded, increasing the number of individuals that can receive Medicaid.

Director of Fiscal Management William Bryden said the state is six years behind on reconciliations for ACA and owes the \$2.5 million.

Armanno believes the proposal to retain ACA funding will release the state from dispersing back payments and leave the county short of future they are trying to steal money from us," she said.

The federal proposal would require 57 counties to spend approximately \$280 million and roughly \$1 billion when the city is included in calculations.

The resolution states. "It is the strong view of Delaware County that congress intended these federal savings to be shared with counties proportional to the amount they contributed toward the non federal Medicaid match."

Supervisors will vote on the resolution at their next meeting on Feb. 22. Bryden will attend the

county approximately meeting to answer any community awareness. supervisor questions.

> Wayne Marshfield, committee chairperson, expects supervisors to pass the resolution.

tor Charles Piper reported veterans in suicidal crisis are eligible, as of January 2023, to receive free emergency health care from any facility. The eligibility includes those individuals who were discharged or released from active services under conditions other than dishonorable. According to Piper, veterans services are working to create several strategies for suicide prevention. An essential aspect of the initiative, he said, is

Piper also reported Hamden Supervisor concerns with the veterans services adjustment in disability payments made years prior. To save funding, veterans receiv-In another discussion, ing disability 40% or lowfinancing. "It looks like Veterans Services Direc- er than their retirement benefits will see that amount subtracted from their retirement payments. For example, Piper said, an individual that received \$500 in disability and \$2,000 in retirement now receives \$1.500 in retirement. Piper predicts that congress will fight this adjustment and force the VA to return to the previous payment plan.

> The next social services committee meeting is scheduled Monday, Mar. 20, at 9:30 a.m.

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Letters to the Editor

Supervisor Questions

To the Editor:

Thank you for your ongoing coverage of the Board of Supervisors' decisions and actions regarding Dr. Amy Gildemeister. Since you have stated that you are planning more in-depth coverage, I would like to suggest a few questions to be posed to the supervisors:

What is the reason for refusing to renew her contract?

Her highest priority has been the health and welfare of county residents. Since it seems you are at odds with that, what are your priorities? What is more important than keeping us all safe and healthy?

Without a well-qualified person leading the Healthy Department, how are residents and visitors supposed to feel confident in the safety of our restaurants and shops?

Why are you undermining the efforts to attract new businesses and tourists?

How do you expect to find well-qualified applicants for the position? Who would want to work for a Board that creates a hostile work environment?

I will read next week's edition with interest and look for their answers to these questions.

Thank you. Sincerely,

Betsy Meredith Schoharie

Firearms Corner - Facts Vs. Misinformation

By Richard Rossi - NRA
Certified, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun and Personal Protection in the Home Instructor.

to use "DEADLY FORCE" - a firearm. Why would you hope wounding the attacker will stop the aggression?

In recent weeks, I have heard some very disturbing suggestions involving firearms usage involving self Defense.

Also with crime on the rise around the country - more Law-abiding individuals are purchasing firearms for self protection as is their RIGHT under the Second Amendment of our Bill of Rights. However, with this "RIGHT" - you do have grave Responsibilities for your actions with any firearms.

The comments came for two politicians - our President Joe Biden and NYC Mayor Eric Adams. Let me be perfectly clear - DO NOT follow either of their suggestions - it will result in legal ramifications, possibly prison time or your bodily injury.

President Biden was speaking about his Assault Ban proposal and personal protection in your home. However, his advice was absolutely disturbing and completely illegal. His suggestion was to to his wife Jill: IF THERE'S EVER A PROB-

LEM, JUST WALK OUT ON THE BALCONY HERE, AND FIRE TWO BLASTS IN THE AIR WITH THAT DOUBLE-BARREL SHOT-GUN.

Under NO CIRCUM-STANCES, should you fire a weapon to scare someone in the air or as warning shots in the ground. When you discharge your firearm in a self- defense scenario-you better have fear for your life or someone else-personal property does not qualify. The use of deadly force is a serious matter and will be scrutinized carefully by the authorities.

As a reminder, we live in New York State - You are and will be unfortunately considered guilty until you prove yourself innocent.

This brings me to the second comment that both President Biden and Mayor Eric Adams stated; Just "shoot to wound - never shoot to kill." This comment was made concerning police officers shootings, as well as implications for Lawabiding citizens in a Self Defense scenario.

Another bad idea.... DO NOT DO THIS EITHER. It might get you killed or gravely injured or raise issues involving the use of deadly force in a self defense scenario.

Normally when police officers draw their weapons, it is because they are in fear for their life or bystanders on the scene. The same standard will apply to a citizen in a Citizens Self Defense scenario. Under the assumption that you are in fear for your life or someone else's, which is basically the ONLY VALID REASON to use "DEADLY FORCE" a firearm. Why would you hope wounding the attacker will stop the aggression?

The main purpose at this point in firing is to STOP THE THREAT. Shooting to just wound the individual(s) under a high stress scenario is extremely hard to hit your assailant's leg or arm - a non lethal body part.

Furthermore, will that stop the aggression and bodily injury to you or the individual you are attempting to protect? Shooting at BODY MASS, which can be deadly, is a bigger target area; therefore, you have less possibility of your "SHOT" missing your intended target area and hurting an innocent bystander!!

Things to REMEMBER and definitely keep in mind -you will be required to defend your actions after the shooting to the police and/or the DA. You as the shooter are responsible for every bullet you fire and where it ultimately stops and why you made the decisions you did.

You must prove, you had justification to use deadly force and felt that your life was in grave danger or

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someone else's. "Waring shots" don't indicate fear for your life - under the law. "Shooting to wound" someone, may also be challenged by the defense, as you were not in reasonable fear for your life OR you would have shot to stop the aggression immediately. You had other choices!!!

This is my personal opinion as I am not a lawyer.

Richard Rossi Denver, NY

Proposed Dollar General in the Town of Wright

The Town of Wright is idyllic. The Fox Creek, a Class A trout stream, babbles through the countryside between farmlands with soil as rich as the history, where soldiers were fed by the "breadbasket of the Revolution." The Becker Farm is one such historical farm; a 1782 battle was fought right on this property. It's also on the State and National Historical Registry for Historic Farmlands, just another reminder of the farreaching importance of this little town.

But to Dollar General and Bohler Engineering, the Town of Wright is just another low-income community where they can maximize their profits. Their 10K shareholder report makes it clear that this is the only value they see in our quiet, rural area. In fact, it's how they see much of the surrounding area. There are already five other Dollar

General stores within 15 minutes of this proposed location. The location currently being proposed, along route 443 in the Town of Wright, is an irresponsible choice by Bohler Engineering and Dollar General for a number of reasons.

The Schoharie County Planning Board has said that they feel a long form environmental and DOT survey should be completed to make sure all impact reports are done in more detail before the Town of Wright Planning Board makes a final decision. Even before this is complete, however, there are a number of issues that citizens of the Town of Wright should be concerned about.

In addition to the cost to our town's rich history, there is a human cost that must be considered. First of all, labeling this area as "low income" lowers the overall value of our community. Dollar General will not add any additional value, either. It will swallow up potential profits from locally owned and operated small businesses, eventually forcing them to close. These are our neighbors, working hard to provide us services. Dollar General may offer some low-quality products at a discounted price, but is that reason enough to invite this predatory company to our town to put our friends out of business? They claim that we'll get a major influx of cash from the sales tax revenue, but that claim is unfounded. In reality, we could be lucky to get a few hundred dollars total. There's no guarantee Dollar General will bring the town substantial income, but I guarantee that it will change our quality of life here.

The Town of Wright Com-

prehensive Plan has also identified several major environmental concerns. The proposed site is considered Farmland of Statewide Importance based on the soil types present and is also considered Town of Wright Prime Farmland. Groundwater aquifers are the main source of drinking water for our community and serve as sources of water for animals and plants in the area, too. The characteristic limestone in this area is very porous. That means any chemicals and toxins released into the environment throughout this process will be absorbed and will leech into our water. Additional contamination can occur due to the impervious paving material that will be used. This material will cause increased stormwater runoff, which will bring with it any chemicals used on the parking lot, in the surrounding roads, or in any commercial activities. In addition, Dollar General has mentioned that they plan to remove vegetation along an existing federally designated wetland to make settling ponds. Impeding the wetlands as they work to store water and release it slowly just adds to the risk of rapid erosion and flooding in the surrounding areas. This disregard for the careful natural

balance of the ecosystem puts us all at risk.

Another cherished inhabitant of our town that Dollar General intends to put at risk is the endangered northern long-eared bat. Their roosting and feeding habitat at the edge of the wetlands is part of the targeted area from which Dollar General callously plans to remove vegetation, disrupt natural water flow, and increase the risk of flooding. To add to these challenges for our region's animal life, there's been no consideration for the impact of artificial light at night on all the surrounding species. Studies have shown that plant and animal behavior is disrupted by this constant light throwing off their natural rhythms. Foraging, orientation, migration, mating, and colonization can all be impacted by the lights that Dollar General plans to leave on 24 hours a day, every day.

The majority of us who live around this proposed store location are against this plan and are speaking up to make it clear. But anyone who lives in the Town of Wright and sees the peril our community is in should feel free to join us at the Town of Wright Planning Board meetings on the third Thursday of every month. We need to come together to stop corporate greed ruining the peaceful, small-town, rural life we hold dear.

Frank Weber Wright

Delaware County Chief Assistant DA Welcomed

DELHI - Delaware County Acting District Attorney Shawn J. Smith welcomed David Rikard, of Roxbury, as chief assistant district attorney on Monday, Feb. 6. Rikard will be responsible for prosecution in Roxbury, Stamford, Middletown, Davenport, South Kortright, Delhi, and Harpersfield town courts. Prosecuting duties include traffic violations. violation-level offenses. misdemeanors. DWIs. Rikard will work with felony offenses through arraignment if pending in local court.

Rikard, who studied law at Syracuse University Law School in Syracuse, has over 30 years of experience in court. "I like to approach each case with compassion and fairness while looking for the best result justice calls for under the law,"

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said Rikard.

Rikard moved back to Delaware County from Prattsville, Greene County, where he served as town justice for nine years. Rikard was raised on a farm on Johnson Hollow in the Town of Roxbury and after serv-

ing in the military and attending law school he practiced law in Albany and Greene counties. Rikard has experience in civil litigation and criminal defense.

When Smith reached out to Rikard with a job proposal, the orientation process was intriguing to him. "There is a large drug problem in Delaware County," he said, "Working to fight the addiction issues

seemed like a good career move for me."

"I am thankful to have Rikard join our team, he has a wealth of knowledge as a former criminal defense attorney and judge," said Smith, "Rikard will be a great benefit to us and Delaware County residents."



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Schoharie County Person of the Year: Jean Cain

By Timothy Knight

long as I have been alive. there has been one constant. at the Joint Recreation Commission's (JRC) summer programming for youth in the Village of Middleburgh: Youth Director Jean Cain.

A quiet, caring woman who would rather others receive accolades and accommodations before herself, she embodies the char-

acteristics and qualities of MIDDLEBURGH-For as a community leader. Unafraid to sacrifice both her time and talents to ensure the Village Pool, tennis, open gym, band concerts, and arts & crafts programs run smoothly, Mrs. Cain has remarked in the past to me that she gets as much out of helping our community's youth as they do from partaking in the JRC's activities.

Michael Wilkens, a former

cilman and current Vice-President of the JRC, stated that "There is nobody more deserving of this award than Jean." He added, "Jean is the definition of dedication."

"Anyone that has visited the community pool, taken their children to swimming lessons or summer recreational activities sponsored by the JRC, or been to a summer band concert has surely seen Jean hard at work overseeing the events and supervising employees," explained Mr. Wilkens.

He continued, "What they may not have seen, however, is the day in and day out dedication and passion that she has shown in her position as Youth Director of the Middleburgh Joint Recreation Commission. During the summer, when the community pool is open and we have open gym and other activities taking place at the High School, Jean starts her day early in the morning and continues

many times well into the evening."

Mr. Wilkens concluded his remarks about Mrs. Cain by saying, "It's a rare occasion for Jean to take even one day off throughout the entire summer. This isn't just a job to Jean, this is her passion. She's been an incredible role model for our youth and we're very fortunate to have had her working with our children and our community for the past 31 years."

His comments were echoed by Village of Middleburgh Clerk Melanie Laraway, who remarked that "Jean Cain's dedication to our community has probably touched parents, children and grandchildren over decades. She is not only director of our youth program, but a keeper of our children's welfare and safety. I wish the public could see all the time and energy Jean puts into our youth."

working with our youth "Thank you Jean for all you to the local community.

Town of Middleburgh Counthroughout the day and have done over the years, you are irreplaceable."

Courtney Mooney, a former lifeguard under the supervision of Mrs. Cain and presently a JRC member representing the Village, commented that "Jean is a wonderful human being she always puts others before herself. She's taken many kids under her wing at the pool, helping give them a safe place to have fun during the summers."

"Jean also makes a fantastic peanut butter pie!!" remarked Ms. Mooney.

Village of Middleburgh Mayor Trish Bergan noted, "She's our longest serving Village employee.'

She continued, "Jean is one of the kindest people I have ever met and is truly devoted to our youth. I wonder how many children have passed through the pool gates during Jean's tenure?" Just last year the Village Board also honored Mrs. Cain, recognizing her for Mrs. Laraway added, three plus decades of service



"There wouldn't be a summer program without her," commented Ms. Bergan.

Mrs. Cain - through both her leadership at the JRC and decades of dedicated service at the Middleburgh Central School District - has proven that while it does take a village, just one member can play a really large role in that village's success. Thank you, Mrs. Cain, for all that you have done, and congratulations on being named as the Schoharie County Person of the Year Award Recipient. M'burgh Town to Get Legal Advice

Valley Briefs

2023 Village Of Middleburgh Meeting **Schedule**

First Monday Of The Month @7pm Location: 309 Main Street, Middleburgh, NY

March 6 April 3 May 1 June 5 July 10 August 7 September 11 October 2 November 6 December 4

MCS to Host Blood Drive on March 1

MIDDLEBURGH - Give the gift of life: The American Red Cross is experiencing an urgent need for blood donations, and the Middleburgh Central School District is ready to help by hosting a blood drive 12-6 p.m. March 1 in the high school library. It is an opportunity for students, staff and the community to come together for the community's benefit.

Students who are 16 and older can donate, but those under the age of 17 will need a parent/guardian consent form. Students may sign up in School Nurse Jennifer Adams' office or online. All other community members should sign up at redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: MiddleburghCS.

Appointments for students and staff to donate will be available from 12-3 p.m. Appointments for community members will be available from 3-6 p.m.

All donors will receive an American Red Cross brand-

ed item. Questions? Call Ms. Adams at 518-827-3600, Ext

Rotary to host Brooks Chicken BBQ in M'burgh

on March 18

MIDDLEBURGH - The Middleburgh Rotary is hosting a Brooks chicken barbecue on March 18. The dinner includes a half chicken, a baked potato, coleslaw, roll and butter, dessert, and a drink for \$13.50. Sale is only by pre-sale only. Please mail a check to the Middleburgh Rotary, PO Box 1100, Middleburgh, NY, 12122, or buy a ticket in person at Lenny's Tire, Middleburgh Hardware, National Bank of Coxsackie, Middleburgh Pharmacy, or Middleburgh Mercantile.

Pick up is from 2 to 4pm at the Community Center, the MEVAC bay, on Cotton Hill Road.

Village Residents Receive Info on Tax Exemptions

MIDDLEBURGH - Middleburgh village residents recently received information about the senior tax exemptions in the village.

The post card from assessor Marie Stuber stated, Property owners 65 years of age or older may be eligible for senior citizen tax exemptions on their primary residence. Senior citizens have until March 1 to apply for such exemptions with the submission of renewal applications being required annually.

"For information, please call or write the assessor for the town in which your property is located. The name, address, phone number of the assessor is" the Village of Middleburgh, Marie Stuber, PO Box 946, Middleburgh, NY, 12122, 518-827-4887, ext. 103. The income limit is \$25,650

Those who have already applied for the exemption or are under 65 should disregard the notice.

on Proposed Housing Development By David Avitabile

dleburgh officials will seek legal advice before any action is taken on a proposed housing development for upper Main Street.

After village resident Dave Jeremenko issued the town board a letter Thursday requesting an ethics board review on the project proposed by Fred Risse, Supervisor Wes Laraway said he will speak to town attorney Mike West about the issue before proceeding.

Mr. Risse is the chairman of the planning and his niece is the vice chairman.

Mr. Jeremenko's letter stated, "I don't think this planning board should make this decision due to the conflict of interest between its members, one being the owner of the project and another being a relative, at least before they do a complete application, including a detailed set of engineered, stamped prints for the whole job, and all the proper studies on the seeker (sic, SEQR) with documentation on these studies being submitted for review. All copies of the submittal should be sent to the village, so there are no surprises.

"In the past this board has made decisions for its members that have been questionable. This project

will bring changes to this to have a board of ethics West." MIDDLEBURGH - Mid- village and all aspects of review "and go from there" the project should be public and "make sure everything record for all to review before this decision is made."

> Mr. Risse said the proposal was introduced at the village meeting Monday night and brought up at the planning board meeting Wednesday.

Mr. Laraway sought the advice of former town board member Sue Makely, who also works in the county real property tax office.

It would be best to get legal advice first, she said. "Covering your bases sooner than answering a firing squad is always good."

A planning board member proposing a project means the member goes "beyond recusing yourself," Mr. Laraway noted.

Mr. Risse said that, normally, unless the project is for financial gain, the member can vote.

Former town board member David Lloyd, and husband of Denise Lloyd, the vice chairman of the planning board, addressed the issue.

"In a small community like this, no matter who comes in the door, someone is related to it.'

Mr. Laraway said it would be best to run the question by the attorney and take his advice about whether

Resident Gary Hayes countered Mr. Lloyd's contention.

is fine and dandy."

Mr. Hayes' brother Paul proposed and built the Cliffside development "and he's related to no one" on the planning board.

"I don't know what your point is," Ms. Lloyd answered.

She said the reservations being brought about the issue "raises the hair on the back of my neck that this is being brought up."

To Mr. Jeremenko, she said, "I don't know where Mr. Jeremenko is coming from."

The town will make sure that before any action is taken on the proposal, all "questions will be answered,"

Mr. Laraway said. Mr. Jeremenko added, "There's a lot here that needs to be put out on the table."

Mr. Laraway concluded, "The rules have to be the same for everyone."

The issues should be resolved and will "only take a short meeting with Mike

proposed project to the village board Monday evening. The housing development that he is proposing would be on the fields behind Andy's Auto. Phase one would include six acres. The plans still have to go to an engineer to lay out.

He needs to work with the village and state on an access road off of Main Street and with the village on a water main.

The fields are not in the floodplain, he said, though the area around upper Main Street is in the floodplain.

Building inspector Lloyd Stannard said the zoning in the area requires lots to be a minimum of about a half acre.

Mr. Risse said the development could house a senior home or residential housing. In all there are 11 acres in the parcel.

The development would have to be a planned development district through the village zoning.

Mr. Risse proposed an affordable housing complex about 20 years ago that did not proceed.







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Former Board Member: M'burgh Village, Town **Need to Share More**

By David Avitabile

MIDDLEBURGH - Former Middleburgh town Councilman David Lloyd said last week that the town and village need to share more departments and facilities.

The two municipalities should look at combining the highway departments, said Mr. Lloyd, who also ran unsuccessfully for supervisor serval years ago.

The town, he noted, searched for months to fill out their highway crew.

'You've got issues right now, not enough people."

In addition to combining the highway departments, he also said the town and villages offices should be in the same building with "each clerk under the same roof."

Currently, the village clerk and village offices are in the village hall on Main Street and the town

clerk is in the town hall Laraway on Railroad Avenue. Most other town functions, such as meetings, as being held at the community center on Cotton Hill Road.

Citing a study done in the mid-1990s about combining the town and village, there could be a cost savings, Mr. Lloyd said.

"It would enhance this community and possibly save some money," he added.

There is a lot of duplication of equipment, he

For several years, both the town and village had the same person run both highway departments. Currently, Nick Dunscombe runs the village streets department and Steve Kowalski is the town highway superintendent.

Town Supervisor Wes he said.

said MEVAC, the fire department, and the town could someday be in the same building.

Village Trustee Tim Knight weighed in on the suggestion from Mr. Lloyd.

The village crew, Trustee Knight said, is happy with the current direction.

He did note that the two crews do work together when needed and the village and town already have a joint zoning board of appeals and planning board.

He would be "hesitant beyond that, but willing to have that discussion."

discussions Those could start at the joint village-town meeting in June, Mr. Laraway said.

"That would be a great topic of discussion in June at the joint meeting,"

Anne Marie Reine de Bourbon Downes passed away on February 7, 2023 at the age of 99 at home in Gilboa, NY. sur-

rounded by her family.

Born January 3, 1924 in Mamaroneck, NY, Anne was the second oldest and only daughter of four siblings. Her brothers, all of whom have predeceased her, were Phillipe de Bourbon; Renaud Bruce; and Louis de Bourbon. Her parents had immigrated from France: father, Charles de Bourbon, an importer/exporter mother, M. Reine Cantau-Bruce, an educator and early graduate stu-

dent at Yale. From a young age, Anne's artistic abilities and friendly spirit shone brightly and were to shape her life. Her high school years were spent in Connecticut with teachers from the French order of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit at the Putnam Catholic School

Academy and later graduated from St. Michael's in New York City. She then attended art school in Manhattan. Following news of her brother, Phillipe's POW status during WWII, the day she reached enlistment age in 1944 she traded her Air Warden responsibilities in New York City for the United States Marine Corps. Among the first women in the Corps at the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station, despite her

slight build, she drove

huge convoy trucks be-

tween bases in Califor-

Obituaries

Anne M.R. Downes

nia. She met her first husband Richard L. Hudson in the Marines and they later moved near his family in Kansas City and. while raising their growing family and because she felt "I don't consider housekeeping quite enough," worked full-time as a bank officer.

In 1969, Anne moved to Ft. Lauderdale Florida, met and married Robert Downes, Jr. and settled in Coral Gables where she worked in leaded glass restoration and organized an Art Glass Guild for glass arts professionals. She enjoyed worldwide travel, reading, swimming, bridge, animals, and scuba diving, and delighted in watching golf and football. She latwith her Sheridan Woods neighborhood family in Melbourne, Florida.

While Anne will be remembered for her intelligence, courage, kindness, sophistication, and patriotism, her devotion to family and their education was her most important gift. Surviving children are daughters, Anne-Marie Hedge (Frank B. Flink) and Lee Hudson (Carolyn Bennett); sons, Richard P. Hudson (Lisa Judge) and Peter C. Hudson (Carrie Ellis Hudson). Her grandchildren are Karen Hudson, Steve Hudson, Sarah Hudson Norton (Zack Norton), David Hudson, Clarissa Hudson, and great grandchildren Taylor Hudson, and Iliana Nunez.

Among those who will also miss her dearly are her cats, Sam Oliver and Sam Lee.

Anne will be buried alongside her husband Robert W. Downes Jr. in the Denton Cemetery, Caroline County MD. In lieu of a memorial service, Anne's family will celebrate her life in the Spring and encourage a donation to Helios Care of Oneonta in recognition of the care she received from the staff, especially Becka Burkart, the Schoharie Animal Shelter, or the Gilboa Historical Society.

Jefferson:Senior Citizen Tax Exemptions Deadline Approaches

By Patricia Lee

JEFFERSON - Property owners 65 years of age or older may be eligible for the Senior Citizen Tax Exemptions. These exemptions are in addition to, and different from the Enhanced Star exemption. While the Enhanced Star exemption is also income eligible, you only need to register once for the program. You must provide income eligibility every year to receive the Senior Citizen Tax Exemptions. The Income Limit for the Town and County tax exemption is \$24,500, and the limit for the school tax ex-Brooks at the Town Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-12 a.m. at (607) 652-7931. The March 1st, 2023.

The Planning Board has made a letter of recommendation to the Town Board to place a cap on the amount of short-term rental permits issued. The cap has been recommended to be set to 40 permits at one time. This is due to the fact that when people are applying for short-term permits, people are unable to live in the town long term. Full-time housing would be better for people who are looking to move into the area due to employment, and also increase the population of students in Jefferson Central School. The emption is 36,500. To board voted unanimously see if you are eligible to cap the amount of and apply, please call the short-term rental permits town Assessor Andrea at 40, and will revisit this policy every year in November.

Oorah has a new camp manager and has applied deadline to apply is for a building permit for p.m. at the Town Hall in the construction of a Jefferson.

grand ballroom. It is a major project, with a projected price of \$600,000.

The town has received a grant for \$300,000 for the replacement of portions of different sidewalks throughout the town. Construction bids for the project will open on February 28, 2023.

The Board discussed an idea by the Heritage Committee to design and distribute a newsletter containing information about the various committees in Jefferson. After viewing a newsletter from another town, the Board decided to give further thought on fabricating a newsletter so people can have valuable information about the various town committees and volunteer on them if they desire.

The next Town Board meeting will be Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 7:00

er treasured social times Thomas D. Armlin



Thomas D. Armlin, of Armlin Hill Road, Middleburgh, passed away peacefully in the comfort of his home on Monday, February 6, 2023.

Tom was born 75 years ago on August 27, 1947 to Mary (Felter) and Floyd G. Armlin, Sr. He

Central School and went on to a long career in construction. Tom worked with crews building I-88. Route 30, the Gilboa Dam and finally for himself for many vears before retiring.

He loved wood working and every chance to be with his family, friends and enjoy his favorite beverage of choice.

Loving Tom forever are his mother: Mary Armlin; his children: Tom Armlin, Jody Bellon, Sarah Bellon-McCain, Janice Merwin; sisters: Tammy Armlin (Tony Marsh), Donna (John) Enright, Sandra Wood (Tim Warner) and Kathy (Joe) Best; brothattended Middleburgh ers: Floyd G. (Buffy)

Armlin, Jr., Nelson (Hope) Armlin; many grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. Tom was predeceased by his father: Floyd G. Armlin Sr., his sisters: Dorothy Dyer, Sally Armlin and his children: David and Maria.

A graveside service and interment will be at a later date, privately for family and friends, at Armlin Hill Cemetery. Coltrain Funeral Home, LLC is honored to be caring for Tom and his family.

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

CROP Valentine Dinner in Jefferson

By Patricia Lee

JEFFERSON - The Jefferson CROP group held a family dinner on Friday, February 10. The students were very excited to hold this event because it unfortunately had to be canceled previously in December because of a winter storm and snow day. This time the students were preparing for a Family Valentine Dinner.

The CROP (Creating Rural Opportunities Partnership) Program is an afterschool and summer program for students in grades K-8. Students receive academic assistance while enjoying carefully planned activities and lessons. The program also provides fun social interaction.

The family dinner is a service project where all students get to participate



older group, which is led by Activity Leader Jennifer Van Cleef, carefully prepares a budget for all of the food that will be served. The students then research how much the food will cost. After the budget is completed, all students in grades K through 8 will take a trip

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on different levels. The to Walmart to buy the food. Students are divided into groups to shop. The week of the din-

ner was very busy! The older students spent each afternoon cooking and baking. The younger groups created the decorations for the cafetorium. Friday evening CROP students welcomed their families. dents. Approximately 100 people attended the event, and a great time was had by all!

MCS Budget Could See **Health Insurance Hike**

By David Avitabile

MIDDLEBURGH - Middleburgh school board members have begun work on the 2023-24 budget and it will not be an easy road.

The school district is facing inflation pressures, most notably a sizable hike in employee benefits, especially in health insurance costs.

The first budget development meeting of the season was held on February 1 and board members were told that health insurance rates will be going up by seven percent and that this rate is final. Prescription costs are projected to increase by 20 percent, but those numbers will not be fi-

nalized until next month. \$177,000 from \$1.85 The two hikes could send employee benefits from \$6.88 million to

about \$7.78 million, a

hike of about \$891,000.

Overall, officials are looking at a preliminary budget for 2023-24 of \$24.64 million, which is up by \$829,000 or 3.48 percent over the current spending plan. A rollover budget would be \$24.74 million. The newest proposal is down by \$81,965 since the first budget

meeting. Thus far, salaries are down by about \$439,000 from \$11.3 million to around \$10.89 million, mostly due to anticipated retirements. Debt services costs are up by about million to around \$2 million.

The district still needs the governor's state aid projections before they can complete a tax cap evaluation. The figures are much later than in prior years, officials noted. The state aid numbers could hold a possible foundation aid increase.

School business manager Robyn Bhend presented the proposed preliminary budget at the February 1 meeting. The next budget meeting was slated for Wednesday and was to include an update on the Executive State Aid runs, and additional work they are doing on the expenditure side.

Schoharie Mechanical All were served an amaz-**More Schoharie County** ing meal of baked ziti, fresh homemade bread, salad, and pudding par-G HEATING AND ADD CONDITIONING **News in F Section** s Furnaces Water Heaters faits created with the help of the younger stu-3457016185 Service and Installations

All About Racing

By Ed & Betty Biittig first Daytona 500 in Monday was the start of Daytona Speed Weeks,

meaning all the activities that happen in and around Daytona Beach and Daytona International Speedway began. Actually Florida Speed

Weeks began in January, with racing all over the state, and will culminate with the running of the 65th Daytona 500 this Sunday, February, 19. NASCAR kicked off their 75th year anniversary at the Los Angeles Coliseum with the annual Clash event on February 5.

a trip down A1A to the Drive-In Church for the annual Living Legends of Auto Racing (LLOAR) car show and parade. Although significantly smaller this year it was still a day to reminisce with many old timers and remember racing leg-The Drive-In Church sits on the site of the original inspection area when the racing was held on the beach in the early days of NASCAR.

A couple bits of info from racing historian, Mike Joy; this will be the ways in New York.

which there is not a driver in the field that raced against Dale Earnhardt. It will also be the first Daytona 500 without a team with the Petty name. Petty GMS Racing recently rebranded to Legacy Motor Car.

As we sit here in the warm Florida sunshine and anticipate the migration of all the northern race fans making their way south for some sun and racing we realize we are also seeing the changing of the guard in racing.

Brett Deyo has been For us Monday meant working on his changing ideas for the past 10 years and this year he will promote special events at Delaware International Speedway in Delaware. According to BD Motorsports LLC information the schedule at DIS will work hand and hand with Georgetown Speedway, the other track in Delaware under BD Motorsports promotion and both will be part of the NASCAR Roots Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series along with Fonda and Utica-Rome Speed-

Library News

Middleburgh Library 2/20 - President's Day to observe the holiday. ing - The public is welcome.

2/21 - 10:45 AM = Dropin Storytime - Join Miss Terry for this fun, interactive storytime geared toward little ones

ages 0-5 and their caregivers! We will read books, sing songs and watch a short film based on our weekly theme. more creative than you All children will go home think! Use your Middlewith a coloring sheet and burgh Library card and take home craft. No reg- PIN to enjoy unlimited

istration is required. artist Betty Pillsbury at ativebug. you are working on and enjoy the company of your fellow stitchers! Betty will not be teachif needed. No registration required. Refreshments will be provided. 2/22 - 1:00 PM - Family Movie "Pete's Dragon" (PG) - For years, Mr. Meacham has told tales of the fierce dragon deep in the woods. To his daughter, Grace, these stories are little more than tall tales, until she meets Pete. Pete is a mysterious ten-year-old with no family who liot. No registration required. Free popcorn! 2/23 - 10:30-Noon -

sics. Registration is required.

2/23 - 1:00 PM - Imagination Build - Stop in and enjoy some building time with Legos, Keva Planks, Bristle Blocks, and a Q BA Maze. This is for kids of all ages and their grown-ups. Registration Required.

2/24 - 5:30 PM - Dinner & A Movie - "Fabelmans" (PG-13) - Join us for a fun evening of Dinner & a Movie. The library will Award nominated film show of 10-20 slides and The Fabelmans by direc-

tor Steven Spielberg and share pizza and drinks. The library will be closed You bring a dessert or snack to share. Grow-2/20 - 6:00 PM - Library ing up in post-World War Board of Trustees Meet- II era Arizona, young Sammy Fabelman aspires to become a filmmaker as he reaches adolescence, but soon discovers a shattering family secret and explores how the power of films can help him see the truth. Registration Required.

Creativebug - You're access to thousands of 2/21 - 12:00 PM - Em- online art and craft Videos are our Embroidery Club. produced by renowned Bring whatever projects artists and creative experts. You'll also find downloadable patterns, templates and recipes. Watch classes anytime, ing but will provide help anywhere. Classes never expire, you can start and stop projects at your own pace. No pressure, just possibilities!

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

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We've known Brett Devo for a long time and we always knew he was ambitious and had some very good ideas, not that we always agreed with them but we came to respect him and his ideas to improve the sport we love and he's done that many times over. One of the keys to his success are the people that work for him and with him.

Two of the four nights of the Sunshine Swing fell to rain and winners on those two night were Stewart Friesen on night one and David Schilling on night two. It was Schilling's first Short Track Super Series (STSS) win and his third career win. Schilling won at Fonda this past season and his first career win came at Thunder Mountain Speedway in 2020.

News out of the RPM promoter's workshop this week, Lyle Devore, promoter of Albany-Saratoga was named Promoter of the Year, for Region 1.

DeVore took over the promotional duties at Albany-Saratoga Speedway in 2012 and dedicated himself to building one

the presentations may not exceed 5-minutes. Topics will be as varied as the participants' interests. For audiences, it's an opportunity to learn something new and different, with less likelihood of getting bored by a long-winded presentation. It's like TED Talks for audiences with short attention spans! If you're interested in presenting at a future program, contact Adult Services Librarian Don LaPlant at cob-adult@mvls.info

Tuesday, February 21 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.

The Award-Winning Trivia Night@ the Library! February 23 at 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.

Tuesday, February 28 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.

Wednesdays weekly StoryTime at 10:30 with Miss. Courtney is for children ages birth to 5 and their caregiver featuring stories,

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of the top programs in his region. The track boasts an incredible weekly car count, with many weeks exceeding 140 cars in the pit area. Following the 2020 season, DeVore was named "The Pandemic" Auto-Racing Promoter of the Year after averaging nearly 150 cars per night while operating with no fans in the grandstands.

Those of us with DIRTVision subscriptions, will be able to watch Land of Legends this season. They have been added to the DirtVision schedule for 2023 weekly racing.

We are headed to Volusia Speedway this week for the Super DirtCar Series Modified shows for four nights. Will do our best to give you some up to date info for next week.

As we close we send our condolences to the family of Walt Markert who passed away this past week. Markert was an engine builder and all around racing supporter.

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

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Tuesday, February 28 from 3-7pm a representative from Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth will be at the Library. Berkshire's mission is to strengthen children and families so they can live safely, independently and productively within their home communities. Berkshire will have information on becoming a foster parvorite videos. The Library's ent. There are currently



Lyle DeVore, promoter of Albany-Saratoga Speedway was presented with the Auto-Racing Promoter of the Year award in Region 1 at the annual RPM Workshops in Daytona Beach. Press Release photo

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

Middle Grade Book Group: Monday, February 20, 4:15-5pm: Children grades 3rd - 6th are welcome to join us. Refreshments, track reading to earn prizes. Sign up today at https://bit.ly/MGBook-GroupSHO.

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STEM kit play all day: Monday, February 20 through Friday, February 25 during library hours.

Make a Friendship or Paracord Bracelet with Heather: Tuesday, February 21, 2-3:30pm. We provide beads, string, or paracord, you bring the creativity! Signup: https://bit.ly/BraceletMaking2-21-23

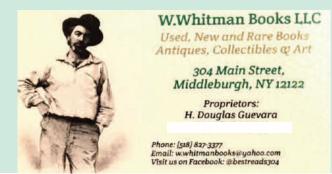
Owl Ecology with February 22 at 6:30pm. Learn about owls, and go outside to listen for owl calls. Dissect an owl pellet to see what they eat! Registration appreciated: https://bit.ly/OwlEcology2-

Virtual UFO Club: Thursday, February 23, 10am. Work on projects and chat Zoom. Signup: https://bit.ly/SchoharieLibraryPrograms

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Auto Racing News

By Tom Coughlin

Last week the Short Track Super Series opened their 2023 season with racing at the All-Tech Raceway near Lake City, Florida, with the Sunshine Swing.

Stewart Friesen of Spraker's, picked up his first STSS modified victory of 2023 and the 37th. STSS win of his career on Wednesday as he led all 30-laps of the feature in claiming the \$4,000 winner's check. Matt Sheppard, Alex Payne, David Schilling, and Erick Rudolph completed the top five. Marc Johnson finished 9, Chris Curtis 16, Peter Britten 18, and Robert Bublak 19. Some highlights include Friesen's number 44 Bicknell chassis modified, showing signs of possible engine failure as there was oil smoke billowing out of the exhaust at near the 20-lap mark. Fortunately, everything stayed together until the end.

Dylan Madsen earned the 25-lap STSS crate 602 sportsman feature with Brian Calabrese, Yan Bussiere, James Friesen, and Ayden Cipriano completing the top five. Johnny Bruno finished 7, Derrick McGrew Jr. 8 and Mike Ballestero 12.

Thursday night's 35-lap modified feature would see the number 20 of the Thrilling David Schilling in victory lane. Matt Sheppard, Tyler Siri, Peter Britten, and Larry Wight would complete the top five. Marc Johnson finished 13, Stewart Friesen 16, Chris Curtis 20, and Robert Bublak did not qualify.

Brian Calabrese of Johnstown would claim the 25-lap STSS crate 602 sportsman division feature. Joe Toth, Mike Ballestero, Yan Bussiere, and Ayden Cipriano would complete the top five. Derrick McGrew Jr. would finish 16 and Johnny Bruno 17.

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The STSS Sunshine Swing crate 602 sportsman points fell as follows Brian Calabrese, Dylan Madsen, Yan Bussiere, Ayden Cipriano, and Lee Teth

and Joe Toth.

Unfortunately, rain washed out all racing for Friday and Saturday. Monday it was racing at New Smyrna Speedway for the asphalt late models. The annual Fonda Speedway car show will be here, before you know it.

If you plan on displaying your 2023 race car in the Fonda Speedway Car Show being held at the Via/Port Mall in Rotterdam. Please contact Jamie Page at 607-760-0671 or email at jpage 15@stny.rr.com The event will roll cars in on Thursday, March 23 after mall hours and roll out is Sunday, March 26 after mall hours.

Two fun filled events that you will not want to miss, will kick off the month of April. First up is the annual Joslin Racing Team wine tasting & bar-be-que. On Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 1:00 pm. until 4:00 pm. at Hummingbird Hills Winery, located at 1442 Burtonville Road in Fultonville. Ivan Joslin driver of the number 49 pro stock in conjunction with a couple small local businesses will provide an opportunity to taste up to (5) free wine tastings of your choice. No ticket is needed for entry or wine tasting. Also available will be a chicken barbe-que from Bartlett's BBQ. For \$15 the dinner (presales are recommended, message facebook page for details) will include a half chicken, salt potatoes, maple baked beans, and roll. Raffle

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The STSS Sunshine Swing tickets for auction items will ate 602 sportsman points be sold at the event.

The number 1H, Shaffer Racing Team and their Swagger Factory Apparel crate 602 sportsman driver Happy Harry Shaffer will host their annual Bowling tournament & party. This will be held on Sunday, April 2, 2023, at Kelly's Imperial Bowling Center located at 249 Wallins Corners Road in Amsterdam. Registration begins at 1:00 pm. and bowling at 2:00 pm. Your \$15 ticket includes 8-pin no-tap bowling & shoes. Prizes and music and as always plenty of raffles. This event sells out annually, so be sure to see someone from the 1H team to purchase tickets.

Lyle DeVore of Albany-Saratoga Speedway was recognized by Racing Promotion Monthly as not only Region 1 (Northeast) Regional Promoter of the Year, but also as the 47th. Annual Auto Racing Promoter of the Year (Nationally) Racing Promotion Monthly presented Lyle with his honor at their 50th. annual convention in Daytona Beach, Florida A new team is being formed that will compete in the Swagger Factory Apparel crate sportsman division at Fonda Speedway. Third generation driver Tanner Warner is working on putting together a new team, with hopes of competing Saturdays at the Track of Champions. Tanner is thinking of using the number 87 for his new ride and currently is looking for sponsorship/

New Assessor Coming to Broome

By Joshua Walther

BROOME - On Wednesday evening, the Broome Town Board held their regular meeting for February, where they convened to talk about the vacant assessor's position and a bid for the price of fuel.

After years of service, the former assessor for Broome, Irene Schmidt, chose to resign from her position due to her age and health. While the Board was sad to see her go, they accepted her resignation and began looking for a possible replacement.

On Wednesday, members reviewed the only application and letter of interest. The letter was sent by Glen Warner, a lifelong resident of Broome, and he has over thirty-five years of experience in construction, giving him unique insight into the work of an assessor.

Supervisor Stephen Weinhofer vouched for Mr. Warner personally, saying "I've known Glen a long time. I think he'd be good for the job."

As Mr. Warner was the only interested applicant, the Board accepted him with no further questions and appointed him as a town assessor, offering their congratulations to him soon after

In other news, the Board sought out bids for the price of on-road diesel. Just like with the assessor's position, they only received one bid in response, from Laraway's Oil in Middleburgh.

Laraway's proposed a price of twenty-two cents over the price at Albany's port terminal. This is a common occurrence with fuel, as the cost in Albany can often fluctuate from day to day. The twenty-two cents serves as a delivery sur-

Laraway's proposed a charge, which is only a onecent increase from previous ver the price at Albany's vears.

Happy with the price, and seeing as how Laraway's was the only interested proposal, the Board soon accepted the bid.

Science Fair

Photos by Scott Keidong



Homeschooled fourth grader Shyanne Beretz points out Earth as she presents her science fair project – There is no place like space! – to Library Trustee Diane Stewart and Library Director Teresa Pavoldi



Shyanne Beretz, homeschooled fourth grader from Middleburgh, gets applause from parents, library staff and oth ers at the Middleburgh Library's Homeschool Science Fair last Saturday.



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The inner workings of volcanoes are explained to the crowd at the Middleburgh Library's Homeschool



The crowd at the Middleburgh Library's Homeschool Science Fair watches the eruption of Jimmy Beretz's science fair project "It's Time To Erupt."

Gallupville Community Dance

The Gallupville House Association will be hosting a COMMUNITY DANCE at the Gallupville House on Rt 443 in Gallupville on Saturday, February 25th, from 2-4 pm. This FREE event features the talented caller Paul Rosenberg and live band Tamarack, playing traditional American, Celtic, French-Canadian, Old-Time and

original fiddle tunes. Fun, simple dances from the U.S. and around the world will be taught and will include circles, contras and squares. No experience is necessary – bring the whole family!

For more information, visit GALLUPVILLE-HOUSE.ORG

Community Calendar (Including Cancellations)

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.

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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

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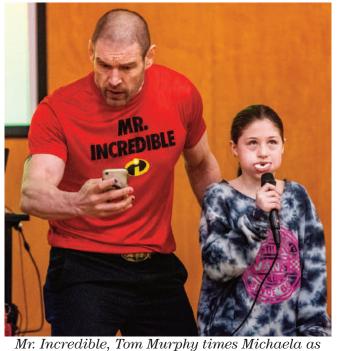


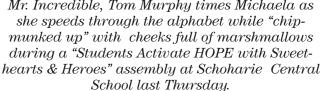


Above left: Tom Murphy, AKA Mr. Incredible introduces Rick Yarosh, and show off his "robot leg" to an assembly of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Yarosh is a retired U.S. Army sergeant, HOPE expert and motivational speaker from New York who was severely burned while serving in Iraq. The two are "Sweethearts & Heroes", are a student empowerment and empathy activation team that aims to prevent bullying and suicide with a focus on social and emotional learning.

Above right: The fastest kids in the room – Tom Murphy, AKA Mr. Incredible of Sweethearts & Heroes, asked the gym full of Schoharie third, fourth and fifth graders "who are the fastest kids in the room?" Then he had them come up front for a race – how fast can you say the ABCs? Clay sped through in 2.71 seconds, and Michaela's was clocked at 3.85 seconds.

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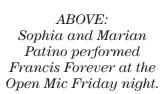






ABOVE, LEFT: High school Principal Matt Sloane and Quin Smith lead off the open mic night with a duet Friday night on the Middleburgh high school stage.

ABOVE, RIGHT: Alexia Bell and Luke Bramer perform a Valentine's song.



Photos by David Avitabile



Left: "Bully Drill" Superhero Elise got a cape, a mask (swim goggles), superhero headgear (a swim cap), and ten se onds to take Rick Away from bully Tom during a lesson about the ABCs of handling a bullying situation. Photos by Scott Keidong.







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Public Makes Lots of Suggestions for New Schoharie School Mascot Coyotes, Blue Jays, Blue Devils, Hochuls, Patriots, and, of Course, Indians, and More

By David Avitabile SCHOHARIE - Now that the state has decreed that all school Native American mascots must be removed by the end of the school year (under penalty or loss of state aid and removal of school officials), Schoharie residents have been asked to come up with ideas and

Mascot ideas can be sent to the district at SCSMascot@schoharieschools.org for the next few weeks.

suggestions for the next

Schoharie Central School

mascot.

In the meantime, the Mountain Eagle has asked residents for their suggestions through a Facebook post.

As expected, there were many suggestions, including retaining the current Indians name and imagery. Other ideas were: Coyotes, Patriots, Cannoneers, Eagles, Pioneers, Minuteman, Colonials, Revolutionaries, Sentinels, Blue Javs, Sodbusters, Bulls, Bisons, Stallions, Bucks, Scorpions, Bobcats, Serpents, Harriers, Hawks, Hochuls (yes, that Hochul), Diamonds, Vipers, Bears, Skylarks, Storm, Dutchmen, Cyclones, Chiefs, Dragons, Spartans, Arrowheads, Blue Devils, Forts, Falcons, Raptors, Warriors, Rebels, Gladiators, Engines, Farmers, Rock Heads, Rednecks, the Tomahawks, the Flying Eagles, Sasquatch, Cowtippers, Palatiners, Pride, and many others.

The question generated over 209 comments on the Schoharie Facebook page as of Monday morning, a few days after it was posted and there were 165 comments on the Middleburgh page the same morning, and 25 more in the Schoharie County page.

Some of the suggestions were made in jest, but many people were genuine and passionate about their school and mascot.

Brett Sharpe of Brett's Fried said, "It's seriously bugs the hell out of me that a minuscule few are forcing a change. But there are much bigger battles to be fought.

"So, my choice of those proposed on our FB site is for the Cannoneers. The cannon on the lawn, albeit much bigger now than when originally installed because of the layers of green paint from Middleburgh folks, is truly a unique icon. And while I'm sure some jackass can mutter a problem with it, it remains...."

Christopher Campbell suggested a number of mascots, including, Pioneers, Minuteman, Colonials, Revolutionaries, Trailblazers, and Sodbusters.



"All names provided are true to the history of the Schoharie Valley's proud history," he said.

Gloria Pfeiffer suggested the Eagles, as did many other people. There were other iterations such as the Flying Eagles, the Blue Eagles, and the Soaring Ea-

It was pointed out by several people that nearby Duanesburg has the Eagles as its mascot.

Ms. Pfeiffer also said, "What about the Schoharie Bulls because we are a farming community."

Like many responders, Bruce VanDyke answered, "I think everybody in Schoharie is partial to the one they have, Indians."

Resident Venus Louise suggested, "The BLUE Jays to keep our blue and white."

School officials have said that blue and white will remain as the school colors.

Middleburgh resident Timothy Knight offered, "Patriots -- because there is a literal Revolutionary War Fort within a stone's throw of the school."

This name was supported by other respondents. Cherry Valley-Springfield also uses the Patriots name but is in another county and different athletic league.

Tawnee Britten also suggested Bluejay.

"My daughter Shaylen came up with a rather good suggestion I feel. Her idea was to make our new mascot a Bluejay. The Schoharie Bluejays. We would also be able to keep the same colors, which would be a plus! She drew a sketch and sent it in, but no word yet," she

Tom Aulita, might have been facetious when he wrote, "Maybe they could change the name to the Schoharie "AbsolutelyNothings"... That way, no one will have their feelings hurt and no one will have to stand up to the woke agenda. It's a win-win."

Lynn Sellick said she agreed with Mr. Sharpe that the state should be concentrating on other issues like the deficit. She also suggested the Eagles.

"Keep it simple. As we sore into this new world of ours might be fitting. Lol." Charity Baird suggested



Lynx or Bobcat.

Jennifer Crewell Alescio recommended the Cannoneers, Patriots, or Sen-

"All could be tied in with the history of Schoharie and definitely the cannon on the school lawn!"

Amber McDermott-Dickson suggested some names that night not fly with the state, but added others.

"I thought the Tomahawks or Arrowheads, but not sure if it will be "allowed" since they are Native American

"Then I thought perhaps the Wolves/Wolverines or Coyotes because those animals were considered sacred to the natives and are usually associated with Native Amer-

"Thought perhaps Blue Jays to keep the same colors. As long as we don't become the Schoharie S's or Squir-

Resident Juliet Colyer suggested a weather term.

"Schoharie Storm due to our triumph over the weather. We handle whatever comes our way—tornadoes, floods, hurricanes. It's very powerful and speaks to the strength and spirit of the community. Plus I love the alliteration.

Like many people, Elizabeth Hoffmann reached into the area's history for some

"Before a whole bunch of people get on here to debate about how it should stay "Indians"... the state has made it clear that no school with a mascot depicting anything Indian will stay... so just give suggestions for a new one...With that said... I think it should definitely be something that has to do with our history in the Schoharie Valley. It was largely settled by the Dutch. Maybe 'Schoharie Dutchmen' or 'Colonials'?"

Jake Davis did not like the Colonials suggestions but did like Dutchmen.

"The problem with 'Colonials' is the history of colonization. It was so brutal and merciless against the natives, I don't see how this could be respectful toward

them. What am I missing? Dutchmen is cool!"

Mr. Sharpe responded to Ms. Hoffmann's remarks.

"It should stay INDIANS, lest a few of us decide to change the way our government employees do things.'

George L. Diamond wondered if Dutchmen would make the cut.

"If you said anything about Dutchman they probably would say you were attacking the Germans, that don't seem like we can win."

Rick Welsh also commented on her post.

"interesting how the state is making schools change mascots while at the same time, the new exit off I-87 to the Albany Airport has feathered Indians stamped into all four faces."

Jennifer Loeber suggested the Colonials too.

"I don't think it should be a mascot that a school close has had for decades (the Eagles)."

Once again, Mr. Davis was against it.

"War and genocide isn't the vibe NYS is going for." Christine Preston's suggestion was one of many

"Indians as it always has been. Pride for our Schoharie Valley heritage!"

similar ones.

Anny Ryan Nethaway added, "I feel the same way about this issue as everyone else.. our history as we know it is being taken away from us it's sad that it's come to this point. But I believe that if we are going to change our mascot to something else we need to be close to our history of our former mascot that we have 'Indians'.. I believe that the closest thing to renaming our mascot is Schoharie Wolves

and/or Schoharie Covotes... "Why you may ask? Native Wolf represents loyalty, strong family ties, good communication, education, understanding, and intelligence. Of all land animals. the Wolf has the strongest supernatural powers and is the most accomplished hunter and our Indians used their talent to help them learn and survive, etc.

"I believe that would be a great fit for our community and our students as a whole. I do wish however that we could stay as the 'Schoharie Indians,' but because our world as we know it has changed with ridiculous



things and issues and it's really disappointing."

Former school board member Zach Reinhart suggested the Cannoneers and Junise Wright said Spartans (though Sharon Springs has the Spartans already.

Sean Barlow expressed a sentiment voiced by many. "Who got offended now? Just leave it!"

Austin Kimball added, "I feel it should be left the same. Had been the same for generations and now what? Couple of hurt pansies don't like the mascot and the whole town is supposed to fold?"

Dan Federico said, "The Indians settled the Schoharie Valley and helped immigrants survive when they arrived. If we can't celebrate that then we should not have any mascots."

Fran Kossmann was very critical of the state.

"Leave it alone! The 'Schoharie school district' as you stated is NOT looking for a new name, This has nothing to do with the 'District' This is the school doing this, and NYS because they were told they would lose state aid. They are pandering to a few that find the word 'Indians' offensive. Or for that matter any Native American name.

"I find it offensive that this is even being considered. I have been a school taxpayer in Schoharie for years, I was not asked. Our opinion does not matter, it already has been decided. The district hasn't a say.

"I have an idea why don't you ask the kids? They hate the idea. One of the names being considered is Schoharie Squirrels, can you imagine? NYS is a joke."

Esther Brown added, "This is so wrong to change it because some group were offended, now I an others are offended to change so let compromise and use an arrow head which our area has lots of them." Constance Burroughs had

an interesting name.

"Dragons. The graphics for the Scho-Burg games would be fantastic and our kids wear blue, black and white already."

Sharon Aernecke Aitchson agreed with Mr. Reinhart.



"I like Cannoneers. That front lawn cannon is an icon that has tested the hands of time. It is very neutral, yet has history with the district and area. I can think of nothing else as meaningful. I will always be an SCS Indian ... but since it must change, let's go with something that has no possible negative impact and can continue to stand the test of time!"

Resident Dawn Failing suggested Tomahawks or Arrowheads while Toni Schaeffer said, "And my daughter's contribution (student at SCS)...Schoharie Creek Foxes. (Play on Fox Creek tributary of Schoharie Creek)."

Resident Tammi Puchala Cammer followed a theme suggested by many.

"Why not something with an S? Then link it to the horse on the Schoharie County seal, that's historical, so the Stallions?"

Animals were a popular recommendation.

"Bucks represents Schoharie pretty well. Hunting is a staple in the county. Plus most houses have a buck head hanging," Jason McKelvy said.

Brian Bradt suggested the

Rick Welsh definitely had a different name.

"Largest employers outside of government are the stone quarries. Schoharie Stoners....blacktoppers probably won't fly."

Paul W. Ferenczy also had a different suggestion.

"TURNPIKERS after the Great Schoharie Turnpike which was a main artery from Athens, New York to Albany, New York used transporting people food...Was a main route to and from 'The Breadbasket of the Revolution." Board member Lynda

Lewandowski had some interesting news. "I just read that this has

been reintroduced AGAIN in NYS senate and has not actually passed as of yet. Who is actually making us change the mascot? NYS or NYSED? If it must change I think the history of the SCHOHARIE Valley should remain. How about PATRI-OTS or REVOLUTIONAR-IES? EAGLES? SCORPI-ONS? BOBCATS?"

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Mascot, Continued from B6

Like many people Toni Schaffer had more than one suggestion.

Others were Schoharie Harriers or the Harrier

William Thomas Nay Jr. had an unusual one, the Schoharie Potato Heads. Francine Otty Hard also

suggested the Cannons or Cannoneers.

"My husband suggested due to the cannon on the front lawn."

James Greene had an interesting question.

"Schoharie' comes from a Mohawk word meaning 'floating driftwood.' So I am not sure changing the mascot name serves any real purpose."

James Snyder suggested the Serpents and the S could be a rattlesnake.

Ryan Clark said the ValleyCats, Chris Osinski said the Skylarks. and Jake Davis suggested the Raptors, FalEagle)." The Diamonds, suggested Susan Diamond, "because Schoharie is tough as rocks and sticks together. Even though I would rather it stay Indians because I was an Indian, but I understand the state is making ALL schools change it or lose funding."

They have no natural pred-

ators, they are the apex of

their habitat. It also keeps

the Native American culture

alive, as they also honored

these animals." The mascot

could be a Red Tail Hawk,

Peregrine falcon, Hawk-Owl,

or Golden Eagle (although

Duanesburg is already an

Eeeb Breault got a little political.

"Oh great the Dems making us change it. Well how about the Wokies!"

Resident Richard Sherman had a similar thought.

"I vote to tell the State to mind their business. However if the change is made I vote for no mascot at all because whatever it is some WOKE loser will have a problem with it. Those of us who are privileged to be Schoharie Indians will never let it die."

Feather Crayon also like the Raptors.

"Schoharie Raptors in

honor of the turkey vultures cons, Hawks, Hawk Owls, "Our region is full of these that nest at the school. Also magnificent birds of prey. raptors are tough and fierce!"

Nate Sells might not been

or sheep cause it's a joke they are taking the Indians away. Butthurt society. Or how about the Schoharie kittens to go with the cat litter boxes?

Ken Hubert had a different one.

"Gladiators - - don't think there are any of them still alive to moan and groan about using their name..." Or, "Call 'em 'The Americans' and keep the nice original American as the logo (what would you use instead, an baseball?)'

Connie Kane Standhart liked the Patriots too.

"Patriots. Go with the winner of the Revolution this time. The mascot could be akin to Timothy Murphy and start events like he does the TM 10k. (Except obviously using another device to create a bang).

Chad Boyles also went with a weather symbol.

"Cyclones..keep the colors, simplified logo. In an area where hurricanes have ravaged our villages. It only makes sense."

to history for a name.

"The Forts, Rebels could draw a lot from the areas history with the American revolution."

clan animal.

""Schoharie" was the Mohawk word for floating driftwood. Maybe a good way to keep with the original theme and honor the rich "Should try the unicorns history and traditions of the Iroquois is to choose a clan animal. The Beaver. Not only does the beaver symbolize hard work, persistence, resourcefulness and creativity. But in light of more recent events, like the flood, the Beaver rebuilds and doesn't stop until its done, like the people of Schoharie. The Schoharie Beavers."

> Brenda Hewett was not sure any name could be used.

"I'm thinking if school apple pie? a hot dog? a mascots are becoming offensive then no matter what new mascot is chosen then it will ultimately offend someone for some reason so my opinion is that there be no more mascots and end the insanity of all the time and money wasted when efforts and money should be directed towards more important school issues."

Olivia Smith suggested the Eagles or Blue Devils while Dave Barmen said something "cute" like the Schoharie engines. Thomas Lafontaine simply said, the Schoharie Rednecks, or the Gary Hayes also looked Rock Heads, or the Farm-

> Ashley Allen said a new mascot is the only way to

"Anything but the Indians Carrie Shaul suggested a at this point. During pep rallies and parades it's quite

racist and inappropriate for a non-native white person to wear a war bonnet (chief headdress) it's rude and shouldn't have been a thing in the first place. As for the name 'the Schoharie Indians' that's not racist in any manner just the 'mascot' that's racist cause again white people shouldn't be wearing a war bonnet, even a mixed native person shouldn't be wearing it. Only a Chief should be wearing a war bonnet. This isn't being 'woke' it's called being compassionate towards natives. If y'all don't see it as being even slightly racist there is an issue with your morals."

Ken Dobesh was very passionate in his sentiment on the issue.

"I am really just tired of this 'new world' we are living in," he wrote.

"My mother went to Schoharie school. She is 82 vears old now. So vou take the time to figure out what year she graduated. That school was the Schoharie Indians then and even before she attended the school. Now everyone gets offended over the silliest stuff. I do understand about the head dress BUT they have done it for almost 90 years. The school was built in 1933.

"Come on people, let put our big boy and girl pants on and look at reality. The only reason this is happening is people want to make a mockery of the old ways. Get over yourselves."







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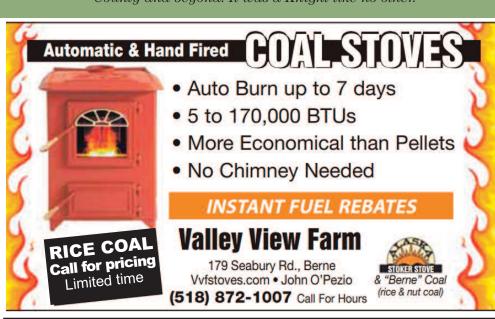
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Wednesday marked a red-letter day in the history of the Schoharie Valley. Local Journalist, Philanthropist, Professor, Village Trustee, Former Rotary President, Former County Coroner, Sea Shanty Creator, and "great guy everyone would want to know" Timothy C. Knight married the love of his life, Courtney Knight, formerly Mooney. The two were joined in a propitious ceremony replete with moving statements and a wonderful dinner hosted by the Apple Barrel.

Mr. Knight, who writes a popular column for this newspaper, cited Socrates in his wedding vows.

"While it is difficult for a man so handsome and so comfortable in suspenders to be removed from the dating market," one wedding participant said, "This union will soon be one of major change for Schoharie County and beyond. It was a Knight like no other."



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Indians Defeat Golden Eagles



Matt Bernhardt nets two points for Schoharie in the second period of Saturday's Crossover Tournament game against Galway at Fulton Montgomery Community College. Bernhardt was The Indians' high scorer in the game, netting 12 of

Schoharie's 47 points. Photos by Scott Keidong.

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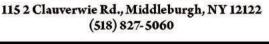
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Tax Exemption Law Passed for Two Frontline Units

By Michael Ryan

LEXINGTON - A financial tip of the cap and hopefully an incentive to lows: join the ranks was given and ambulance workers in Lexington, last week.

Town council members, following a public hearing, passed a new local law providing real property tax exemptions for the two frontline units.

Recruitment of firefighters is a major issue statewide as membership ages, although Lexington is holding its own in that regard and is the rarest of communities still hav-

Wanting to keep it that way, officials mirrored actions taken recently by the Greene County legislature and being considered by other area towns.

And while the legislation offers a tax break with eligibility requirements - it is also, "a way to honor our volunteers,"

town supervisor Jo Ellen usual taxable rate: Schermerhorn said.

The law reads as fol-

"Real property owned to volunteer firefighters by a member of the town of Lexington Volunteer Fire Company or a members of the town of Lexington Rescue Squad shall be exempt form taxation of up to ten percent of assessed value of such property...exclusive of special districts.

> "Such exemption shall be granted to a member of the Lexington Volunteer Company/Rescue Squad if:

-"The applicant reing an active volunteer sides in the town of Lex-First Responders squad. ington and serves the residents of the town;

> -"The property is the primary residence of the applicant;

-"The property is used exclusively for residential purposes; however, if any portion is not used as its residence but is used for other purposes, that portion will be taxed at the vears:

-"The applicant has been certified by the authority of the town of Lexington Volunteer fire Company Inc. and/or the town of Lexington Volunteer Rescue Squad that the minimum of two years of service has been acquired as an active members according to the membership section of the respective by-laws of the specific Fire/Rescue Squad companies;

-"Any certified member who has accrued more than twenty years of active service shall be granted the ten percent tax exemption for the remainder of his/her life as long as it is his/her primary residence;

-"Un-remarried spouses of deceased volunteers, killed in the line of duty, may apply for this property exemption if...the deceased volunteer had been an active member for at least five

- "Un-remarried minimum and maximum, spouses of deceased volunteers may continue an exemption or reinstate a pre-existing exemption if...the deceased volunteer had been an active member for at least twenty years and...

"...such deceased volunteer and spouse had been receiving the exemption for their property prior to the death of the volunteer;

"Application for such exemption shall be filed with the assessor on or before the annual taxable status date on the form," the law reads.

match the same criteria set by the Greene County Legislature in recently passing similar legisla-

Municipalities were given the choice of requiring between 2 to 5 years of active service to be eligible and a tax exemption rate of between 5 and 10 percent, opting for the

respectively.

County lawmakers, apearlier this month, stated that "the legislature finds and determines that attracting and retaining quality volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel is one of facing a number of communities in Greene Coun-

"Maintaining effective emergency protection depends on the ability to train and retain volunteers.

"The Legislature finds Lexington chose to and determines that it is essential for the county and its municipalities to provide real property tax exemptions as an incentive to attract new volunteers and help combat a persistent and alarming decline in the number of volunteers serving as active responders to fire and medical emergencies.

found to replace retiring volunteers and seasoned members are encouraged proving their resolution to continue their volunteer service, the health and safety of citizens served by the volunteer firefighter and emergency medical personnel corps may be jeopardized.

"The Legislature further the most critical problems finds and determines that real property tax exemptions are an appropriate way to recognize the personal sacrifices and dedication of these community-spirited men and women who unselfishly give their time and risk their safety to protect their neighbors without compensation," legislature resolution states.

In other matters:

-Town council members held a respectful "Moment of Silence" for three people with connections to Lexington who recently passed away, Ann Rappleyea Robison, John Klein and "Unless recruits are Charles VanEtten.

RISENations Showing Support In Ukrainian Refugee Crisis

By Michael Ryan

MAPLECREST - It might have been the most witless idea he'd ever had, says Jared Dorsch. until it turned out to be pure heavenly genius.

Jared and his wife Sharlene are preparing for a spiritually inspired journey to Poland, next week, as part of a team of 25 people working with RISENations, aiding in the refugee crisis from the Ukrainian War.

The couple founded the non-profit RISENations in 2020, sharing the vision of establishing missionary training centers worldwide.

Jared and Sharlene have ministered in 26 countries, thus far, "going to all people that are lost and hurting," which now includes Ukrainian citizens.

Their team will be partnering with ICF Bydgoszcz, transforming an old brick building into nine apartments for displaced families.

They, along with some team members, were given a supportive sendoff at Living Faith Commu-



Living Faith Worship Team cranks out a tune at the maiden Maplecrest Music Cafe Open Mic Night at Living Faith Community Church.

nity Church, last Saturday night, ebulliently hosted by Pastor Charmaine Rusin.

Pastor Rusin, wanting to help the cause, blended the farewell with the first. and hopefully continuing, "Maplecrest Music Cafe Open Mic Night" inside the freshly renovated Fellowship Center.

"We did this for two good reasons, to have a of what the pastor sweetly

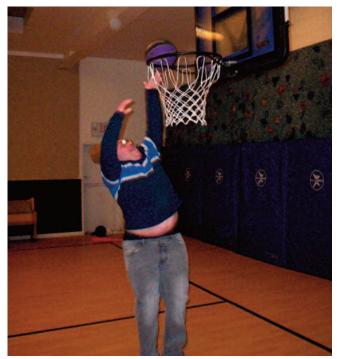
fun community gathering said were, "folks slinging and to raise funds" [for the RISENations effort], Pastor Rusin said.

The spruced up Fellowship Center, across the road from the chapel, along Main Street in Maplecrest (a hamlet in the town of Windham), was again bustling with sounds of children playing and the fragrances

coffee and serving donuts."

There are neatly arranged tables and comfortable sitting places next door to the Maplecrest Sports Arena where kids were shooting baskets and romping, guaranteeing them (and their parents) a restful night's sleep.

"Trust me when I say this didn't look like this



Going up for the slam, Matt Cunningham shoots some hoop at the Living Faith Community Church sports arena.

two weeks ago," Pastor Open Mics twice a Rusin said, proudly. [last autumn] there were tables piled up everywhere. This has been a process.

"We hope to have the

month," Pastor Rusin "When we first got here says, and meanwhile the RISENations group is hunkering down for the flight from JFK Airport

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to war torn Ukraine.

ICF Bydgoszcz has been responding to the humanitarian crisis since Day One of the Russian providing intrusion, emergency relief, stepping up for families for whom there is no home to return.

came to the mission from seemingly different but connected threads. "I had reached the end of me," Jared says.

He grew up in Goodland Kansas in what he says was, "the middle of flat nowhere," spending six years in the Navy doing nuclear mechanical engineering before settling in Fresno, Califor-

Shortening a long story, he wandered east, to Wappingers Falls, where he and some buddies

cooked up a scheme to create an eatery.

"It wasn't a great idea," Jared says, laughing at the memory. "Three nuclear engineers going to culinary school to start a restaurant in New York

"Let's just say it didn't Jared and Sharlene work out. At that point, nothing was working in my life. I was worn out, hitting a wall. I surrendered my life to the Lord."

> Jared crossed paths with Sharlene, who was born and raised a Parisi, here in the mountains, marrying in 2014, sharing a heaven-sent vision.

> RISENations is the result, "reviving, impacting, serving and empowering the nations," cultivating compassion amid tempestuousness.



Rising to the occasion, "RISENations" is traveling to Poland for Ukrainian Refugee Support. Helping raise funds for the cause are (left to right) RISENations co-founders Jared and Sharlene Dorsch and Living Faith Community Church pastor Charmaine Rusin.



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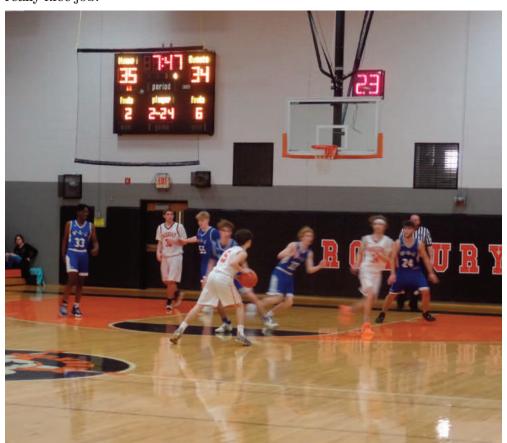
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Roxbury Defeats WAJ

By Robert Brune

In the final game for the Roxbury Rockets boys basketball season, they edged out the Windham (WAJ) team 45 -43. George Proctor #34 for the Rockets scorched the court by leading with 23 points. This was an exciting matchip for the fans on both sides, as most of the game within three points between them right up until the end of the game.

Coach Doug Johnson of the Roxbury Rockers was elated to finish off the season with a win, "It was a hard fought game, going back and forth the whole entire way... could have gone either way." Johnson added, "Getting some rebounds and putbacks, I think Taran Davis #30 had 10 in the first quarter." With this being the last game coach Johnson wanted to give mention to the contribution from Mason Hamill who was sick tonight. Mason had been Roxbury's second highest scorer throughout the season, "He had a big game, scored 16 when we played them at their (WAJ) place. The rest of the guys stepped up and did a really nice job."





Above left: Collin Lyke #5 point guard did well to distribute the ball Above right: George Proctor #34 with 23 pts





Above left: Judah Allsop #33 with 11 points top scorer for WAJ Above right: Judah Allsop free throw drew the most fouls for WAJ

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Out Lexington Way

By Christine Dwon

Thank you to all who came and for supporting the Lexington/West Kill UMC Trustees Brooks Chicken BBQ on Feb. 10. It was very successful and thanks to everyone who came to help and made those delicious cupcakes.

Friday, Feb. 17 at 5 p.m. is the next Dinner Church at the Ashland Community United Methodist Church, 1216 State Hwy 23, Ashland. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship. The program will be Fishers of Men—Jesus choosing his disciples. There will be a hymn sing following dessert. Please join us for a joyous evening.

Registration packets must be picked up in advance at the Hunter Elementary School, completed before appointment and returned by Friday, Feb. 17 for the Hunter Elementary School Pre-Kindergarten and new Kindergarten registration Tuesday, March 7 and Wednesday, March 8. Please call the Hunter Elementary School office at 518-589-5400 ext. 2000 to set up a registration appointment. Pre-Kindergarten students must be four years old on or before Dec. 1, 2023 to register. Kindergarten students must by five years 2023 to register.

Happy birthday to Marie Cross on Saturday, Feb.

Feb. 18 is also Debbie Valerio's birthday.

Carolyn Bennett celebrates her birthday on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Best wishes to all.

The Children's Ice Fishing Derby sponsored by the Catskill Mountain Fish Parmesan, whole wheat

and Game Club and the Stony Clove Rod and Gun Club will be Saturday, Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Rip Van Winkle/Tannersville Lake. Registration starts at 9 a.m. Prizes for largest fish and most fish in both junior and senior divisions. Open to children up to 16. Children 16 must have a valid fishing license. You may fish up to three tip ups or hand lines and single hooks only. Live bait and some tip ups will be available. Call Bob Monteleone at 518-488-0240 if you have questions.

Saturday, Feb. 18 is the Tannersville Ice Sculpture Festival from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. on Main Street. Bring your tools and crave a sculpture. For more info, call 518-858-9094.

Are you ready for the Freeze Your Butt Off Bake Sale for the benefit of the Friends of the Feathered and Furry Wildlife Center? Come over to the Sunoco Gas Station, 6360 Main Street Tannersville on Sunday, Feb. 19 from 10:30 to 4 p.m. for delicious homemade pies, cookies, cupcakes, and many more homemade goodies. Your support helps continue the Wildlife Center's work saving injured, sick and orphan wildlife.

The Greene County Deold on or before Dec. 1, partment of Human Services Senior Nutrition Program menu for the week of Feb. 20 – Feb. 24 is as follows: Monday—Closed for Presidents' Day; Tuesday—BBQ chicken thighs, baked beans, collard greens, pineapple chunks; Wednesday—Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, Sonoma vegetables, cookies; Thursday—Chicken

penne, tossed salad, green beans, chocolate chip banana bread; Friday—Beer battered fish, O'Brien potatoes, corn, 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. number to call for the Senior Nutrition site at the Jewett Municipal Building, Route 23C, Jewett is 518-263-4392.

Next Lexington/West Kill **UMC Administrative Coun**cil meeting will be Wednesday, March 1 at 5 p.m. in the church hall.

Thank you to all law enforcement, firefighters, EMS, dispatchers, volunteers, healthcare providers, our military, their families and so many more.

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

The calendar says about 5 more weeks until Spring. Should be seeing the redwing blackbirds soon. They usually come back around the end of February. Marie Cross had robins in her yard last

And speaking of Spring, there are little green things peeking out of the cold dirt in my yard.

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

LOCAL HISTORY WITH DEDE TERNS-THORPE

The Hotel Beautiful of the Catskills

The Schoharie Mansion was said to be the bestlooking smaller hotel on the Mountain Top (Accommodation numbers increased with time, about 175-200 guests). It was built close to Elka Park by Paul Goepel. A NY Times newspaper said that by June of 1915, the business was managed by Walter R. Goepel. It was called "The Hotel Beautiful of the Catskills."

An 1895 NY Times said, "One of the recent additions to the cottage clubs is Schoharie Manor, which was started by the Schoharie Manor Association late in October (1894). The association has bought 300 acres of land adjacent to Elka Park. The originator of Elka Park, Paul Goepel from New York City, is also the founder of the new club. The name is taken from the Schoharie River, the headwaters of which flow by the land of the association. (That wording probably meant that the Creek went near the hotel). A handsome clubhouse of colonial style has just been completed, named Schoharie Mansion. It was formally opened today." (June 16,

Schoharie Creek is responsible for much of our great fishing and early industries. The Creek begins in Platte Clove, close to Dale Lane, and flows westerly for about 315 miles before it meets up with the Hudson River. It is a direct tributary of the Mohawk River.

The Schoharie's name is an Indian word meaning Driftwood. It is an-



names we learned from the local Indians.

The Catskill Recorder newspaper of November 22, 1895, said that the Hunter Town Board met with Paul Goepel from the Schoharie Mansion. They met at Supervisor Fromer's office, where he granted the right of way for a road from Schoharie Mansion to Platte Clove, the town to bear half the cost. (I called John Farrell, recently retired Town of Hunter Road Supervisor, and spoke with him about it. John agrees it most likely was the Roaring Kill Road, leading into Dale Lane and county route 16.

A 1912 East Jewett boy's magazine, "A Mountain Boy," shared eight interesting other spellings for Schoharie:

Skochalie Schorie Shore

Schohare Schoharry

Scorie Schohary Shuckhary

July 31, 1901, Argus newspaper told us that Paul Goebel was also part of a new corporation filed with NYS that year. He, other of the beautiful along with George W.

Dibbell of Elka Park, Renwick Dibbell of Tannersville, and Paul Goepel of New York City, formed the Schoharie Water Company.

Interestingly, before Elka Park Club opened in 1889, there was no Elka Park. That area of town was known as Tannersville over to about today's intersection of Elka Park Rd. and County Route 16. It was known as Platt Clove from that area (approximately) over to the Clove. (The Platt Clove Post Office opened August 18, 1875, with the spelling as Platt Clove, no letter e was ever used. It was discontinued on February 28,

The Schoharie is explained beautifully in John Ham's One Hundred Years on Resort Ridge. "The classically designed Schoharie Mansion catered to a wealthy clientele. It was located just below the entrance to the Elka Park club, off Elka Park Road.'

Another beautiful Mountain Top Hotel is consumed by fire. Next week's story will cover

Thanks for reading. Stay well. Dede Terns-

Prattsville Residents Show Support for Vibrant Town Center

Staff Report

Town of Prattsville forges ahead in search of a new plan.

It's been over a decade since Hurricane Irene hit. Prattsville with the force of a knock-out punch. Ten years later, recovery

continues. Prattsville is a small town with a population hovering around 800. This wasn't always so. In its heyday, ca. 1850, it was a thriving town with a population of around 2.500. The town had three churches, two academies, dozens of little shops and ancillary businesses, and a burgeoning workforce of several hundred tannery workers and their families who kept the town a buzz.

Somewhere in the mid-1950's, Prattsville's cenbusiness. The Creamery Prattsville closed shop. The tannery was already long gone. Group in Albany to assist

PRATTSVILLE - With tain it, like spilled milk, 2022 and a site plan in Prattsville, like many small sive Plan. its rear-view mirror, the upstate communities began to dry up. What remained were the bare bones of a once-beautiful

> Beautiful, still in many ways in its quaintness and laid-back country ways with its 19th-century town hall, century-and-a-halfyear-old inn (now a tavern), two historic churches, and museum to Town Founder Zadock Pratt, located in the original Pratt Homestead (1828), now on the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

> Buried in its past is one of New York State's first planned communities. Also buried in that past on the road to the future. Hurricane Irene be damned, Prattsville is a town with attitude. The Town Council knew it was time to start fighting back with full force and subcontracted the LaBerge

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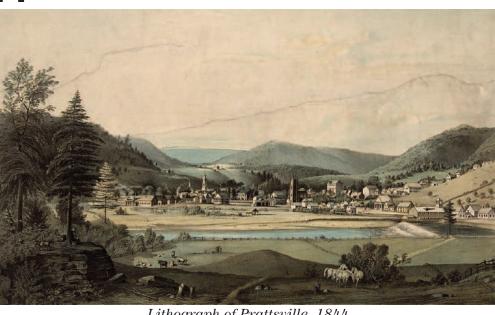
With no industry to sus- the Town in updating its decade old Comprehen-

> A committee of volunteers was formed. A local stakeholder survey was sent out. The survey results were surprising, or

> Historic preservation was high on the stakeholders' list. They gave two thumbs-up on honoring the legacy of the Town Founder and twoterm Congressman Zadock Pratt. The Town was founded in Pratt's honor in 1833. Prattsville is one of New York's first planned communities, led by Zadock Pratt who commissioned a finely drawn map of Main Street that is now one of the most prized items in the Zadock

> Pratt Museum's collection. The tradition of honoring the past while embracing the future comes easily to Prattsville residents which is why topping historic preservation on the stakeholder list, but not by much, was small- scale commercial development, the kind that encourages restaurants, outdoor markets, hobby shops, boutiques, auto shops, community centers and a pharmacy. "We hear the residents' concerns and are doing our part to address them" said Town Supervisor Greg Cross. "We've supported community efforts to create a non-profit Friends of Historic Prattsville to spearhead efforts to raise funds to implement plans for restoration of the historic sculptures at Pratt Rock Park and other civic and preservations projects"

> Outdoor recreation, land conservation, and agriculture/forestry scored



Lithograph of Prattsville, 1844

high on the survey as well. Developing a vibrant tourist economy came next although not without caution. As one stakeholder put it "Continue the steps taken to rebuild after Irene by maintaining the town's character while investing in structures and businesses that serve and support the community. Avoid overbuilding. Give serious consideration to zoning regulations." Echoing the first, a second stakeholder wrote, "Preserve the simplicity and natural beauty but perhaps attract a limited number of businesses to enhance appeal as well."

From a parking lot next to the town hall to the creation of a publicly and cooperatively owned renewal electric utility, ideas abound.

'This initial phase of the Comprehensive Plan Update is to develop a Community Vision generated through input from residents, business owners, second-home owners, and non-profit organizations that make up the Prattsville Community."

Said senior planner Kevin Schwenzfeier of the

LaBerge Group. "Community engagement in Prattsville has been encouraging; nearly 100 community members responded to the survey with productive comments. This level of participation is reflective of the community's commitment to creating a strategic action plan that will guide Prattsville towards a sustainable and resilient future." Schwenzfeier added.

Nancy Barton, Director of the Prattsville Art Center on Main Street in Prattsville, and a member of the Town's Comprehensive Plan Committee added "I am proud of what our community has accomplished in bringing the town back from the devastation of Hurricane Irene. Now we are ready to plan for the future. Buildings are being elevated out of the flood plain, new residents and businesses, as well as the arts, education, a historic district, and the restoration of Pratt Rock Park

are a part of this discussion." The Art Center has received a National Endowment for the Arts Grant to bring geographers, architects, ecologists, and planners from around the world and across the USA to Prattsville the fall.

They will be here to learn firsthand from rural residents about their experiences and assist with this planning process.

All in all, support for a Recreation and Tourism Master Plan, Historic Main Street District, and townwide zoning laws scored high on land use regulation incentives that Prattsville residents would like to see incorporated in their updated Comprehensive Plan.

The Town of Prattsville expects to start planning a series of Stakeholder Meetings and Public Workshops are to be held from late February to early April. Look for future scheduled dates and times on the Town of Prattsville website at www.townofprattsville.com

The Prattsville Scoop

By Abby and Gabby

PRATTSVILLE - To all who cheered for the winning football team, Kansas City Chiefs, congratulations. To those who are now suffering disappointment, you will have to wait till next year with us Buffalo Bills fans. But not unhappy that KC won, even didn't want Philadelphia to lose, just enjoyed the game and to know we were all enjoying a mutual fun time.

Goaded Janet Brainerd often enough that she finally called me after the last prompt in last week's Scoop in the Mountain Eagle. Now I have her mailing address and telephone number so she cannot get away from me.

Shelly and Elliott Brainard made a trip to the Stratton VAMC on Friday where Elliott was able to get three appointments in one trip. That is very handy, and he had good check ups. The Brainards delivered more gifts to the residential veterans on the 9th Floor from the American Legion Virgil E. Deyo Post 1327 and American Legion Auxiliary Virgil E. Deyo Unit 1327. Elliott and Shelly are both members of these two organizations. Thanks to all you generous supporters of our hospitalized veterans through our VAMC programs, are able to participate in many more programs, and just for fun and joy, they have happy hour with non-alcoholic drinks and lots of snacks. They were able to have some pre-game celebration prior to Super Bowl kick off. With Valentine's Day and St.Patrick's Day soon arriving, more snacks and drinks and special decorations will be there for their enjoyment. Thank you. When we are able to get in to mingle with them, you will be informed to celebrate with them

John Wilkens long time resident of Prattville passed away at the age of 90 weeks ago. He leaves behind his 3 daughters Johanna Friedel, Peggy Young and Karen Martel. John and his late wife Peggy were involved in the establishing of the Prattville rescue squad years ago and John was a long time carpenter. He served in the military in the Korean War as a Medic, and so enjoyed that, and also served in the reserves. John and Peggy lived in Ocala Florida for the last 30 years, enjoying the warmth and sunshine and being close to his brothers Bobby and Ronnie. Our prayers are with John's family and send them our

condolences.

Lots of activity around the homestead with much of it being phone calls and unexpected drop by guests. Heard from Al Olivieri that his lovely mother Toby is going to be celebrating her 100th birthday on March 4. How about a card shower for her? Anyone that reaches 100 years of age deserves an avalanche of cards. Toby is worthy of cards just because she is Toby. Mail to: Toby Olivieri, P.O. Box 58, East Jewett, NY 12424. Al has a birthday on March 7 so you might as well send him a card also. He does tend to cry if he is overlooked.

Jimmy Hull Jr. was out and about, finally getting the okay to be driving. We all love our independence and Jimmy is enjoying his freedom after a heart attack some months ago. His nieces and nephews have been there for him to do all the things that his medical restrictions put upon him. So glad you are well on your way to a return to complete recovery. Stay well Jimmy.

Johannes and Marianne Krauss celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with friends. Friends take the sharp edges off all your worries and upsets. Marianne and Johannes, may you have many more anniversary celebrations.

Jane Concato played deliveryman on Friday evening and personally delivered bbq chicken dinners. She was very kind and made it easy on those who are a bit disabled. You're a good friend Jane, and Joe also fits that category. Jane and Joe are members of the Lexington UMC and work along side those members of long standing. They practice what they preach. Thank you one and all. Others were also able to enjoy everyone's generosity

Red Wing Blackbirds are back and busy feeding at our feeders. They do not look very sleek but they are here. Their usual arrival date is Valentine's Day, the fourteenth, but they are a welcome sign of spring. Other than a few really cold days, we have had very mild weather this winter. We will probably have a payback later on, like in May.

Happy Birthday to Dottie Pickett on February 20 and may it be filled with love. We wish Ken Aurigema a very Happy Birthday on February 24. We also wish Ken good health.

Please send your news to gurleyrv@gmail.com or call 518 299 3219.

Ashland Speaks

By Lula Anderson Walking weather is fi-

nally here! People are starting to appear on the roads and sidewalks, the Windham Path is full, all for the sake of exercise and good health. It feels so good to be able to walk in the sun and look at the changes in the area since last fall. Many trees have fallen, branches are down in many locations. And the perpetual trash. It's so nice when people come to visit us and stay at an Air B&B, then instead of disposing of their trash legally, they dump it on the side of the road. I saw a full trash bag, nicely tied, and dumped in the woods at the top of Jewett Mt. Another bag was thrown in the creek where it landed on top of the ice and is now making its way to Mill Hollow. Cans, bottle, fast food wrappers and coffee cups. All out there to sully my roadside because

visiting. For those who are walking along the roads, please make yourself visible. I know its very unstylish to wear a bright walking vest, or pairing bright yellow with orange or pink, but it could save you from injury. The way cars are speeding down the roads, you WANT the occupants to notice you. I have heard complaints from truck drivers that they cannot see the walker until almost upon them

someone didn't want to

have a dirty car and could-

n't wait until there was a

trash can. Thank you for

because of dark clothing. Something bright and reflective is preferred.

What a surprise for two of my friends who just entered the Pines for Re-Hab. When introduced to their roommate, Leona Knox and Ruth Cross were so happy to find they were in the same room. It makes healing so much easier when it's someone vou know.

Went to Nana Gail's for breakfast on Sunday and heard the bad (good) news: They will be closed for the next two weeks while the new owner does some minor renovations.

Went to the Jewett Nutrition Center on Thursday for a delicious turkey dinner. It was a full house, and Gail is "taking reservations" for the month of February. Come check it out. For \$4, Senior Citizens get a complete dinner, served to you, just remember to call at least a day in advance as the food is cooked on premise and Gail and staff have to know how much to cook.

Several "Save the Dates" The next meeting of WAJPL will be on February 20 at our Senior Hall in Hensonville and we'll be having a game day. Albie and Donnie tried out the pool table yesterday, so it's good to go. Also Bingo and ???

On Feb. 24th, the VFW is holding a spaghetti dinner from 4:30 - 7. \$12 for adults, \$5 for children. The VFW hall is on Rt 23 just west of Windham.

On Feb 26, I will be

doing the message at the Windham UMC at 11 am.

March 16th is the annual "Dinner Theater" for WAJ Senior Citizens. The Production this year is ANNIE. Join us and support our Drama Club and the school.

The Annual Corned Beef Luncheon is back at the Windham UMC on March 17th. Starting at 10 am, you can get a corned beef sandwich, cole slaw, bag o'chips, dessert and a drink for \$12. Free delivery of 3 or more in the Windham/Hensonville area.

The Cornell Cooperative Extension will be holding a gardening workshop, complete with soil sampling, one on one time with a master gardener, and more in Hudson on March 25th and in Acra on April 1s. Contact: Sandra Linnell SML334@cornell.edu 518-622-9820

Prayers for Wally Thompson who has been in the hospital, and for Peggy Fromm.

AS I REMEMBER

VALENTINE'S DAY for some a day of candy, flowers, dinner out, and love. For some: memories. The Hallmark Channel is always showing stories of How two people get together, so I decided to share mine:

In 1957 IBM was first they had to rebuild their ries.

telephone system with Ma Bell. I was working for the telephone company along with Jean Mc-Glashen, Ruth Brandow and Jean Quinn. The winter season was slow, without the resorts being open, there was little need for many operators, so we, along with others from Tannersville, and other locations, were asked to go to Kingston to help. At the same time, Western Electric from Hartford, CT sent a team of men to put in the cross bar. And so the saga begins. We all worked together for 2 years, and got to be friends.

There were several night clubs, the Tropicana, the Capri, along with the MidTown Chop House and the DugOut. Breakfast was always at the Chop House, and soon we started pairing up. That is where both Jean and Ruth met their mates, and I fell in love with George (Andy) Anderson. He joined the Navy and after 20 years, we moved back to Ashland. raised 4 wonderful children three boys and one girl, and in 2012 had been married 48 years. So many memories, both happy and sad, to look back on, and I miss the opportunity to make more, so I wish you, coming into Kingston so LOVE and happy memo-

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LEGISLATURE STUFF

Thwarting the Price Changer

By Michael Ryan

take a helping hand from Justice League superheroes to protect a Greene County Legislature plan to build a new Justice Center.

Lawmakers, during a ment team. meeting this past Monday night, took the next steps in the possible construction of a wing on the existing county courthouse.

Resolutions were passed, following Public Safety committee discussions, declaring the county as lead agency in required State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) studies.

A second resolution established Capital Project Fund #123, specifically earmarked for the job, and transferred \$200,000 federally-received American Rescue Plan Act money to that account.

Creation of the Justice Center has been in the formulative stages for two years, utilizing lands that once housed the county jail, behind the courthouse on Main Street in downtown Catskill.

County officials say the current Public Defender and District Attorney offices are squeezed for space, shifting them to the new digs while also making more room for the NY State Office of Court Administration.

Other agencies similarly tightly packed could then stretch out into the vacated spots, with plenty of competition for that widening.

Current plans call for a three-story, 47,000 square foot office building accessible through an elevated pedestrian

walkwav. show a ground floor parking garage, an expansion Groden says, but when on the second floor and be etched-in-stone, he becoming home for the Public Defender and DA.

linked to the property that was salvaged during time," Groden says. demolition of the jail. It would be set up for Buildings and Grounds operations.

CATSKILL - It might done deal, depending largely on job estimates that are expected to come in by late spring or early summer, county officials have previously hired a Construction Manage-

> Declaring lead agency status and setting up the specific Capital Account are "part of the whole process," legislature chairman Patrick Linger

> We have to do this to get this project out to bid so we know what we are looking at with the cost," Linger says, aiming for an April release.

> Cost has become a very fluid beast in the postpandemic marketplace and that is putting it very mildly as prices wildly fluctuate and contracts are anything but done and done, as in bygone days.

The county has experienced this trend with the recent purchase of vehicles for the highway department, signing on the dotted line only to have the dotted line disappear, paying significantly more than agreed upon.

Lawmakers were left shaking their heads. faced with paying more or not getting needed equipment, causing legislative Minority Leader Harry Lennon to say, "I thought the price was the

price was the price." County administrator Shaun Groden, based on reasonable projections, has put the bricks-andmortar price tag in the \$18-\$20 million range, but given the new realities, that number could

be pure fantasy. "We are anticipating the price per square foot Preliminary designs will be higher than what we paid for the new jail," of courthouse operations asked if initial bids will offices on the third floor replied, "I can't answer

"If we release the bids Work includes restora- in April or May, we will tion of a Carriage House, likely get them back in an historic structure June and July which in this economy is a long

that question.

Supply chain issues are blamed for the unreliability, creating gaps of a year and longer between





While it is not yet a ordering materials and getting them, which is where the comic-book Justice League could be called into duty.

> No one could have imagined how otherworldly the construction trade has become so the arrival of Superman, Batman, the Flash, Green Lantern, Aquaman, Wonder Woman and the Martian Manhunter makes sense.

> They are famous for teaming up to thwart particularly nasty villains, such as the now infamous "Price Changer," and with Justice Leaguers at the negotiating table, who would dare hold the county over a barrel?

> Groden has been emphatic about not putting the county in a bind, saying "if we get a bid estimate that knocks our socks off, we can call time out. We don't have to do the project."

> At the same time, "they are packed like sardines down there," Groden says of the Public Defender and District Attorney offices, lending a measure of urgency to the situation.

And, the fiscal timing is ideal. "We [recently] retired a piece of debt so we'll be able to exchange mortgage for mortgage. It's a great position to be in, putting up a building with no [county] budget impact,

Groden says. CORRECTION: In the February 10 "Legislature Stuff" column, I incorrectly reported that Susan True was replaced on the Greene County Board of Ethics after being elected to the county legislature.

Sherry B. True was, in fact, elected to the legislature in 2021, representing District 8 (Cairo). I apologize for the error.

BETTER THAN HEARSAY

Somebody Will Be Mayor

By Michael Ryan

TANNERSVILLE - The emergence of the Truth & Integrity Party, with an emblem emphasizing Community Vision, ensures there will be a competitive election for mayor in the village of Tannersville.

Voters head to the polls on March 21 with a choice between current mayor Lee McGunnigle and challenger David Schneider after a clean sweep by Schneider in recent Democratic and Republican Party caucus-

Schneider was chosen by both parties to represent their ticket, potentially deciding the outcome without a ballot being cast in what would have been an unceremonious exit for McGunnigle.

McGunnigle is the longtime mayor and has 24 years of service on the village board, running as a Democrat in recent

Caucuses can be tricky business, usually attended by a small number of people who nevertheless have a major influence

over any election. That was especially true, earlier this month, when Democrats, in a 16 to 8 vote, snubbed Mc-Gunnigle in favor of Schneider, a political new-

On the same night the GOP followed suit, picking Schneider, a registered Democrat, by an 11 to 10 margin, leading McGunnigle to a cross-

The day after the twin

caucuses, McGunnigle expressed disappointment on several levels, also admitting he was "surprised" by the results, sounding, at first, as if

"I'm a little disappointed they didn't want to keep the longest standing incumbent Democrat in office," McGunnigle said, noting he talked to Schneider prior to the Democratic caucus.

Stopping far short of bringing negative vibes to the situation, McGunnigle pointed out that Schneider, "has never served on the [village]

"I always figured someone on the board should step forward and say they were ready to do the job now. That's how it would work."

In a followup interview, Schneider, a local business owner, did not see his inexperience in politics as a disadvantage. Quite the contrary.

"When I decided to run, it was nothing personal [toward the current mayor], Schneider says. "I got a sense the village wanted change.

"I give Lee a lot of credit for what he's done. He has done a lot of very good things for the village. It is not an easy

"There is a lot of new blood up here," Schneider said. "They want to see change. I am the right person to continue Lee's legacy."

McGunnigle hinted he might lick his wounds and launch a Party for a Day campaign, if there was ample grassroots support for his re-elec-

Facing a February 14 deadline to file required paperwork, McGunnigle says he went door-todoor, easily gaining the required number of signatures. "I walked around the

village on a sunny day," he says. "People were rehis career might be over. ally nice. I don't read the Party line when I knock on a door.

"It was enjoyable, as it has been in the past. You can learn a lot from your neighbors. Nobody yelled at me. Everyone was civ-

"I think my record speaks for itself," Mc-Gunnigle says, defending his work which he says has been the subject of false and undue criticism.

"No one else is up to speed [for the job] in my mind. It's always a free election. Now let the voters decide," McGunnigle

Schneider is likewise opting to keep negativity out of the picture. In a phone interview following McGunnigle's announcement, Schneider said, "it's his prerogative. Let the democratic process play out.

"To me, this is more about the way the village is going," Schneider said, voicing confidence his professional capabilities would allow him to transition effectively from the private sector to public service.

"If I surround myself with good people, and if good people work for the village, it won't be a problem," he said.

"We welcome the challenge. I don't think village politics should be partisan. There is no room for being partisan," Schneider said. Democrats and Repub-

licans, at their respective caucuses, also selected the same two candidates for two available village trustee seats. Incumbent David Kash-

man and pending freshman trustee Dylan Legg, the son of Hunter town councilman Raymond Legg, are running unopposed.



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TRADITIONALLY SPEAKING BY PAT LARSEN

A LOVE Story About SAM

The time had come to add a new member to their family.

Empty Nesters often do that after the kids have left home.

Also coincidentally, another major life decision to sell the family home had been made. The impact of the corporate world was taking its toll on the head of this household and there was concern that it could adversely affect their health. So, moving was an 11th time. hour "need" not just a want.

But before this story gets too far ahead, let's get back to SAM.

a local breeder was a spontaneous one. In truth, a simple lawn sign indicated that puppies were indeed available at the very time they passed the farm. The couple puppy for months actually. litter of available Brittany spaniel pups that could be brought up for birding. SAM was not a birder, however. He was very, very special Nope, he was a pug.

The couple had no intention to become the parents son. to a pug.

hunting breeds. LAP DOGS were never on that wish

be human Dad...it was truly burly 6'2' man melting in a for safekeeping. heap as he sat on the floor lottery.



was just 9 weeks old at that

The unprepared but excited couple set about welcoming Sam into their home a few hours after having The decision to check out met him by purchasing lots of stuff like crates, toys, bowls, more toys, warm blankets and enclosures that would keep him safe.

At the pet shop, they found a book about raising had talked about getting a this particular breed and that helped them know what Never quite able to find a to expect as this little fella grew up. BUT, the couple soon found out that Sam was not an ordinary pug. and had come into their lives for a very specific rea-

The family's home did hit Theirs was a family of the market a few months later and was sold pretty quickly. The packing up of 25 years of belongings was BUT when Sam ran out indeed a curiosity to Sam into the meet and greet en- as he watched carefully closure and jumped right that his own toys didn't get onto the lap of the soon to mistaken for the trash heap. On occasion, they'd find love at first lick. Imagine a Sam's toys piled in the crate

Within 6 weeks of the cuddling this pup and smil- sale, the family including ing like he had just won the SAM were headed to their new home in the Catskills. As the story is recalled Sam was a great traveler and re-told, there was no and he slept the entire 6 looking back when Sam hours in his crate without came into their lives. Sam making a peep. He was with

his best two people and that's all that mattered after

He kept hearing the human Mom say "Home is where your heart is" and that made Sam's heart hap-

Sam loved his new settings. There was much more room to take his long walks with his parents except it was much colder in the winters and he disliked the silly coat they placed on him when it snowed. That's where Sam drew the line. Oh he was taken out for his walks alright, but he just would refuse to take one more step until they took off that ridiculous coat. They did. Every Time.

Sam was particularly popular in his new community and that made the Dad pretty popular too. Sam's human Mom would look down her nose at the Dad and say "you're becoming a chic magnet" and they would both laugh. Dads laugh was a little more happy than Mom's was but Sam saw it was all in good fun.

There wasn't a time when a nice lady at the bank didn't offer him a treat or the ice cream parlor didn't give Sam his own small dish of vanilla ice cream, his fa-

Sam had a habit called "scrunchy butt" that use to drive his human parents crazy because he would execute the mad dash of 25 circles around the house every single night. Sometimes, Sam accidentally tripped up Mom and that's when she would yell louder than at the others times when Sam would just play with the toilet paper and unwind the roll.

When Sam knew he had

one thought and draw

crossed the line, he would jump back in his crate and just sit there looking so innocent. That's usually when Sam came to expect a "ahhh, you're so cute special

treat!" They absolutely loved Sam and SAM loved them. Especially Daddy. Not an evening passed that Sam didn't curl up on his Dads neck to cuddle and sleep while they both watched a tv show.

In the summertime, Sam and his Dad would paddle for hours on the kayak, Dad at the stern and Sam perched like an ornament on the bow of the boat. Everyone they passed along the river would wave and say hello.

His parents didn't even notice the loud snoring coming from Sam after a while, which is typical of these brachiocephalic mouth breathers. (if you have a google search engine, you can look that up).

The new home and the new surroundings were just the ticket to restore the Dad's happiness along with Sam's constant companionship.

Life was good again.

But as I suggested, Sam was very unique and quite different as far as pugs went. He would sit on the porch every single night with his Dad and look out onto the driveway that was 1100 feet long.

The couple would ask Sam, "hey what are you looking at fella?"

But Sam would just look back lovingly and continue to stare beyond the driveway entrance every night.

Then things changed... One evening, on Christmas eve, just before dusk, the unthinkable happened. Sam had wiggled that mini little

tale of his and sat by the front door which was his cue to his humans that he had to "go out".

The Dad took him out the front door that they always had done a million or more times before. The snowfall was deep that winter, but a few passes with the snow blower earlier that day created a perfect egress for Sam to find a spot to "do his business". Sam moved differently that evening when he went out. He seemed to have a plan. The Dad called for him in earnest as he trotted quicker than usual down that trail but Sam wasn't listening this time. Sam just kept trotting forward, only looking back once to the Dad as if to say..."its time for me to go". That's when the Dad knew, without words, that Sam was leaving.

The screech of tires on the road of the deserted country road that was rarely traveled by neighbors, let alone on Christmas eve, was heard even by the family that had gathered inside the home. The cries from the Dad were a gut wrenching plea for this not to be happening. But it was and it did. Sam looked back one more time before going into that roadway at the end of that driveway that he never ever walked on before and said a silent goodbye.

It was realized, after the heavy weight of the grief eventually lifted that the job that Sam had come to do was now completed. His human Dad and family were living happily in a new setting and among a new community and would continue to do so for many years to come.

Sam was the bridge to all of it. The memories of Sam were captured and

would live forever in the many photos taken over the years and the hearts of, yes, both of us. Sam was a part of our love story.

The lessons will never be forgotten that Sam helped us to understand.

Life is full of many wonderful encounters. People and pets, come for a reason, a season, a chapter and then when it's time, they leave us for the next adventure and that's the circle of life.

The love we had for our Sam actually reignited our love of life at a tender time of change in our adult lives.

And then...this happened as if in response to the acknowledgement that letting go is part of all of life's lessons.

The universe was kind, in a strange way, that night. Somewhere not too far away. a human Mommy " had passed away quite suddenly on Christmas Eve as well. She left behind her beloved Shih Tzu pups.

News of our losing Sam spread quickly in the community and so we were asked if we would consider adopting these little ones as they didn't have a home any longer. And so...a new love story began again.

Pat Larsen lives in Greene County with her husband Chris along with

Gabbey and Lily, their beloved pups. She teaches programs relevant to Baby Boomers and Seniors at The Shamrock House in East Durham. She is a syndicated columnist for several papers and loves the acknowledgement of her readership which motivates the content.

Please keep reaching out at pelarsen5@aol.com or call Pat at

518-275-8686 to chat.

MESSAGE OF HOPE BY SISTER CHIRYA

Love for God Means to Have Love for All

God is the Highest spiritual energy in the Universe. If the Supreme Being did not exist, we would keep falling down in qualities and powers. Our attention is drawn to God when we want solace, real peace, power and true love. In the current earthquake disaster in Turkev/Svria. thousands of people are devastated by death and destruction, calling out to Allah to save their loved ones. To date over 36,000 people have died! Knowing how the vibrations from the power of thoughts radiate out and travel at a great speed with considerable impact, the call of time is to remember God and use his help. By being connected with his power, our thoughts of peace and compassion reach out and comfort those trapped by these horrific earthquakes and other worldly sorrows and calamities.

"But how can I possibly forge a relationship with God?" Think about how to connect two electrical wires. All you have to do is remove the rubber insulation from the wires. What is the insulation? Body consciousness. God

is spiritual light. God is not physical. God has no insulation to remove. So the key to having a loving connection with Him is to remove the insulation of thinking we are physical mortal human beings. I have to remember I am a soul, a being of spiritual light, made in the image of God, an eternal, thinking being separate from the body! With the insulation of body consciousness removed, spiritual energy flows. The Father's light of pure love is then merged within the soul and shared with oth-

Spiritual love frees, empowers and gives happiness. So many people are looking for a companion who can give them true love. Spend time with your new found companion called God who gives true love. God's role in the Universe is to correct and make us souls beautiful again, to teach and make our personality positive and pure. By imbibing knowledge and remembering him during meditation or in action, we experience spiritual growth and deep feelings of peace, love,

happiness and power. We can reach God in

pure energy and love into the self. God, in His mercy, pulls our minds towards Himself, saying 'Keep your mind with Me'. God remains perfectly stable and unchanging eternally, while the rest of the us and nature go through constant change and become depleted. God has only one intention - to fill others with everything good He possesses - every virtue, peace, purity and power. This love removes the pain of sorrow and gives happiness. 'Make Me your companion and observe everything with detachment'. 'Remain set on your stable seat of self respect; don't become upset!' Make your personality like God's by having a deep relationship of true love with Him. This pure love rejuvenates the self and makes the old world new again.

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(MORE) BETTER THAN HEARSAY

Tannersville Ghosts

By Michael Ryan TANNERSVILLE

Questions have arisen about the legal residency of two village of Tannersville trustees, a matter that has reportedly been turned over to the State Attorney General's office for clarification.

The issue arose at a village board meeting, this past Monday night, when the trustees, Kim Thompson and John Gallagher, were directly asked where they live by an attendee of the meeting.

Thompson and Gallagher apparently live within the town of Hunter but municipal law reportedly dictates trustees must reside in the village.

Tannersville mayor Lee McGunnigle, on Wednesday, said he has reached out to the New York State Conference of Mayors for guidance.

all. They said I have a creating a potential budence to the Attorney General's office," McGunnigle said, noting all village sessions are recorded.

If it is factual that Thompson and/or Gallagher do not dwell within village boundaries, the situation could have serious implications.

They would likely be forced to resign and any actions taken by them while in office could fall under the "void ab initio" section of public officer

"Void ab initio" is a Latin term that translates into "from the beginning," meaning that, legally speaking, the two trustees never existed.

Their legal non-existence would apparently impact any documents signed or decisions made "The law isn't vague at during their time in office,

duty to forward any evi-reaucratic mess for the village.

No timeframe was given for receiving a response from the AG's office. The information has also been forwarded to the town attorney.

While a ruling is awaited, the issue could have deeper complications for village government with an election slated for March 21.

Two trustee seats are open in that vote but the posts held by Thompson and Gallagher are not impacted. They reportedly each have one year remaining in their current terms of office.

And meanwhile, Tannersville has become a whirlwind of political intensity as the race for mayor gains considerable interest (Please see re-Better Than lated Hearsay).

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

VFW POST 1545 – WINDHAM, NY WEEKLY UPDATE

What is patriotism? The definition as the dictionary tells us is "the quality of being patriotic; devotion to and vigorous support for one's country."

Well, has our country turned the corner on expressing patriotism? This past Sunday as the Super Bowl extravaganza got going, I was pleasantly surprised that the NFL showed patriotism by honoring Patrick Tillman, Jr.

Pat Tillman was an American professional football player for the Arizona Cardinals of the National Football League (NFL) who left his sports career and enlisted in the United States Army in May 2002 in the aftermath of the September 11 at-

His service in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as subsequent death, were the subject of national attention when he was shot by friendly

fire. He also posthumously received the Silver Star and Purple Heart medals.

I was pleased to see that no one on the sideline took a knee during the National Anthem. Our country needs this kind of attention to the service that our armed forces perform regularly for our freedom.

I hope we turned the corner on national patriotism. I believe that our country needs to see this type of showing of our service members and what it means to serve our country.

I would like to also spotlight one of our members this week by honoring one of our Korean veterans. Billy McGregor served in the US Navy during the Korean War.

Billy has also served as

an officer of VFW Post 1545 as a trustee. His contributions are numerous in keeping with the ideals of service to our community.

Our Post will hold a pasta dinner on Friday, February 24, from 4:30-7 p.m. with pasta, meatballs, salad and dessert served (takeout available should you choose not to eat in). The cost will be \$12 with \$5 for children.

Hope to see you all. I just wanted to remind you that we are still taking donations for our VFW District special project ALLIANCE 180, helping Veterans, First Responders, Doctors and Nurses, anyone with PTSD.

It is a SUICIDE PREVEN-TION program. This is a problem that the VFW wants to support. Should you want to donate to this project, forward your donation to VFW Post 1545, PO Box 598, Windham, NY 12496.

God Bless America and support our troops serving our country.

Marc Farmilette, PDC -Quartermaster Post 1545.

WAJ Ski Team Going to Championships Devin Schloffer and Slade

WAJ competed against

four other schools at Bel-

leayre Mountain, on Feb-

ruary 9, in combined alpine,

slalom and giant slalom

The snowy scene now

Tynan (men).

events.



Windham-Ashland-Jewett school ski team is moving on to the New York State championships after winning a Section IV title, earlier this month. Taking it to the slopes are (front, kneeling) Gianna Garzone (middle, left to right) assistant coach Abby Garrison, John Garzone, Sophia Dyjak, Erin Klein, Piper Cohane and Alpine race coach Reggie Willcocks and (back, left to right) Alpine race coach Dave McQueen, JP Klein, Devin Schloffer and Slade Tynan (Photo courtesy John Garzone Sr.).

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isher.

By Michael Ryan

WINDHAM - The next the way they train. Their stop for the Windham-Ash- overall attitude toward the land-Jewett ski team is the New York State Public High School championships after bringing home a pair of Section IV trophies, earlier this month.

"Stop" may be the wrong word to describe this squad of downhillers who, when they aren't studying or sleeping, are constantly on the go.

"They are a young, very talented and inspiring group of kids," says Alpine race coach Reggie Willcocks, noting there are no sen-

"What separates them is

ices Director's Award).

ing a youth who you believe has made outstanding contributions in serving his/her community through leadership, knowledge, skill and/or service.

From the nominations received, the youth will be evaluated by The Greene County Youth Advisory Board to determine this year's winners.

in the Finger Lakes region working with Alpine race of western New York at the end of this month.

"We're optimistic," Willcocks said, noting the program has fared well in the past at States, under thencoach Jerry Jaeger.

shifts to Bristol Mountain again," says Willcocks,

coach Dave McQueen and assistant coach Abby Garrison.

Windham Mountain has traditionally been and still is "extremely supportive of this team and the program," "We are on the uptick donating slope time, Will-

Nominations Sought For 2023 Youth

Return nomination forms

by mail to Greene County

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ices, attn.: M. Murphy, 411

Main Street, Catskill, NY

uman-services/youth

Once again, Greene County is seeking nominations for the annual Greene County Youth Awards (Youth of the Year, Youth Advisory Board Chairman's Choice Award, and Greene County Department of Human Serv-

Please consider nominat-

Nominations can be obtained from Greene County Department of Human Services. If you prefer, you can

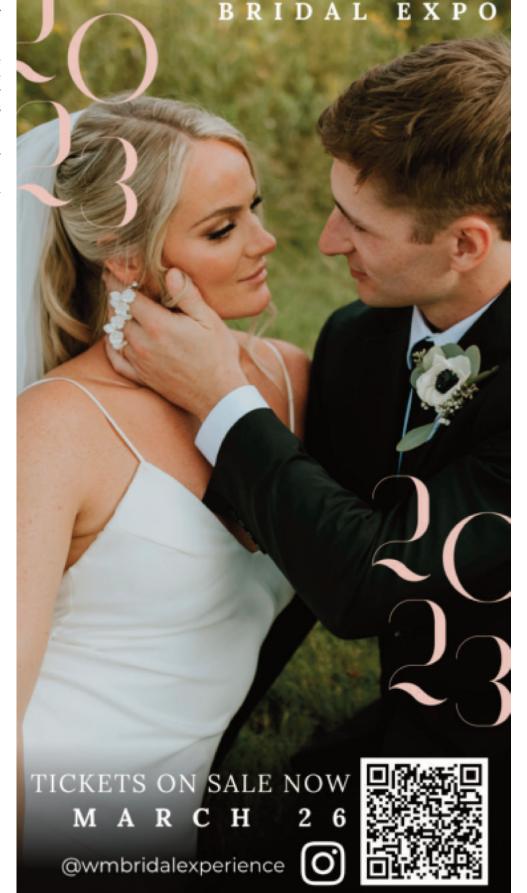
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at 518-719-3798 or email to mmurphy@discovergreene.com with the subject: Annual Youth Awards. Deadline is March 31, 2023. Any questions can be directed to the Greene County Department of Human Services at 518-719-3555.

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their dedication to the sport,

goal of winning is spectac-

"It makes you proud, see-

ing what a cohesive team

they are," says Willcocks,

working with the WAJ pro-

gram full time since 2016.

mens' teams brought home

Delaware League and sec-

tional titles, lead by overall

womans' champ Piper Cohane and John Garzone,

the mens' second-place fin-

They are racing with

Sophia Dyjak, Gianna Garzone and Erin Klein

(women) and JP Klein,

Both the womens' and



Singing the Truck Buying Blues in Windham

By Michael Ryan

old days, which seem like only yesterday, are long gone for Windham highway superintendent Gary Thorington, wanting to buy a new truck and getting it before the cows come home.

Thorington, in a report to town council members significant shift is on the horizon for how business is done.

new reality is already here. There used to be a time when a roads chief could order a snowplow, agree to a price and have it delivered within a 12month period. Easy breezy.

Those halcyon days weren't in some previous century but less than a they are a very distant memory.

Thorington advised government officials that the town's current Equipment Replacement Prosadly outdated due to supply chain complications, making the sluggish seem swift.

"The town has a good it's become very painful for municipalities and dealers to fit anything into a fiscal plan with all the changes in pricing and availability," Thorington said.

"If you wish to replace WINDHAM - The good a truck, instead of just ordering it in the spring and getting it in the fall, you basically have to order it two years ahead."

That is doable but the modern trials and tribulations don't stop there. The cost for a vehicle can fluctuate frenetically, especially over the long last week, warned that a term, putting everyone in a pecuniary predicament.

"This is where highway As a matter of fact, a superintendents and dealers are really starting to struggle," Thorinton said, noting the issue was a hot topic during recent New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highway

In bygone days, a contract was signed and that was that with no surprises year or so ago although in the price or the agreed upon terms unless extremely extenuating circumstances occurred and even then a deal was a

"Nothing is simple anvgram has been rendered more," Thorington said. "Now, vou sign a Letter of Intent and the dealer puts in the order, two years in advance.

"The dealer won't hold replacement program but you to a contract if there is a price increase in those two years and it's more than you've set aside in your budget.

> "It has created an awkward situation. We un-



The vintage V-plow on the grounds of the Windham highway department, with its locally-designed logo and familiar bright orangeness, has been spruced up, displaying a piece of history and community pride (Photo courtesy of The Gipper).

to take the increase but the budget?" Thorington it puts us in a pickle with the budget," Thorington

"Ideally, you want the purchase and delivery in the same fiscal year. That is not an option now. And if it ends us costing us \$10,000 more, for procurement purposes we still have to follow the rules.

"So, how do you legally make the purchase if you derstand the dealer has don't have the money in

says, but the tangles don't stop there either.

"If we refuse the truck, which we can do, we go isn't good, and our replacement program gets ington says. totally thrown out of whack," Thorington said. long term and immedi-

that is eating the town

"Last year alone we put between \$12,000 to \$14,000 in it for repairs. The thing needs to go yesterday," Thorington

"This is all an uneasy feeling but the dealer traditionally worked with is no longer a mom and pop operation, and you won't get ahead of the game, doing to another dealer."

Windham is being forced to adapt and will do so, Thorington says, but just when you think things are hunky dory it instead grows worse.

"Another painful thing is tires are becoming almost impossible to get. There is such a shortage that if we want to get them off State bid, Goodyear has to approve that we provide an emergency service," Thorington says.

"I don't know why but Goodyear doesn't recognize us as an emergency service. We do provide emergency service.

"We plow snow or cut trees that have fallen and if we don't do that, the on a waiting list, which ambulance or fire truck can't get through," Thor-

Purchasing the tires off State bid would be less noting the problem is expensive. "When you have twenty vehicles that need tires and you can't The fleet has a truck get them and they are \$200 more if you do, it's out of house and home. painful," Thorinton says.

"The only other choice is recaps. It's not my first choice but we've run them before," Thorington says, noting they are on order.

Thorington and town officials will sit down to iron out the post-pandemic mess, necessarily modernizing the existing procurement strategy.

Meanwhile, the local roads chief was able to report a bit of pleasantness. The vintage V-plow stationed outside the highway garage and decorated with the town logo has been spruced up and repainted.

Windham's familiar orange has been brightened, edged with black stripes, and the logo, designed by local resident Olivia Pedrick, is clearer.

"It was a fun project. You could see rust showing through. This sends the message that our town is something to be proud of," Thorington

"We can have a piece of faded iron out front or something that looks like Windham has its act together. It looks beautiful."

Thorington also praised his crew, saying, "I'm proud to say we've had only one live complaint the past seven years. The credit goes to these guys. They aren't just doing their job. They're doing

Coming Up at the Mountain Top Library

Events (FREE)

Monday, February 13th @ 3pm: "Local History Round Table" - Calling all history enthusiasts! You are cordially invited to join us for this informal meet up. Jonathan Palmer, Greene County Historian from the Vedder Research Library will be hosting open office hours.

12pm. "Astrology Course Sampler." - Have questions or want to know more about the Columbia-Greene Community College Astrology Course that will be held at the Mountain Top Library? Come by the Mountain Top Library Saturday February 18th @ 12pm for a FREE sampler of the class. Ask you questions directly to the instructor and see what this course is all about!

3 Wednesdays: February 22nd, March 29th, and April 12th @ 10:30-11:30. "Tax Help" - Local CPA, Donna Bates, will be at the Mountain Top Library to answer your questions. No registration necessary.

Saturday March 13th @ 10:30-1:30. "Introduction to Bookbinding Workshop." – Come learn how to bind books with local bookbinder, Leonard Seastone. This workshop will be taught at the Mountain Top Library. Registration is required. Ages 16+. Please register by calling the library at 518-589-5707 or email info@mountaintoplibrary.org. This event is limited to 6 participants. Please bring a notebook and writing utensil. All other materials will be provided!

Columbia-Greene Community College Events offered @ The Mountain Top Library! *Note* Course Fees Apply.

Saturday, February 11th @12 pm - 2pm. "Is Beekeeping Right For You?" - Curious about beekeeping? Bee Keeper Lin-

a class to help you find out if beekeeping is right for you. This class is offered by Columbia-Greene Community College and will be taught at the Mountain Top Library. Course Fee is \$35. To register, call 518-697-6370 or click on the link at mountaintoplibrary.org

3 Saturdays: February Saturday February 18th 25th, March 25th, and April 22nd @ 12-2. "Beekeeping 101" - Come learn all you need to know to get started as a beekeeper. This course will be taught by Bee Keeper Linda Aydlett. It is offered Columbia-Greene Community College and will be taught at the Mountain Top Library. Course Fee is \$75. To register, call 518-697-6370 or click on the link at mountaintoplibrary.org

> 8 Saturdays beginning March 4th @ 10-11:30. "Introduction to Astrology" - Want to learn how to use the ancient tool of astrology? Join local astrologer and herbalist, Isabel Romero, in this immersive course that will guide you into the world of astrology and self-discovery through the use of this ancient tool. This course is offered by Columbia-Greene Community College and will be taught at the Mountain Top Library. Course fee is \$160. To register, call 518-697-6370 or click on the link at Mountaintoplibrary.org

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Mountain Top Library da Aydlett will be offering keeping. This course taught by Bee Keeper Linda Aydlett is offered by Columbia-Greene Community College and will be taught at the Mountain Top Library. Course Fee is \$40. To register, call 518-697-6370 or click on the link at mountaintoplibrary.org

Ongoing

Tuesdays @ 4 pm: "Piano Hour @ The Mountain Top Library" Looking for a venue to showcase your talent? Stop in the library to sign up, or call 518-589-5707

Thursdays @ 3-5 pm: "Digital Help" - No appointment necessary. Please bring your phone, laptop, or tablet.

Misc.

"A Buck a Book" The Friends of the Mountain Top Library ongoing book sale in the library continues indefinitely!

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Forest Ranger News Town of Hunter

Greene County

Wilderness Rescue: On Feb. 11 at 3:44 p.m., Greene County 911 contacted Forest Ranger Fox in regards to an injured hiker on the west side of Sugarloaf Mountain. Rangers Fox and Peterson headed to the Mink Hollow Road access. Ranger Peterson established communication with the 65-year-old from Connecticut while Ranger Fox started hiking up to the subject. Ranger Fox assessed the hiker's ankle injury and determined additional Rangers were needed for the one-mile carry out in icy conditions. Ten Rangers responded and packaged the subject in hydrowrap and a rescue sled. Technical rope rigging was utilized to bring the subject down the difficult terrain. At 11:30 p.m., Hunter Ambulance transported the hiker to the hospital.



Exit Laughing Coming Up at MATH

By Bradley Towle

weekend's performance of Paul Elliot's "Exit Laughing" at the Doctorow Theater in Hunter will mark Linda Nicholls' first time directing with the Maude Adams Theater Hub (MATH). However, she is no greenhorn or new-

she found rewarding and

remembers fondly. Through-

"Chik" Nicholls, was a "great

comer to the world of theater autoimmune encephalitis. on the mountaintop. Linda Nicholls is the see various doctors, but no founder of the community theater group the Greene Room Players and has been their Artistic Director for thirty years. She has directed comedies and musicals, runs workshops, and worked with high school theater groups. She directs the women's singing ensemble, The Songbirds, and worked with the active and energetic as Linda Onteora Club, running a Nicholls, and gave herself children's program before the Covid-19 pandemic locked the world down. Linda also raised a family and worked as an elementary teacher for 30 years before retiring in 2004, a profession

support" of his wife's pas-TANNERSVILLE - This signate pursuits and a "good schlepper," often helping Linda with sets for her many productions. Don, like Linda, was an active member of the community and had been an EMT volunteer, among other things.

Don fell ill with untreatable Linda describes traveling to one could diagnose the cause, and after three years of illness, Don "Chik" Nicholls passed away. Linda then experienced a barrage of personal losses, losing friends and family within a brief window of time. She stopped working, no small decision for a woman as the time she needed before taking on any larger tasks.

In late December 2022, MATH's Amy Scheibe called and asked if Linda might be interested in directing a stage reading at the Orpheum. The thought of just directing struck her as appealing, and out it all, her husband, Don they began making plans.

Amy Schiebe had suggested the play "Love Letters," but Linda discovered she was just not that into the idea. She remembered having seen "Exit Laughing" years ago and, having loved it, made a note to herself that it might be a good one to try when the time came. Amy read the script, and from then on, the time had officially come for Linda to direct the play.

The performances this Saturday and Sunday will see Linda directing actors she has previously worked with and three new performers who she enthusiastically stated she would absolutely direct or work with again. As a creative force, Linda Nicholls is always looking ahead. The multitalented director of "Exit Laughing" is looking forward to working more with her fellow musicians in The Songbirds, and plans on diving into another passion, landscape painting, following the play's closing. For tickets, visit app.artspeople.com/index.php?show =163386.



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THE TAPESTRY BY DR. DEBORAH HERODES

Pick a Little, Talk a Little

Gossip and its Cheap Shots

sink ships," but despite this old adage, people continue to talk. Conversing with others is important! However, getting the scoop on something that could be hurtful to another, and passing it on, without any knowledge of its truth or consequences, needs to be left to the chatty birds perched on telephone wires.

As human beings, we all have good days and bad days, and so gossiping about another seems to make us feel like we are not alone in this game of life. We all take daily shots at the media for their untruths, and desperately try to teach our children to always tell the truth. But, somewhere between truth and repeated, supposed truth is a large area that can swallow up the lives of others. No-one ever really knows the real story, unless you are the object of the gossip, but on and on the gossip-game goes until the actual circumstance(s) are so blown out of proportion that the victim of the gossip may lose a job, be treated poorly by community members, and worse yet, fall from grace in his/her children's eyes.

We have all been gossiped about and we all remember the pain of being the center of attention in a circle of magpies. Although gossip changes daily, social media is always there to remind us what has been said about us in the past. We try to go

It's said that "loose lips though nothing said bothers us, but deep down, the pain

> When people say they don't care what people say about them, it is not true; we all care, and we all want

to be liked. I have always found it interesting that a life's good works can be swallowed up by someone's vile words, whether they are true or not. I watched and participated in texts about past President Donald Trump, while he was in office and after he lost the Presidency to Joe Biden. It was interesting to me, because despite most people's attempts to share their opinions, of Mr. Trump, there were those that were hostile to the person and about the person (hence, creating gossip about him/her,) who was writing the text. I use Donald Trump as an example, because gossip has never been more central and the effects of gossip were in some cases, enough to tear friendships and families apart. None of us know this man, but our need to hold onto his truths as truths and add our own truths also caused an enormous distrust of government, an insurrection and millions of dollars of taxpayer money to defend or prosecute the gossip that surrounded his political life. Unfortunately, no matter the legal outcome of the suits held against him, the damage has been done to America, because our and thin, and leave other on with our lives, acting as government has now be-

come the enemy.

Often, people are remorseful for their parts in gossiping, but rarely do they learn to keep their opinions to themselves. Once another juicy story rears its head, one will notice the whispering, and in this world, the explicit texts about an unknown incident. Someone will say he/she got their information from a good source, only to discover that the good source knew very little of the impetus for the gossip.

The dark sides of people are exposed when they pass "the story of the moment" onto someone else. Sometimes, and unbelievably, folks gossip about their own families and about friends; these are the untruths that hurt the most. We all need to try our best to not be part of the problem and instead try to support the victim of the gossip, because he/she is the one being torn apart. We are not his/her judge or

Ídle gossip has put several people in jail and even sent some to the gas chamber, only to discover that the gossip was not truth but jealousy and revenge. Circumstantial evidence often springs from gossip and downright lies, but like it or not, some have paid the ultimate cost for loose lips.

Let's all decide to make our community a place of non-judgment. Let's support each other, through thick people's lives alone.

Guilty Plea in Vehicular Manslaughter Case

DELHI - Adam Bright, 40, of East Meredith, New York, appeared in Delaware County Court on February 14, 2023 and pleaded guilty one count of Vehicular Manslaughter the Second Degree, a Class D Felony and one count of Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs.

The defendant appeared in County Court and was arraigned by Acting Delaware County Court Judge Gary A. Rosa on a two count Superior Court Information.

Count One of the SCI alleged that the defendant, on or about May 26, 2022, on State Route 23 in the Town of Davenport, did cause the death of another person, to wit: Stacey M. Stachow, while operating a motor vehicle in violation of New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1192(4).

Count Two of the SCI alleged that the defendant, did operate a motor vehicle upon State Highway 23, in the Town of Davenport while in impaired by Amphetamine, Methamphetamine, and Fentanyl.

After arraignment, the defendant pleaded guilty to both charges. The defendant admitted that he was using methamphetamine while driving. He further admitted that he crossed the double yellow line and hit a milk truck head on, killing his passenger.

This guilty plea is part of a negotiated agreement wherein the defendant is expected to be sentenced to an indeterminate state prison term of 1-3 years on the Vehicular Manslaughter charge. The defendant will be sentenced to 364 days in jail for driving while his ability was impaired by

drugs. The 364 day sentence will run concurrently to the 1-3-year state prison term as is required by New York State Law.

defendant to the custody of the Delaware County Sherriff's office, without bail, pending sentencing.

Acting District Attorney Shawn Smith Stated, "I am thankful to the New York State Police for their thorough investigation of this case. Whenever a person drives while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, they risk the lives of themselves, passengers, pedestrians, and other motorists. My office will work with law enforcement to keep drunk or drugged drivers off the road."

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

Grand Gorge Man Convicted Of DWI

DELHI – Acting District Attorney Shawn Smith announced that Charles Wise, 51, of Grand Gorge, was convicted of one count of Driving While Intoxicated, an unclassified misdemeanor. The defendant entered his guilty plea in the Town of Roxbury Court on Feb. 1.

This defendant was alleged to have been involved in a motor vehicle crash on State Highway 20, in Roxbury on Sept. 1, 2022. New York State Trooper James Feldbauer arrived at the scene of the crash and detected an order of alcohol emanating from the defendant. Further investigation revealed that the defendant had a blood alcohol content in excess of the legal limit.

The defendant pleaded

guilty to Driving While Intoxicated, an unclassified misdemeanor. The Honorable Jerry Stein, Roxbury court justice, sentenced Wise to a one-year conditional discharge, and revoked his driver's license for six months. The Court also ordered that the defendant install and maintain an ignition interlock device in any motor vehicle he owns or operates for the next 12 months. The defendant was ordered to pay a \$500 fine, and to attend a victim impact pan-

STOP DWI Coordinator Scott Glueckert added, "Delaware County applauds the efforts of the New York State Police and the Delaware County District Attorney's Office with their tireless work to keep

our roads safe. Accountability for DWI offenders is paramount in the fight against drunk driving in our community."

Acting District Attorney Shawn Smith commended New York State Trooper James Feldbauer for his investigation of this case. "This defendant was involved in a motor vehicle crash while he was driving in an intoxicated condition. Thankfully, no one other than the defendant was injured in the crash, though this case illustrates the dangers of driving while intoxicated. My office will continue to aggressively prosecute these cases to remove drunk drivers from our roads.'

Assistant District Attorney Denise Kerrigan prosecuted the case.

THE CATSKILL GEOLOGISTS BY PROFESSORS ROBERT AND JOHANNA TITUS

Opus 40 – A Geology Theme Park??

Opus 40, on George Sickle Road in Saugerties, is one of the strangest and most truly unique sculptures that can be seen anywhere, and we mean ANYWHERE. It was the concept and, perhaps, obsession of Harvey Fite who worked on from 1939 it 1976. That's when an accident in the quarry took his life. Harvey literally died with his boots on, still at work on his creation. The site had been, originally, just another abandoned bluestone quarry in an area where there are many of them. Harvey bought It as a place to locate his home and art studio. He also expected to harvest bluestone for his sculptures. If you spend enough time exploring, you can find many of those other quarries all around the surrounding vicinity. They lie off in the woods, almost buried in the forests. They are landscape scars, slowly healing from the commercial wounds of a onetime important bluestone indus-

Almost all the other quarries have been abandoned and have become overgrown. But Fite saw inspiration strike. He soon had something else in mind. He had been a professor of art at Bard College and, as an artist, he developed a vision for this quarry. He spent decades moving rocks and boulders around to begin turning the quarry into a massive sculpture.



See our photo. Fite carefully stacked up each of those rocks to create that foreground staircase. He hoisted that bluestone column into place at the top. If he had been doing this as an inmate at some prison, it would have been a scandalous example of the abuse of hard labor. Perhaps Fite might have been among those who protested such an injustice, but he was the one who inflicted this "hard labor" upon himself. Sadly, he did not live to see his work completed and, in many ways, it remains a work in progress. Was this a mission, an obsession, or just what it was supposed to be: a work of art? Who knows, but it's quite the place to visit. We urge you to do so.

Currently Opus is owned by a nonprofit organization and operated as an open-to-the-thepublic (for an entry fee) attraction. We couldn't resist visiting and we are very glad that we did. We quickly saw the site as being a remarkable work of art, truly a sculpture. And we were, indeed, awed by the work that went into it. But we saw something else. Harvey Fite created something he likely never even dreamed of. Opus 40 must be one of the finest outcroppings of Devonian aged rock in all of the Catskills. The Opus 40 quarry displays a cross section of all Catskills geology, right there in one spot. It's one-stop shopping for a Catskill geologist.

On our way home we worked out a list of at least eight topics that would make Mountain Eagle columns. So, hang on to your hats; we will be talking about Opus 40 for the next two months. By then the preserve should be open for the 2023 season. Save our columns and bring them along to see all these things for yourself. We promise you; it will be worth the effort.

Contact the authors at "randititus@prodigy.net." Join their facebook page "The Catskill Geologist." Read their blogs at "thecatskillgeologist.com."

Green Wolf Winter Film Series itinues with Wattstax

MIDDLEBURGH - The Green Wolf's Winter Film Series continues Thursday, February 23rd, at 329 Main Street in Middleburgh with the 1973 concert film, "Wattstax." A last-minute licensing complication forced the series to find a replacement for the originally scheduled "Summer of Soul." "Wattstax" is no inferior replacement; both concert events even share the nickname "The Black Woodstock." The concert occurred in Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on August 20th, 1972. The Watts community had been struggling to rebuild following the devastating Watts Uprising of 1965 in response to police brutality. The Uprising had left 34 dead and turned the area into something of a militarized wasteland. But a creative renaissance had begun to emerge from the wreckage despite debilitating disinvestment in Los Angeles communities. Enter the Stax record label. The renowned company had produced the likes of Otis Redding and Booker T. and The MGs, but by the late 1960s, itself had begun to struggle. The company had lost control of its catalog, and Redding (arguably its biggest name) had died tragically in a plane crash. These two forces merged on that late summer Sunday in August to bring hope,

music, celebration, and

unity to a community



needing a boost. Event promoters priced tickets at \$1 each, and an all-Black film crew captured the day's music, dancing, and spectacle.

Los Angeles officially declared August 20th "Wattstax Day" in 2022, commemorating the special concert. February 4th marked the 50th anniversary of the film's release. The film introduced Richard Pryor to a larger audience and captured big names like The Staple Singers and Isaac Hayes at the peak of their powers. In 2020, it was selected for preservation by the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress. Yet despite all of this, no 50th-anniversary edition of the film has been released. The Green Wolf is thrilled to offer a screening of the landmark (and often overlooked) documentary during its Black History Month celebration. As with all of the Green Wolf film screenings, admission is free with a suggested donation of \$5.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

Shoveling Notice -

Notice is hereby given that the Windham 09/08/22. Office in Fire District. #1 of the Schoharie Co. SSNY Town of Windham, designated Agent of State of New York, LLC whom process seeks bids for the shoveling of snow from the shall mail copy of walkways and area process to the LLC @around and about the Windham Fire House for the 2022-2023 lawful activity. Winter Season. Sealed bids will be opened on Wednesday November 16, 2022, at 6:00 PM eral Contracting and at the Windham Town Hall, 371 St Rt 296, Hensonville,

submitted at the meeting or mailed before Daniel E. Hanchett, November 6, 2022, to 176 Windham Fire District Cobleskill, NY 12043. #1 PO Box 91 Hensonville, NY 12439

By order of the Board of Fire Commiscles of Org. filed NY sioners of the Wind-Sec. of State (SSNY) ham Fire District #1. **Budget Hearing -**

Lexington Fire District

ington Fire Districts mail copy of process budget hearing for the to the Martha Hacklin, public on November 4 Oakwood St, Albany 7th at 6:30 at the Lex-NY 12208. Purpose: Municipal Any lawful activity. Building. Copies of the budget can be ob-Town Clerk's offic **Snowplow Notice -**

Ŵindham en that the Windham filed with the Secretary Fire District, #1 of the of State of New York Town of Windham, State of New York, seeks bids for the tion: Delaware County. plowing of snow from SSNY has been desigthe parking areas nated as agent of the around and about the LLC upon whom Windham Fire House process against it may and the Hensonville Fire House for the mail a copy of process 2022-2023 Winter Seato: Sounds Good son. Sanding and/or Catskills, LLC 2838 salting will also be re- Murphy Hill Rd Andes quired. A Qualified NY 13731. Purpose: Contractor must be ful- to engage in any lawful ly insured. Sealed bids business of every kind will be opened on and character for Wednesday, November which LLCs may be 16, 2022, at 6:00 PM organized under the at the Windham Town New York LLC Law, Hall, 371 St Rt 296, Hensonville, NY Hensonville, NY 12439, in the Town of Windham, State of

New York. #1 PO Box 91 Hensonville, NY 12439

filed with the Secretary mail process to United of State of New York States Corporation Schoharie County. Brooklyn NY 11228. SSNY designated as Purpose: Any lawful agent for service of purpose process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 136 CC Of Domestic Limited burgh, NY 12122. Purpose: Any lawful purman Property LLC;

the LLC: Albany Co.; at 220 Barnerville The NY Secretary of Road, Cobleskill, New State has been desig- York 12043; Purpose nated as the agent of LLC: Any lawful purupon whom process pose. may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC FORMATION NP3LSO at Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 90 County: Schoharie. State St, Suite 700, Of- SSNY desig. for fice 40, Albany NY process & shall mail 12207; Purpose of

NOTICE OF FOR-MATION OF LLC MINIMALLY INVA- FORMATION SIVE TREE RE- Cobleskill,

ter Driver

MOVAL, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) may be served. SSNY 1881 Western Ave STE 180. Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any

LLC Notice Dan Hanchett Gen-Stone Masonry, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/22/2022. 12439, in the Town of Off. Loc.: Schoharie Windham, State of Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process Sealed bids can be may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Hill

General Purposes. LLC Notice 166 JAR LLC Arti-10/17/22. Office in Albany Co. SSNY designated Agent of LLC whom process may be The Town of Lex- served. SSNY shall

LLC Notice

Notice of formation tained at the Lexington of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SOUNDS GOOD GOOD CATSKILLS, LLC,. Ar-Notice is hereby giv-ticles of Organization (SSNY) on November 18, 2022, Office locabe served. SSNY shall Section 203, or any successor statute.

LLC Notice NOTICE OF FOR-MATION OF A LIMIT-Sealed bids can be ED LIABILITY COMsubmitted at the meet- PANY Notice of Foring or mailed before mation of Massage By November 7, 2022, to Beth LLC. Articles of Windham Fire District Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-By order of the 07-18. Office location: Board of Fire Commis- Greene County. United sioners of the Wind- States Corporation ham Fire District #1. Agents, Inc. designated LLC Notice as agent of Limited Li-NOTICE OF FOR-ability Company (LLC) MATION of Christina upon whom process ODonnell, LLC. Arti- against it may be (SSNY) on June 7, Agents, Inc.: 7014 2022. Office Location: 13th Avenue Suite 202

LLC Notice

Notice Of Formation Camp Road, Middle- Liability Company; Date of filing: 8/3/2022; Office of the LLC Notice 8/3/2022; Office of the NOTICE OF FOR-LLC: Schoharie Co.; MATION OF DOMES-The NY Secretary of TIC LIMITED LIABIL- State has been desig-ITY COMPANY; Name nated as the agent of LLC: Krissy's upon whom process Sparkle Cleaning SVCS may be served. NYSS LLC; Date of filing: may mail a copy of July 7, 2021; Office of any process to the LLC

LLC Notice

NOTICE OF LLC LLC. Filed 11/30/2022. 4912 NY-30 Schoharie, LLC: Any lawful pur- NY 12157. Purpose:

any lawful. LLC Notice NOTICE OF LLC TNF

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: Catskills Junction LLC; Date of filing: 4/21/2022; 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 DONNA SCHI-EFFER-KENNEDY, 151 LAKE ROAD, EAST MEREDITH, NY, 13757; Purpose of

LLC: Any lawful pur-

LLC Notice NOTICE OF FOR-MATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Whitegate Family Farm LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New (SSNY) on York 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 Lock-

er, 173 Village Grove, Williston, VT 05495. LLC Notice NOTICE OF FOR-MATION OF DOMES-TIC LIMITED LIABIL-ITY 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 220 Barnerville Road, Cobleskill, New York 12043; Purpose of LLC: Any lawful pur-

Public Notice -Middleburgh The Village of Middleburgh is implement-

ing NYS Office of Community Renewal Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects. NYS Project #726PR154-18 in the amount of \$1,000,000 is being used for various improvements at the Village wastewater

treatment plant. ticipation requireis being held in order future (Community Development activities for Small Cities CDBG Program. This second to a public hearing that was held during development of these projects prior to submission of the Small Cities CDBG applications. At this hearing the Village

will review the amount of project #726PR154-18 CDBG funds, that were available, provide a listing of activities that were undertaken with CDBG funds, the amount of CDBG funds made available for activities that benefit the LMI National Objective and progress towards program goals and objectives as outlined in the submitted for Program

Year 2018.0 Interested citizens are invited to attend fications. Bid pack-

this hearing on March 6, 2023 at 7:30pm via Zoom https://us06web.zoom. us/j/87826761188?pw d=OENXM2dHRjhN-MmgxVS9uN0RGL0tp QT09 or at the Middleburgh Village Hall, 309 Main Street, Middleburgh, NY. Citizens may submit views at the hearing or in written form to Patricia Bergan, Village Mayor, and Village Hall 309 Main Street – PO Box 789, Middleburgh, NY 12122 until March 6, Financial assistance

for this activity is made possible by a grant from the:

New York State Homes & Community Renewal

Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program **Public Notice**

Stamford The Village of Stamford Board of Trustees will hold a workshop on Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 at 6:30pm to discuss the General Budg-

Historically, the village has set aside the first Tuesday of each month for necessary workshops.

Public Notice -Middleburgh

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Middleburgh will be holding a Public Hearing at Regular Board meeting on March 6, 2023 at the Municipal Building at 309 Main Street at 7:15pm for proposed Local Law #1 2023: Enact a Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Section 466a of the Real Property Tax Law.

Public Notice -Middleburgh

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Financial Report for the Supervisor of the Town of Middleburgh has been filed with the Department of Audit and Control, Albany, New York and that a copy there of is on file in the Town Clerk's Office where any person interested may examine it herein during normal business hours.

Public Notice -Catskill Watershed The Catskill Water-Corporation (CWC) is seeking qualified entities for the In accordance with demolition of structure the CDBG Citizen Par- in the Village of Tannersville, Greene ments, a public hearing County on a property purchased pursuant to to review the perform- the NYCDEP funded ance and status of ac- Flood Buyout Program tivities and to identify and approved by the mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on at 10:00 AM on March 9. Bids hearing is in addition must be received at CWC by 3:00 PM, March 16, 2023. For

> iesen or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE **Public Notice -Bids Wanted**

> bid documents please

contact John Math-

Ron & Gideon Frisbee, 47946 St Hwy 10, Delhi NY are seeking bids for a heavy use area scrape alley, covered concrete manure storage, heavy use area wood chips, and a waste transfer to be funded by the Watershed Agricultural Council. Prospective bidders will receive a bid package which original application contains a bid sheet with instructions to bidders, sample contract, plans and speci-

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.

ages may be obtained on February 23, 2023 by contacting Elaine at 6:50 pm to amend Poulin at the Water- Local Law #4 of 2006 shed Program Office, for the Town of Wind-44 West Street, Walton, ham Site Plan Review NY 13856 or by calling Law. The proposed 607-865-7090 ext. amendments to this 209. Prospective bidders must be in attendance for the full group site showing at 10:00 tions; Required Fees; a.m on Thursday, Feb- Public Hearing; Abanruary 23, 2023 at the donment; Expiration Frisbee farmstead. of approval and Article Failure to attend will VI. All persons wishing result in the rejection to speak upon this of your bid. Sealed matter shall be heard bids must be clearly at this time. A copy marked "Frisbee Bid" of the Local Law #2 and will be accepted on behalf of the for review at the Town landowner at the Wa-Clerk's Office during tershed Agricultural business hours 9:00 Program Office at 44 am to 4:00 pm. West Street, Walton, NY until 11:00 a.m. on Windham Thursday, March 9, 2023 where they will BY GIVEN, that a pubbe opened and read. Small and minority held before the Town owned businesses are

Public Notice -Bids Wanted

Donald Hillriegel, 6935 Millbrook Road, Margaretville NY is ber calf housing strucity, access road and repairs to an animal trail shed Council. Prospective am to 4:00 pm. bidders will receive a bid package which contains a bid sheet bidders, sample con-

44 West Street, Walton, NY 13856 or by calling 607-865-7090 ext. 209. Prospective bidders must be in attendance for the full group site showing at 10:00 7, 2023 at the Hill-

accepted on behalf of the landowner at the Watershed Agricultural Program Office at 44 West Street, Walton, NY until 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 where they will be opened and read. Small and minority time. owned businesses are encouraged to apply. The Watershed Agri-

reject any and all bids. E.O.E. **Public Notice -**

NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN, that a public hearing shall be held that a Public Hearing before the Town Board of the Town of Windham at 371 State Route

SEEKING

a (607) 652-2449.

Looking for someone to refurbish GE 4 line business phones. Approximately 10 phones

Please call Janet 4:30pm

Local Law relate to Applicability of Review Requirements; Definiof the Local Law #2 of 2023 is available **Public Notice -**NOTICE IS HERE-

lic hearing shall be Board of the Town of encouraged to apply. Windham at 371 State The Watershed Agri- Route 296, Hencultural Council, Inc. sonville, NY on Februreserves the right to ary 23, 2023 at 6:55 pm to amend Local Law #5 of 2003 for the Town of Windham Setback Law. The proposed amendment to Article III-General Provisions. All persons seeking bids for a tim- wishing to speak upon this matter shall be ture, composting facil- heard at this time. A copy of the Local Law #3 of 2023 is available and water well to be for review at the Town funded by the Water- Clerk's Office during Agricultural business hours 9:00

Public Notice -Windham NOTICE IS HEREwith instructions to BY GIVEN, that a public hearing shall be tract, plans and speci- held before the Town fications. Bid pack- Board of the Town of ages may be obtained Windham at 371 State by contacting Elaine Route 296, Hen-Poulin at the Water-sonville, NY on Februshed Program Office, ary 23, 2023 at 6:45 pm as the Town of Windham desires to work with Good Energy, L.P. to take any and all steps necessary and required by the New York State Law and a.m. on Tuesday, March policies, programs and orders of State adminriegel farmstead. Fail- istrative agencies to ure to attend will result evaluate, negotiate and in the rejection of your contract for the implebid. Sealed bids must mentation of the Combe clearly marked "Hill-riegel Bid" and will be gation Program and gation Program and Community Solar Program if the Town of Windham determines the same to be in the best interests of the Town of Windham. All persons wishing to speak upon this matter shall be heard at this

Public Notice -Stamford

The Village of Stamcultural Council, Inc. ford Planning Board reserves the right to will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 at 7:00pm at Village Hall. Public

Jewett Please be advised

will be held by the Jewett Planning Board on March 2, 2023 at 296, Hensonville, NY 7:45pm concerning a major subdivision for property owned by Ferdinand Kuznik at Route 77, Jewett NY. We are looking for Tax ID #129.00-3-4. person to do The hearing will take stonework on our stone place in the Jewett Muwalls in Stamford, NY. nicipal Building located at 3547 Rt. 23C, Jewett, NY 12442

Public Notice -Jewett

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 2008 607-588-4700 noon- Chevrolet Silverado truck. Vehicle is being sold as is. Needs repairs ARKVILLE - Sum- to pass NYS inspection. mer helper, part time, Sealed bid; bids due weekends. Some heavy February 27th at 2:00 lifting and porting. May p.m.-Call Delaware Co. through October Call SWCD (607) 865-David (845) 586-6287. 7161 for bid package

REAL ESTATE

Vacant Land 5 acres in Jefferson, NY. \$35,000 90 acres in Harpersfield, NY, \$285,000.

PUBLIC HEARING torium on Solar Ap-

on March 8, 2023 at the regular monthly meeting in the Municat 3547 County Route submit a proposal or proposed local laws coordination or reare available for review in the Town Clerk's Office during business

Public Notice -**Greene County**

hereby made that the County of Greene is applying for Federal fi- your receipt of the nancial assistance to provide public transportation service as and/or comments must follows: public mass be forwarded to the transportation route above person. deviation service on a continuing basis within the County of Greene and including portions of the County of Columbia in New York State. Public notice is further made that the County of Greene is also applying for Federal financial assistance to purchase buses and provide mobility management services. The financial assistance will be used for other means of coneligible operating expenses for the 2021-2023 fiscal years.

to the general public during all hours of operation. The project is expected to be financed by the Federal Section 5311 Rural Program public transportation funds, with Economic Developassistance share for upon funding. operating and capital projects is anticipated to be \$825,000.00.

Comments on the proposed project are other public transportation providers on the project or ob- ful bidder. tain more details about

Greene County Department of Economic ness Development, Tourism and Planning

Warren Hart, Deputy County Administrator

411 Main Street, Suite 419

Catskill, NY 12414 (518) 719-3290

Human

agencies that receive assistance from other Federal agencies for non-emergency transportation services are and its Subs must be encouraged to participate and coordinate the planning, design https://newyork.usnlx.c and delivery of trans-

service

aged.

portation services. NOTICE IS HEREBY Agencies may obtain GIVEN that the Town copies of the service Board of the Town of description and submit Jewett will hold a Pub- proposals for service lic Hearing on pro-coordination. Private posed Local Law #4 bus and taxi operators of 2023, "Extending may request copies of the Town-Wide Mora-the project service description from the provals for 6 months above named person The Public Hearing and may submit comwill be held at 7:00PM ments on the service as described.

If you wish to comment on any aspect of ipal Building located the proposed project, 23C. Copies of the a request for service quest a public hearing on this project, you must make your interest known in writing within fifteen (15) days of the date of this pub-Public notice is lication and provide your comments within fifteen (15) days of project service description. Your requests

Public Notice -Bids Wanted

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Jefferson will accept sealed bids for:

Sidewalk Improvement Project CDBG #580PF4Ž-20

Town of Jefferson, NY Schoharie County

The work includes providing all labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment, and struction necessary and incidental to the completion of the work Said transportation shown on the plans service will be available and described in these specifications including, but not necessarily limited to the follow-

Replacement of ap-Transit Administration proximately 1,500 Linear feet of Sidewalks along CR 2A North Harpersfield Road and additional funds to be NY-10 in the Town of provided by New York Jefferson. The project State Transportation will remove deteriorat-Operating Assistance ed sidewalks, install Program, the Greene new sidewalks, and in-County Department of stall signage and pavement markings to ment, Tourism and bring all road crossings Planning, the Greene up to current safety County Department for and ADA standards. Human Services, and The project will have The Arc Mid-Hudson several Add/Alts for ad-NY. The total Federal dition work based

This is a Town of Jefferson sponsored project funded by the CDBG program. NYS-DOT Standard Speciinvited from the gen- fications, officially fieral public, private bus nalized and adopted and taxi companies, on January 1, 2023 as posted on the New York State Department and human services of Transportation's agencies. Interested website, must be folparties may comment lowed by the success-

The Town of Jefferthe project by writing son strongly encour-Women-owned Busi-Enterprises (MBE/WBE) certified firms and Section 3 businesses to apply. Sub-contracting with Section 3 certified businesses, minorityowned firms and women's business enterprises is encour-

> All job descriptions and job postings for work to be done on the Project by Awardee posted on the New York State Job Bank

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

HELP WANTED

Margaretville Senior Dining Cen-Valid NYS driver's license, clean

driving record. Ability to relate well to senior citizens and to help shut ins stav independent. 15 hours per week, Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. \$14.40 per hour. Annual, Sick, and Paid Holidays. . Sign on bonus of \$250.00 after a month of employment. Applications ac-

Help Wanted

cepted until filled at Delaware Opportunities Inc., 35430 State Highway 10, Hamden, NY 13782, or Margaretville at the Senior Dining Center. Or RAngerer@delop.org Equal Employment Opportunity MF/ F/ Disability/Protected Veteran Sta-

Help Wanted Gerster Trucking Now Hiring For: Class A CDL Drivers Local - Tank Endorsement Required. Milk Pick Up Routes

Competitive Salary, Health Insur-

Help Wanted

LLC.

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 DISABLED VETERAN looking for an aid in the Stamford area. Flexible hours and flexible days to do housekeeping and some meals. 917-670-1647.

Help Wanted

ARKVILLÉ - Summer helper, part time, weekends. Some heavy lifting and porting. Now through October: Call David (607) 326-6829.

Help Wanted

The Town of Middleburgh Highway Department has an open position for a Full time Laborer. A CDL license is preferred but not required to apply. Please stop at the Town Clerks office, email the clerk at tnmidd@gmail.com or call 518-827-5100 for an application.

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4220 or email at bovinahighway@hotmail.com Edward Weber Bovina Highway Superintendent

Help Wanted Computer Technician needed for local Computer Store, Experience is a Plus. System Builds, System repairs, Virus and Spyware removal, Networking, Security Camera Installs. Salary Commensurate Experience. Call

Michael 518-231-0622 to schedule and interview **Help Wanted**

The Cornell Cooperative Extension After-school Program at Schoharie elementary school is in need of an Activity Leader. The program runs from 2 to 5:30pm, Monday through Friday. If you or someone you know is interested

in becoming an Activity Leader, please contact Susan Salisbury at 518-234-4303-extension122 or sms248@cornell.edu

Help Wanted

The Village of Middleburgh is currently accepting applications for a part-time Deputy Codes Enforcement Officer (5-10 hrs. per week). Candidates must have the ability to enforce the Uniform Code and conform to the requirements of 19 NYCRR Part 1203 (Uniform Code: Minimum Standards for Administration and Enforcement) and be up to date on all NYS certifications. Salary will be commensurate with ex-

perience. If you would like an application you may stop in at the Municipal Office 309 Main St. or call 518-827-5143 or email middleburgh-

nyvillage@midtel.net.

Help Wanted Full Time Wash Bay Position available to wash and detail commercial trucks and trailers in a fully equipped wash bay. Excellent Medical Insurance available immediately. Vacation and retirement available after one year. Please call 607-278-5212 or email prgerster76@aol.com

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acy#Construction.
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All work must be completed by May 12,

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Public Notice -Bids Wanted

The Catskill Water-Corporation (CWC) is seeking proposals from portable toilet

vendors for bids to lease and maintain toilets at fifteen locations in Delaware, Greene, Schoharie and Sul-

livan Counties adjacent to four reservoirs from May 1, 2023 to

Bids must be received by CWC by 3pm on March 10, 2023. For

or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE

Public Notice Bids Wanted NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing on the proposed adoption of a resolution granting a partial real property tax exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §466-a for the primary residence of volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers will be held in and for the Stamford Joint Fire District on March 14. 2023 at 7:00PM at the Stamford Firehouse, In accordance with

> The proposed Resolution for consideration is abstracted as

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 re-

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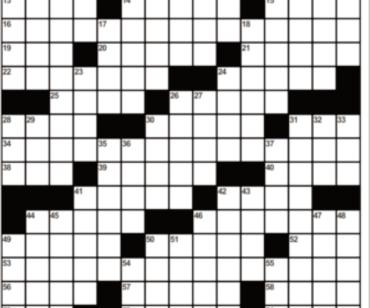
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CIRCLE THE WAGONS By Jude Hendricks



meeting on March 13, 2023 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall, State Route 990V, Gilboa, NY. Town Board reserves the

Linda Wyckoff

Town of Gilboa -

Legal Notice, Pub-

lic Hearing

the Town of Gilboa will

hold a Public Hearing

at the March 13th, 2023 Town Board

Meeting in the Town

Hall, State Rte 990V,

Gilboa, NY 12076

Public Hearing to be

held at 7:00PM. Said

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of 2023- Fire and EMS

Tax Exemption. All

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heard at such time and

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Town Board

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Town of Gilboa -

Legal Ad, Project

Bids

en that the Town Board

of the Town of Gilboa,

Schoharie County, NY

will accept bids for

three separate projects.

Project one, Gilboa

Post Office wall and

trim repair and paint-

ing the interior of the

Post Office. Project

two, Gilboa Post Office

lobby flooring. Project

three, Gilboa Highway

Garage to replace the flooring in the break room, bathroom and

office. SPEC details

through the Highway

Superintendent, John

Wyckoff at 607-588-

7526 or via email at

gilhwy@yahoo.com.

SPECŠ may also be re-

viewed at the Gilboa

Town Clerks Office

Clearly mark bid

project name on the

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October 31, 2023.

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111 Main Street, Stamford, New York 12167.

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Town of Gilboa -

en that the Town Board of the Town of Gilboa, Schoharie County, NY will accept proposals for 5 year rent on Town Property along Stryker Road. This property was

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Delaware League Standings

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Davenport Resident Arrested For For Driving With Suspended Registration

Delhi - Today, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced the arrest of a Davenport resident for driving with a suspended registration.

On Sunday night, February 12th, 2023, Sheriff's Deputies were patrolling on State Highway 10 in the Town of Delhi when the Deputy received a notification on their License Plate Reader of a vehicle with a Suspended Registration. Upon conducting a traffic stop. Deputies identified the driver of the vehicle as 51 vear-old Donna Dalton of Davenport, NY, A check of Dalton's vehicle registration was in fact suspended, due to Insurance Lapse, and Insurance Not in Effect in the State of New York.

Deputies subsequently arrested Dalton and issued her uniformed traffic tickets for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended/Revoked Registration, an unclassified misdemeanor. Dalton was released on the uniformed traffic tickets and is scheduled to By order of the appear in the Town of Delhi Court at a later date to answer the charge.

Regional Chambers Release Toolkit for Businesses

Strengthening a local workforce and attracting top talent to the region are the goals of a collaborative effort by the Sullivan and Delaware counties chambers of commerce. The chambers' new diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging toolkit offers businesses, nonprofits, and government units practical steps, best practices, and resources needed to devise and implement a plan to improve workplace environments that will result in increased employee re-

tention and recruitment. "This toolkit is a valuable resource for all employers who are looking to incorporate these practices into their organizations, attract and retain talent, as well as increase business opportunities," said Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce President Jaime Schmeiser.

Each toolkit component contains a standardized, easy-to-follow format for defining the idea (the WHAT?), explaining the rationale behind its importance (the WHY?), how to implement the principles (the HOW?), and ways to measure the outcomes.

The ideas presented in the publication provide a starting point to help employers' efforts toward welcoming diversity in people and perspectives, equity in policy, practice, and position, inclusion through voice and organization structure and belonging that centers around employees feeling accepted in the workplace. "Studies show DEIB efforts can increase sales revenue, increase

customer base and ultimately increase profits. DEIB is not only

the right thing to do, it also makes good business sense," said

Delaware County Chamber President Ray Pucci. "We hope employers in Delaware and Sullivan counties will use this resource to improve every facet of their operations." The chambers' Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Toolkit for Businesses is available as a download document through their

websites at www.catskills.com or www.delawarecounty.org. **Arrest for Alleged Larceny**

DAVENPORT - Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced that an investigation into a Larceny complaint resulted in the arrest of a Davenport, NY man.

On January 8th, 2023 at approximately 3:56 P.M., Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of an ongoing larceny complaint. It was reported by the complainant that 20year-old Brandon Navas had been stealing electricity to provide electricity to his residence.

On Monday February 6, 2023, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested and charged Navas with one count of Petit Larceny, a misdemeanor. Navas was processed and released on an Appearance Ticket; he is scheduled to return to the Town of Davenport Court on a later date to answer for this charge.

EDITORIAL

A Great Pairing

The local events showed our communities' promise. Cobleskill, in particular, hosted two really fun and interactive event. The first, at Fusion Community Church was a great blend of community service, faith, volunteering, and the contributions of dozens and dozens of exceptional individuals. The several dozen sponsors of the event and volunteers made it a great night for our area's Kings and Queens.

Secondly, the event at the Gathering Place showed the great tenacity of both the leadership at the senior center and that of the Animal Shelter. Kim Witkowski, Maggie Jackman, Liz Kosier, and many more contributed to a program that helps pair seniors with new furry friends. Frankly, it's a win-win for all involved.

The volunteerism and community-mindedness that these two events represent is another symbol of how fortunate we are to live in our area.

We are very blessed to have these angels among us.

- Matthew Avitabile Publisher

P.S. - Another correction. Despite help from our other writers, I misspelled Ambulance in our Windham Weekly headline last week. It was my fault and mine alone.

You may be wondering with the number of errors I've made recently if I am more than semi-literate. I'm doing my best to figure that out myself. I apologize for the error.

GARDENING TIP OF THE WEEK BY BOB BEYFUSS

Coping With Cold



Note: Since the tragic passing of Bob Beyfuss last week we are committed to honoring his legacy. We will be re-running former columns of Mr. Beyfuss for the foreseeable future.

Plants do not have the luxury of heading south for the winter as some people and many birds do, although I do know some snowbirds who pack up and move their houseplants south with them each year. Hopefully the coldest weather of this season is over as we enter February. February can feel like the longest month of the year despite having the fewest days.

Plants have evolved some tricky mechanisms for dealing with freezing and even subzero temperatures.

Herbaceous perennials use that water expanding into their leaves to make sugars thawed soil pushes solid obthrough photosynthesis, which they turn into starch thawed topsoil and away in the fall to better store from the harder, frozen subcarbohydrate reserves in soil. This is why your garden their roots for the winter. seemingly "grows" new Allowing the top growth to die back each fall is a clever way to survive. Once the ground has frozen they simply sleep it out, protected by the thermal mass of soil they live in. Soil temperatures remain pretty stable throughout the winter and they may be as much as twenty to thirty degrees warmer then ambient air temperatures.

The main danger to perennials surviving winter are periods of freezing and thawing that occur when sunlight reaches the soil surface to warm it during the day, followed by freezing in a placed where it does again at night. Water is one not freeze into a solid brick. of the few substances that expands when frozen and

jects upward, towards the crops of rocks almost every year. The rocks in your garden, which appear on or near the soil surface each May were buried the previous fall. Perennial roots are likewise subject to "heaving" and once they are "pushed" to the soil surface they may be killed by cold temperatures later on. If your garden has lost its protective cover of snow, which insulates and keeps the soil frozen, now would be a good time to apply several inches of mulch to keep the soil frozen. This is why it is a good idea to store some mulch each fall

Local Landlord Arrested

DAVENPORT - Sheriff Deputies arrested Kiss on Craig S. DuMond announced the arrest of 52 year old Stephen Kiss of Davenport.

dent involving a motor ve-

On January 7th, 2023,

a Criminal Summons issued by the Davenport Town Court, charging him with two counts of Harassment in the Second Degree, a Violation in New York State Penal Law. Kiss was subsequently served with two Order of protections, which was granted by the Davenport Town Court upon request of the victims. Kiss is scheduled to return to the Town of Davenport Court on a later date to answer for this charges.

for Harrassment

On the morning of December 1st, 2022 Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies received a complaint from a female and male party reporting that their landlord has been harassing them repetitively, with one inci-

Delaware County Sheriff's

WHITTLING AWAY WITH DICK BROOKS

Telephones and Tribulations

favorite thing. Not being one to indulge in frivolous chit chat much, the telemost of which I'd rather not go to anyway. This dislike may date all the way back to childhood when on several occasions I tried communication link out to two tomato soup cans and a length of white string. I do admit to having a fascination with Dick Tracy's Wrist Radio. I thought it would be great to be able to communicate with home base at will. Now that I have a cell phone, I'm not so sure that's such a good thing and I sometimes have

trouble remembering just

what the advantages I imag-

ined were. Back in simpler times, telephones were easier to avoid. Most were black and weighed in the neighborhood of ten pounds, not very portable. They lived at home and most houses had but one. They were a more pleasant appliance then, one picked up the receiver and was greeted by a pleasant voice belonging to a real human who said, "Number Please". You gave her the number, she connected you, no dialing or button pushing involved and they think today's phones are labor saving devices. We lived in the country, country folks had party lines, these were early mass communication systems. The phone rang, you waited to hear if it was one ring, two rings, three rings or a series of four rings. It really didn't matter how many

rings there were, everybody picked up the phone but only the party whose ring it was talked, the rest

Telephones are not my put their hand over the out and stood watching mouthpiece and listened. News traveled quickly. There were pay phones

phone then becomes a way in phone booths, little housto get bad news or as a esthat could be found usuconfirmer of appointments, ally on street corners or in places of business. These were used on the rare occasion when a phone call needed to be made outside of your home or when you unsuccessfully to make a were at work. They were never used much but every mother in town made sure that if you were going out for the evening, you had money to make a phone call in case of emergency. I remember mothers of my infrequent dates handing them bags of coins as they eyed me suspiciously.

> With the telephones of today, you're never out of touch, even if you want to be. Phones e-mail, take pictures, send pictures, play music, text messages near and far and make thousands of annoying sounds when they ring. I wish they would ring, a telephone should ring. They buzz, vibrate, play snippets of music I don't like, they call them ring tones, but they don't ring. A state highway truck stopped in front of the house this morning and the driver got m **CIRCLE THE WAGONS**

the beautiful red sunrise, pulled out his phone and took a picture of it, this was one of the best uses for a cell phone I've seen lately. I hope he shares it with a loved one.

I have a cell phone and I think I function well with it. I leave it turned off until the rare occasion comes up when I

need to make a call. The folks that really annoy me are the ones who walk around the market with those Star Wars hearing aids and microphones sticking out of their ears.

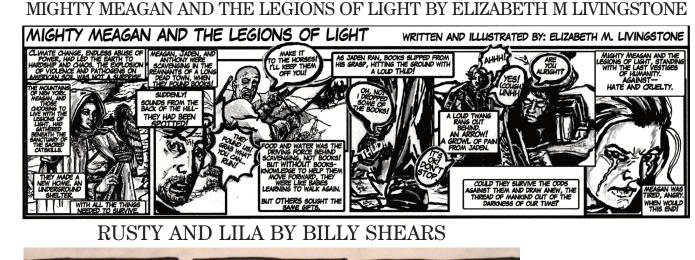
They look like they're talking to themselves and it makes me nervous. Does anyone need to be that communicative? Have they never heard of a Post It note to write the grocery list on? Are they talking to a significant other who has their head in the fridge at home placing an order on their phone? I hope not.

Thought for the week— If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

Until next week, may you and yours be happy and well.

whittlingaway@yahoo.co





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Historic Pine Hill Hotel Revival Planned

18 Hamlet Neighbors Team Up To Purchase Rundown Landmark

PINE HILL — A group of neighbors who live and work in the hamlet of Pine Hill have joined forces to purchase an historic building that once anchored the town's Main Street. Built in 1882, The Ulster House hosted hunof summer dreds visitors during the glory days of Catskill resorts. It was placed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

Severe decline

But after decades of neglect, the impressive three-story building, capped with a distinctive belvedere lookout, has become increasingly dilapidated. Currently home to critters of various kinds, its large yard, adjoining a beautiful creek, was littered with tires and other garbage. The expansive wraparound porch was hidden from view by overgrown hedges.

"It's vacant, derelict, and desperately in need of everything, but it's got good bones and it can be saved,"stated Gigi Loizzo, one of the local residents trying to rescue the building, located at 310 Main Street. Calling themselves Wellington-Blueberry LLC (as the building and its café were later known), the group purchased the property and developed



A number of Pine Hill residents have joined forces to purchase an historic building that once anchored the town's Main Street. Built in

1882, The Ulster House hosted hundreds of summer visitors during the glory days of Catskill resorts.

faded old rooming house back to life as a modern hotel with a breakfast/lunch café catered by area bakers, and a shop stocked with basic groceries and other essentials.

Hundred Years on Resort Ridge (Legendary Mountain Hotels of the Northern Catskills) by John M. Ham, "during the heyday," at the beginning of the 20th century "Pine Hill was one of the premiere vacation spots in the area." These days, although Pine Hill is the closest village to Belleayre

a plan to bring the Mountain Ski Center, it often gets bypassed by traffic on Route 28

In Gigi Loizzo's view, the revival of Wellington will attract new visitors and benefit the whole town.

"Things are happen-According to One ing here. Pine Hill is full of possibilities and perfectly situated to provide breakfast and budget rooms to skiers in the winter," she remarked.

At a January 17 public hearing at Shandaken Town Hall, long-time resident Jan Jaffe, another leader of the Wellington group, took care to lay out "a vision that would serve the community, as well as tourists." "Currently, there is no place in Pine Hill to purchase milk, bread, eggs or a sandwich," she noted.

Jaffe asked those in attendance to imagine the blighted vacant building as a vibrant community hub where one could meet a friend for a cup of coffee. Hotel guests would boost patronage of the restaurants already operating in Pine Hill, Phoenicia, and the other 10 hamlets that make up Shandaken. One or two units out of the projected 18 rooms

would be reserved for those working at the hotel. There are even dreams of a pickle ball court in the ample yard which would be open to visitors and residents, alike.

She summed up the proposal by saying, "this is not a get rich project! We want to contribute to and apgrowth of a place we love very much."

Valianti, Chandra Chair of the Wellington LLC Board, echoes this sentiment.

"When my husband and I found our forever home in Pine Hill, we

didn't just fall in love with the house, it was the village!" We are the luckiest people on earth to live here and we want to do this for our town."

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In addition members who have resided in Pine Hill for decades, the investors group includes several newcomers in their 20's, like Roz Stengle, who sought refuge in the Catskills during the COVID crisis. "At first I was nervous," she remembers. "I thought I might be missing out by leaving Brooklyn, but I've gotten very involved up here and found friends." "Everyone in the Wellington group has a different area of expertise," says Katya Blitsman. doubt any of us could have done it alone."

Momentum

The Wellington team hopes to build on the 2022 news that Governor Kathy Hochul had awarded \$3.9 million dollars to build a Shandaken Rail Trail. It will follow the abandoned Ulster and Delaware RR line, which used to bring tourists to the Wellington. Some day, in the not too distant future, people will be able to walk and bike from propriately scale the Highmount down to Pine Hill's Belleayre Beach, and on to Big Indian and the Shandaken Wild Forest.

> The grass roots group turned LLC is working hard to clean out and secure the continued on E4

Town Of Middletown Building Activity Spiked Last Year

Permit Numbers Rose 20 Percent 8 For New Homes

Staff report

The Town of Middletown Building and Zoning Department say a 20 percent increase in building permits in 2022 from a year earlier, it was reported at the town board's February 8 meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer was present to give the town board his Annual Report that showed a sharp uptick in activity. He said the Building and Zoning Department issued 193 building permits last year, up from 160 the previous year. In 2020, there were 147 building permits authorized.

Among the permits,

eight were for new homes. The year before, 10 building permits were for new homes. These figures compare to construction of just two new homes started in 2020.

A breakdown of other permits issued in 2022, shows the biggest jump in permits was for projects involving alterations/additions and repairs, with 148 permits falling under these categories. This figure compares to 117 and 113 in the past two years, respectively.

The rest of the building permits were for the following types of activity: one for a trailer, one for a doublewide, two for modular homes and one commercial project.

Building permit fees for the 193 projects last year totaled \$36,379. This is a slight increase from the \$33,240 in fees collected in 2021. Total values reported for projects last year was \$2,811,238. The town's Zoning Department took in an additional \$1,350 in fees.

There were two floodplain development permits issued.

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CEO Davis' report for the Zoning Department, there were two subdivisions. There were eight boundary line adjustments applied for involving a total of 10 lots that were put back together. All these applications were approved. The Zoning Department received four applicacontinued on E4

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Getting Out There

by Peter Manning

This Week's Hike: Red Hill

There comes a point when you just need to walk in the woods. The urgency of this condition might be supported by the realization that computers are hereby infiltrating so much of what we do in our lives. The article my sister-in-law law sent about our brother-in-law's career building a super-computer was fascinating, and mind-boggling. Then my computer-tech friend tells me about the new search engine with AI (Artificial Intelligence). Just ask the bot a question and it will "generate human-like responses to text inputs in a conversational manner."

So just for kicks, I inquired what the Red Hill Fire Tower hike would be like, and it replied that I would need to drive across the Catskills to find out. I'm being facetious of course; the real me was already pulling on my micro-spikes at the icy parking lot.

Two years ago, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection partnered on the construction of a new trail to Red Hill. The drive to the new trailhead is a bit shorter (than the original trailhead) for those coming



The Red Hill Fire Tower, near Claryville.

from the north and west, and the roundtrip hike mileage is longer (now 4 miles). This is my kind of combination. Besides, the eastern approach can be tricky in the winter; not the hike but driving your car to the bottom of a steep narrow road to the starting point.

To reach the new trailhead from Route 28, turn south at Big Indian and take Ulster County Route 47 26 miles to Claryville (Sullivan County), turn left, go 2.8 miles, and you'll see the new sign or your right.

I knew the hike would require microspikes all day. This is a reference to Kahtoola Microspikes, one of the most popular types of "winter traction." By

contrast, the Hillsound trail crampon is more aggressive, with larger teeth to bite into icy inclines. Both kinds are made of stretchable rubber that easily pull over your winter boot – and they stay on. Depending on conditions, some hikes will demand that you use a trail crampon. Only in rare instances will you need an ice crampon, with its even-larger fangs to help secure your footing when a trail is all ice. Packing both the Kahtoolas and the Hillsounds will cover a wide range of conditions.

Getting a grip

With the new Red Hill trail being packed snow on this day, the Kahtoolas enabled just the right amount of grip to move along at brisk pace with even foot placement on each step. It's great when the snow is deep enough to cover all the rocks in the trail but not require snowshoes.

Shortly after setting out, I was immediately impressed by a set of sturdy rock steps that have been carefully placed along the trail. Continuing, I encountered several extremely well-designed rock staircases that artfully threaded me through the craggy passes. You just don't typically encounter this level of high-quality trail construction, and especially not for long stretches. After I completed the hike, I confirmed with a DEC forester that the trail work was completed by Tahawus Trails, a company specializing in this work.

Continuing upward, I heard a loud pop off in the woods. It sounded like somebody was cracking firewood by jumping on it. There it went again. A bear down in that glen? Nope. I soon realized the woods were thawing, as the afternoon sun was hitting the forest after two nights of sub-



Spectacular view from Red Hill Trail.

zero temperatures and ridiculous wind chills. With plenty of woody debris on the trail I could get a sense of what these westward facing trees endured prior to basking in today's mid-30s sunlight.

When the new trail intersects with the older one, you've come 1.4 miles and have completed a moderate climb with 700' elevation gain. For the remaining .6 you will really start climbing, completing an additional 500'. The pitch to this 2990' summit packs a punch and is part of what makes the trip worthwhile. And the view from the tower is highly rewarding.

Not only are you raised above the forest canopy, but the position of this mountain in the southern Catskills presents one-of-kind views. Here the mesa-like topography is revealed from a different angle. From this unique vantage point, the high peaks of Table and Peekamoose Mountains punctuate the gulf of Bear Hole Brook that defines their eastern slopes. Slide Mountain too does not exhibit its usual profile. To the north, the summits of Graham and Doubletop are head and shoulders above the surrounding foothills.

For hiking the Catskills, the New York New Jersey Trail Conference publishes a detailed set of maps. And if you climb Red Hill Fire Tower you are at least one-sixth of the way to earning the new patch issued by DEC for those who complete the Catskills Fire Tower Challenge in 2023. Bonus prizes are also offered. Happy Trails!

Peter Manning is the Executive Director of the Catskill Mountain Club. To learn about CMC events, membership, and projects please visit catskillmountainclub.org.



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No Word On Roxbury Grant Application

By Mike Martin

The Roxbury Town Board heard a report from MARK Project Executive Director Peg Ellsworth at its February 13 meeting who told the board her organization is still awaiting results for the DRI Grant, Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

MARK has applied for funding on the town's behalf, but funding allocations for this region have not yet been announced, Ms. Ellsworth told the board. She said that DRI grants have been announced for some regions, but not this one.

Other items:

• Chris Mattice reported that a water leak at the entrance to the Grand Gorge trailer park has been identified and steps are being taken to repair. A small water leak was detected in Roxbury and han-

Denver Vega Water, well pump #6 is currently out for repairs.

- Superintendent of Highways Bill Sprague reported most of the speed indicator signs have been installed. All the new digital Highway Department radios have been received and are in service.
- Assessor Clerk Stephanie Seminara addressed the board regarding a proposal to raise the income limit for senior citizen tax exemptions to \$28,200. Ms. Seminara also updated the board on a proposed First Responder/Firefighter tax exemption. Supervisor Allen Hinkley noted that more information will be needed before any decision is made.
- Board Member Ken Davie was re-appointed as Deputy Supervisor and David Cowan was again appointed to the Planning Board. This action was necessary as their Oath of Office was not taken within the required 30-day time limit.
- The State Comptroller's Audit report for year 2022 was completed and is on file at the town hall. The

board agreed to respond with corrective actions as needed. resolved permits are detected. The supervisor stated that any ac-

• The board voted approval for Building Inspector Tomi Tompkins to be retained for additional duties of Commercial Fire Inspector. Supervisor Hinkley noted that in discussions with Tomi Tompkins, building permit fees may need to be adjusted. Many old/un-

resolved permits are detected. The supervisor stated that any action on penalties for unresolved permits should wait until an update on permit fees is decided.

• David Rainbird noted that the new town website will be operational next week. A \$3,600 quote for annual website maintenance was accepted.

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Arkville residence

The estate of Evelyn K. Van De Bogart has sold her three-bedroom, two-bath home with pool and panoramic mountain views on a

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Here's The Scoop

Tree-mendous Help

By Brian Sweeney

With temperatures hovering in the 40s and 50s here in mid-February, it seems like a perfect time for a "hobby" maple syrup producer to spring into action. But, I haven't.

I'm hearing lots of reports that professionals and amateurs alike are experiencing sap flows that rival Niagara Falls. Only less noisy, with no spray or souvenir stands.

Despite this positive start to the season, my dozen buckets remain in the basement, untouched since they were put away last year. Let me be blunt: I hate cleaning the pails and sap spiles. I know, it's a small amount of work for some truly sweet rewards. I'm hoping by the time you read this I'll have been hit with a wave of motivation and be busy collecting a steady flow of sap.

Lots of experience

I've been involved in the maple syrup "business" for quite a few years. Like snowflakes, each season is different. Folks who make a living from this process invest serious money into their equipment to maximize every part of their enterprise as they try to squeeze out every drop, so to speak.

Not me. I'm on the other end of the production spectrum. I like to start the season late and end it early. We have a handful of good-sized sugar maples near our house and I tend to tap the same trees. Oddly enough, the biggest tree I tap has been yielding less sap each year. During the off-season, I noticed a large split in the tree. That explained the sap trickle. I'm not sure how I didn't notice this issue earlier. I won't be tapping that one any more.

At least the lack of flow from the damaged tree wasn't as big a problem as one I heard about this week. It seems a rookie producer in a neighboring community was recently eager to dip into maple syrup production on a small scale. Tipping her hand as a newcomer to this pastime, she mistakenly tapped an ash tree. Apparently, she was unaware that such trees are only used to make ash trays.

Hot stuff

Which leads us to the real work of maple syrup production — boiling. This process is time consuming for anyone, but is greatly improved by the pros who can utilize evaporators and other methods that improve the magical transformation from sap to the final sticky, sweet sensation.

On the other hand, if you don't have fancy equipment at your disposal, the boiling process can be quite tedious. It's like watching water boil. For a really long time. The basic rule of thumb is it takes about 40 gallons of maple sap to boil down to the final product of a gallon of syrup. No word on how long it takes for ash sap to turn into maple

Doing my part

We're fortunate to have a good friend who is far more dedicated to syrup-making. He not only keeps the fires roaring, he also welcomes "contributions" of sap from those "producers" who don't match his level of ambition. This isn't to say that I just "dump" the fruits of my limited labor and run. Sap isn't the only liquid I deliver – beer is a vital part of the boiling process — it helps dull the

If that's not enough, I like to offer words of encouragement such as: "Wow, that's a really hot fire you've got going — that's quite boil!" After all, I'm a "steam" player.

Historic Pine Hill Hotel Revival Planned

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building. With the help of local real estate experts, they have determined that it will take about \$2.5 to \$3 million to fix all 10,900 square feet of the building inside and out. The Town of Shandaken is backing an application to the Restore New York Program to assist with the rehabilitation. The determined participants have big dreams of opening the new hotel by the end of 2024. To do this they have been putting in sweat equity as well as cash as they look for more investors and funders. They have been heartened by the

large number of community members eager to join their effort to return this property back to life on Main Street.

"I believe that we can really accomplish something together here," says Roz Stengle. "It feels important. We are putting down roots and now our goal is to entice other people to come to Pine Hill."

For more information, please check out the Wellington's website (pinehillwellington.com), Instagram (@pine hillwellington), or contact the group at hello@pinehillwellington.com.

Town Of Middletown Building Activity Spiked

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tions for variances to the Zoning Ordinance and all were approved. There were six sign permits applied for, and approved, in 2022.

During the past year, CEO Davis said the Planning Board did not receive any applications for Special Use Permits. He said there was one application for a Site Plan Review, and it was approved.

The report noted that the Building and Zoning Department dealt with 15 zoning violations in the town during the past year. Out of the 15 violations, none have

been closed successfully and are still pending. The report showed four open violations from 2021, two open from 2020, zero open from 2019, and one open violation from 2018.

Asked by a board member about the outstanding violations, CEO Davis said that, of the 15 open violations from last year, one property owner has been cited for 13 of the violations. He said that all of these violations need to be addressed for the case to be closed. He also noted that several lingering violations involved nonresident owners who are difficult to reach.

On the other end of the spectrum, the Building and Zoning Department received eight applications for demolition permits and collected \$410 in fees for these projects.

CEO Davis said his department conducted 15 inspections on new woodstoves or fireplaces. These inspections yielded \$750 in fees. In addition, there were 58 annual fire inspections conducted on local businesses and places of public assembly in the Town of Middletown.

The code enforcement officer's Annual Report also gave an overview of the number of municipal searches performed during the past three years. Following are the number of municipal searches during those years In 2022, there a total of 118 searches by town personnel on behalf of the public, with fees totaling \$3,075. In 2021, there a total of 163 searches done with fees totaling \$4,075. These figures compare to when 178 2020 searches were done, with \$4,580.

Town Sets Public Hearing On Tax Exemptions For Volunteers

Staff report

The Middletown Town Board will hold a Public Hearing regarding the adoption of a proposed Local Law that would authorize property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and ambulance service workers on Wednesday, March 8 at 6 p.m.

If enacted, the Local Law would "permit the partial real property exemption for such qualified enrolled members of said emergency service organizations for real property taxes."

Town Board Member Nelson Delameter said that details for the proposal are still be worked out by Delaware County officials. Noting the difficulty of attracting personnel to volunteer time for fire department and ambulance duties, Mr. Delameter said the Local Law is viewed as a retention tool, rather than an enticement for recruitment. He told the board that the qualifications for volunteers to earn a Real Property

Exemptions would have to be clearly spelled out so that all taxing authorities adopting such a law would utilize the same criteria.

Copies of the Local Law will be available at the town clerk's office during the week prior to the hearing.

In other business, the board agreed to submit a letter to the NYC Department of Environ-Protection's mental (DEP) land acquisition office to inquire about a potential "land swap."

Neighboring land

The town has been working on a plan to utilize a portion of a 14.5-acre parcel it owns near the end of county Route 38 in Arkville for a housing project. Because of the slope of much of the property, the intention was to combine the buildable acreage with a much flatter adjoining parcel create adequate space for the project. When the neighboring property owner decided not to sell, the plans

stalled.

At last week's meet-Board Member ing, Brian Sweeney explained that Superintendent of Highways John Biruk had reached out to let him know he had spoken to a DEP representative regarding the possibility of the town trading its parcel with a much flatter adjoining piece owned by the city. It was noted that the land would ideally lend itself to a housing project because of the availability of municipal sewer and water.

Seeking support

Mr. Biruk explained that the deal would not involve a subdivision, but merely a lot line adjustment, since the parcels share a border. The board approved a letter to the DEP written by Mr. Sweeney inquiring about the possible land swap.

Supervisor Patrick Davis recommended that the board also reach out to state representatives and local or-

ganizational leaders to have them prepare letters of support to be included with town's request.

Work to install a new well for the Arkville Water District moved forward when the board authorized a long-term easement agreement with the Arkville Fire Department to place a backup well on the Pavilion Road parcel owned by the department.

The board is pursuing the project as a means of replacing a well behind the Delaware & Ulster Railroad that requires arsenic filtration. If the water from the new well meets health standards, the arsenic well would be decommissioned.

The goal is to secure a better water source and to save money for district residents since the new well would not require an operator with a higher class of water license. The project is being funded with a portion of Middletown's American Res-

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The Margaretville boys' JV basketball team clinched the Delaware League Crossover title following a nail-biter win over South Kortright on Tuesday night at MCS. The Blue Devils posted a 49-45 victory over the visiting Rams. Ryan Sanford led the MCS boys with 21 points, followed by Robert Sass with 11 and Alex Bandham with 10 points, respectively. — Photo by Julia Marks

Margaretville Wins JV Hoop Crown

MARGARETVILLE — The host Margaretville boys' JV basketball team clinched the Delaware League Crossover title with a 49-45 win over South Kortright.

Ryan Sanford paced the winners with 21 points.Next in the scoring department for the winners were Robert Sass with 11 points and Alex Bandham to who had a 10-point night.

Coach Ivan Herrara noted, "Ryan Sanford is the sharpest three-point shooters that I've seen, and could be the best that Margaretville has had."

The coach said it was a total team effort the won the title.

"There is no I in them, and these boys played as a team. They all wanted this more then anything and I am very proud of them, every single one of them."

Coach Herrera added, "One of the moments of this game that I will cherish besides basketball is when all my youth basketball 3rd and 4th graders ran to me after the game and gave me a huge hug, those are what being coach is all about and all I can say is the future for Blue Devil basketball is bright.

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Events Calendar

Friday, Feb. 17

A Mardi Gras Concert featuring Kimberly Hawkey, Dan Gabel, Evan Jangels, and Joelle and River, will be held from 6-9 p.m. at the Pine Hill Community Center, 287 Main Street, Pine Hill. Information at: pinehillcommunitycenter.org

Friday & Saturday, Feb. 17 & 18

Longyear Gallery of Margaretville is pleased to announce the opening of "Members' Late Winter Group Exhibit," a new group show featuring the art of all Longyear Gallery Members. Opening on Friday, February 17, the exhibit will run through Sunday, March 19 with the Artists' Reception on Saturday, February 18 from 3-5 p.m. Info: longyeargallery.org, or call 845 586-3270. Longyear Gallery located at 785 Main Street, Margaretville.

Sunday, Feb. 19

Please join us at the 1053 Gallery this at 2 p.m. for a conversation with the show's curator, Lindsay Comstock, and artists featured in DEPARTURES, including Janice La Motta, Kate Quarfordt and Christie Scheele. Hear about the vision behind the exhibition and how the artists' process shifted in response to the pandemic. DEPARTURES is a survey of work made in response to the pandemic by twenty-four New York artists. The show will run through March 12. music. The gallery is located at 1053 Main Street, Fleischmanns. Info at: 1053gallery.com, phone 845 254-3461.

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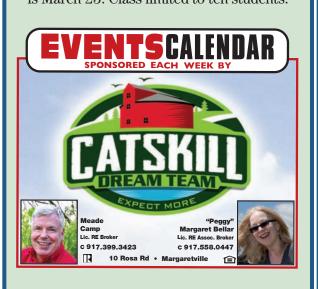
Liberal Arts Roxbury is hosting Phil's Ghost, an exhibition of album art honoring the late Phillip Lenihan, owner of the gallery under its previous entities, Orphic Gallery and the 8-Track Museum. Phil's Ghost is curated this year by Film Director and Producer Roger Ross Williams. The show runs through Marchl. Located at 53525, State Highway 30, Roxbury. Enal info@liberalarts roxbury.com.

March, 18, 19, 25, & 26

Looking ahead a bit, New York State producers will participate in Maple Weekends on March 18-19, March 25-26.10 am to 4 pm each day at most locations. Check your planned destination for any exceptions. Visit: mapleweekend.nysmaple.com for a complete list of participants

Thursdays, March 30-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. Registration deadline is March 23. Class limited to ten students.





Late Winter Group Members' Show Opening Planned At Longyear Gallery

MARGARETVILLE — Longyear Gallery of Margaretville is pleased to announce the opening of "Members' Late Winter Group Exhibit,' a new group show featuring the art of all Longyear Gallery Members. Opening on Friday, February 17, the exhibit will run through Sunday, March 19, with the Artists' Reception on Saturday, February 18 from 3-5 p.m.

Longyear Gallery is a cooperative art gallery that first opened in Margaretville in Fall 2007. In "Members' Late Winter Group Exhibit,' Longyear Gallery's 34 artists, including Robert Axelrod, Joanne Barham, Temma Bell, Robert Buckwalter, Marcia Clark, Anna Contes, Neil Driscoll, Freund, Ann Lee Fuller, Elaine Grandy, Irina Grinevitsky, Robin Halpern, Louise Kalin, Hedi Kyle, and Linda Lariar.

More members

Also, Margaret Leveson, Helane Levine-Keating, Patrice Lorenz, Ron Macklin, Alethea Maguire, Douglas Maguire, Frank Manzo, Helene Manzo, Anthony Margiotta, Gary Mayer, Sheila McManus, Richard Kirk Mills, Bonnie Mitchell, Wayne Morris, Lesley A. Powell, Deborah Ruggerio, Victoria Gerda Scott, Leeuwen, and Welchman, will be presenting their watercolors, prints, monotypes, photographs, drawings, ceramics, objects, mixed media work, and oil paintings.

Future Spring 2023 Longyear Gallery exhibits will include a Special Exhibit running from Friday, March 24-Sunday, April Farmers & "Farms, Farming: A Tribute to Local Agriculture," featuring art focusing on farming communities surrounding Margaretville and located throughout the



Joanne Barham, 54 Highland, 2022 — paper collage, 22x24

Catskills, a theme close to the hearts and minds of Longyear members. This special exhibit will be accompanied by a group show of those Longyear Gallery artists who will not be participating in "Farms, Farmers & Farming." Following this special exhibit is "Frontier Horizons," a solo exhibition featuring recent original monoprints by

A. Scott, accompanied by a members group exhibition, running from Friday, April 28-Sunday, May 29 with the opening reception on Saturday, April 29 from 3-5

Longyear Gallery s' "Members' Late Winter Group Exhibit" will be on view Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Holiday Mondays each weekend from 11 p.m.-Longyear artist Victoria 4 p.m. Special attention

will be paid to keep safe all visitors to the gallery as well as members. In view of health precautions at this time, it is suggested that all visitors wear masks.

Longyear Gallery is located Downstairs in The Commons, 785 Main Street, Margaretville. For information, please see Longyear Gallery's website, longyeargallery.org, or call 845 586-3270.

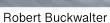


Patrice Lorenz, Wake Up Call — Mixed Media on Paper, 17x23



Members' Late Winter Group Exhibit Friday Feb 17, 2023 - Sunday March 19, 2023 Reception-Sat Feb 18, 3-5pm Gallery Hours: Fri/Sat/Sun 11am-4pm







Temma Bell

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POLICE & COURT NEWS

DELHI — Delaware release County Acting District Attorney Shawn Smith announced that John Olson, 59, of Monroe pleaded guilty to one count of Criminal Sexual Act in the 1st Degree, a Class B Violent Felony, and one count of Criminal Sexual Act in the 2nd Degree a Class D Violent **Felony**

The defendant appeared in front of Acting Delaware County Court Judge Gary A. Rosa on February 6 and entered his guilty plea. The defendant admitted that on or about March of 2020, in the Town of Andes, he engaged in oral sexual conduct with a child less than 13 years old.

The defendant also admitted that during the fall of 2016, while in the Town of Andes, he engaged in oral sexual conduct with a different child, this one less than 15 years old.

Guilty pleas

These two guilty pleas were part of a negotiated disposition. It is agreed that on the Class B felony of Criminal Sexual Act in the 1st Degree, the defendant will be sentenced to eight years imprisonment and 10 years of post-release supervi-It is further sion. agreed that on the Class D Felony of Criminal Sexual Act in the 2nd Degree, the defendant will be sentenced to five years imprisonment and five years of post-release supervision- this sentence will run concurrently to the eightyear sentence. Upon his

from state prison, the defendant will be required to register as a sex offender.

Acting District Attorney Shawn Smith announced that Charles Wise, 51, of Grand Gorge, was convicted of one count of Driving While Intoxicated, an unclassified misdemeanor. The defendant entered his guilty plea in the Town of Roxbury Court on Feb. 1.

This defendant was alleged to have been involved in a motor vehicle crash on State Highway 20, in Roxbury on Sept. 1, 2022. New York State Trooper James Feldbauer arrived at the scene of the crash and detected an order of alcohol emanating from the defendant. Further investigation revealed that the defendant had a blood alcohol content more than the legal

defendant The pleaded guilty to Driving While Intoxicated, an unclassified misdemeanor. The Honorable Jerry Stein, Roxbury court justice, sentenced Wise to a one-year conditional discharge, and revoked his driver's license for six months.

limit.

The defendant was ordered to install an ignition interlock device in any motor vehicle he owns or operates for the next 12 months. The defendant was ordered to pay a \$500 fine, and to attend a victim impact panel.

SHERIFF'S DE-**PARTMENT** — Delaware County Sheriff Craig S. DuMond has announced that an investigation into Larceny complaint resulted in the arrest of a Davenport, NY man.

On January 8, at approximately 3:56 p.m., Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of an ongoing larceny complaint. It was reported by the complainant that 20year-old Brandon Navas had been stealing electricity to provide electricity to his residence.

On Monday February 6, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested and charged Navas with one count of Petit Larceny, a misdemeanor. Navas was processed and released on an Appearance Ticket; he is scheduled to return to the Town of Davenport Court answer for this charge.

Dispute

Sheriff DuMond announced that an investigation into a neighbor dispute resulted in the arrest of a Margaretville woman.

On December 24, 2022 at approximately 7:30 a.m., Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of an ongoing neighbor dispute. It is alleged that 67-year-old Wilma Balcom, of Margaretville engaged in a course of conduct, which alarmed or annoyed another person, and which served no legitimate purpose.

On Tuesday afternoon, January 31, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Balcom on a Criminal Summons issued by the Middletown Town

Court, charging her with one count of Harassment in the second degree, a violation. Balcom is scheduled to return to the Town of Middletown Court on a later date.

Sheriff DuMond has announced the arrest of a Staten Island resident for driving with a suspended registration.

On Sunday night, February 12, Sheriff's Deputies were patrolling on Route 30 in the Town of Colchester when the Deputy received notification on a License Plate Reader of a vehicle with a Suspended Registration.

Traffic stop

Upon conducting a traffic stop, Deputies identified the driver of the vehicle as 38-yearold Danielle Pitre of Staten Island. A check of Pitre's vehicle registration was in fact suspended, due to Violation of Toll Collection as well as Parking Violations Suspension.

Deputies subsequently arrested Pitre and issued her uniformed traffic tickets for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended/Revoked Registration, Failure to turn in License Plate to DMV, both unclassified misdemeanors, Unlicensed Operator, Failure to Notify DMV of Address Change, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, Obstructed Plate, and Obstructed View.

Pitre was released on the uniformed traffic tickets and is scheduled to appear in the Town of Colchester Court to answer the charges.

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Please take notice that the Town Board, Town of Roxbury, is seeking sealed bids for hauling materials from Schoharie, Middleburgh, Lexington, Davenport, Ashland and Oneonta, on a per ton basis to the NYS Rt. 30 storage area and/or the Cty. Hwy. 41 storage area located in Roxbury.

Bids must include a Certificate of Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 and a Certificate of Non-Collusion. Sealed bids shall be marked "MATERIAL HAULING".

Sealed bids must be received at the Roxbury Town Clerk's Office, PO Box 189, 56 Hillcrest Roxbury, 12474 before 2:15 pm on March 10, 2023 at which time they shall be opened. bids will awarded/rejected at the Regular Meeting of the Town Board to be held on March 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.

For questions regarding this bid or to receive a bid package, please contact William Sprague, Highway Supt. at 607-326-4222 between the hours of 5:00 am and 1:30 pm Monday -Friday. The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

> By Order of the **Town Board Town of Roxbury** William Sprague, Hwy. Supt. Dated: Feb. 13, 2023

BID NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 103 of the General Munic-

ipal Law, the Town Board, Town of Roxbury is soliciting sealed bids for the following materials to be delivered, unless otherwise stated, to the Town Highway Building located at 52508 State Hwy. 30, Roxbury as requested by the Highway Supt.

42,000 gallons +/- Diesel Fuel

The following is reguired: 1) must meet New York State specifications; 2) Winter Blend will be a 50/50 Blend of 50% Ultra Low Sulfur diesel and 50% Kerosene; 3) Base Prices will be based on the Journal of Commerce Daily Average Albany Posting for Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel and Kerosene dated March 3, 2022; and 4) must be accompanied by a Certificate of Non-Collusion. The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Sealed bids shall be marked "HIGHWAY FUELS" and must be received at the Town Clerk's Office, PO Box 189, 56 Hillcrest Drive, Roxbury, NY 12474 before 2:00 pm on March 10, 2023 at which time they shall be opened.

Bids will be awarded/rejected at the Town Board Meeting to be held March 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.

By Order of the Town

Board Town of Roxbury William Sprague, Hwy. Supt. Dated: Feb. 13, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Town Board for the Town of Middletown on Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 42339 State Route 28, Margaretville, New York, regarding the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2023 - A Local Law Authorizing Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Service Workers. This law is being proposed to permit the partial real property exemption for such qualified enrolled members of said emergency service organizations for real property taxes imposed by the Town. At such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning the same.

Copies of the proposed law shall be available at the time of the hearing and shall be available at times prior to and after the hearing at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours for the purpose of inspection or procurement by interested persons.

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Town Board will meet and hold their March monthly meeting immediately following the public hearing.

> By Order of the Town Board Dated: February 8th, 2023 Patricia F. Kelly **Town Clerk Town of Middletown** F17C

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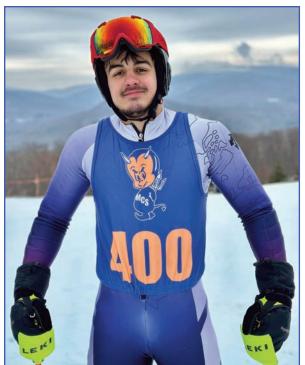
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Margaretville senior Ryan McVitty placed first in Giant Slalom and Slalom in Sectional competition last week.

Sectional Success

Congratulations to the Margaretville Central School Ski Team which produced an excellent showing at Sectionals on February 9 at Belleayre Mountain in Highmount. Overall champion, Senior Ryan McVitty (photo at left) placed first in Giant Slalom and Slalom and has secured a spot on the Section IV Boys' State Team.

Sophomore Chase Norwick placed second in Giant Slalom and fifth in Slalom and also made the Section IV Boys' State Team. Seventh grader Gabby Sines, placed sixth in Giant Slalom and sixth in Slalom and will be the first alternate for the Section IV Girls' State Team.

Seventh grader, River Williams placed in the top ten, finishing ninth in Giant Slalom and ninth in Slalom. Sectionals were held at Belleayre Mountain today, States will take place at Bristol on February 27 and 28.

Above, from left, are: River Williams, Ryan McVitty, Chase Norwick, Gabby Sines, and Coach James Owdienko

— Photos by Robin Williams



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

6:00PM - Citizen News Bureau - Lori Fairbaim brings you the Weekend Weather report for the Catskill Region.

6:30PM - WARK Community Television Archives - WARK's Micheal Finberg talks with Dr. Ott about the flu. (Airdate Early 80s). 7:00PM - Mostly Folk with Artie Martello - Artie talks with John McCutchen who is an American folk music singer-songwriter and

multi-instrumentalist who has produced 41 albums since the 1970s. John is also regarded as a master of the hammered dulcimer. 8:00PM - The Jerry Bartlett Angling Collection presents Ray Smith: The Legend Lives on with Jody & Paul Hoyt. A conversation about The

6:00PM - Delaware County News Update - Julia Marks and Matt Avitabile bring you the latest news from the Delaware County Region.

Esopus Valley's most famous outdoorsman.

tour of the theater.

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6:30PM - The Hiker Trash Husbands. Join Jeff and Moe as they hike Bearpen Mountain which is the westernmost of the Catskill 3500 peaks in 2/18 the Catskill Mountains.

7:00PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mami talks with Kate Taverna, who is an acclaimed artisan and film maker. 7:30PM - WARK Community Television Archives - Tune in and watch Dance Effects, a dance show that features local artists and hits of the 80s

8:00PM - CabaRadio - Tune in to see the most recent performance as recorded at the Pine Hill Community Center.

6:00PM - Grocholl Homestead - Ashton keeps busy inside during the Winter months. Adding decorative tongue and groove around her

"fireplace" and shows us how to create a "shiplap" look without using wood.

6:30PM - The Catskill Center - Jezz Harkin talks with Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center.

2/19 7:00PM - WARK Community TV - The Dictionary Game. Michael Finberg hosts two teams of four as they try to stump each other with "trick Sun definitions". One of the four definitions is correct Tune in for the fun! 7:30PM - The Sonny Rock Show - Sonny Rock talks with songwriter, Vito Petroccitto Jr.

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.

6:00PM - Focus on the Arts - Elizabeth Mami talks with Xan Peters, fine artist, Tufts teacher, podcast host, paleo artist. Amazing young talent. 6:30PM - The Little Red Cottages of Nowhere - Andrea prepares for her chickens by building a chicken coop with scrap wood and pallets. 7:00PM - Mostly Folk Artie talks with James Kahn is a retired ER doctor, singer/songwriter and writer. James has published numerous articles

as well as the novelizations of Poltergeist, The Return of the Jedi, The Goonies, Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom Mon 7:30PM - The Jerry Bartlett Angling Collection presents Ray Smith: The Legend Lives on with Jody & Paul Hoyt. A conversation about The

Esopus Valley's most famous outdoorsman. 8:00PM - Citizen News Bureau - Jezz Harkin visits The Bearsville Theater and talks with Lizzie Vann, the owner. Lizzie also takes Jezz on a

6:00PM - Weekly Weather Forecast - Lori Fairbairn brings you the Weekly forecast for the Catskill Region.

6:30PM - Medicare With Robin - Join Julia Marks as she asks important questions about Medicare with Robin Williams, a licensed insurance agent. Tonight's episode: Financial Aspects of Medicare.

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6:30PM - Mostly Folk with Artie Martello - Artie talks with Tom Chapin, an American musician, entertainer, singer-songwriter, and storyteller. He talks about his new album "Hold Our Ground", his music career and his brother Harry and his commitment to fight world hunger. 2/23 talks about his new album Hold Our Ground, his finder carest and his states. Larry talks about his new album Hold Our Ground, his finder carest and his states. The care talk are the states are the Thu an attempt at hunting. Hunting for property.

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CRCS Split Over SRO, Public Disagrees

By Joshua Walther

CRCS Board of Education met to hold a significant discussion on should adopt an SRO, with each member voic-

An SRO, or School Resource Officer, is an campus. Their job description covers security alike by preventing breaches and monitoring also act as informal educators and counselors for the student body.

At the last January Education heard a presentation from Schoharie County Sherof such a contract. The presentation used Schoharie Central School I would be in favor of a as a case study to show- School Resource Officer,"

COBLESKILL - On the SRO remains as an Monday evening, the employee of the Sheriff's Office, not the school district.

While the Board did whether the district not voice their opinions that night, they did so on Monday, and stateing their opinions and ments were made from it." concerns on the matter. both the positive and the negative sides.

armed police officer that Tryon kicked off the disis staffed within a school cussion, stating that he ences with working felt neutral toward the around an SRO in the idea of an SRO before past. "I have not, in ten for faculty and students looking into the research years, seen one negative on his own.

He shared his findings, cameras, but they can explaining that it would Dominga Lent was the be good to have a police presence on a campus to respond to threats like active shooters while havmeeting, the Board of ing someone that kids could go talk to about the any manner of topics. However, he was worried iff's Office on the details about the lack of federal guidelines for SROs.

"Based on my research.

Board Vice President Stephen Philbrick echoed the shift in perspective, saying "I used to think that we didn't need one. But times have changed. I think it's time to pursue

Member Aimee Yorke was also in favor of hiring Board President Bruce an SRO, testifying to her own personal experiinteraction."

> Finally, member last person to view the SRO program positively, and she voiced that she believes there's a need in a modern-day school system for such a position, saying "This might only cover a small percentage of kids, but that might make the biggest difference."

However, other members were not so quick case everything about finished President Tryon, to trust in an SRO. Jason what an SRO is, but the making his stance clear Gagnon was wary of hir-

agreement would see that to the rest of the meming a police officer, and that the district had to Strasser's, believing that he wanted to be sure that pay for public safety. CRCS had a problem that an SRO could fix by pointedly saying "You solved that they'd be willwouldn't call a plumber ing to consider the idea, to fix an electrical situation."

Susan Strasser agreed, and she expressed that she saw the counseling as the best value that an SRO could offer. However, she reminded the information, tabling their how hiring SROs often Board that CRCS already has "good counselors," and that they'd be better ment period of the meetoff finding a specialized ing, two members of the professional to fix whatever problem they have.

Member Mary Black SRO clear to the Board. was the last to speak, that CRCS was entering directly hiring someone.

All three members that spoke against an SRO rebut more research was required before they took any action.

The Board noted the sentiment and asked Superintendent Matthew Sickles to compile more decision for a later time.

During the public comcommunity sought to make their stance on an closer to a school does

Wayne Stinson of Sumand she felt concerned mit was the first to speak, collect information and into a contract and not armed police officer with-She spoke on the lack of not fall under the purview control from such an of "the mission of an edagreement, topping it off ucational institution." His word or verbally in perby expressing annoyance sentiments echoed Mrs.

CRCS should seek out specialized aid for whatever problem the Board may face.

Rebecca Eckel, a mother of a high school junior, followed Mr. Stinson's lead, noting that she was very concerned about the idea of an SRO being around students. She cited research that studied lead to an increased risk of violence and finished by reading her daughter's comments, which said that bringing a firearm more harm than good.

CRCS will continue to believing that having an research the pros and cons of an SRO, and in school grounds does members encouraged the public to share their feedback, either in written

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 socialization and a hot meal at 12 noon at one of Schoharie County Office for the Aging's congregate meal sites:

-Jefferson (Tues./Wed./Thurs.), Community Center, Rte. 10)
-Sharon Springs (Mon./Wed./Fri.), Firehouse, Beechwood Rd.).
Reserve a meal by calling Schoharie County OFA at 518-295-2001 the day before you want to go. A suggested donation is accepted from those 60 years old and older. Under age 60? You're welcome to participate and will be charged a set fee. Schoharie - Board of Supervisors Meeting

The Schoharie County Board of Supervisors will be holding its monthly meeting this morning – Friday, February 17th – at 9:00 AM. Meetings are also available for viewing afterwards on the SCHOPEG website.

Presidents Day
All banks, government institutions, and schools will be closed in observance of

Presidents Day on Monday, February 20th.

Cobleskill – Village Board Meeting

The Cobleskill Village Board of Trustees will be meeting on Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 PM at the Cobleskill Firehouse. Meetings are also available for viewing afterwards on the SCHOPEG website.

Family Recovery Support Group
Every Wednesday evening from 5:30 PM to 7:00 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.

Summit – Poker Run Benefit
The Summit Sno-Riders Inc. will be hosting their annual poker run for Helios Care on Saturday, February 25th, 9:00 AM, at the Summit Conservation Club. All proceeds raised go to Helios Care, followed by a ham dinner at the Club. This is a **Howes Cave - Music at Serious Brewing**

Serious Brewing Co. is hosting Pork and Beans with Coleslaw (The Bluestones

Band) on Saturday, March 11th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The music features an eclectic mix of roots, rock and blues.

OFA and The Gathering Place Offer Grab & Go Meals Healthy and nutritious meals are now available to anyone aged 60 and above, daily (M-F) at The Gathering Place 50 Plus Community Center, 127 Kenyon Rd., Cobleskill. Each person may make a suggested \$4 voluntary contribution for a meal. Individuals must order meals 24 hours in advance by calling the Office for the Aging (OFA) at 518-295-2001. Meals will be 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.

C-R FBLA Members Join Honor Society

Nine students in the C-R High School chapter of Future Business Leaders of America have recently been notified that they have been accepted by FBLA as a member of the New York State Future Business Leaders of America Honor Society. Membership in the honor society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school member of NYS FBLA. The New York State FBLA Honor Society recognizes students that uphold academic excellence while displaying positive character, leadership, and service as a member of New York State FBLA.

Members will be recognized at the NYS FBLA State Leadership Conference this April in Rochester, New York.

Students accepted: Chloe Batchler Brynn Crewell Jenna Domanski Ty LaBarge Natalie Meyre Ainsley Mummenthey Lucas Pryor Nicholas Underwood Anthony Underwood



Lucas Pryor, Ty LaBarge, Advisor: Katrina Schweigard, Chloe Batchler, Jenna Domanski, Brynn Crewell, Natalie Meyre, Ainsley Mummenthey, Anthony Underwood, and Nicholas Underwood

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War in Europe XLIV

By Timothy Knight

As the one year anniversary of Russia's illegal, immoral invasion of Ukraine draws nearer, it becomes painfully apparent that the Kremlin has no intention of deviating from its self-destructive path in Eastern Europe.

Here are a sampling of headlines over the previous forty-eight hours:

Moldovan leader outlines Russian 'plan' to topple government (Associated Press).

White House 'Deeply Concerned' About Putin's Reported Power Grab Putin's envious stare (Newsweek).

Putin Plots Big Military Push Before Ukraine War Anniversary: U.K. Intel (Newsweek).

Despite an estimated casualty toll of over two hundred thousand Russians - regular soldiers, mobilized infantry, and mercenary forces -Moscow's bloodlust for force Kyiv to carefully re-Ukrainian territory and treasure is boundless to a suicidal extent. And, at least according to Ukrainand Moldovan sources, it includes fresh plans of fostering a coup front. Oddly enough, it within tiny Moldova.

Situated Ukraine and Romania, niques that Moscow used

Moldova is one of many socialist republics that existed under Moscow's sphere of influence until the Soviet Union's collapse. Never one to let a crisis go to waste, Russia has subsequently supported the breakaway region of Transnistria within Moldova and has roughly fifteen hundred soldiers stationed there.

Understandably, nerves have been tense in Moldova since Russia's invasion was launched last Februas for many Moldovans, Vladimir upon Eastern Europe does not stop at Ukraine's borders. And this has seemingly been confirmed by a series of alarming reports that Moscow was and/or is scheming to sow discord in Chi in u.

While this could be a Russian feint designed to consider their western borders, there is no disputing that this Moldovan conspiracy is coinciding with a renewed Russian offensive on the eastern mirrors some of the same between cloak and dagger techin the months leading up to this conflict.

It is difficult for me to fathom that this war started almost a year ago now. My heart aches for the loss and destruction our brave Ukrainian allies have endured in resisting Moscow's colonialist imperialism, while a sense of hatred continues to fester against Putin and his rotating cast of villainous warlords, generals, and butchers who have wreaked havoc.

Though the hour is still dark, I do earnestly believe that a distant light is emerging on the horizon for the Ukrainian people. There is still more loss and destruction ahead, but nothing like they have already gone through.

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 timothycknight93@gmail.co

Obituaries Frank I. Chianucci



Cobleskill- Frank Chianucci, 91, died on February 11, 2023 at St. Johnsville Rehab and Nursing Center, where he had been a resident for the past four months.

Born on May 26th, 1931 in New York City to Ireneo and Gina Chianucci. He attended public school in New York City. He later moved with his parents and brother, Louis to Grovenors Corners and later to Central Bridge.

He was employed by GE in Schenectady in 1950 and then enlisted in the US Army in 1951. He was stationed at a base in the Hudson Bay where equipment and clothing were tested for their resilience to the

base. He was also a member of the Army's hockey team and played teams from both Canada and Alaska. He was honorably discharged in 1956 as a Corporal and he returned to employment at GE. He started in the small motor department and 37 years later retired from large turbine and generator as a machinist.

Following retirement, he and his wife, Phyllis spent their winters in Surfside Beach, SC, where they owned a beach house. He loved to go deep sea fishing, fishing off the pier, clamming, and golfing. In 2004 they returned full time to Cobleskill, and he worked a couple hours a day for Fenimore Asset Management delivering their mail.

He was predeceased by his parents, Ireneo and Gina Chianucci; sister, Miriam Gentilini; stepmother, Modesta Chianuc-

He married Phyllis Keyser Chianucci on October 27, 1956, and have been married 66 years.

Frank is survived by frigid weather on this his wife, Phyllis; daughter, 12092.

Deborah (Andre) Nadeau of Cobleskill; son, David (Michelle) Chianucci of Endicott, NY; grandchildren, Jason (Alyssa) Nadeau of Colchester, VT, Pierre (Cassi) Nadeau of Cazenovia, Dan Chianucci of Rochester, NY, Amy (Colby) Fisher of Ewing, NJ; great-grandchildren, Blake, Nolan, Mary Anne, and Helen Nadeau; brother and sister-in-law, Louie and Betty Chianucci; nieces, Lori (Joe) Poggi, Gail (Bruce) Oksa, Linda Gentilini and Richard Gentilini.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Sunday, February 19th from 1:00-3:00PM at Mereness-Putnam Funeral Home, 171 Elm Street, Cobleskill, NY with a funeral service following at 3:00PM at the funeral home with Robert Holt officiating. Burial will take place in Cobleskill Rural Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Contributions in memory of Frank Chianucci may be made to the Schoharie Valley Animal Shelter, 521 Caverns Road, Howes Cave, NY

SUNY Cobleskill Fighting Tiger Weekly Recap

The SUNY Cobleskill steals and 1.0 blocked men's basketball team split a pair of North Atlantic Conference (NAC) home contests losing to the Badgers of Northern Vermont University-Johnson 86-77 on Friday evening then topping the Kangaroos of SUNY Canton 92-84 on Saturday afternoon to close the regular season with a 17league opponents. The Fighting Tigers 17 wins equal the most wins by a Cobleskill team at the NCAA level of competition. Junior guard Iziah Pigott, Brooklyn, N.Y., Urban Assembly High School/Dutchess Community College, averaged 17.5 points, 5.5 rebounds, 5.0 assists, and 5.0 steals per game during the week for Cobleskill.

The Fighting Tiger women's basketball team swept a pair of North Atlantic Conference (NAC) home contests during the week defeating the Badgers of Northern Vermont University-Johnson 72-71 in overtime on Friday evening then beating the Kangaroos of SUNY Canton on Saturday afternoon 62-51 to close the regular season with a 15-9 overall record including an 11-3 record in conference action. Sophomore guard Taylor Meacham, Berne, N.Y., Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School, led the way for Cobleskill averaging 12.0 points, 5.5 rebounds, 4.5 assists, 2.5 shots per contest.

The men's indoor track & field team posted a team score of 15 points to place seventh in a field of seven teams at the 2023 Frozen 8 Indoor Track & Field Championship hosted by Suffolk University at the TRACK at new balance on Sunday afternoon. The Fighting 8 overall record including Tigers top individual peran 8-6 record versus former at the event was first-vear sprinter Charlie Foote, Cobleskill, N.Y., Cobleskill-Richmondville High School, who placed third overall in the 200meter dash in a time of 22.75 seconds and fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.32 seconds

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University 4/2, SUNY Polytechnic 4/7, SUNY

New Paltz 4/12 Softball vs. Russell Sage 3/25, SUNY Potsdam 4/1,

Men's Lacrosse vs. SUNY Delhi 3/25, Thomas College 4/14, NVU-Lyn-

University at the TRACK at new balance on Sunday afternoon. The Fighting Tigers were led by sophomore jumper Lilah Ward, Arlington, Vt., Arlington High School, who placed second in the high jump clearing a height of 4'9". UPCOMING HOME Baseball vs. Castleton

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Did you know that Schoharie **County Council on Alcoholism** and Substance Abuse (SCCASA) offers free family support services and has a Family Support Navigator on staff. We are here to help you and your family members navigate the complexities of being and loving someone with a substance use disorder. Contact Chrystal Bushnell @ sccasa518.org or join her at SCCASA's new location 597 E Main St in Cobleskill every

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Carlisle Woman Arrested for Alleged DWI

On January 27, 2023, was identified as Cynthia SP Cobleskill for processat about 2:49 p.m. State Shelley, 52, of Carlisle. Police of Cobleskill stopped a vehicle on State Route 20 in Esperance, for Vehicle and Traffic

Shelley was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and other Vehicle and Traffic Law violations. Law violations. The driver She was transported to

ing, where she recorded a 0.21% BAC. Shelley was arraigned at the Esperance Town Court and released on her own recognizance.

Richmondville Woman Arrested on Burglary Charges

On February 1, 2023, a class "D" felony. State Police of Cobleskill

On February 1, 2023, arrested Kara E. Good- at about 3:03 a.m. Troop- while it was open. The knight, 30, of Rich- ers responded to the CVS mondville, NY, for Bur- in Cobleskill for an active glary in the Third Degree, Burglary. The investiga-

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tion determined Goodknight entered the store store was closed at which time Goodknight intentionally remained hidden in the store. She then stole multiple items and fled. She was located walking a short distance away and taken into cus-

Goodknight was transported to SP Cobleskill for processing. She was arraigned at the Cobleskill Town Court and released on her own recognizance.



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A Night for Kings and Queens to Shine



Kiah Simeon (back) with Becky and Gloria at the well-attended and fun event. Photos by Matthew Avitabile



Courtney Palmer does Cysse Kuhn's hair during the Night to Shine gala at Fusion Community Church in Cobleskill Friday



Bob (left) and Steven get their portraits taken during the event



First responders were well represented at the event, including two police departments and multiple EMS and fire squads. Travis Lindsey (left) of the Esperance Fire Department is joined by Zeb



Heather Kelley and Tina Fischer from the National Bank of Coxsackie branch in Middleburgh serve up food and drinks as a part of the NBC Cares program. Photos by Matthew Avitabile

Right: There was a full dance floor prepared and much more for the kings and queens at the event. The event was possible due to several dozen volunteers and donors



The dance floor was prepped for a night of celebration and dancing.



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SUNY President Terenzio Appointed to the New York State Rural Ambulance Task Force

COBLESKILL – SUNY Cobleskill President Marion A. Terenzio, Ph.D. has been appointed to the New York State Rural Ambulance Task Force. representing the College and Schoharie County in evaluating the unique challenges faced by ambulance service providers in rural areas. These challenges have accelerated EMS closures in recent years. The task force was created through legislation introduced by Sen. Michelle Hinchey (NY-41), and its members will determine and present recommendations to state lawmakers for improvements to support public health and safety.

"Well-staffed and wellequipped emergency medical services are a critical lifeline for rural communities in upstate to the SUNY Cobleskill New York, where hospitals are often fewer and farther between when compared to larger population centers," said Dr. Terenzio. "As a society. we must ensure that those who have taken the oath conserve life, alleviate suffering, and promote health are given the tools and resources to do so. I am honored to serve on the New York State Rural Ambulance Task Force and to work concertedly with our EMS providers to find solutions to the challenges facing our local industry, thereby improving the health of our rural citizenship."

'We are very excited to have Dr. Terenzio on the State Ambulance Rural Task Force. Her leadership and commitment

Paramedic education programs, combined with her work with many rural health initiatives, gives her the knowledge and expertise to bring forward innovative strategies to help create a sustainable rural EMS system," said Ryan P. Greenberg, director of the NYS DOH Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems.

Leading **SUNY** Cobleskill since 2015, Dr. Terenzio guided the creation of the College's Institute for Rural Vitality, recognized nationally for its merging of experiential learning with regional and economic development initiatives and receiving the 2019 Excellence and Innovation Award for Regional and Economic De-



velopment from the ing higher education in-American Association of State Colleges and Unichampion for rural-serv-

stitutions and has written numerous reports and versities. She has been a opinion pieces on the importance of serving com-

Dr. Terenzio serves as co-chair of the Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council, cochair of SUNY's Empowering Students with Disabilities Task Force, and board member of the Bassett Health Care Network. She also serves on the New York State Department of Education's Graduation Measures Blue Ribbon Commission and the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics, among several other current board and committee memberships.

SUNY Cobleskill's Paramedic education offers hands-on experience in the lab, hospital, and field to prepare students for entry into the paramedicine, providing compassionate care as a critical link between patients and hospitals.

Police Blotter



Friday, February 3, 2023

At 5:46 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Michael Meyers, 21, of Schoharie, N.Y. on an arrest warrant from Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. He was turned over to the custody of the New York State Police for transport to Montgomery County.

Monday, February 6, 2023

At 3:20 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Tina Graham, 24, homeless, for two counts of harass-

ment in the second de-Smith, 58, of Jefferson. gree, one count of tres- N.Y. for trespass. She pass, resisting arrest, and was issued an appearobstructing governmen- ance ticket to appear in tal administration in the Cobleskill Town Court second degree. She was on 03/07/2023 at 2:00 arraigned in Carlisle PM. Town Court at 5:45 PM remanded to the Schoharie County Correctional Facility on \$1.00 cash bail, \$30.00 insurance bail bond, or \$500.00 partially secured surety bond with pre-trial conditions if released, to return to Cobleskill Court on 02/21/2023 at 2:00 PM.

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

At 10:54 AM, Cobleskill Police arrested Linda

Thursday, February 9, **2023**

At 2:41 PM, Cobleskill Police arrested Tyler Webb, 22, of Middleburgh, N.Y. for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree and two other vehicle and traffic law violations. He was issued traffic tickets to appear in Cobleskill Town Court 02/21/2023 at 2:00 PM.

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11. Little Italy

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Organizations to Recognize

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4. Schoharie County Emergency Management

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Connecting Pets to Seniors



Rays of Sunshine played for the full house at the Gathering Place Tuesday. Photos by Matthew Avitabile







Above left: Aleah Schmid from the Schoharie Valley Animal Shelter holds Sophie. Sophie and her siblings were rescued from Conesville and are available through a partnership between the Gathering Place and the Shelter: She described how a cat that was in the shelter for two years was adopted earlier thanks to the program Above center: Liz Kosier, an integral part of the program and the Gathering Place, gives an affectionate peck to one of the cats available for fostering.

Above right: The partnership allows for seniors to long-term foster a pet, not having to worry about the cost of spaying or neutering, or food and kitty litter. The Shelter will take care of any cats that seniors cannot for any reason. Gathering Place director Kim Witkowski said that the program has been great and included her adopting "Kitty," who had been a resident of he Gathering Place. She also said that the effort led to the adoption of Brownie, a dog rescued from a puppy mill. Witkowski describes the process as "another part of our health and wellness program." She said that the program didn't include just exercise but also "mental wellbeing."

The Shelter's Maggie Jackman held the cat JR while describing successes through the program, which includes the shelter helping foster pet parents bring the animals to the vet. She said there's been a great response and the "best experience." Those interesting in fostering an animal can come by the Shelter between 1-3pm seven days a week. As of this writing there were eight cats available. Witkowski and Jackman thanked the efforts of volunteers, especially Nicholas Juried, who has supported the Gathering Place and Shelter in many ways over the years.

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YOUR LOCAL HAPPENINGS FOR SHARON SPRINGS

Sharon Things

By Alexis Pencar Hey Neighbors!

with rainy weather it was quite the change from the previous week. This past week gave a feel of early Spring with more snow to come in the fore-60s this past Wednesday were very welcome.

Village Construction

Construction continued this week up near Chestnut and Route 20. Lots of digging and large equipment.

This is in connection to the long-term and long-awaited Water and Sewer Project backed by The Village.

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 Ideally, that could be

that is needed. SSRS meets the first Monday From cold to warm of the month at 7 pm and would be happy to answer any questions with how you can support your community.

The American Legion The American Legion cast. The highs in the Post 1269 of Sharon Springs is looking for new members! If you are interested in becoming an American Legion member, volunteering, or even donating to the many wonderful causes the Legion supports, please contact Commander Paul Todd at (518) 649-0024 for more information.

Sharon Springs Free Library

We are having a contest to find out who knows what year our building was built? This doesn't mean the renovation that turned the bowling alley into a library. The question is regarding when the original building was built.

proved with a dated photograph, a newspaper article, an official record, or some other sort of documentation. If nobody comes up with that specific kind of information, then the first person to come up with the most agreed-on year will win. The contest will end on Friday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m. Stop by the library with your information. The prize is a \$25 Stewart's gas card.

No time for a book this Black History Month? Why not take out a DVD that relates to race or racial issues? We have pulled a stack and put them on display, some serious and challenging ("True Justice"), some leaning toward mostly entertaining ("Green Book"). Others on the grab-and-go table are "Guess Who," "The Help," "Hidden Figures," "Black or White," "Black Panther," "42, The Jackie Robinson Story," "The Hate U Give" and "Harriet." Library staff are aware of the content and tone of each of these and can help you make a choice. We also have a selection of relevant chiland on display.

Friday, 2/17, at six p.m., our book group will discuss "Apples Never Fall," by Liane Moriarty. April 1, 2023 is the

date of our Great Book Giveaway. It will be only one day this year, so be sure to mark your calendar to come early and bring lots of bags. Meanwhile, we are accepting donations of books in good condition. Please bring them in any time during our open hours; Monday and Thursday 10 - 6, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 3 - 6, Saturday 10 - 1. Please do not leave them outside the Lutheran Church Seward library at any time.

Children's Reading Group is on Thursday mornings from 10-11 AM and includes story time, crafts, and a snack for preschool and homeschool children ages preschool to third grade.

For more Library information please contact (518) 284-3126.

Worship Services

The Sharon Reformed Church (6858 State Springs, NY 13459) offers weekly service at 10:30 am. Contact at 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 de-

The Zion St. John's Mesick 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 Route 10, Sharon Food Pantry is an excellent local resource for all! They are located in the United Methodist dren's materials available (518) 234-2387 for more 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

Local residents are invited to enjoy socialization and a noon-time meal at Schoharie County Office for the Aging congregate meal site in Sharon Springs (Mon., Wed. & Fri., Firehouse, Beechwood Rd.). Reserve a meal by calling OFA at 518-295-2001 by 1 pm on 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.

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.

DEC Offers Free Seedlings for Streamside Planting

By Jennifer Patterson

Get your applications in for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Trees for Tribs' "Buffer in a Bag" program.

Landowners can apply for a free bag of 25 tree and shrub seedlings for planting near streams, rivers or lakes to help stabilize banks, protect water quality, reduce pollution and improve wildlife habitats.

"Small-scale streamside plantings help decrease erosion, slow floodwaters, sequester carbon, and protect fish and wildlife," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "I encourage New York landowners to bolster the state's efforts to protect water quality and help safeguard communities from flooding," which Schoharie County is no stranger to.

Qualifying landowners must have property in New York State with at least 50 feet bordering a stream, river or lake, and provide photos or a map of the



Trees for Tribs' recipients are able to reapply and continue to build riparian

Applicants will be eligible for one bag of 25 seedlings, which are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. A total of 350 bags will be Schoharie counties are part

planting location. Previous made available for this round of applications.

Property owners in the Hudson River Estuary watershed may also be eligible for additional assistance with streamside planting projects.

Locations in Greene and



Program participants will receive paper bags with seedlings in the mail. (DEC)

tershed, which makes up about 40 percent of the larger Hudson/Mohawk River Basin – one of the largest drainage areas on the eastern seaboard of the United States, according to the DEC.

The Trees for Tribs program is managed by DEC's Division of Lands and Forests, and supported by the State Environmental Protection Fund, which re-

of the Lower Hudson Wa-ceived an historic \$400 million investment in the latest state budget.

> The Environmental Protection Fund provides resources for critical programs like land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, enhanced recreational access and water quality improvement, as well as an aggressive environmental justice agenda.

Seedlings will be provided

by the DEC's Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery.

Applications for the "Buffer in a Bag" program are due by 3 p.m. April 7. For questions about the application process and requirements. mailto:treesfortribs@dec.ny.

For information, go to https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/77710.html.



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Union Opens Doors, Potential Employment to BOCES Students

DUANESBURG/SCHOHA RIE – The aptitude and professionalism of Capital Region BOCES Career & Technical Education students once again gained the attention of area business, labor, and government leaders after a delegation of students attended a union hiring event on Feb. 8.

The Construction/Heavy Equipment and Electrical Trades seniors and juniors sought information and employment at a recruiting event hosted by The Laborers' International Union of North America Local 157 in Duanesburg

"From resumes to completing the application and the interview process in a professional manner, the CTE students from Capital Region BOCES were well prepared, professional, and eager," said Josh Shaul, Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer for the union. "I look forward to working alongside many of these BOCES students one day as they start their professional careers in the Laborers' Local 157."

Attending the event were Career & Technical Education students Michael De-Marco, who attends BOCES from Duanesburg High School; Dan Bradt Jr., Cobleskill-Richmondville High School (CRCS); Ryan Gaida, CRCS; Alicia Gray, CRCS; Katelyn Griffin, Schalmont; Drew Hall, Middleburgh; Tyler Harnett, Berne-Knox-Westerlo (BKW); Nate Lupi, BKW; Luke Napierski, Voorheesville; Jeremiah Taylor. Schoharie; Mark Becker, CRCS; Jacob Letko, CRCS and Nathan Hagadorn, CRCS.

Students said the enjoyed the opportunity.



Alicia Gray of CRCS in the Electrical program



job," said Drew Hall, a Comternships that prepare Camercial Construction/Heavy Equipment senior from Middleburgh. "It's a huge help to have the opportunity to attend these events, get a foot in the door, and be ready for these big opportunities."

"It was exciting it was fun and I am so glad I went and I would recommend this great opportunity to others," added Gray, who is a junior in the Electrical Trades. "I enjoyed the experience and ability to network."

BOCES maintains relationships with more than 300 business, education and labor entities who work with students and educators, like the Laborer's Union. These partners provide training, "This was my first face to career-preparation events, face interview for a major work-based learning and in-needs."

reer & Technical Education students for careers that exist now and those that will exist in the future.

"BOCES appreciates the relationship we have developed and expanded with the Local 157. Each year, their commitment to our students increases, allowing students to build fantastic futures," said Nancy Liddle, Managing Program Coordinator - Business & Community Partnerships.

Shaul said the Laborers' partnership with BOCES "is invaluable.'

"We value the training and skills Capital Region **BOCES CTE students learn** and are proud to partner with Capital Region BOCES to address our workforce

Community Tracks Missing Dog

By Alexis Pencar

COBLESKILL - Lola, an Australian Cattle Dog has been missing since December 30th in the Cobleskill area. Lola's owners Shawnna and Matt Forsythe have been searching for her tirelessly as the local community has stepped up and become actively involved in helping to track her.

The story starts on 12/30around 4 pm with Lola escaping the kennel she was staving at in nearby Warnerville while her family was out of town. From 1/1 to 1/7 she was spotted South of I-88 near Dodge Lodge, West Fulton, and Karker Course. From 1/15 to 1/17 she was spotted near Shad Point Rd, the back of the Golf Course and I-88 Medi-

With a gap in sighting for over a week, there was a possible sighting on 1/27 near Hubb Shutts Rd. Over 2 weeks later on 2/11, she

was spotted again near the I-88 Median and Park & Ride. Just a few days later on 2/13 she was spotted near Barnerville Rd making her way in what seems to be a large loop back to Cobleskill, closer to her home which is North of SUNY Cobleskill.

The Forsythes have been using Facebook as an excellent resource to connect with anyone that may have spotted her. From security camera footage to spottings near main roads, Lola appears healthy and uninjured, but skittish to anyone approaching her.

At this point, the Forsythes Rd. On 1/10 she was spotted say they have "learned a East near the Cobleskill Golf lot" and are working with a professional dog tracker. The goal is not to trap her but to "consistently see where she is going and where she is eating".

This missing dog has brought so many together in what has become a true community effort! In an interview with Shawnna



Forsythe, she would like to thank those that have gone above and beyond in helping with this process especially: John & his dog Waffles (biggest supporters), Tonya, the Collins Family, and the Hertzler Family.

If anyone is interested in keeping up with this story or even assisting in the tracking process check out The Cobleskill Community Bulletin Board on Facebook. If you happen to see Lola around town, please do not approach her but snap a quick picture and contact Shawnna Forsythe directly at (440) 344-1337.



Capital Region BOCES CTE Open Houses Begin

SCHOHARIE/ALBANY – The first Capital Region **BOCES Career & Tech**nical Education Center open house of the 2023-24 recruiting season took place on the Schoharie Campus on Feb. 9, drawing prospective students and parents from the region.

Thursday's During Schoharie event, culinary students, including (pictured) Ruby Culletto, from Sharon Springs, Loren Herzog, from Schoharie High School, and Angelina Carpenter, from Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School, served numerous delicacies prepared by themselves, their classmates, and Chef Chris Snye, while students in the Cosmetology, Electrical Trades, Construction/Heavy Equipment, Criminal Justice, Two-Year Sequence of Health Careers and Automotive Trades programs spoke about and in some cases, demonstrated, the trades they learn in their pro-



Ruby Culletto of Sharon, Loren Herzog of Schoharie, and Angelina Carpenter of BKW in the Culinary program.

Construction student Logan Chichester from Middleburgh and Bill Moorehead, parent of Ashley Moorehead, another student, checked out the Trim-A-Brake used for projects in the classroom.

The next open house will take place March 9, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on the Albany Campus, located at 925B Watervliet-Shaker Road in Albany, NY 12205.

Students interested in

careers ranging from medicine to welding, law enforcement to graphic and video game design are invited to attend the open houses and learn more about how the 28 programs offered by Capital Region BOCES can give them a head start on college or career. To learn more about the programs,

https://www.capitalregionboces.org/career-technical-education/coursesprograms/

DA Mallery Announces Indictments

County District Attorney, Susan J. Mallery, Esq. announced the following Indictments were obtained by the Schoharie County District Attorney team:

1. Brian D. Kosier, was accused by the Schoharie County grand jury of nine counts: course of sexual conduct against a child who is under 13 years in age and the actor is 18 years in age or more, a class B felony, 6 counts of Rape in the first degree, class B felonies, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a class A misdemeanor, and 1 count of Sexual Abuse 2d, a class A misdemeanor. Mr. Kosier is scheduled to be arraigned on the indictment on February 15, 2023.

2. Bandon Lockwood and Clifford Swart were accused by the Schoharie County grand jury of Grand Larceny. a class E felony, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property, a class E felony, and Conspiracy in the fifth degree, a class A misdemeanor. The offenses are alleged to have occurred on October 27, 2022. Mr. Swart and Mr. Lockwood are scheduled to be arraigned on February 15, 2023.

3. Erika Trendell, was accused by the Schoharie County grand jury of the following charges: three counts of Assault in the second degree, a class D felony. The offense was alleged to have occurred at the Schoharie County Public Safety Building on September 13, 2022.

4. William Buck, was accused by the Schoharie County grand jury of the following six (6) charges:

SCHOHARIE - Schoharie Burglary in the second degree, a class felony, Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation, a class A misdemeanor, two (2) counts Assault in the third degree, a class A misdemeanor, and two (2) counts Harassment in the second degree, violations. The charges stem from an offense alleged to have occurred on February 26,

> 5. Brett E. Oteri, was accused by the Schoharie County grand jury of nine (9) counts: Burglary in the second degree, a class C felony, Criminal Trespass in

the second degree, a class A misdemeanor, 2 counts of Grand Larceny in the 4th degree, a class E felony, Petit Larceny, a class A misdemeanor, 2 counts Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the fourth degree, a class E felony, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 5th degree a class A misdemeanor, and Resisting Arrest, a class A misdemeanor. The charges stem from an offense occurring January 30, 2023.

All individuals charged with crimes are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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SCHOHARIE COUNTY EAGLE TRAIL UPDATE

Month of Love

By Bill Combs Jr., Eagle Trail Ambassador

Happy Valentine's Day Friends of the Trail! February is the month for love and for the Eagles this is the when they are spending a lot of time together. You will see them sitting side by side in the nest or in a tree. For the Cobleskill Eagles, John Jacob and Anne Marie, this began in 2017 after a year of courting. Eagles mate for life, so this choice is made carefully. John Jacob traveled across the northeast and even all the way to Ontario before settling down in Cobleskill and ultimately finding his match in Anne Marie.

Partnership for the Eagles means sharing the workload for everything from nest building and hunting to sitting on eggs to keep them warm, a process that takes 34 to 36 days. The Eagle pair has even been seen dealing with spousal spats such as disagreements on nest building, but no matter what they still



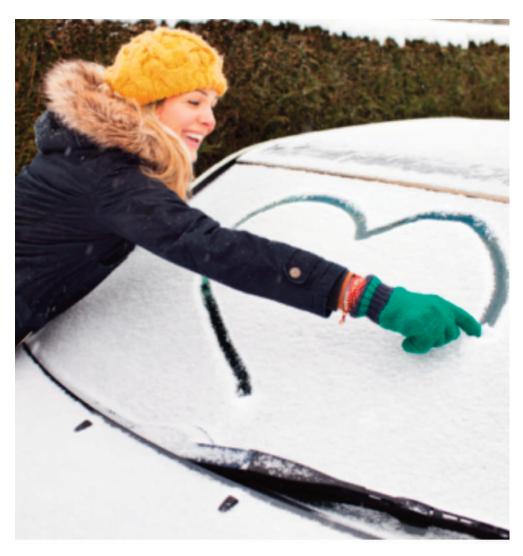
work together. They rely on each other to make it through the months of winter storms, ice and rain. Once their eggs are hatched that partnership is essential to keep up with the constant feeding of their eaglets. Together John Jacob and Anne Marie have raised 10 eaglets, and with a life span of 20 to 30 years, there could be many more eaglets in the cards for these two lovebirds.

Amazingly, I have only witnessed Eagles mating four times in past 20 years and two of those times were this week on the trail. With that being said, it looks like the Gilboa & Jefferson Eagles should be laying eggs in a few days. It looks as if the Middleburgh Eagles have already laid eggs and have been sitting on them for the past 2 or 3 days in the new nest they built this year. We will be hosting our annual hatching season event this April at the Sterling Insurance Viewing Site #1. This will give Friends of the Trail a chance to see John Jacob and Anne



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